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## PROMISE OF THE FUTURE.

Although the year that has just closed has produced no record-breaking peal lengths, it cannot be said that 1938 was without notable achievement. There was, for instance, that great performance of the six spliced Surprise Major methods on handbells, while in six-bell ringing the number of methods in seven complete 720's was raised to 84. It is impossible yet to say how many peals, in alt, were rung during the year, but they number over two thousand, for only the third time in history; while peals in new methods also show an increase. These are signs of real vitality in the Exercise, but most promising of all is the number of young men who are coming into the forefront, and showing ability not merely as ringers but also as conductors. The future of the Exercise depends upon the youth of to-day, and in various parts of the country there is a strong element of young men who, if they keep their keenness, will do much to maintain the standard of ringing. That, however, is not to say that efforts to encourage new blood can be even temporarily relaxed. There are many gaps which remain unfilfed; many bells that are unrung. We hope that in the year before us there will be renewed endeavours to fill the ranks and to bring in young people of the right type who will treat their ringing not merely as a hobby but as a contribution to the work of the Church.

In a letter which appeared in our last issue a correspondent wrote that those ringers who only go about from tower to tower to ring peals and practise to suit themselves are no good either to the Church or to other ringers. This is a drastic statement with which many will disagree, but there is considerable truth in it, although, happily, it applies only to a small minority of ringers. In every walk of life a purely selfish element is to be found, and ringing is no exception. But the vast majority of ringers render loyal and generous service to the Church and acknowledge the debt which they owe to it, for does it not provide the instruments without which it would be impossible to follow the art? On the other hand, it must be appreciated that those who gain practice and experience by peal ringing can render the best service in the belfry by the higher standard which they are able to set. Those ringers who think of nothing but peals and their own convenience render very little real help to the cause of ringing, but the ringer who fulfils his duty on Sundays and takes his peal ringing in tis stride, as it were, is a valuable asset to the Church and to the Exercise. We hope that in the coming year service and peal ringing may be combined in a happy blend which will raise still higher the status of the ringers and add lustre to the art.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

## ETVERPOOL

THE LANCASEHEE ASSOOLATION.
Om Manday, Decomber 26,1938 , in Three Houts and 1 hirty-Eight Minuta At tag Cburca of St. Nigeolas,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CINOUEF, 6007 CHANREB
Tenor $39{ }^{4} \mathrm{cwt}$ in C.
Lester L. Gray ... ... ...Tveble "Ricantid D. Langford ... Ralpe G. Edwards ... ... 2 Percival W. Cave ... ... 8 Tbomas S. Horridge ... ... 3 Ernbst F. Brharty... ... 9 Harry F. Holding ... ... 4 Edwin C. Btreeta ... ... 10 Grorge R, Newion ... Tyomas B. Worsley ... Composed by J. Carizr. Firane Varty ... ... ... II Conducted by Pragrval W. Cavg.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

LONDON.
THE SOOIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHES. On Monday, Decombey 25, 1938, in Three Howys and Fifly-Nime Mimules, At the Cburch of St. Martin-in-thb-Eieldb,
A PEAL OF GTEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANEES;
Tenor 30 cwt .
Fredericx G. Symonds ...Tyeble |"Artbot J. W. Hugers $\quad . .7$ Wilejam j. Nudds ... ... 2 Grorge Radley ... ... 8 Artare Radley ...... $\operatorname{lin}^{2} \quad 3 \quad$ Grorge H. Cross .... ... 9 Joba S. Goldsaite ... $\operatorname{li} 4$ E. Erne5t W. Furbank ... Io Mrs. C. J. Matrgews ... 5 Cecil J. Martazws ... ... II Cbarles T. Coles ... ... 6 Tbosas Brvan ... ... ...Tmoy Composed by Jogn Cartar. Conducted by Grorge H. Cross.

* First peal on tower bells.

OXFORD
THE ANCTENT SOCLETY OF GOLLEGE FOUTESS.
 At Chrigy Cedrce Catbedral,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES;

## PEAL TABLETS

in Black Opalite, Slate \& Wood with engraved gilded letters.


Illustrations and Prees on application.
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## ESTABLIBHED 1780 <br> JOHN NICOLL,

Ohurch Bell Rope and Clock Rope Manufacturer.
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Late of BERMONDSEY and PECKHAM.

[^0]Tencr 30 cwt.
Wilfred Williams ... ...Trebid Nelson Elziotz... ... ... $\quad 7$
Jack M. Cripps ... ... ... 2 Frank E. Dabiy ... ... ... 8
Edwin F, Pikz ... ... *.. 3 |Grorga W. Cecil ... ... 9
 Walter F. JuDge ... .** 5 Jack A. Wader ... ... .... If LeohardFox .... .... .... 6 Joszpa T. Dyfr ... ... .... Tandr Composed by C. W. Ronerzs. Conducted by Wilered Williams

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMING耳AM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GULLD FOR THE DIOOESE OF BIRMINGEAM.
On Twesday, Decembar 20, 1938, in Thyes Hours and Twomly-Five Minuts, At the Cedrch of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANEESI Tenor 37 cwt .
Gbonge E. Fearn ... ...Treble | Morris J. Morris *** 6 Daniel T. Matein ... ... 2 Ex Enyst Mansell ... ... 7

 Albrrt Walerr. ........ 5 Jobi S. Mason ...
Composed by G. Lindorf. ....tong
Conducted by Acbrrt Walerr. * First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in bonour of the 40th wedding enniversary of $\mathbf{M r}$. and Mrs. Albert Walker. BRADFORD, IORKSHIRE.
THE TORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, Decmber 26, 1938, in Three Hows and Thiry-Two Minutes. At tge Cathedral Cedrcg of St. Peter.
A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOR ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES Fenor $25{ }^{3}$ cwt. in D .
Artatr Armitage ... ...Trable [Ernest $\mathrm{H}_{\text {. Simpson ... ... }}^{6}$
Caarles E. Lawson ... z 2 Grorgr Robiason ... ... 7
WiELIas J. Daveoson ... 3 William Woodread ... ... 8
-KBNEBTE Simpsost ... ... 4 ADAy DEAS ... ... ... ... 9
Lersle W. G. Morris ... 5 Frbderice Seager .... Temop Composed by J. W. Pareer. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

WREXEAB, DENBIGESEIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULD AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, December 20, 1938, in 1 hree Howrs and Thirty-Two Afinutes,
At ter Chuacr of St. Giles,
A PEAL DF OXFORD ANB KENT TREBLE EOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGE8 Tenor 25 cwt .
R pbert Spbrring ... ...Troble Frbd Hartman ... ... **. 6 Rajpa G. Edwards ... ... 2 Artadr Paince ... ... ... 7 G orge R. Newton ... ... 3 Harry Pye ... ... ... ... 8 Willam E. Fletcerr $\quad . .4 \quad 4 \quad$ James C. E. Simpson ... .... 9 Frane Varty ..* t.* ... 5 Pgrcy Swindley ... ... ...Temor
Composed by H. W. Wilde. Condacted by R. Sperriag.
First peal of Oxford and Kont Royal by all the band except the conductor.

LEICESTER.
TEE MTDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCLATION.
(Sx. Joen's Society.)
On Monday, Decenbey 26, 1938, in Thres Hours and Eighteon Minutas At thr Charch of St. Jobn-the-Divise

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5137 CHANEES;

 Tenor 21 cwt.-G. Harold Norman ...Treble Edward R. Weitebead ... 6
Walter P. Weitrbrad ... 2 †Artbur Debengam ... ... 7 +Sidney Harrison ... ...
tArtaur Williams
H. Edward Norman...

Composed and Conducted by Waltar P. Wertrazad.
*First attempt for a peal. + First peal of Grandaire Gaters. \# First peal on ten bells and first peal op Grandsise.

DUTFIELD, DERBYSHTRE,
THE MTDLAND COUNTTES ASSOCTATION.
On Twesday, Decomber 27, 1938, in Threa Howys and Thret Mixutes, At ter Cborce of St. Alxmund,
A PEAL OF BOE ROYAL, 5040 CHANEES; Tenor if cwt. 2 gr. in lb. in E.

- Frederice W. Stoar ...] yebid Ralpa Narborodge... ... E Joserg W. Cotion ... ...t 2 Edward E. Gorsy .... ... 7 - Jace Bailey - Wicliam Lamcaster .... 4 Ronald H. Dove .... .... 9 Frane Bradley... ... ... 5

Frbdraick A. Saltrar $\cdots$...temoy
Composed by J. A. Trolkofe. Conducted by F. A. Saltrr. F First peal of Royal. First ten-lisell peal on the beila since recasting.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCLATION.
On Satwyday, Decomber 17, 1938, in Three Howys and Five Minwles, At the Cborch of St. David,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, 5066 CHANEES Temor 134 awt.
-Jogn Flood
...Treble Jack L. Evans
jogn Flood
Robrrt Sprerimg
†Jack Dean .... .... .... 2 JAhras Foller ... ... ... 6
 Composed by J. R. Pritceard. Conducted by A. E. Prgler. First pal of Major, +First peal. Rug for the golden jubilee of St. David's Church.

BRIERLEY HTLL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRIOTS ASSOCIATION. Un Saturday, Decembey 17, 1938, in Three Howys amd Thyee Minutes,

At the Ceurce of St. Micuare,
A PEAL OF EOE MASOR, 505 CHANEES! Tenor 14t owt.


## ROMFORD, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Un Twesday, December 20, 1938, is Three Hours and Two Minutes, Az reg Cadnch of St. Edward,
A PEAL OF 8UPERLATIYE RURPRI8E MAJOR, 5088 CHANGE8; Temor 15 owt.
Henry Ranzetta ... ...Tyeble Ernest J. Botler .... ... 5
 -Mrs. F. W. Hoosien...$\quad 3$ Robbrt C. Heazel ... Gborge R. Pyb... ... .... 4 Jobn H. Crampion ... ...Tomar Composed by G. Lindopp. Conducted by J. H. Crampion,

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wesiey Watson and Mrs. E.J. Butier.


## LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOOIATION
On Thuyday, Deumber 22, 1938, in Thyee Hours,
At teg Chorch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF ERANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8;

Parkrr's Twrlve-part (7th observation). Tedor 22年 cwt.
Jack Dafters ... ... ...Tyeble Grorge H. Daynis ... ... 5 Harry Hoskins ... ... ... 2 |Robert L. W. Jones $\quad$... 6 Miss Hilds Oarsabit ... 3 Janess Benmeiz ... ... .... 7 Rev. Artedr S. Roberts... 4 Edmond Mounter Conducted by J. Bennert.

* First peal.


## LEICESTER.

THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Satarday, Decomber 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minntos, At ter Catardal Ceurch of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF 8UPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES:

 Temor 12 awt.Josiar Morris ... ... ...Tyoble William Root ... ... ...
Harry Brodgeton ... .... 2 R Redvers F. Eleingion .... 6
Alpred Ballard... ... ... 3 "Josrph S. Cartbr ... .... 7 Richard F. Roz ... .... .... 4 Ernest Morris... .... ...T Thor
Composed by Ermest Pye Ernesi Morris ... .... ...T Con
Conducted by E. Morris.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung on the "Stelfox" eight. WELJTVGTON, BOMERSET.
TYEE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Decembey 24, 1938 , in Thres Hours and Siz Minules,
At the Ceupce of Sr. Jonin-tee-Baptisy,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, BO24 CHANEESI Tenor 22 cwt .
Thomas W, Jbanes ...
- Trebli Iames Hons

Alec A. Walxer ... ... 2 Henry Cbdrcbicl ...

Walizr H. Poole ... ... 4 William G. Gigg .... .... Teney
Composed by Sir A, P, Heywood. Conducted by W. G. Gige.

* First peai of Major.

WOMBOURNE, STATFES.
TER SOUIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BTANFORD.
On Saturday, Decamber 24, 1938, in Thybe Hows and Six Minutes,
At tag Church of St. Bengdict,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IFE TRIPLES, 5040 OHANPE8|
Parerr's Twrlve-part (7th observation),
Tenor 10 cwt
Cyril Tabernar... ... ...Treble Joba Luce
Tenor 10 cwt
Madrice Totner...

 Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A birtlualay comptiment to C. Wallater.
SOUTHPORT, LANCASHTRE.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCTATTON.
On Monday, Decembar 25, 1938, in Two Howys and Foyfy Minutos, At Cbrest Ceurca,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 GHANGES:

Tencr 10 cwt.
|ames W. Grounds ... ...Trable Wililam Pileingion ... .... 5
JoHn Boori
Grorgr B. Jacrson ... ... 3 Jambs Mabse ... ... ... 7
Alan Carpentrr $\quad . . . \quad . . . \quad 4$ Wililam Dicxenson...
Composed by Rev. H. E. Bolwer. Conducted by J. Marse.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM
THE ST．MARTIN＇S GOILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM．
On Saturday，Deathber 24，1938，in Taro Hours and Thirty－Five Minutes， At the Cerece of Bisgof Ryder．
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLE8， 5040 CHANGE8।
Thorstans＇Four－part．Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr .24 lb ，in F sharp． John S．Mason ．．．．．．．．．Tveble Tbgan H．Rbsyes ．．．．．．． 5 Norman ］．Gcodman ．．．．．． 2 C．Howard Stanley ．．．．．．． 6 Errest T，Aclaway ．．．．．． 3 Acbert E．Norman ．．．．．． 7 Gerrge E．Fearn ．．．．．． 4 ｜Wileiam B．Cartwheri ．．．Tmor Conducted by William B．Cartwriger．
Arranged and rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at this ceurch，and almo as birthday compliment to Mr．James George， Einging Master at Bishop Byder＇s．

GULLDFORD，SURREY．
THE GUMLDORD DIOODSAN GUIUD．
On Monday，Dember 26，1938，im Three Hours and Sisteen Mimmfes， At tae Chibedral Cburca of ter Holy Trimity，
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR， $605 B$ CHANGE9；
Tenor 23 cwt 3 qr .8 ib ．in D．
Taomas W．Tomlingon ．．．Trable Donglag R．Hayes an ．n 5 J．Armiger Thollope ．．．a Colin A．Horper ．．．．．． 6 Ernest J．Aylifre ．．．．．． 3 Raymond Overy．．．．．．．．． 7 Alfriti H，Pulling ．．．．．． 4 Grorge W．Sirere ．．．．．．Teror Arranged and Conducted by J．A．Trollope．

GREAT BADDOW，TSSEX．
THE ESSEX AESOCLATION．
On Honday，Ducember 26，1938，in Thre Hours and Eight Minutes， At feg Cherch or St．Mary，
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH EOURT BOB MANOR，BBE GRANEEB； Temor 144 owt．
Grorge Grbin．．．．．．．．．Treわl Pajrick J．Spincbr Prillipsg Htrzel Edwards ．．．．．． 2 Pgrgy Green ．．．．．．．．． 6 Normar T．Grinham ．．．． 3 Horace J．Manspield ．．． 7 ＂John M．Gaypord ．．．．．． $\mid$ Artedr H．Everett．．．．．．Temor Composed by F，W，Rogers．Conducted by Prrcy Grarn，
＊First peal in the method and first attempt，Arranged and iumg in zonour of the birthday of تI．R．H．the Duchess of Gloucester． WIGAN，LANCASFIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION．
On Monday，December 26，1938，in Thee Hours and Ten Minules， Ax tee Cetrce or All Saints，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES，5090 CHANGESI

## Holy＇s Ten－part．


＊First peal in the method．
TLMBERSCOMBE，SOMETSET．
THE BATH AND WETLLS DIOCHSAN ASSOCLATION． Ow Monday，December 26．1938，in Two Howy and Fifly－Five Mineles， Af the Ceurce of St．Pbircek，
A PEAL OF BDB MAJOR， 5024 CHANCES； Tezor 10，cent．
Alfard J．Wyaty
Sydney A．Wyati
－Jone Pogsley ．＊＊．．．． 3 Jace Roy ．．． Artagr H．Rerd ．．．．．． 4 Jambs Hent ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Tmor Compesed and Conduceed by James Huwx． ＊Firet peal of Major．

DARTSIBURY，CHESHIRE．
THE CEESTER DIOGESAN GULLD．
On Monday，Decembey 26，1938，in Two Houss and Fifty－Two Minutes，
At ibe Cegrch of Ale Saints．
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES，EO 40 CHANGE8；

TBORSTAMs＇FJUR－part．
Tenor 16 cwl ．
Cerigtofarr Gedgron ．．．Treble
Alan J．Brown ．．．．．．．．． 2
Cecil Raddon ．．．
 Arranged and Canducted by C．Gudgson．
Firgt peal of Stedman Triples．Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar，the Rev．E．W．L．M．Protherawe．

MILNROW，LANCS．
THE LANCASFFRE ASEOCIATION．
On Monday，December 26，1938，in 7 hree Howrs and Ona Minwh，
At ter Parish Cepreg of St．Jameg，
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES， 6040 CHANEE8；
Heywood＇s Transposition of Thorstans＇Fodr－part．
Tenor 183 cwt ．
＊Selwyh Holt Dearden ．．．Tedle
Jogn Mendowcropt，jon．
$\dagger$ Demais Hollos．．．．．．．．． 3
Conducted by Harold Hamer．
${ }^{*}$ First peal． 4 Fisst peal in the method．First peal in the method as conductor．Rong as a welcome to the new curate，the Rev，R．G． Gaul，B．A．

CRAYFORD，KENT．
TEE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION，
On Monday，December 26，1938，in Two Howrs and Fi／ty－Sevon Minutes，
At tar Cuurer or St．Patolind，
A PEAL OF GAR日RIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR， 6056 CHANEERI Tenar 12変cwt．
Herberi A．Holden＂．．．．．．Treble｜Grozfaty V．Mompay ．．． 5
 Pbilif A．Corby．．．．．．．．． 3 Epwin Barsigry ．．．．．．．．． 7
 Composed by C．Midolezon，Conducted by Hbrbiry E．Aodsley A silver wedding compliment to Mr．and Mrs．F．G．A．Murphy， parents of the ringer of the 5th．

> BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION．
On Momday，Decombey 25，1938，in Twa Houfs and Fify－Eigh Mimutes，
At the Ceyper of St．Mary．
A PEAL DE DOUBLE NORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR， 3184 CHANEES；
Tenar 74 errt．

Drrek M．Sharp．．．．．．．．．． 3 Pbilip A．Corby ．．． Edwin A．Barnett ．．．．．． 4 ｜Harry Parees ．．．．．．．．．

Composed by E．Wigarman．Conducted by P．A．Coray．
CLTFFE－AT－HOO，KENT．
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOOLATION，
On Twesday，Dectrber 27，1938．in Three Hows and Three Minues，
At tee Chuect of St．Heten，
A PEAL OF BUPERLATIVE SURPRIBE MAJOR， 5024 CHANEES； Temor 15 cwt ．
Erhest H．Oxgneam．．．．．． 7 veble Gebrfrry V．Merpyy ．．． 5 Edwin A．Barnett ．．．．．． 2 Herbert E．Aodslay ．．． 6 Drrer M．Smarf ．．．．．．． 3 Harby Parkes ．．．．．．．．．． 7 Herbert A．Holden ．．．．．． 4 Pbilip A．Corby ．．．．．．．．．Tbiar Composed by A．Kwigers（No．go）．Condncted by P．A．Conby．

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On Tuesdey, Detembar 27, 1938, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Four Minwies, At the Chugce of SS. Petire and Pajl,
A PEAL OF OADBRIDGE 8URPRISE MAJOR, bI52 GHANQEİ Tenor 124 cwt.
Ernest H. Oxgmbam... Derie M. Sbarf...

| reble | A. Barnett |
| :---: | :---: |
| ... 2 | Hergert E. Aedsley |
| ., 3 | Philip A. Cori | Groryrey Y. Murpby ... 3 Philip A. Corby... ... ... 7 Herbert A. Holden ... ... a Harry Parres ... ... ...Tehow Composed by C. Minderon. Conducted by Herberi E. Abrsley G. Y. Murpha's 100 th peal for the association.

STTTINGBOURNE, KENT, THE KENT COUNTY ASSOGATION.
Un Tuesdry, Deconbor 27, 1938, in I hree Howrs and Thirtewn Minules, At teri Ceurch of St. Michard,
A PEAL OF 8TEDHAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE8;
Wasbrroor's No. x.
Tenor 2 Im cwt .

 William A. Wood ... ... 4 Gborge Wood ... ... ...Tanor Condacled by Clarencer H. Dobbie.
Birthdey peal for Mrs. S. B. Dobbie. First peal as conductor on tower bella.
LLANOIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DLOCESAN ASSOCTATION. On Tresday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, Ait ife Parisy Chorch of St. Cybi.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES: Tenor Is cwt.

| LL | ... 7 veble | Trevor M. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jobn W. Jones |  | Robrex E. Coles |
| Francts C. Mogyord |  | Erneiet Stitce |
| Alebri M. Tyler. | ... 4 | Domald G. Clipt... ... .-. Temay |
|  |  |  |

Camposed by C. W. Robenrs
Conducted by Domald G. Ceift.

* First peal in the method.

SHERBURN-TN-ELMET, YORESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOGIATION.
On Tucsday, Decomber 27, 1938, in Tevo Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, Ai ser Cburch of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 GHANGESI
Parker's Six-part.
Tenor 15 cwt . (approx.).
C. Palpreeman...

Mrs. J. Render...
-H. Bradery
Miss M, D. Hawley
$\square$
$\ldots 2$

MRS. E. BEADLEY … ... W. Hawley ... ... E. Bradley ... ... ... 7

Conducted by E Bradery.

* Firet peal and first attempt. First peal on the bellis by the local band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Dectrber 27, 1938, is 1 hree Howss and Six Minntes, At thi Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON BURPRIBE MAJOR, 5088 CHANQESI Tenor $2_{4} \mathrm{~cm}$. in $D$.

Harold N. Pitstow ... ... 3 Alrred L. Simmonds ... ... 7
Leonard E. Pitstow ... ... 4 | Waltrg Ayre ... ... ...Tmor
Composed by J. W. Wasabroor. Conducted by A. E. Pitstow.

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## PULBOROUGH, BUGSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Decomber 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifily-Eight Hinmen,
At fee Cenrca of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRI8E MAJOR, 5024 OHANGE8; Tenor 13t cwt .
Oliver Sippryts... ... ...Tvebla Wikliam T. Breson ... ... 5
Prydrrice W. Rogers ... 2 Jack M. Cripgg ... ... ... 6
Kraneta Snelling ... ... 3 Frbdgatck Page ... ... ... ${ }^{7}$ Alpred I. Boll ... ... ... 4 C. Ernest Smita ... ...Tenop Composed by Rev. H. Law Janes. Conducted by C. Erarsy Smitr
First peal of London on the bella. This was W. T. Beeson's 50th peral of Landon.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

SHENLET, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturaky, December 10, 1938, in Thres Howy and Fowr Mínutes,
at the Chomer of Sx. Mart,
A PEAL OF MINOR, EOHO CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Carabridge Surprise, Double Court, Donble Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Hob. Tenor 17 cwt . 3 qr . 2 lb . in E fat.
H. William Barrptt ...Treble William Henlry ... ... 4 Grorge Martian .+. ... .... 2 Crcir C. Mayre ... ... William Welling ... ... 3 Tony Paicz ... ... .... .... Tomor Conducted by Tony Pricr.
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THEE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOOLATION
On Monday, Deteenber 12, 1938, in Two Howrs and Twenty Minutes,
At tae Bell Foundry,
A PEAL OF BOB UINOR, EOAO CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{z}} \mathrm{c}$ cwt.

- Pafl L. Taylor ... ...Tybbie Leslie W. Stevens ... ... 4

Colin Harribon ... ... 2 Jobn Saddingion ... ... 5
Cgarles allsop...
Condacted by G. R. Edwards.

* Firgt peal and first attempt. IBSTOOK, LEICESTERSETRE.
TEE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thussday, Decombe 15, 1938, in Two Howri and Forty-Two Minutes, Ai the Cborch of Si. Denys.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being one extent of Double Coust and two each of Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Pob. Tenor 191 cwi.
-Cbcil Verzy ... ... ...Trible |A. Raymond Tonks ... ... 4 Josepa W. Corion ... .... $z$-Wilitam T. Gondby... ... William H. Cubson ... 3 Artedr E. Rowley ... ...Tomot Conducted by Arpbor E, Rowley.
* Firat peal in Pour methods.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Decmber 17, 7938, in Two Howry and Fifty-Thre Minwles, At ter Cborca of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, SOso CHANCES!
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Eob. Tenor 15 owt. 2 qr . 18 lb . in F .

 Condacted by Tony Price. HUGHENDEN, BUCES.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Saturday. Detcmber 24, 1938, in Twi Hours and Thiyty-Fiv, Minutos, At the Ceurce of St. Micharl and All Ahgels,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, BOMO GHANGEEI
Seven differexi 720's.
Victor Evans ... ... ...Treble Pbrcy Newion ... ... ... 4
Edwabd Timpson ...
Harry C. Jones ... ... ... 3 Roland Bigas ... ... ... Tenor

NEWHALLL DERBYSHERE.
THE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Mandry, Decmber 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minwhs, At the Cherce of Sx. Joan.
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Hoing three T20's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Biob. Tenor $10 \mathrm{cwt}$.3 gr .21 16. in A flat.
Walter G. Soar ... ...Treble Josepe W. Cozton
William J. Dumolo ... .... 2 Tom J. Demolo ... .... .... 4 Ronald H. Dove ... ... 3 Artbit E, Rowley ... ...T Tmor Conducted by Artacr E. Rowley.
ASH PRIORS, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
TRE BATE AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASEOCIATION. On Monday, December 20, 1938, in Truo Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Cgurch of tee Holi Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEE8;
Forty-iwo six-scores, ten callings.
Edgal Quicke ... ... ...Trebla
Walier Stevens ... $4 ., 4$

-Frare Branceflower, R.N. 3 Clatig Tarr ... ...* ...Tmor
Conducted by E. Qoickr.

* First peal of Grendsire Doubles.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORESHRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, Decenber 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minumes, At tab Cegreb of Sy. Miceabl.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Onford Treble Bob.

Teror 117 c wt.
Wibliam Silverwood
...Treblo | Miss Mary White
Wicliam Silverwood ...Treb Miss Mary Waite ... .... 4
 Conducted by Ernest H. Simpson.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (Taunton Deanery Braneg.)
On Tuesday, Decomber 27, 1938, in Two How and Forty-Three Minuts, At tel Pabisi Chuecb,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES
Forty-two six-scores, tell callings.
Tenor 10 owt (approz.).
Stanley N. Brisiow ...Trebla

 Conducted by F, Aldgrman.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THT BEDFOHDSHTRE ASSOCIATION,
On Tuesday, Decomder 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forly-Five Minutes, At ter Chorch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF WINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of St. Albaus Delight, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercice, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 z cwt, in F Eharp. Samerl Daniels... Ronald J. Sbarf Andrew C. Simfield... .... 3 C. Edward Jeffries .... .... Temor Conducted by C. E. Jefraies.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIBE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On 7 wesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Howfs and Fifty Minstes, At the Palish Chuler,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
One 240 of Morris' arrangemeat and 40 six-scores, 11 callings. Jeaor 7 bt cut.

 Conducted by Trivor Jowes.

* Firto peal 'inside.' $\dagger$ First peal. A farewell peal to P.O. H. T.

WISTASTON, GHESEIRE. THE OHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Twesday, December 27. 1938, in Two Hours and 7hirly-Five Minstes,
At tee Churce of St Mart.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8।
Being tiree 720's of Oxford Bob and four T20's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt .6 lb .

- Kemerit Thomaseon ...Treble
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Eric Clareg } \\ \text { Albery } & \text { Thomas.... } & . .\end{array}$
Grorge h. Cramley... ... 4
 Conducted by A. Crawley,
* First peal. Tle 50 th peal on the bells. STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELES DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Twesday. Decomber 27, 1938, in 7 wo Hours and Forty-Thyod Minuhs,
At tee Church of St. John-rie-Eqangelist,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 504D CHANGE8;
Seven $780^{\prime}$ ', five callinge.
-Cearles Tremlett...
Tenor 12 cwt (approx.).
 Walter H. Poole … ... 3 | William G. Gigg .... ...Tenoy Conducted by Jambe Hont.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung to celebrate St. John's Day.


## REPORTS OF PEALS.

May we ask those responsibla for sending in reports of peals to do so lmmediately after the peals are rung, and mot to dalay them, as is often done, for a week or even mora? It adds to our difficuities, and is unfair to thoss who maka a paint of forwarding thair reports promptly.

Also, we would request those who send reporte of peals ta copy the form always used in . Tha Rigging World, It will avaid the omission of essential details and consequent dialay in publication.

## GAMSTON, NOTMS.

THE NORTE NOTTS ASEOCIATMON.
On Wodnesday, Decenber 28, 1938, is Two Howrs and Forsy Minutes.
at tre Church of St. Peteg.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, EO40 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Reginald Ashyorth ... ...Tyeble Harold Denman
Miss Kaybarine Borcbiall 2 -Ivan Saly ... ....... ... 5 Mise Grace Borcballe ... 3 Cliftord A. Vegsey........ Temor Conducted by Clifyord A. Vessey.

* First peal 'inside.'


## HANDBELL PEAL.

WESH BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGEAMSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 22, 1938, in One Hour and Thirly Minwlas, As g. Pazaick Road,
A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Harold Brown ... ... ... i-z | Ralpb Nashorough ... ... $3-4$

- Garold Parprement ... 5-6

Conducted by R. Narzoroggr.
Witness-Mrs, R. Narborough.

* First peal ' in band.'


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## MR. C. W. CLARKE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN BEDFORDSHIRE RINGING.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir, As one who has been closely acquainted witik Mr. E. W Clarke, of Bedford, for more than 30 years, $I$ feel that the arcount of his ringing career, which appeared in 'The Ringing World ' recently, did not give him anything fite the credit he deserves, but no doubt it was owing to his own reticence in not sending fuller information of his ringing activities.
As regards peals for the Bedfordshre Association, in addition to the Bob Minor at Biddealiam you mentioned, he called the first peal of Bob Triples, Bob Kajor and Toyal, Grandsire Triples and Caters Stedman Triples and Gsters, Treble Bob Major and Roynl, Double Norwich and Superlative, and took part in the fret of Cambridge Surprise Major. He aroo called the longest peal yet rung by the association, 10,176 Keat Treble Bob Major rung at Irthlingborough a. 6,000 in nime Minor methods at Harrold, 7,200 in 10 methods at Bromham, and 10,080 in 14 methods at Emberton. The latter peal han been attempted three weeks previously, but was lost through a rope breaking after five hours. Charles Clarke never likes leaving anything unfinished, so he made arrangements for another try, whieh was uccessful.
When one ronsiders his only means of travel, a push bike, and the condition of the roads at that time, especially in winter, one can only admirs the wonderful enthusiasm be displayed. No matter what the weather was like, if he had promised to meet he would always be there. You referred to biw in Belfry Cossip once as the grand old men of Bedfardshira. It was a splendid compliment to hing and one that he fully deserved. It would be good for the Bedfordshire Association if someone was coming along who could fill his place, now that advancing yenrs prevent bim from doing as he used to do in former years.
F. W. G.

## AN OLD CUSTOM AT DARLINGTON.

The custom of ringing the bells at St. Cathbert's Parish Church, Darlington, Co. Durham, on Christrase Eqe, while the citizens are doing their Christmas marketing, has long been kept, with the oxception of the war years, and again two years ago, when the bells were away for recasting. Last Cbristmas Eve a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was mung by W. Oliver 1 , Roland Park (conductor) 2 , T. Cooke (first quarter-peal) 3, F. Newton 4, J. Gibson 5. F. Tinslev 6, W. A. Pack 7, L. Vemus 8. Ringers of 1, 2 and 7 belong to Eoly Trimity band, the rest to St. Cutlibert's.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A HASTINGS TOWER TO REJOIN.
A mecting of the Eastera Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastinge, on Saturday, December 17th, when members attended from Hailsham, Eastbourve, Heathield, Rotherfield. Etchingham, Battle, together with the local ringers. The Master of the association (Mr. H. R. Butchar) was also present, The service was conducued by the Rector, who gave a mast interesting address. Afterwards be presided at the tea and busjucss meeting
At the commencement of the meeting he referred to the death of Mr. A. Hobden, of Waldror, who had been a member of the association for a great many years, and, as a mark of respect, the members stood for a few moments in silence.

It was with great pleasure that tige secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that Christ Church, Blacilands, wisthed to be affilated in the New Year.

A vate of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service and for presiding ab the tea and meeting, also to Mr. Piper, of Eastbournc, for bearing the whole cost of the tea.
The raembers then went on to All Saints' tower, where they were joined by three menbers from Forsmonden, and the bells were kept going until after 8 o'clock.

## WEDDING BELLS AT ARMLEY

BRIDE A YORKSHERE RINGER.
The wedding took place at Ghrist Church, Upper Armiey. Leeds, on Saturday, December 24th, of Miss Olive Tentom and Mr. Harry Whitehouse. The bride hed been a keen and regular ringer at Christ Church for the past 12 years and is a member of the Ladies Guild nnd the Yorkshire Assaciation. The loeal company, kindly assistad liy members from Feadingley, Bramley and Rothwell, rang for about an hour previous to the ceremony, and as the happy couple left the church snme very well-strack Queen's and Firing completed the proceedings

At the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A. LL.D., one of the bride's fellow-ringers offeinted at the orgar. The Vicar epoke very appreciativaly of the bride" services as a ringer and of the other wavs in which she had played her part in the work of the Chureh.
A reception was held in the Co-operstive Hall, attended by about 70 greats.
On Sunday for evening kervice a 720 of Kent Trable Biob Minor was rung in honour of the event: Jos. Thackray 1. F. Tindall (Ripon) 2, James Hey 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, J. Benten 5, F. Raymeut (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSsIP.

Mr. William H. Tussell, of Elough, is in King Edward Ward, Windser Hospital, where he was operated on last 'Saturday. Ha is cheerful and progressing favourably. Ringers everywhere will wish cheeriul stid progressing favourably

The joint meating of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association at Liverpool, which was to bave been held on January 14th, has been postponed to January 28th. The meeting of the Preston Branch, advertised for to-morrow, has been postponed to the 21st.
Mr. E. Alex. Young, of Bromley, who was formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, is sailing to-morrow, with Mrs. Young, for sooth Africe. He will be away for come four months.
In the figures of Mr. O. J. Sedgley's peal of Yorkshive Surprise Major printerl on page 850 lest week, the calling of the course 56234 should have been Wrong and Home. The wrong Frs aecidentaly omitted.
Mr. R. Maynard rang the old year out at Walthamstow on Saturday night for the 65th time. It would probably have been tha fith time but for the silencmg of the bells during the war. He has rung in celebration of Christmas in every yoar of bis long career.
We are lappy to atate thet Mr. James George has made such rapid progress during the past ten days that be has now been discharged from hospital and is home argain.
Sympathy will be extended to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burtou-anTrent, in the sudder doath of Mrs. Swinfield, which occurred on the last dny of the year. Mr. Swinfield has been a member of the Midland Counties Association sinee 1883 and has represented the association on the Cenfrel Council aince 1929.

## NEW YEAAR BELLS.

## WHAT THE B.B.C. GAVE US.

A New Year's Day feature of the B.B.C. pragrammes wos the recorded 'greetings' from many European countries, in aative Irnguages, followed in eacli cuse by "il peal of the most famous belle in that land.

Those who listened must have been disappointed. They heard words spoken in uthnown tongues and, in most cases, a jangie of bells, but they bad fittle or no jdea from which countries they came.
There wore two or three carillons, upon which a few chords were heard; Englatud was represcnted by call changes, apparently at St. Clement Danes, the rest was the usual Continental claghng of large and small bells \{except for one or two instances of the tolling of single belis).
'After this,' one non-ripger exid to us, "no one need write to "The Ringing World " shout hed striking in this country."
St. Clement Danes' bells formed a good deal of the basis on which the programme of 'New Year Greeting;' heard just before midnight on Saturdag, was built up.

## ANCIENT GUILDS.

## ST'. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL, AND OTETERS.

## To the Editar.

Sir,-May 1 egain pay tribute to the wonderful sadustry with whicil Mr. Trollope otill pursues his researches. I have often made inquiry from wy Bristol frionds is reference to their Elisabethan Society of Ringers. The article in your last issue tells us mach, even if, here and there, we read between the lines. Mr. Trollope always gives us much to ponder over, so that we shail amait the concluding acticle with added interest.
I hava been particularly struct by the company's old rule (No. 80 ) alopted when, according to Mr. Trollope, it was founded in 1820 . This sternly enjoined every Companion to kneal and pray, on enterisg the belfry (not the ringing room, I observe). If we, to-day, had but the courage of our forefathers! There is, however, one point re this rule upon which Mr. Frollope might sindy enlarge, tiz. : Why, though be concurs with Toulmen Smith that it is probably a medirval one he is etill so Eure that this mewly-formed secular body coldly adopted it (is I may be forgiven the paraphrase) with the same nonchalenct As they m绍ht one ahout Grace before food? I. feel coma doubt an to this. And I cannot remember any rule like it in those of other contemporary aecular ringing bodies.
'Ringers and singers are Jittle home bringers." One is tempted to sam, with a amile, in view of this then current gibe. Did they put the rule in for $j$ tust 'eye-wash ' $?$
In reference to what I might term the two rivers of ringing : (1) Service reverential, and (2) secular bcientifictum-jotlity, Mr. Trallope has not zet commented upon the Master's quotation from Spenser st the Collega Youtha' tercentenery. I would like to take this opporthe College Youtha tercenter, ealeo Edizabethan and rather significant : 'All, into Service let us Ring' (1600 or before).
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-52.

## WILLIAM SHORT.

On the 25th of this month, Mr. William Short, towerkeeper and coaductor at Clant, Worcestershire, will reach the jubilee of his first paal as conductor, which he rarg at Hagley, where, only two montbs before, on November 24th, 1888, he scored his first peal. Both these were Grandsire Triples. Since that time Mr. Shorr bas speet 50 years in oncouraging and helping others in the art of change ringing. He Was Deputy Kinging Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, from 1899 to 1906 , instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild from 1902 to 1915 , and Master of the Worcesternhire Association from 1934 to 1838. He represented the asaciation on the Central Council for nine years, was a member of the CentraI Committee for 25 years asd has heen a member of the association for 51 years. This is an honourahle and enviable record of service in the interests of change ringing, and in recognitson of all he had done for the Worcestershire Association he was made the first - Freeman ' and a lay vicepresideat.

In addition to all this, however, Mr. Short has helped to make history in ringing, for lie has stared in a number of record performances as well as other notable peals. He conducted the record peal of Stedman Cinques, the 17,111 at St, Martin"s, Birmingham, on December 2sth 1901, and took part int the record lengtho of 14,112 Lendon Surprise Major, тung at King's Norlon on May 1lth. 1903 : also in the records of 10,176 of Double Oxford
Major at Brierley Hill, Major at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Decerober z7th. 1909, and the 9.728 of at Glent on December 26th, 1810. Mr. Sthort called the first peal ever rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on handhells while orossing from


MR. WILLIAM SHORT. Dublin to Halyhead on May $20 t h, 1901$, after in toin in which he had conducted the first true peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in Ireland and had taken part is the first Surprise peal rung ant of Ergland.
Ten Jears esrlier, on October 24th, 1891, Mr. Short hac nug in a peal af Grandsire Triples at Windsor Castle, the only one on the bells during last century. On Auswat ist, 1898, lie rang in the only pesl of Stedman Cinques on the old twrive et St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and to do this he cycled there and back, a diatance of 90 miles.
He conducted the only perl of Stedman Cingues on the old twelve at Worcester Cathedral, and the last peal on the old ten at Birmingham Cathedral, this latter having been rung in 1903, although the bells were not recast until more than 30 jears inter. Mr. Short conducted the last peal on the old ten and the first on the new at Warwich, both Stedman Caters, in 1900 and 1902 respectively. He conducted in 1897 the first peal of Donble Norwich and in 1899 the first of Double Oxford Mejor rung in Birmingham, and in 1907 the first of London Surprise in thet city.
He was one of the first, if not the first, to ring perls on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, which he completed in 2912, and among the tower bell peals which he has rung have beea miant peals of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprime Major. On handuelts he has mong Stedman from Triples to Ginques, including 8,888 Caters, which, when it wha rung on March 23 ra , IB98, was the record length is the mathod "in hand.'
Rorn at Pershore, Worcestervhire, on April 12 th, 1868 , Mr. Short. despite his to years, is gtill activa in peal ringing, and has now runc 919 peals, of which he bas conducted 329 . They have been spread over 24 counties in England, Ireland and Wales. and have been ruag for aleven essocietions.

## A. HALF P PEAL.

At. Alf Gatnts Church, Kingston, for watelnight serwice, a half-penal of Grandsire Thiples was rung in 1 hour 45 minutes: E. Farker ${ }^{1}$, C. C. Rayaer 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. Massey 4, B. G. Andtrws 5, F. W Barrett. 6. F. F. Hawtharne (conductor) 7. W. Maxwell 8. ringers at this church. It wns the longest length by ringers of 1,2 end tepor.

## CONDUCTORS AND CONDUCTING.

## HINTS ON CALLING PEALS.

## The following article has been specially contributed to ' The Ringing World ' for the benefit of wouldbe conductors.

The conductor's job is threefold. He has to call the bobs at exactly the right time and in the right place. He has to make sure that throughout the peal the bells are ringing the correct changes, and to stop it when once things have gone wrong. He has to correct mistakes and trips to the best of his ability.
The last is the most spectacular of the three, and many people judge of a man's capacity as a conductor zimply by his ability to pounce on a ringer who has made a lrip, or by the way ho can dirag a band out of a mess or sare a peal when moore than half the bsind are hopelessly lost.
Actually, however, these are the least imporiant of a conductore duties. The correcting of trips is a job which belongs to any one of the band and not exclusively to the conductor, though uaually he is the one best fitted and best able to do it; but whether it is a good thing to eave a peal after nearly everybody has lost himself is one of those things which are upen to nrgument. Give one good fro and do as I tell you' is good advice when your object is to pile 1:p as many peals ns possible, but in these days when peals are so many and comparatively so easy to get, it is lbetfer to have a highor standard and to stop before things get as bad as that.

The young conductor is justified in takiug up the attitude that it $^{2}$ is not his business to ring all the bells in the tower, and if the others can't ring the method withont, losing themselves they ought not to have the oredit of scoring a peal.

BOE CALLERS WTMH LMTTATIONS.
In bygone diays it used to be considered sufficient if a mas could call the bobs at the right pluces and if, now and again (say at the part endsh, he could see that the right changes came up. Some could not do even so much as that. They called the bobs at the right places as far is they were able, but they did not know in the least whether as far is they wpre able, but they did got know in the least whether
the bells wers right or not, sind often went on perhaps for an lour or two right to the end of the peal before thoy discovered that anything was wrong. These peaple were contemptuously termed hobcallers and not conductors and the breed is not yet extinct. There is, however, this to be gaid that many a good peal has been rung in this way. It means that everybocy in the band has to ring his own hell and not make too many trips ar the peal cannot be rung at all.
Jasper Snowdon in his Ropesight: (which every ringer should own and study even if he think Plain Bob is too elementary btulf to bother much about), gives some directions [or calling Bob Major and teils us how zo good average enductor calied his peale 50 yeara quo. Thing have edvanced since then and to-day the standard is much higher and the oonductor ought to know a good deal more than Snowdon thought mecessary

It very often happens that a young conductor has to call as his first peal one of Grandsire Triples. This th rather unfortanate, bessuas Grandsire Triples is one of the most difficalt of all methods to call properly. It is mucl harder thar, say, Superlative. That is the reason why although there are seoren of available peals in the method practically only one is ever rung. It used to be Hott's Ten-part; now执 is Parker"s Twelve-part. There is, of course, the Original, but thet stands in a class iny itbelf.

BFNTS ON DOUBLE NORWICH.
Bob Major is the best methou to learn conducting in, as it is the best method to leara to ring ins, but many companies think it rather beneath tinem and the young condrctor will perhaps have to call his first peal in a more adwanced metliod. WYe will sippose it to be Donble Norwich. The first thing be shonld do is to write out clearly a fall plain course-not merely a lead. The next thing is to choose a peal to call, and here he will do well to gelect s gimple peat, and there is mo better for the purpose than the six-part which ustually goes hy J. F. Priteliard's name, though it has beer composed by quite a number of people, including Henry Joknson.

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## HOW TO LEARN A COMPOSITION

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He should write oat the whole of the peal and not merely one part as given here. Thea he must dende which bell he will ring himself. He will probably pick tho tellor, because it is the observation bell and at first is the easiest to call from.
Now let him turn to his plein course and study, first, what positiona the will the in when he has to call the bobs and then exactly where he will meet the bells which are in second's, third's, fourth's, fifth's and aixith's at the course ends. The sixth's place bell is the oue he dodgea with at front and behind; the fifth's place bell is the one that comes to the seventh after he leaves that bell. Those are easy to see. The ohiners are not quite so ensy and he need not bother at first abott all of them, but sarne are impartant. After the course end before he makes his far places from behind he should take particular notice of the bell the dodges with in $3-4$, which will be the second's place bell. As ho goes to dodge on the front or behind with the sixth's place hell he should take particular notice of the bell which las been dodging with that bell, which will be the fourth's place bell.
He can then learn the calling of his peal, which will not take him a coaple of minutes-Five and two Sires, One and three Sixes, One and two Sixes, five times repeated-and if he has a good memory that can be the thing he mainly relies on for calling. But the wants to know a good deal more.
He must learn the sixtli's and nifth's place bells throughout the peal. It will not take a great deal of dong and it will enable him to know et very short intervals whether two at least of the belle are in their rigits places. The sixth place bell is fixed for the whole of a part and he cannot miss that.
He must notice which hells are affected by the bobs at $1,4,5$ and 6 . The bob at 6 does not shift either the fifth's or sixth's place bellis, and as one is called in every course except the first (where there is - 5), he will have no difficulty sbout them.

The bob at 1 alters the fifth's place bell and puts into that position the bell which was in second's at the last course end. So what the conductor must do is to nolice which bell he dodges with as he goes to make his far places from behind; if it is the one he wants for his new fffth's place bell lue must call the bob at 1 .
When lie studies the figntes of his composition he will notice that there is one bell (the second) which throughout is never in fifth's or sixth's, but it does a very regular work. It is at lome at the pazt ends and it is always a fourth's place bell whenever a hob at 1 is called:

## GALJING FROM A WORKLNG BELL.

In the same way the conductor can find out many things which will enable him to see at. once whether the bella are in their right places, without having to depend on noticing any particular rows which sometinces are not too easy to read. It is a mistake, however, to try and learn too much at first. Enough should be known to give frequent checks of different bells.
It may be that a conductor cannot ring the tenor and las to cats froms another boll. He can cloose the seventh, whicil is as much on observation bell as the tenor, or he can call from one of the workidy bells.
Good conductors will ring ary bell and call from the tenor just as if they were ringing it themselves. Better conductors still will ring sny bell and call from the prositions of all the hells. Tut those things take practice. A berinner calling from one of the working bellis can learu the work of that bell at the bobs and so call his bobs, checking himuself by the position of the tenors, which he can notice by sight and snund. Some people seem to think that this is not a lesitumate way of calling, hut it is a perfectly sound and sefe method, the oaly oljeetion being that it takes some amount of trouble. Some men caill peals from a working bell by counting the number of leads between the calling positions. That method is not to be recomnended.
The best plan is to know always what position your bell is in at the course end and what effect ary bob will have on it. Suppose you are ringing the second and have to call 1.6 in the first course. At the 1 you will make the bab which will make you a fifth's place bell. At the 6 the fifth's place bell has just faished its near places from behind. It is not a great takk to find out what every bell is doing when any bob is cailed, and, when yon are ringing a workink bell, directly you call a bob you car work out where you will be at the next bob.
This is a most exeelfent method of calling, and if you learn it for Bob Major you will find that it applies in exactly the same way to Saperistive, Cambridgo, Lonclon, Yorkshire or any other method which has second's at the plain lead and fourth's at a bob.

## NEARLY A FAMILY AFPAIR.

Five out of six of the ringers of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on December 27ths at Wicken, Northants, belonged to one family: Mist K. Green 1, A. J. Green 2, James A. Green 3, F. Green 4, J. A. Green (conductor) 5, R. Carr 6. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

## LADY'S PEAL RINGING RECORD. <br> MISS SYLVIA BOWYER HEADS 1938 LIST. <br> Other Interesting Pertormances.

The year 1938 witnessed a great deal of peal ringing activity without the incentive of any uational rejoicings such as had been provided by the Coronation in the previous year. It is not yet possible to say exactly how many peals were rung in the twelve months, but the number is likely to exceed 2,030 , the highest since 1932 , whent 2,199 peals were rung. Indeed, on only one other occasion has the atal heen moza than two thousand, and that was in the record yerr of 1913 , when 2,359 peals were rung.
For the first time in history a lady heads the list of peal ringers, Miss Sylvia Jowyer, of $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{pswi}} \mathrm{ch}$, rang no fewer than 68 peals durng the year.
Ansong athers of the pounger generation who have been busy in this direction are Mr. P. A. Corby, who rang his 50 th peal of the yenr on the last day of December, and some of the members of tho Crayford band.
Some of those, too, who have reachen the veteran stage have not lost their youthrful ardour for peals. Mr. Frank Beapeit, of Brighton, for instance, rang 56 and conducted 30 ; Mr. G. R. Pye, of Cladwelf Heath, rang 51; MT. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindor, scored 32 peals between Scotland aed Cornwall and mosantred many more benorg whilo Mr. George Willimes Master of the
Winchester and Porismantily Diowesen Tuild. who vas 81 last May, rang 36 pests, of which De conaucted 12. Fliey mincluded peals of Boh Major and Royal, Dowble Nerwicl Major: Kent Treble Rob Mejor, Royal rad Manimus, Stedman Triples, Ceterg and Cmques Combriuge Sumprise Major snd Royel. and London, Bristol, Forkshire, Euperlative and Norfolk Surrfrise Major What a recotl Cor an octovenarian! But then. Mr. Wilhanse is only 81 years young.
There are many ringers, of conlrse, with frixls for tlie jear belween 25 and 50, or evea over, and amosg the most nolable performances have been those lyy the Fertfordslire
Surprise band. Heme, for example, is the limt of Mr.
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MISS SYLVIA BOWYER. Earold Gashmore, whos as conductor of the talented company ringing the spliced Surprise peals on handhelj, bas acheved such great distinction. ln 1938 he rang 28 peels, of which le comducted 24. They included the following 12 Surprise melloads rune for the first time: Ickleton, Hpsley, Kendal, Fitchin, Southall, Sedhergh, Raunds, Woodstom, Deluow, Ferilam, Tileburst and Mewhury, There were hleo two others, the first by all the band, Miesmere and Deben, and, in addition, a peal of Cumadsire Caters, one of Superlative, two peals of London and Bristol Surprise, and on fiandhelfs a peal of Bristol, two in Four Splicad Surprise methods, one in five mothods and oue in six methods. The mere list almosi makea ane dizy
These peals in new meihods are prit af the increase made in new methods rump during the year. Altogether there were perls in 19 net Surprise Najor methods, one aew Surpriee Royal method and one of Msjor and one of Royal in plain methods. In 1937 fourteen new Surpriss Major metlods were rung and three new plain Mrjor methodss Hr. and Mas. Rupert. Richerdson rang the most peals together of any martied couple last year. They were in 32 peala togetfer, and, in addition, fir". Richerdson rang four others.
AThs Bowyer's ringing career has been meteoric. Bhe legan miging exactly four years agra and rang her frst peat on February 8 h , 1936. In that vear she rang eight peals, but in 1937 she scored 42 and incidentally set up a record for a lady. Her 62 peals last year is, of course, a new remed. It is a comprelvensive performance, and ber 51 pegig for the Suffoik Guild is the highest number rung in one year by in member of the Guild. She is the only lady to ring peals in eight fifferent Maximus methods, including six Surprise methods, and she is the first lady to call peals of Cambridge or 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. She conducted them all in 1938. She has rang perls of Kent Trehie Boh on $6,8,10$ and 22 bells, and of Yorknhies Surprise on 8,10 and 12 bells.

## PEAL NOTES.

## PEALS, WEATHER OR NO.

Ringers, particularly in the East and South-East of Fingland, who had peal arrangeraents at Cluistmas and had to travel, were faced with some of the worst weather conditions for years, but, judging from the reports that have cume in, most of thens, at any rate, kept their engagements.
An interesting name appears among those who this week are recorded as having rumg their fizst peal. Paul L. Taylor, who rang the treule to a peal of Bob Minor at Loughborouth Bell Foundry, is the Youngest. Enn of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, and has entered the busincss which bas been in tlee family for meny generations.
Three peals of Stedman Cinques were ruag on Boxing Day. Lancashire and Cheshire men scored one at Liverpool, members of the College Youtlos, drawn from London, Surrey, Sussex and Sorerset as Well as Oxford, rang one at Clurist Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the Roval Cumberland Youtha were successful at St. Martin's-in-tne-Fiedias, London, where peal ringing upportunities are restricted to an attempt only on the morning' of Boxing Dry
At Oxford, a 5,001 Stedman Ginques by C. W. Roberts was rums for the first time. It siarts with a quick Exx:1234567890 $\quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 19$


The peat of Stedman Ginques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was Mr. 5. S. Goldsuith's 50tls peal on twelve bells. They lave been runf in 27 towers and are mado up of Stedman Cinques 37, Grandsire Cinques 1, Kent Treble Boh Maximus 1. Cambridge Surprise Maximus 9, Spliced Cambriãe and Superlative Surprise Maximus 2.

## MISS BOWYER'S PEALS.

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Miss Bewyer, who is only 22 years of age, is now Master of St. Mary-le-t'ower Society, Ipswich, and was recently elected the firyt hoo. secretary of the new Eastern Branch of the Ladies' Guild.
In tiof following interesting list of Miss Bowyer's peals, it will be soticed that she is credited with a "half" as conductor in two peals of Minor. In these peals she shared the conducting.
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Rombester Surprise Maximus
Yorkshire Sutprise Maxinus
Superlative Eurprise Maximus
New Cembridge Sunprise Maximus
Cambringe Surprise Maximus
Kent Treble Bob Maximus
Datble Natwich Cont Bob Maximus
Stedman Cincues
Rouhester Surprise Royal
Yorkshire Surprise Royaf
Gambridge Surprise Royal
Kent Treble Bob Royal
Grandsire Csters
London Eurprise Major
Yirkshire Surprise Major
Superiative Surprise Major
Canbridge Surprise Major
Now Cambridse Surprise Major
Keut Treble Bob Major
Oxford Trebie Bob Major
Donble Norwich Court Boh Major
Boly Major
Stedman Triples
Grandsire Triples
Minor- 7 methods 6 methods
5 methods
4 methads
3 methods 2 methads
Cambridge Snrprise Minor
Kent Treble Bob Miner
Oxford Treble Bob Minor
Boh Minor
Bols Deubles

A peal of Stedmant Cinques as one's first peal on tower bells is au unasual performance, but Mr. A. I. W. Hugbes distinguished hingelf in this way by ringing the 7tla at Si. Martin's.
The last of the peals in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker's 40th weddryg anniversary was to have been a 5.040 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birminghan, ou Deceaber 20th. Owing, however, to uravoidable circumstances, the band mef one short and a peal of Stedman Caters liad to be subalituted. However, it gave Mr. S. O'C. Holloway the opportunity to complete peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

HOW CINQUES WAS BOILED DOWN TO MAJOR.
The peal at Leicester Cathedral on Cbristmas Eve was birthday compliment tis Mr. TT. Taylor, towerkeeper at St, Msrtin's, who attained the age of 80 years a fetw days previously. A peal of Stedman Cinques had been arranged, but a fumeral service in the Cathedral did not allow sufticient tine. The Coroner's Officer was fotthwith relessed to attend to his official duties and the Lancashire lad was packed off to Lancashirc. A peal of Caters wris then decided upon, but as one of the ringers put in a sery late appearance, this also had to be abandoned. Two more ringers were shunted and the peal of Ginques 'boiled down' in the end to a peal of Major on the light eight. But the seven visitors to the tower did not have their journers in van. A peal arranged in honour of the birthdary of H.H.H. the Duchess of Glouecster was rung at freat Baddow, Fssex, on Boxing Dey. One of the band waz Pat Spencer-Plilipz, son of the Master of the Essex Association (Dr. Spercer-Phillipat, who rang his frst peal of Double Norwich at the first attempt. Ho only learned to handle a bell a year yivo and has rumg his first three peals in three methods. Those who have rung with him predich a brilliant ringing fature for this youg ent husiast.
Mr. Percy Green, the ronduntor of this peal, would fike to thank Mr. F. J. Wansfield, of Maldon, and Mr. A. H. Viverett, of Boreham, who very sportingly turined up in spite of the extremely bad weather.
Three ringers travelled from Newchatlo-on-Tyue to Bradford, Yorkshire, to take part in a peal of Kent Trable Bob Royal at the CatheCral on Bexing Day. They ware Messers. C. E. Lawsov, W. J. Davidson and Adam Deas. The peal was srranged for them, and, deapite the weather, they kept the "date.

JIINND RENGEK'S AOHIEWEMEND
The golden jubilee of sit. Davin's Clureh, Banqor, North Wales, was celebrated witlı 2 penl of Bois Major on December 18th.
The tourth liell was tumg by Mr. Grrald Bromiey, who has been bind from birth. It twas his first peal and he struck his hell admirabiy thronghout. Mr. Bromley gradiated FA . af Oxiord and now rimeg at Elandudno. He has mastered four standard methods and is learning Double Norwich.
After the peal the hand were entertained by Mr. and Mis. A. E. Pegler. whose kinduest was much appreciated.
The birthday of Mr. Wesley Wytson, a veteran anong Essex ringers, was celehrated no December 20th, when a peal of Superiative Surpsise whe rung at Romiford. It was also a hirthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Butler, wife of the hen. secretary of the South-Western Division of the Feser Association.
A peal of Stedman Triples was rugg at Bishop Ryáer's Church, Birmingham, on Christmas Fve, in connection with the centenary celebrations of this church and as a compliment to Mr. Jemes George, who reached his 85th hirthday on November 27 th.
Mr. Gearge is Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's, but being, unfortuntelely, still in hospital, was unable to teke part in the peal, which wss conducted by Mr. W. .3. Cartwright, of Risg"s Norton, from the tenor. Mr. Cartwright has now called a peal of Stedmay Triples Erom each bell in an octave.
After a band had mel slort tor a peal of hob Rogat at Wig*ne Lancs, on Boxing Das, a peal of Grandsire Triples was ring on the back oight.
Mr. Lewis Tyldesles lans pat in 53 vears as a ringer at Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire, and io celehrate this lone service a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells on Boxing Day OFF TO THE FAK EAST.
Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, of Herefordshire, who has recently made his home in Devonport, is shortly leaving for service in the Far Fanf. A farewell peal was rung for him at New Radnor, Radnorshire, on December 27th. Tluis peal of Grandsire Doables whs his 25th peal on six bells end his 25 th penl for the Hereford Dromesan Guild.
The peal was origibally arruuged for Toxing Day, but Mr. J. Butler, who had to cycle over 50 mites from Shtewsburv, atrived three hours late and the attempt had to he pestponed to the following day. We understand, however, that it. was not the distance that cansed Mr. Butler's delny, but a certain wedding at a famous Shrewsbury chureh.
Five mombers of the Dobbie family wans a birthday peal for Mrs. Stanley Dohhie at their home tower, chtinghourne, on Decembar 27th, when Clarence Dobbie, whose peal ringing experience is very wide, rang his frest peal as conductor on tower bells.
The Rev. W. N. Mayze las completed 40 years as Rector of Wistaston, Cheshire, and on Decemher 27th a pea! of Minor was zing at the Parish Church to celebrate the event. It was the 50th peal on the hells, and Mr. Albert Crawley. who called it has the distinction of having rumg in all of them. Messrs. R. T. Holding and G. H. Crowley. Who took part in the 50th peal, also rang in the fret peal on the bells.
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## PEAL NOTES.

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Mr. Ernest Stitch, of Port Talbot, Glamorgan, cang his 250th peal on December 27th at Llangibby, Monmouthehire. It was a peal oi Bob Major, is which Messrs. Hogford and Tyler, of Bristol, toals pert; and the conductor (Dowald Clife) and Mr. George Popnelf rang cheir fortieth peal together.

On Boxing Day at Newhall, Derbyshire, Mr. J. W. Cotton, hon. eecretary of the Burton District of the Midand Cotinties Association, rang his 100 th peal, and on the following dey, when the first tet-bell peal since the recesting of the belle et Duffeld by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was rung, he scored his century for the association.
At Newhall, Mr. Ronald Dove, a former secretary of the Burton District and now living at Headingley, Leeds, rang his 150th peal, which, by a coincidence, was lis 50 ch peal for the Midlaud Counties Aseciation.
Saffron Walden snd the neme of Pitstow are bymonymour in connection with ringing. In a peal of London Surprise Major rung there on December 27th, three members of the family took purt.
The first peal at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire, by a local band was rung on December 27th. The company included three ladies.

The frrst peal on the bells at Uplowman, Devon, since they were rehung by Messre. J. Taylor and Co. was ruug on December 27th. It was 42 six-scores of Grandsiro Doubles and Frederick Alderman's first peal as couluctor.
Mr. C. H. Harding rang his 50th peal when he took part in 6 geven Minor methods at Mauden, Bedfordshire, on December 27 th .
The penl at Wombourue, Staffs, on Christruas Eve, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Chris. Wallater, of Willenliall.

RINGERS MOVE UPSTAIRS.
The peal of Minor rung at Ibstock on December $15 t h$ was specially arranged to celebrate the removal of the ringing chamber from the ground floor to a beautifully fitted belfry 2lft. nearer the bells. This has meent the fitting of a filse foor suitably packed with sound resisting material, and althougl the ringing is now done immediately below the bells, there is no unnecessary noise.
The ringers wish to couple the name of Mr. J. W. Hopkins with the peal, as this grand ald majl, now well in his elghties, finds it impossible to climb the steps to the ringing chamber, ind has, therefore, been compelled to retise after many years' faithful serwice. The peal was also e birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton.

On Christmas Eve, a peal of Major was to have been attempted at Hughenden, Bucks, but, meeting short, six of the band rang a peal of Bob Minor instead
Not everybody had a holiday on Boxing Day. A good many ringers took part in two peals in the one day, but what about the three onthusiasts who rang Stedman Cinques for three hours and 38 minutes at Liverpool and also three hours and 32 minutes in a peal of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Boh Royal at Wrexliam in North Wales?
A number of Kentish ringers also spent a very bug\% time daring the two bank bolidays that followed Ctristmas. They rang two peals ons Boring Day and two on December 27th. We admire their enthusiasm especially in such wenther. Into their bag went two peals of Camhridge, and one each of Superiative and Double Norwich.
The peal at Crayford on Boxing Day was $\pi$ silver wedding complimont to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. A. Murphy, parents of Mr. Geofirey V. Murphy, wio, on the following dey, rang his looth peal for the Kent County Association and his 50th peal with that other youthenj enthusiast, Derek Sharp.

Sewen ringers took part in all these four pents, and there were ald heads as well ss young hands amorg them.
The peal of Grandes Caters at Str, John's, Leicester, on Boxing Day, was rung on the tenth anniwersary of the opening of the bells afier inving been angzoented to ten, the two trebles being the gift of that old Leicester stalwart, Mr. William Willson. All who have had the pleasure of ringing at St. John's know what a perfoct "splice" the founders made,
Mr Jemes Hunt, of Taunton, rang his 550th peal on Boxing Day, when he called a peal af Bob Major at Timberscombe, Somerset. Mr. John Pugsley, who took part, is the first resident ringer of the Dunster Dennery" to ring an 'ingide" bell to a peal of Major.
A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at All Saints'. Daresbuny, Cheshire, on Boxing Day, as a welcome to the new Vicer (the Rev. F. W. L. M. Protnerowe). An earlier attempt for the peal failed through the clapper of the tenor falling out while ringing was in progress.
Mr. W. T. Beeson, who is a member of the Surrey Constabulary, ravg his 50th peal of Landon Surprise Major on December 27th when a band, incidentally drawn from three counties, visited Pulborough, Sussex.

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## NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Establisbed 1755). -The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 7 th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells at St. Martin's Church will be available from 4.30 p.m.-T. H. Reeves, Hoa. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, II.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.The next quarterly meeting will be held at selby on Saturday, January 7th. The Abbey Church beils (o) available from 2. Service in the Abbey at 4.30 . Tea ( $\mathrm{I} / 3$ eacb) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Storr, 65 , Green Lane, Selby.-H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.
GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The next practice meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-inFurness, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. - N. M. Newby Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, January 7th.-W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be heid at Whitworth on Saturday, January 7th. Start the new year well by attending this meeting and giving a hand with the learners. Subscriptions due.-Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.mr. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Brown's Cafe, 5.15.-J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Western District.-A meeting of the above district will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, January 7th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Co. Durham? A good attendance is requested, and all ringers are welcome.-J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 7th. Bells available from 2.30. For tea, for which a small charge will be made, please notify the undersigned.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch.The annual meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells just recently rehung.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.-The annual meeting will be held at the Abbey House, Winchester, on Saturday, January 7th, by kind permission of Gen. F. H. Grifiths, Mayor of Winchester. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4 p.m. Members attend service in the Cathedral at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The address will be given by the Rev. J. H. K. Percy, Rector of Wonston. Please
let us know if yous are coming. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30 .-G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Creswell Church ( 8 bells) on Saturday, January 7th. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Creswell, near Worksop.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. Ringing for evening service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Sunday, January 8 th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.-G. H. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings for January: Southwark Cathedral, 10th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 17th; St. Magnus', 19th; Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 3ist. All at 7.30 p.m., except Hoiborn, 8 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-

 CIATION.-Wednesday Afternoon Guild.-The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, January 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14 tb. Bells (10) available at 3. Business meeting at 4.30 . Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. A good attendance is requested. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited. - J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District.The seventh annual supper will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January i4th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets $3 / 6$ from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston bells available from 3 to 5.40 p.m. It is hoped that all members of this Association, whetber of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and help to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.r3.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 , with an address by the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, January 10th. All are welcome- -H . Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, January 14th. The bells of St. Peter's Church will be available from 2.30 , and tea will be provided in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Service at 4.30. Will all members make an effort to attend? Everybody welcome-Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-East Devon Branch.-A meeting will be held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. All ringers welcome. Also Ottery St. Mary bells (8) available at 7 p.m. -John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. Bells of S . Nicolas' Church available from 4 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. Application for tickets (5s. 6d. each), with remittance, must be made to me by January 10th.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Nottingham District.-The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Tanuary 14th. Bells (10) from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All
welcome. Come and try this hefty lot. Will members please note that there are a lot of outstanding subscriptions for the past year? Will those in arrear please oblige?-E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Every ringer welcome,-A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -The annual meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Harmston ( 8 belis, available 2.30-8), on Saturday, January 14th. Tea at noderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, January 11.th.-Kenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea by the 12th.-E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, near Frome.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The annual meeting of the district will be held at Apsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 , followed by tea and business meeting. Please let me know by January 12th whether you require tea or not. Let us have a bumper meeting.- $W$. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Lindfeld on Saturday, January 14th, Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify by the 12 th if you require tea.B. Saunders, 18. New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUIID.-North Bucks Branch. Newport Pagneil Deanery.- A meeting at Emberton, Saturday, January 14th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.-The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at $\overline{5}$. It is requested that all members will try and attend. All ringers welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-Annual branch meeting at Geddington ( 5 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea subsequently, is. 6d., except for branch members. Tea will be provided by ticket only, and application must be made by first post January 14th.-H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Macclesfield Branch.-The general meeting of the above is arranged to take place on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield. Bells (12) availahle from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 2s., 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea oblige by informing me nat later than January 11th.-Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsiey on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in New Rectory Room at 5 p.m. Those reguiring tea please notify Mr. C. Brinsley, 177, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, January 11th. All are welcome.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsiey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Swindon Branch.-.Monthly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret ( 8 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements.-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The district annual meeting will be held at Earl Stilton on Saturday, January 14th. Usual times. Postcards for tea (9d.) to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, not later than Friday, January 13 th, please. Start the New Year well. Come early. You will be welcome.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual meeting Shrewsbury on January 14th. Ringing, St. Chad's, 3 p.m. -4.30 and $6.30-8.30$ p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 . Tea and meeting Church Room. Numbers for tea to W. A. Fammer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on Saturday, January [4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, 2.30-4.15 and after tea; Holy Rood, 2.304.25 ; St. Michael's after tea. Service at Holy Rood 4.30. Tea, St. Michael's Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th.-G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guilsborougt Branch. - The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough ( 6 bells) on Saturdav, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.-Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Banbury and District Brancl. - The quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church ( 10 bells) on Saturday, January 21 st. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The annual meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Owing to Chertsey bells undergoing repair, other arrangements have had to be made at the last minute. Further details next week.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.ri..; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Roorn 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 17th. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30 , St. Paul's 3.15 to 4 . Both towers after the meeting.--W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. Please send numbers for tea to me not later than Wednesday, January 18th. All very weicome.-R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday, January 21st. Names for tea (1s. per head) to N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wymondham calling all members of the North Norfolk Branch. The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Wymondharn on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.m. Alt are welcome, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 18th. - H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Soutlern Division will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 25th. Service at the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 6 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30 to 9 . Afternoon ringing yet to be arranged.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preliminary Notice. -The annual general meeting of the association will be held in Leeds on Saturday, January 28th. Members are requested to note the date. Full particulars later,-L. W. G. Norris, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Liverpool and Wigan Branches.-The joint meeting of these branches will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 28th. Further particulars later.-S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton. Branch Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-The committee is desirous of keeping up to date the list of non-resident members, together with the number of peals rung by them. Will those members kindly send a postcand furnishing such information to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire?

DEATH
SWINFIELD.-Mary Ann, beloved wife of John Henry Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, suddenly on Decersber 31st, aged 74.

## LATE NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Special practice for Wednes ay, Jauuary Itth, 7.30 p.m., on twelve bells at St. Giles', Cripplegate. Also note date of annual general meeting, February rith next.-T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual general meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. q th. $_{\text {th }}$ Wili all members please make it convenient to attend? Bells available from 3 p.m. A card to the Secretary by Wed., Jan. Ith, will ensure tea arrangements.-H. L. Warburton 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, nr. Sheffield,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wotton-under-Edge Branch. - The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Jan. I4th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea and meeting at Falcon Hotel at 4.30. Evensong at 6 p.m.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughborough District.-. The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on January I4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business: election of local officers for 1939. Visitors welcome,-H. O. Over, District Sec., Hugglescote.

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However, allowing for the feelings of those who do not love church belts, most of whom have no love for the Church either, there is something to be said in favour of curtailing the long chiming of a single bell before an early service. It is seldom the service ringing of a peal of bells that creates amoyance or remonstrance; it is the tedious repetition of a dissonant clang that causes trouble. But when this is the case, bells in general come in for the scourging dealt out in newspaper correspondence. The rubric requires a bell to be rung before service, but the long unbroken spell of a single bell is irritating to the nerves, and every effort ought to be made to reduce this kind of thing to a minimum in populous areas.

But, alter all, we live in a peaceful country, despite our early service bells. On New Year's Day listeners heard the type of "ringing' which prevails in some other lands, a noisy discordant jangle, which can be heard frequently in the early morning in many continental cities and towns. Compared with this, the bells of England are musical and even soothing to the ear with their rhythmic pealing, and a single bell is but a gentle tinkle. Those who complain that their rest is disturbed in this guiet land of ours are fortunate that they do not live within earshot of some of the noisy clangour set up by the bells in such countries as France or Italy.

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On Saturday, Decmber 37, 1938, in Thyes Howrs and Tuctue Mirutas, At tee Cegrech of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5007 CHANEES; Tenor 19 竟 cw :
Aidan J. N. Boyack .... ...Tretle George A. Parsons ... .... 6 Cbarles T. Coles ... ... 2 Ernest W. Ferbank ... 7 George R. Pye ... .... ... 3 | Ernest E. Holman ... .... 8
 Roerrt J. Maynard .... ... 5 Eredefice C. Taylor ...tenpt Composed by Sia A. P, Heywood. Conducted by C. T. Colzs.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEF COMMON, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fijty-Srucs Minules, At sag Cedrea of Si. Lere,
A PEAL OF BOB MABOR, 5O56 CHANEE8;
Tenor 15 ewt.
Allison Pordom ... ... ...Tyebla Jack Dafters ... ... .... 5 Wilelam Grace ... ... ... 2 Edmdnd Modnter ... ... 6 Prgobrice E. Pitman ... 3 Harold E, Blacertt... ... 7 Jim Herreel ... ... ... 4 Jozn E. Liddiard ... ...Temar Composed by J. R, Pritcaard. Conducted by J. E. Liddiard.
First peal of Major as conductor.
LISCAED. CHESHTRE.
THE CEESTER DIOCESAN GDLD.
On Twesday, Decmber 27, 1938, in Three Houy and Suten Minutes, At ter Parisa Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MABOR, BOG6 EMANGE8
Tenor 16 cwt 2 cr .2 lb . in F .
Wifilam E, Eletcabr ...Troble Grorgr R. Nbuton .*. ... 5 Lester L. Gray ... ... .... 2 Prrcy Swindley ... ... ... 6 Robert Sperring .... ... 3 Ralpg G. Edwabds ... ... 7 Erank Varty ... ... ... 4 James C. E. Simpson ... ...Tonot Composed by J. R. Priscanrd, Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.
First peal in the method on the belle and by all the band except R. Sperring.

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> (NORTBERN BRANCE.)

On Thursday, Deconbey 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fow Minutes, At rae Cevreg of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8:
Parerr's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 2816.
Ernese Brittain ... ...Tyoble Bernarb Gillatt, jon. ... 5
Mrs. J. Bray ... ... ... 2 Gegrge Hobbins ... ... 6
 -Arthur Tomlinson ... ... 4 Peilip Barnes ...

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. The couductor's 300 th peal.

GELESTER, CHESHIRE THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Saturday, Decomber 31, 1938, in Thyee Hours and Ten Mimulfo, At tar Cedrch of Sr. Mary-within-ter-Walls,
A PEAL OF GRAND ${ }^{\text {PIRE TRIPLES, }} 5040$ CHANGE8;
Parkra's Twglve-pari.

| -Franz Sablly ... |  | ...Treble | Arigor |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Robmrt Sperring |  |  | Grorgr R. Jongs |  |  |  |
| Erabst Waring |  | . 3 | Romald G. Jomes |  |  |  |
| cilpord |  | .. 4 | Grorgr F. Sperrint |  |  | erar |

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* First perl. Rung with bells lamli-muffled for the passing of the old year and in deepest sympatily for the death of Douglas Barnet, aged 16 , a young ringer at this tower.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, December 37, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minuses,
At the Chorch of St. Paglinde,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 12量 cwt.
Ernest H. Oxbnaam
Prilipa. Corby
-Dennis G. Brown ... ... 3 Harry Parbas ...* ...
Herbert A. Holden ... 4 | Edwin Barnett ... .... ...Tenor
Composed by E. Barnbit, san. Conducted by Eewin barnety.

* First peal in the method. The coaductor's 450 th peal. TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
TRE BATH AND WELLS DLOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Ducomber 31, 1938, in Two Howys and Fify-Five Minntes, At the Chieg of St. Grorgr, Wilton.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGE8; Tenor $8 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
- William S. Claree... ...Treble - ${ }^{\text {Sidney }}$ A. Wyayt ...
"Dodley F. Sebldon... Arthor H. Rebd ...
artegr h. Hayward 3 Alprid J. Wyatt 7 4 Conducted by Alfrbd J. Wyatr.
Composed by G. Linnopr.
* First peal in tize method.

OVER, OHESHIRJ.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satuyday, Destmber 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Feve Mirutes, At the Church of Sy. Cead,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGESI Tenor 14 cwt .
Cbarlas Sbaw ...
...Treble
Alsert h. Booth ... 2
Dayid Smith ... ... ... 3 Richard T. Holding....
Composed by J. R. Prizcgard, Reginald W. Worrall Albery Crawley LL 5 Harry Parebr ... ......$T_{\text {mo }}{ }^{7}$ DODPD
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EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
Dn Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Misutes,
At ter Church of St. Bartbolombw,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, som CHANEESI
Tenor io $\mathrm{cwt}, \mathrm{I}_{4} \mathrm{lb}$. in A flat.
Sidmby O'C. Holloway ...Treble Ricgard C. Ingram

- Romald Sebparrd ... ... 2 Morris J. Morats Danizl T. Mazzin ... ... 3 Theodore Rossbli … ... Norman G. Goodman ... 4 Jobn S. Mason ... .... ....Tenor Composed by E. Mormis. Conducted by Danirl T. Matkin.
* First peal of Major.


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ASHFORD. KENT.
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AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GULLD.
On Saikrday, December 31, 1938, in Three Howrs and Sixteen Minetes, At ter Chorce of St. Miry,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Haley's Variation of Tedrgians' Four-part. Tenor 23 cwi. Tbomas Tabrett... ... ...Treble William A. Oldpibld ... 5 Henry C. Castle ... ... 2 Ernast W. Powbll... ... 6 Arcaibald C. Kay ... ... 3 Cbarles W. Everbtt ... 7 Percy Page ... ... ... ... 4 - William H. E. Sinclair...Tenor Conducted by C. W. Evereyr.

* First peai and first attempt. Tung witle the bells half-muffled to bid farewell to the old year.

ENVILLE, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Northern Branct,)
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Howrs ata Five Minules. At the Chirch of Sr. Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGE8; Tenor 17 cwt . (approx.).
 Jogn bass ... Clibyond Shidmore ... ... 3 Robeht Matthews ... ... 7 Jobn Pageti ... ... ... 4 Percy Ricbards ... ...Tenor Composed by G. Hogere. Conducted by C. Skipmore, * First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal on the bells since they were rehuag and the tenor recast.

FROME SOMERSET
THE BATE AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Howes and Thitly-Five Minutes.
At tar Parise Cetrace of St. Jogn-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF double norwich court bob major, soos chances;

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\text { Tenor } 31 \text { cws. in C sharp. }
$$


J. E. Lewis Cockry ... ... 2 Nolan Goldien ... ... ... 5 Miss Marie R. Cross ... 3 Rgv. C. Eillot Wigg ... 7 Artbur S. Ricbards ... ... 4 A. Patrick Cannon ... ...Tehor Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
The first peal of Major on the bells. Rung for the festival of the Holy Natink: aud as a welcome to the gew Yicar, the Rep. W. J. Torrance, M.A.

EARL SHILTON LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MLDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCTATION.
On Saturday. Decrmber 37, 1938, in Two Howrs and Forty Minutes,
At tar Clurch of Ss. Simon and Jdde.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, $\operatorname{g040}$ CHANBE8;
Wafbrroos's Variation or Theretans' Foer-part. Tenor 18 emb .
Ernast E. Piciering ...Trubie Gborge A. Newion... ... 5 Alpred Ballatd... Richard F. Rob ... ... 3 Frank K. Meagdres... ... 7 -Reuben Wigetman .... .... 4 Ernest V. Cbesterton ...Tmoy Conducted by Frane K. Mansores.
*) First peal in the method.
ehester.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 37, 1938, in Three Ifowys and Seventect Minwies, At tge Churce of St. Mary-withoot-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF GRAMDSIRE TRIPLE8, 8040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part.
Tenor 20 cwt .
Pracy Swindiry...
Jobs Haysg ... ... ......Treble

Harry Lewis (... ... 4 Hibry Fye ... ... ... ... 7
Conducted by loan Hayss.

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HCGHLNDEN, BUCES.
THE OXFOLD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Satnyday, Decomber 31, 1938, in Two Hows ard Fijfy-Two Minwhs, At the Chuech of St. Miceare
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EOLD CHANDEAI
Parkrr's Twelve-pari (7th observation).
Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwL}$.
Stanley Bedwell .... ... Tied | Edward Timpson ... ... 5
Roland Blggs .** ... ... 2 Frederice G. Biggs ... ... 6

James W. Wilkins a+* .** 4 Victor Evans ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Percy Newron.

* First attempt for a peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY
THE GULLDFORD DIOCISAN GURD.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938 , $n$ Threa Hours \& Twenty-Eight Mixwta
At the Cathedral Cegrcy of iee Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANOES;
Tenor 23 cwt .3 qr .8 lb . in D .
Eredrrick Obdroyd ... ...Tyebh| Raybond Pailpoti ... ... 5
Cearles Hazelden '... ... 2 George W. Steere ... .n. 6
Henry Hexion ... $\ldots$... $\ldots$... 3 Clarrnce H. Dobbir..... .7
William J. Robinson... ... 4 Alfred H. Polling ... ...Temay
Composed by G. Lindofe. Conducted by A. H. Potling.
Rurg with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the oli year. OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MDDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGTATION.
On Saturday, Deconber 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fowy Minutes, Ay zae Cedrch or St. Matigew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANPES;

Parker's Twelva-pari (7th observation). Tenoe io cwt,
William F. Woodward ...Treble William Jogn Demolo
Albert G. Richards ... 2 Joseph W. Cotion
Cyrir 3 Howard Howell .... 6
Barnabas G. KEy Conducted by B. G. Kıy.

* Firsu peal of 'Triples 'inside.' DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
(Pear District Sociriy.)
On Satmriay, December 31, 1938. in Two Hours and Fifty-Sewon Minutes, At the Cebocte of St. Hmers,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, EO40 CHANGES;
A. B. Carpentrr's Six-part (No. 24 C.C.C.). Tenor 17 cwt .
- Deals Scoit ... ... ...Trable |Victor E. Taylor ... ... 5 Roberx Allsof ... .... ...* 2 Ronald Allsop ... .... ... 6
Bernard Allsop .... .... 3 George H, Pafloon ... ... 7
Herbert E. Taylor... ... 4 Hege W. Gregory + ....Thoy Conducted by G. H. Paozson.
* First peal.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

MAREET DEFPTNG, LTECOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESEN GUHLD.
On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Howes and Fifiy-Two Minutas, Ax the Caurce of Sx. Gutblac,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley nnd Sutfleet; (2) Londen and Wells; (3) Cambridge, Norfols, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull aud Bourne: (4) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (5) Durhama (6) York; (7) Cambridge.
Horace M. Day ... ... ...Treble| Wilelam Dedman ... ... 4 Crarles Wood ... .... ... 2 Harry Gibrard .... .... .... 5 William H, Waldron ... 3 | Teomas L. Bainbridges ...Temoy Conducted by H. M. Day.

SILKSTONE; YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION
AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTEICT SOOIETY.
On Mouday, Decembey 26, 1938, in Two Honys and Fifly-Nina Minuies, At ter Chitrch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Baing 720 each of Ipswich, Surflect, Beverley, York, Durham, Bonrue and Cambridge.
Roland Hile.
... ...Tveble
Jobn Thomas Weite....
Jobn Tbomas Whitr ...
Clifford Robinson ...
Ernesz Broores.
Harold Chanz
Tenor 12 cwt .

Clifford Rohinson ... ... 3 Daniel Smitr $\quad . .$.
First Sumprise
First Surprise peal on the bells.
MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fouy Minules,
At tere Cburce of Sr. Leonard,
A PEAL OF BOE MINOR, 5040 CHANQES;
Being seven 780's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt .
William Sadnders ... ...Tyeble Josepe L. Stainier ... ... 4

- E. Dennis Poole ... ... 2 Waltbr Lago ... ... ... 5 Alfred S. Bailey ... .... 3 \#Jobn W. Homperies ...Thay Conducted by J. W. Homphries.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

> WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(westren Brance.)
On Twesday, Decomber 27, 1938, in Two Howrs and Fordy-Five Ninules,
At the Caurca of St. James
A PEAL DF DOUBLES, 5040 GHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob aud 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt .


Conducted by Charles Camm.

* First peal.

BARNBY-TN-THEWHLLOWS, NOTYS
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Iwondy-Five Minules,
At fee Cherch of All Sainis,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES

Being one extent each of Oxiord Treble Bob, Double Court, Court Bob, Plein Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's.
renor 64 cwt,
George S. Vessey ... ...Tyeble Percy Holmgs .... ... ... 4
Kenneta W, Maybra. ... 2 Miss Dorotey Vessey ... 5
 Conducted by Jack L. Milleoose,
WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
(Nortrern Branch, Lincoln Districz.)
On Suturday. Decowber 31, 1938, in Two Howys and Fifty-Five Minuter,
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bols, Kent Treble Bob aud Single Conrt, aud two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Buly.

Tenor $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$
Premertce W. Stokes ...iveis John E. Pearson... ... .... 4 †Amos Ingall $\ldots . . . . . . .$. Conducted by Walter Tomlinson.
*First peal. † First peal on an "inside" bell. First peal as conductor.

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BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSEIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOGIATION, On Sutwrday, Decmbry 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Hinutos,

At ter Caurch of St. James.

## A PEAL OF MIMOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Boh and Plaju Bob.

## Tenor 101 cwt.

Sidney T. Holx ... .... $\boldsymbol{y}_{\text {ybble }}$ Gboffrey J. Lewis ... ... 4
'Allen.Morgan ... ... ... 2 Thomas W. Lewis ... ... 5 William Ranford ... .... 3 Cbarlbs Camm* ... ... ...Tamay

Conducted by Sidney T. Holz.

* First peal in suven mellods.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCFSAN GUULD.
On Saturday, Decmber 31, 1938, in Two Hoursand Fonty-Five Hinutes, At the Cborcb of St. Tbomas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 8 cwt
Raymond Grant
Legilie Hupford
William Ggar ...
...Treble |"Roland Kagy

| d Kery | .** | - |  | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Harry Boycr | *** |  |  | 5 |
| Fred Symons |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Harry Boycr } & \ldots . . & . . . & \ldots . \\ \text { Frad Symons } & \ldots & . . . & . . . T \text { Toror }\end{array}$

Harry Boyce.

* First peal. Rung lalf-muffled for the passing of the old year and as a compliment to the ringer of the 4 th on lis 17 th birthday.

BODRYE, LLNCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUTLD.
(Solthern Brance.)
On Satwrday, Drember 31, 7938 , in Three Honys and Fioe Mfinutes,
At the Ceurch of SS. Peter and Padi,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Heing 70) each of Cambridge, Norgolk, Primuose, Bourne, Durhan, Yorl and Ipswici.
Join Pollard.
Joan Pollard ... ...
...Treble
Jobin W. Lare


* First peal.

Condincted by lonn W. Lakz.
GREAT BROMLEY, JSSEX.
THE ESSTEX AESOCIATION.
On Salwrday, Decamber 37. 1938, in Three Howes, Ay the Church of St. Grorgs,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGES;
Congistiag of one extent of St, Clement's and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bobs. Tenor 15 cwt . in E.
Mrs. L. Wriget ... ... ...Troble Miss Violet A. Frost ... 4
 Miss Eleanor Rrbye ... 3 Aian R. Amdrews ... ...Tenor Conducted by Alan R, Andrews.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOGRSAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forly Mirwtas, At the Churce of St. Anderew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treblu Bob and there extents of Plain Bob, each called diferently. Tenor 124 cwt.
Robery G. Catchpole ...Tiebla, Alprbd W, King ... ... 4 Walter C. Mbderb ... ... 2 William R. Catcepole ... 5 George T. Bell ... ... ... 3 Wieitan C. Duffirld ...Tonor Conducted by Wililam C. Doprield. WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
() Solurday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hows and Thirty-Seven Minytes, At the Ceurch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MIHOR, 5040 CHANEES; Tenor 8 cw . 1 qr.
 -Cbcil N. Adestin … .... 3 tWalter Ayre ... Conducted by Walrer Ayra.

* First peal of London Surprise. + First peal of Londor Surprige Minor.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK
THE NOKWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Tuo Howrs and Fifty-Six Minwter, Ax tar Chorce or St. Heren,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEEA;

Seven 720's each called differently.
Temor 12 cwt. in $F$.

Miss Brenda Bayles ...Trebla $\ddagger$ Georgr H. Allan ... ... 4 -Mrs. R. W. Barber ... ... 2 Denis A. Bayles ... ... 5 *Miss Joan Grgeneam ... 3 | Denis A. Bayles |
| :--- |
| R. William Barber... | Conducted by D. A. Bayles.

-First peal of Minor 'inside.' + First peal of Minor. $\ddagger$ Firbt peal end first attempt. First peal of Plain Bob Minor by ull the bend and on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGF, KENT.
THE KIFNT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Satwidgy, Decomber 31, 1938, in Thre Howrs and Threr Minvics,
Ax tar Ceurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consigting of one extent erch of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Donble Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Albbry J. Iancefirld ...Trebla Cbarlbs L. Smiry ... ... 4
EAYMOND G. Carlton ... 2 WiLlian J. Lanceriacd ... 5 KEnNert J. Carlton... ... 3 EDWARD S. Rock... ... ...THer Conducted by Edward S. Rock.
Firgt peal in seven methods by all the bend and by the Ashford District of the association.

## EENILWORTH, WARWICKSEIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GULD.
On Safurday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At tar Chorcy of St. Nicgolas,

## A PEAL OF EOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Seven extenta
Tlenor 15 awt
-John W. H. Smith ... ...Trebif | Dodglas F. Ellender ... 4
-Grorge F. Cantrill ... 2 William T. Cox... ... ... 5
Framk Brassington... ... 3 Frank E, Pgrvin... ... ...Tenor Conducted by F. E. Prrvin.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. HILMARTON, WILTSHIRE
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUJIJD.
(Calne Branch.)
On Satwrday, Decomber 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minules,
At tar Churca of Sx. Ladrerce,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANFE8; Being 42 gix-scores, 10 eallings.

Tenor 15 owt. in $G$.
-J. Hiclier ... ... ... ...Treble
-W, Hacker ... ... ... 2
A. O. WRINTMORE ... ... 5
L. A. Wilson ...

Conducted by A. O. Wrintmore.

* First peal. First perl on the bells.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELT DIOCESAN ASSUCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 28, 1938, in 3 wo Hours and Fifty Minates, Ax Sonny Vizw,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGE8;
Tenor, size $16 \underset{2}{ }$ in $B$ flat.



Reghald C. Sqarre... ... g-io
Composed by H. J. Tocrer. Conducted by Walizr Avrg,
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE FSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 30, 1938, in Tew Hours and Twenty Minutes, At zi, Debden Road,
A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES; Tenor, size 15 in $C$.
Labiard E, Pitgtow .... ... t-2 | Walter Ayre ... .... ... $5-6$ Albert E. Austin .... .... $3-4$ | Alfrid Simmonds ...

Composed by Joha Carter. Conducted by Walybr Ayre.

EAST CHESHIRE PEALS.

## STOCKPORT, CIEDSHIRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GURLD
On Monday, Dectmber 26, 1938, in Three Hows und Ten Minutus,
At the Parisa Cuurch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, $\quad$ GO21 CHANGE $;$

## Tenor 24 CWt.



Composed by W. Wacmsery. Conducted by C. Kinneth Lewhs.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESETRE
THE OHESTEE DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutts,
At tre Parise Cedrca of St. Micearl and All Angels,
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 501B CHANOES;
Tenor 264 c cht

†Lionel Clodge...
-Albert Ford

- Josepe Whitraker
iDavid Vincesm
tGrozge W. Biddelpa
Joan Worib ... ... II

Composed by Joun Rerves.
Conducted by Joan Worre.
${ }^{3}$ First peal in the method on twelve bells. † First peal on twelv beils. $\ddagger$ First peal of Maximus.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
Qn Tuesány, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minytes,
At tex Chorch of St. Jater,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 124 cwt .

†Gbrald Farrbr $\quad . .$.
Composed by Joen Rerves. Conducted by Jobn Worie.

* First preal. + First peal in the method.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCFSAN GULLD
On I wesday, Decenber 27, 1938, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Seven Minwles, At the Cherch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, $\operatorname{EOAO}$ CHANQES!

Being seven extents.
Tenor 5 cmt .2 qf. 22 Jb
Grorge W. Barnard
...Treble
Tgomes Worta...
Conducted by Jos

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bolb Miner bs conductor MARPLE, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GLILLD
On Twesday, Devember 27, 1938, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Seven Hinates, At the Ceurce of All Sainta,


## A PEAL DF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being 42 six-beores, four callings,
-Iyan B. Gardiner
... 1 reble

- Jocelya B. Gardingr ... 2 | Wilfrbid Wilde ...
- Jocelya B. Gardinkr
C. Kennetb Lewis .... ...Tomor

Sambil Gian inn (approat Tenor Conducted by C. Kennete Lewis.

* First peal on tower bells. MACCLESHELD, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULD.
Ow Tuesday, Decmber 27, 1938, in 1 wo Hours and Fify-Six Minums, At Asb Mouny. Peter Street,
A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;


## Tenor, size 12 in $F$.

- Harry Farrer ... ... ... $1-2 \mid J o b n$ Worty... ... ... ... $5-6$

Josepb Whittakbr ... .... 3 3-4 Gbrald Farrbr ... ....
Composed by C. K. Lewis.
Conducted by Jонм Worty.

* First peel of Major. First peal 'in hand 'for all except the


## DEATH OF MR. J. W, GOLDING

MEMBER OF CELEBRATED WESTMINSTER BAND.
We regret to anyounce the disath of Mr. Iolu W. Golding, which took place last Frinay in the Sussex County Hospital, Brightor. Mr. Goldiug bad suffered badly from asthana for some years and it was this dietressing complaint that lod him to remove from london to the Susser Coast, and eventually debarred him from auy active participation in ringing
Mr. Golding was one of the brilliant band of College Youths who, at the endi of last and in the early years of this centary, rany at St. Stephen's Westuinster. They rose to great fame by their an'ilievemente, the peak of which was probably the silent pesl of London Surprise Nejor ruag at St. Stephen's on 及anuary 5th, 1901. In the previous year they rang the first peal of St. Stephen's Surprise Major. Among other jinteresting performances in which Mr. Goldag took part were the first 'name" peals of London Surprise and Stednain Cinques. The 'Jolm ' peal of Loudon was ruag at St. Stepheu's iu 1004 and the Stedman Cinques (the only peal on twelve bells rung by a band of the same Cluristian namo) at St. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1912 In 1913 Mr . Golding rang in the finst silent peal on twelve tower bells, a peal of Stednan Cinques by the College Youths at St. Micheel's, Corshill.
Mr. Goidine served for a year as Master of the Ancient Socrety, being elected in 1902. He was able, with considerablo effort, to attend the society's tercentenary gatheriag in 1937.
The funeral took place at Portslade Cemetery, Sussex, on Weduesday, after a sarvice nit Aldrington Church.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FASTERN DISTRICT FAVOURS BELFRY REPATRS FUND
The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eelby on Saturday, wheu there was an attendance of 30 ringers. Athough rather lower than usual, this number was considered very satisiactory consilering the wretalied weather cunditions that prevailed.
Choral evensong in the Abbey, at which the Vicar (Canon Solloway) gave the address, was attended by members.
Tea, in the Hawdon Institnte, was followed by the business meeting. over which the Vicar presided, supported by the viec-presideut i31r. F . Cryer) and other officials.
Five new members were elocted: Messrs. M. Grundy and G. Varley, of Selby, I. Bradley nud EI. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and R. A. Reed, of Eastleigh, Hants.
Goole was decided on as the place for the antual district ureting in March.
A discussion took place on the suggrested Bell Repaira Fund, and after Mr, F. W, Dule, who made the sugyestion, lund explained his srieme and others had spoken, Miss K. I. Bowling, proposed nud Mr. I. W. Kneeshaw seconded that the meeting agree in principte to the schome, and this was carcied by a large majority.
Mr. Fox moved and Miss Bowling seconded a voto of thanks to the Wiear, choir and organist, and, in his reply, Canon Solloway gave the association a very hearty welcome to Selby, and said he was niways very pleased to be with the Yorkshire Association at their gatherings. A collection on behali of an appeal for funds for the bell, restoration at Brontley Parish Glurch, Zreconshire, realised 155.
Tlie towers represented it the meeting werc Arksey, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Kirk Et', Market Weight toh, Pontefract, Sherhurn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull. York Miuster, Bererleg Minstor and the local campany. The methods rung were Grandire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Trcble Roln Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major.

## MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD.
Om Friday, December 30, 1938, in Two Hours and This ty-Speen Hinutes,
In the Belpry of tar Ceorce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, s0ad CHANGES;
Being 42 six-stores.
Tenor, size 14 in $D$.
Jocrlyn B. Gardinir... ...* i-2| C. Kinnetb Lewis ... ... 3-4 Ivan B, Gatdiner $. . . \quad . .$. 5-6
Condacted by C. Kbnneth Lbwis.
First peal of Grandsire Dotzbleà by ${ }^{\text {alll }}$
NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Decmber 31, 1938, in Tuo Howrs and Fifly-Fow Minutzs, At ybe Cebrcf of St Thomas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCE8; Tenor ${ }^{4} 4 \mathrm{cwt} .3 \mathrm{qr} .2 \mathrm{lb}$.


Composed by T. B. Worazey Conducted by C. Kenneta Iment

* First peal in the method.


## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION

## FALUE OF A GOOD SERVICE TODCH

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was bold at Westan-super-Mire on Saturday, when nembers from Bath, Taunton, Nailsea, Churchifl, Frome, Long Aghtnn, Congresbury, Wrington, Binegar, Badgworth, Drayton, Wedmore, Upliill and Chilcompton were present. The eight bells were raised at 3 p .m., and were kept going until 4.30 , the touch before the service, tecording to custom in this association, teing rung by the best band avainale. This consisted of three courses of Stedman Triptes, which were so goad that even the secretary did not gramble about them. It was the late Master of the Guild who originatly asked that this should be done, and the jdea has been faithfully carried out ever siace. It gerves two purposes. It reminds the members of a beloved priest, and because to is rung when all the people who attend the maeting have nothing to do buty listen, it cannot fail to get a standard of striking which is worthy of smulation.
Service was conducted by the Rev. Preb. Porclier, who welramed the ringers present. After the service he accompanied them to tea at Brown's Cafe, where the subsequent buainess meeting was beld.
rown' Cafe, where the subsequent buiness meting was bele.
Tho Master (the Rep. W. M. K. Werren) presided. Belfry elections were confirmed, ana Mr, and Mrs. Rupert Racherdson as life members, and Messrs. F . Mathews, $y$. Bass and G. Ashford as non-resideri ringing members, were accepted by the meeting.
An omnibus vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Minifie, the local brancb secretary, who arranged all the datails incident to the meeting, and to Mr. W. Popham, steeplekeeper, was proposed by Mr. J. Hunt. and carried with acclamation
The two first named replied briefly, and the members then adjourneed to the tower, where practice from romis to Surprise Major toak pince. The absence from the meeting of Mr. D. G. Taylor, hon, nulditor, was commented upon, and thu meeting heard with regtet that be was confned to bed with a cold. Hopes were expressed that soon he would be fit again. Ne ringer attenis meetings more assiduously, and always his car is full of ringers who otherwise would be unable to attend.

## SEVEN DOUBLES METHODS IN QUARTERPEAL.

At Warkton, Northants, on New Year's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doblles ( 1,260 changes), consigting of 120 claanges earh of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbsry, Chass and Plain Boh and 540 of Grandsire: E. I. Sargeant. I, R. W. Lawrence 2. L. O. Toseland 3, A. S. Taseland 4, B. P. Mortis (conductor) 5.
On Christmas Pay, for morning service at the same church. 720 Boh Doubles: A.S. Toseland 1, F.. J. Sargernt 2. D. Bussey (Arst Te0 ${ }^{-}$inside ${ }^{1}$ ) 3. $\mathbf{R}$. W. Lawrenve 4, L. ©. Toseland (conduetor) 5 .

## ST. MARY-LE TOWER SOCEETY.

式EMAREABLE ACTVITY DURING 1938 AT IFSWrGH.
The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 3 ra, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Miss S. R. E. Bowyer, who is the second lady lo hold offce in the society; Deputy Master, Mr. Charles J. Sedgloy. All the other officers were re-elected en bloc as before.
The becretary (Mr. G. E. symonds), in his report, stated that during the year no loss than 161,222 changes, not including failures in peals and touches, had been rung on St, Mary-le-Tower belts for berwices, practices and twelve paals, vis., 3 Clambridge Maximus, 2 Suparlative Maximus, 1 New Cambridge Maximus, 1 Fochester Strprise Maximus, 1 Yorkshira Surprise Maximus, 1 Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 1 Double Normich Conrt Bob Maximus, 1 Cambridge Surprise Royal, I Yorkshire Surprise Royal, acconnting for 62,520 changes. The touches included 50 courses of Combridge Surprise Maximus, 22 courses of Superlative Snrprise Maximus, 9 comrses of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 5 courges of Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 8,160 changes of Rochestex Surprige Mfaximas. Other methods of Maximus included Double Norwicli 5,112 , Stealman and Greuldsire Ginques 8.569. Royal (seven mothods) 21,g60, Caters 1,96s, Major B, 品6, Triples 1,572.
Both the graud total of 161,222 changes and the 12 peals are records for the soaiety. This is an average of 3,100 per week. In addition, the society rang 10 peals outgide Ipswich. The total for 1937 was 144.696 changes.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISTTORS.

To the Editar
Dear Sir,-Visitors attending the annual dimer of Bristol United Ringing Guilds on Saturday, January $215 t_{\text {, will meet at St. Thomas }}$ Chirch Room, Fictoria Street, Bristol, at 2.45 D.m. A reserved moter bus will take them to the Zoological Gardens for a conducted tom (Tea may be har in the orounds.) At $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. the motor hus will leave the Zoo and take vistors to Clifton Parish Chnrch, where the eight bells witl be available until 5.30 p.rn. The bus will then bring the party back to the eity near the Grand Hotel. The trip and condunted tour is at the invitation of the committee and no charge will be made. These arranyements have been made by request,
Full detailg of other arrangements for riging. obc, will be aunounced in the next jasme of "The Ringing Worlf' or may be obtained ab St. Thomas' Church.

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## BELERY GOSSIP

Messre. John Taylor and Co. have in hand the lehanging of the rings of six at Cheadle Parish Church, Staffs, and St. Giles' Catholic Church, Cheadle, Staff. Both peals are to be rehung in new frame and the Catholic Church hope to add two more bells to make eight It is very seldom that two peals in the same town are restored simultaneously.
It was not Miss Sylvia Bowyer, after all, who beaded tho list of peal ringers in 1938, but 'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, who scored 64. It does not, howeser, detract from the merit of hiss Bowyer's performance of 62 peals.

We mentioned in our article last week the activities of some of the younger generation at Cragford, and we leara that Derek Sharp was a close third in the disi; his total was 61. We are much obliged to Mr. P. A. Corby for thy ibformation. The reason we did not have it last weak is due, we fear, to an insufficiently addressed inquiry sent to Crayfori.

Mr. Joln Jaggar, of Warley, Birmingham, whose counection with beils goes back Eomething like 70 years, to the time when he was a choirboy at an Oxford chnreh, was 78 years old on January 3rd, and duly celebrated the event with his friends of St , Martin's Guild. Mr. Jaggar was one of the Burton-on-Trent hand that made Surprise ringing listory in the 'eighties of last century.
On Ohristmas Day ho and some colleagues played handbell tures to the patients in West Bromwich District Hospital. They have dome it every Christmas Day since 1906-never once in that 32 years have they failed to contribute this entertainment. We hope they will be eble to continue if for many years to come.

As Chertsey bells are undergoing repair, the sinual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild on January 21at is to be held ab Hersham,
The ringing visitors who signed their panes in tle visitors' book at, St. John's Church, Blackpool, in 1938, numbered exactly 100. The number of changes rung in touches for Sunday services was 38,887 a reduction on 1937 of over 1,000 changes. The methods were Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Stedman Triplea, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Ireble Bob Minor, Stedman Doułles and Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield and farnily wish to sincerely thank all those who have written to express their sympathy with them in thoir recent bereavement. Owing to the number of letters received, it was not possible to reply individually.
The most recent reports upon two well-known invalids, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slourg, are that botb are "about the same."

## THE EARLY MORNING BELL.

In a recent issue of the 'Daily Mirror,' the following letter appeared mader 'Live Letter Box from Mr. $\mathrm{F}^{\prime}$. V. Party, of Shrewsbury:"Every Sunday I am awakened at 6 a.m. by the hideons din of cinurch bells ringing.
"Now, if I went out into the street at this unearthly hour ringing a whopping great bell, I'd probably get six montly.
"Sunday is supposed to be the day of rest, but how the heck can a fellow rest while this infernal shindy is going on?

- Don't you think you wise old guys could get together and do something about it ${ }^{3}$

This "Daily Mirrox's' answer twas :-
"Nomsir! This is YOUR pigeon. Legally, the ordinary niaging of bells for morning nad eveling selvice is not a nuisance.

- But injunctions have been granted in some cases to stop tong practice ringing at odd times, though the plaintiff doesn't get a lot of sympathy for attempting to stop bellringing at cervice times.
"Oyr own opinion is that the prolonged jangle of bells is pretty unmecesary in a town.
'In the country, where people have to be called across hills and diles, it's another matter.


## FRAMSDEN" $1 S$ "LOUGHBOROUGH.

 ONE METHOD: TWO NAMES.Even when a method bas beon published and named there is, apparently, a risk of it comiag from another sonree and being unsuspectingly rong under a differeat name. A case in point has just arisen. Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedare, writes:-

- The method rung recently as Framsden Surprise and published in your issue of Dec. 23 rd is not new. It was rung about 18 monthe ago and named Longhborongh, the figures appearing under that name in "TThe Ringing World " of Aug. 20th, 1937. This is, however, the first peal in ths method, as it was previonsly one of seven methods rung in a spliced pesl.'
The spliced peal referred to by Mr. Driver was rung at Wigston Mapna. Leicestershire, on May 12th, 1937. Al] the courses were rang with a lead each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Crayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham in that order. Loighhorough and Bognor were methuds by Mr. J. S. Carter, of Wigston,

We have to thank Mr. K. A. Roe, of Wigston, aud Mr, F. W. Tipler, of Luterworth, for gimilar information.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-53.

## PERCY SWINDLEY.

Cheahire has often luad among its leading singers men of real enterprige, who atrike away from the beatet track, and the record of Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, shows that he is anong those who are still keeping alive this commendable spirit in that corner of England. He bas conducted peals in various splived plain Major methode and is one of the little band that has just campleted the ringing of an extent of every Minor method in the Central Council Collection.
Mr. Swindley was born at Handbridge, Chester, on July 31 st, 1899. His fathe is towerkeeper both at St. Mary's, Handbridge, and Chester Cathedtal, and Mr. Percy
Swindley is one of the regular ringers at botl places. He was taught to ring during the war, but, owing to the shortage of hands, made very little progress. Then, in 1917 , he joined the Mnchine Gun Corps, and it was not until February 4th, 1921, that he had his firsi opporfubity to ring the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triplea, at the Church of St, Mary-Within-the-Walls Chester.

It was pot, however, untit 1928 that he took geriounly to ringing. Fis first pea! of Major was Plsin Bob, but his secoud was Loudon Surprise on a boh bell. His first pes] ins conductor was one of Boh Major at St. Mary's, Handbridge, on August 2nd, 1930. Since then he has conducted the only perls runs by the Chester Diacesen Guild of Spliced Double Norwich, Dnuble Oxford, Plaim ant Little Bob Majof ; Splicef Dauble Norwich and Plain Bob: Spliced Platn and Little Rob: peals of Latile Ox-


MR. PERGY SWINDLEY
ford, Bob Major and Hereward Bob Major, as well as the ouly peals in Wales of Little Albion Treble Bob Major and Hereward Bob Major. He also took part in the onfy peal in Wules rung by fathers and sons, and in the only peal of Spliced Grandam and Grandsire Triples, an arrangeramt by the late Mr. Farry Wilde, Grandam being Grand sira rung bickwards.
Although Mr. Swindley has conducted a fair proportion of Surprise methods, he much prefers ringing plain methods. His peals, which namher 170, of which he has conducted 54, have been rung on six to twelve bells in 48 towers in six counties,

## FOR WATCHNIGHT SERVICE.

Five ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major on New Year's Eve for the watchnight service at St. Mary's, Willes den. It was rung with the bells half-mutled by E. H. Kilby 1, A. Cutler 2, E. B. Hartley 3. Mrs. J. H. Botham 4, C. C. Marne S J. H Botlaam 6, FI. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarterpenl in the method by ringers of $1,2,3,4$ and 6.

## LADY'S FIRST QUARTER PEAL.

Miss Doreen Lister, of Shipley, Yorkshire, rang her first quarter-peal at. the Parish Church for morning service on Christmas Day, It was a quarter-peal of Roh Minor, JHag hy Miss Doreen Lister 1, w. Fox 2, T. B. Kendall 3, Miss Mary White 4, K. Simpson 5, H. Simpson (conductor') 6.

## (Continued from next column.)

meny yeers in adyance of "The Ringing World,' it is suftient to ask if it is not strange that every other territorial association in the country zas, for more than 60 years, been fabouring under the same failacyp Would it not be truer to say that if the London Coundy Asgociation imposed an annual subseription it would lose a great part of its menbert?
Finally, whether such articles will increase the circulation of this paper or not, is beside the point. Admittedly "The Ringing World' aeeds the support of ringers, but it has never yet hesitated, for fear of losing support, to express honest convictions on any subject which it cansiders of interest to the Eaercise; and while the present Editor is responsible it is not lizely to do so.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEORETARY'S REPLY TO 'THE RINGLNG WORED' ARTICLE. To the Editor
Dear Sir-It is rather astounding that "The Ringing World ' ehould have to resorf to interference with en association's internal aftairs for its front page news, the contents of which show how easily the Editor is led, and with the assiatance of another writer whose defeat at inter ference this year can be seen in this.

As for making one"s own question by endeavouring to eause disiuption, and then not liking the reply, to wit, 'obvious side-stepping ' in connection with towers bolonging to any nesociation, and to buggest that this does not mean the steuctute, is childish talk
Our pasibion is in no wiay curious, nor does it require the attenbion of "The Ringing World ' in this respect. Its position in London is well defined, see a copy of 'The Hiatory ent Rules of London Connty Associstion

This association has in no way ever ignored its title, and now paints the figger of scorn to the Editor and the Diocesan Association of which he was the instigator ebcroaching on the areas allyeady covered by other associations.
Another point, of which we have seen the fallacy many years ago, and which the Fditor still pretends to be blind to, is that of ntnual snbscriptions. Our experience puts us many years in advance of "The Ringing SWorld.

Pibaly we cannot see that such articles will increase the circulation of the paper, which wr have been told wo much requires atteution, wher our suggestions for its improvement are so igrored.
T. W. TAFFTNDFR, Hon. See.
P.S.-Writh the puslicetion of this concludes our comerpondence.

## THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The above reply to the leading article, which appeared in our issue of December 23 rd , reminds $u 8$ of the ald principle which some mem bers of the legal profession wero said to ensploy, "If you have a bad case, abuse the opposing alitorney; and that is what Mr. 'l"affender has sought to do in his letter.

It may be as well to cepeat what lias been so mans times said, that the object of the leading articles in : Tha Ringing World ' is so durect attention to matters of interest and to encournge others to think. The position of the London County Association is a matter of interest to many outside the association itself, and its actions ave of more than purely interaal conceras, when it eneroaches unon the areas of than purel intoraal conceraz, when it eneroaches upon, the areas of originally intended to serve.
In view of certain of the statemonts made by Mr, Taffender, we feel it necessary to give a cetegorical reply. First, the Faitor had no assiatance fromis any other writer in songection with this article, noither was jt prompted by anything eacept by what transpired at the London County Association's own meeting at Kenningtor. Up to the present the Editor lins been entirely capable of formiog his own opinions and uriting his own articles. Incideutally, lie is a member of the Eondon Connty Association.
It is interesting to motice that the London County $\Delta$ ssociation ' now points the finger of scom to the Fditor and the Diocesan Association of which he was the instigator, encroaching on the areas already covered by other associations.' This inmendo is an indication of a bitherness whel is unworthy, both of the association and its secretary but most editors are used to being shol at and they are fatyly welt able to judge the quality of the ammanition used againat them. Therefore, as far as we are concerncd. we proposo to ignofe ib. But its application to a Guila with which the Editor has been closely assaciated is something which cannot pars entirely unnoticed.
The Guildford Diocesan Guild, which is olviously refertel to, is in no way concerned with the controversy which has now been raised or with the Editor in his conduct of this paper. The reference to it, therefore, is not anly out of place and uncalled for, but is in the worst possible taste. Indeed, we imagine the members of the London County Association will resent this opprobrious expression, to nnother friendy organisation, being used by their secretary in their name and without their authority.
It may, however, under the circumstances, be as well to give the facts of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Gaild for the henefit of Mr. Taffender, particularly as the Editor of "The Ringing World seems, in his opinior, to be the villain of the piece.
Afthough the Editor of "The Ringing World ' became the first secretary of the Guild, he actually opposed its formation at the time it was first mooted, so it cannot be said he was the instigator of it. But the Guildford Guitd, founted after the severance of the Guildford Diocese from the Winchester Diocese, started upon its carcer, not as a pirate, or even as a poocher, but with the utmost goodwill of the parent association. It has mever attempted to extend its raca of operations beyond the strict limits of the diocesan boundary, and does not muscle in upan the towers of other established societijes beyond its worders. Although this has nothing to do with the point at issue, it must be said in justice to the Guidjord Dincesan Guila.
As to the question of annual subscriptions, to the failacy of which Mr. Taffender says the Editor still pretends to be blind and upon which subject the experience of the Iondon County Association is (Continued in previous colvma.)

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HEALTHY FINANCLAL POSITPION<br>\section*{Proposal for New Committee Defeated}

The annual mesting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Streetr, Binmingham, on Saturday last. The bells of St. Martin's Church were available from 4.30 p.m. and were made good use of in various methods until 6 o'clock, when an adjourument was made to the club room at the Tamworth Armas, where so many amoul meetings of the Guild have taken place. Owing to the inclement weather and his advanced age, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., was unable to be presert, and Vice-President Conncillor 1. Paddon Smith was, therefore, voted to the chair.
Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. M. J. Morris moved a resolution "That $a$ committee representing the towers affiliated to the Guild be appointed in addition to the usual officials to conduct the ordinery business aud affairs of the Guild.' He thought this wes necessary, as, in his opiniou, the Guild was qoing back, losing uembera and losing towers. After Mr. Fred Dickens had formally seconded it, a very interesting diecussion took place.
The secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, pointer out that there was already a rule appointing such a committee as was now suggested, and the reason the committea bad not been called together was that the officers had not thought it necessary to do so.
Mr. Dickens stated he had been down to the Bull Riag several times on a Tuesday night when there had been no practice. That did not obtain in the old days, and he thought something should be done to keep the weekly practices going.
Tho Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, said he attended most I'uesday bights. Conditians lad altered somewhat in recent years, members were living further out from the city; in addition there were now regular ringing practices taking place at the Cathedral and Aston Parish Church. He did not think he ought to be expected to send out circulars io menbers in order to get them to come in.
Mr. A. Walker did not agree with the resolution. In his opinon, the Guitd wns progressing and the present offcers were doinf their worl atisfactorily and world contiwue to do so if supported by the members.
The resolution, on being put to the oueting, was lost by $a$ hig majority.
It was unanimously decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at the Parish Church, Astors, on faturduy, April Ist, and that the bi-quarterly neeting be held at the Earish Cluweh, Cojeslisil.

The hon, treasurer, in presenting tha balance sheet, stated that the Guild's fmances were in $n$ very healthy condition. When he beard mombers anying that the Gnild was grint hack be failed to see any evidence of it. The membership was greater than ever it liad been, and members' subscriptions during the past. year were $£ 6$ more than in the previous year, while the balance in hand was nearly $\& 8$ more than at this time last year. The Guild's fiasnces were in a very healthy condition and he had much gleasure in presenting the accomes. -The auditors, Messrs. J, Preston nnd IF, Price, having given their report, the balance sheet was accepted and passed unanimouslr.

## MASTER'S RESIGNATION REFUSED.

Mr. Frank Perrens proposed the re-clection of all the officers for the current year. The secretary, however, reported the recejpt of a fretter from Alderuan Pritchett, in which he stated that on account of lis health gnd advanued years (he was 84 on the 8 th inst.), he felt The time lad come for him to resign the office of Master with which i. he Guild lad honoured him for so long. He much regretted laving to take this course, but he had bad a long inntngs and timo and tide wait for no man.
The Chaiman (Conncillor Paddon Smith) said they all regretted the alsence of the Master and they must realise that owjog to lis advanced age he would not be able to attend their meetings in the future as in the past, but be thought he was expressing the wishes of all the members when he said they could not accept the Master's resignation Althougli physically he was not so active, yet mentally he was as keen as ever and still had the well-being of the Guild at lieart. He was an ornament to the Guild, and whilst he bad breath in lis body should continue to be their Master.
The resolution was seconded by Mr. Fred Dickens and supported by Mr. Albert Walker. On being put to the meeting it was carried เมп표imously

The secretary was instructed to write Alderman Pritchett acquainting him of his re-election and tendering to bim hearty congratulations and best wishes on heving reached the 84th annivereary of lis birthday.

The hon. secretary and truasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, thonght the Hime had arrived when they should appoint a successor. He had now completed ten years as their secretary, and although he knew his predecessor lad served 90 yerrg, he would point out that Mr. Smith started minely younger than he did, and so he placed his resigation in the liands of the members
Mr. Alhert Walker proposed the ze-election of Mr. Reeves. He Had given entire satisfaction to 99.9 per cent. of the members aud he had their support.
This was seconded by Vice-President J. H. Shepherd.
The Chirman remarked that not only had he been secretary for 20 years, but his two previous predecessors had held the position for 27 years each, so they certajnly could not let Mr. Reeves resign until be also hitd completed his term of 20 years.

The resolution, us being put to the meeting, was carried unamimously.
Mr. Reeves, in acknowledging lis re-election, said he would accept it for another jear, but could not acept the chairman's senterce to another ten years.
Mr. Perrens' resolution that the remaining oflicers be re-elected was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding and ameried unanimonsly.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATYON DINNER.
As previously arranged, the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner is to take place an Saturday, February $25 t h$, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, and the chair will he taken by the Rev, Canon Stuart Blofeld, vicar of Edghaston. All furlher arravgements were Ieff in the hands of the officers.
Urder the ivem "Any other business, Mr. G. F. Swann, librariay, suggested that the Master should have a badge or chain of oftice to weax an the dimer and at meetings. Fie did not sugatat anything very expensive; in fact be had a recallection that many years ago Mr. Galimore, of Lichjela, zresented $\bar{a}$ locket, which contained ab lock of Hezry Jolmson's hafr, to the Guild fas the Master to werr. Did avy member know what had become of it?
Mr. Walker and Mr. Dickens hed some recollection of such e locket, but neither had any idea whers it nnw was. It was suggeated that possibly Ahderman Pritcheth might know itg whereabouls, and the secretary was instructed to write lim on the matter.
The remaizder of the dvening was given up to friendly interconrse and rigging on tho hendbel.s. Many were the recollections recalled, The very room itself had shades of past warthy ringers of St. Martin's, guch as Tom Reynolds, Harry Baclable, John Day, Sam Reeves, Rouk Small, W. H. Godderr, Toun Thussam agd John Carter. Thera were scveral notable absentees [rom the meeting, among them Fom Milfer, James George and Harry Withers, It was recalled that it was tho 50 th adniversary af the amblgamation of the St. Martin's Youths and the Holt Society of Aston. Among the reminisceuces retold were the visits of tive Gind to Exeter many pears ago and to the attempl for the peal of Boh Royal at the Cathedral. Tom Miller, who was silting in the tower, was called to relieve Arthur Peglar on the tenor, who tras then up behind. Some minutes afterwards the peal collapsed, and in the words of Tom Mrller ' he freenlieeled the tenor down to lend, but could not get the perisiner back again. Atrother recollection was the first peal of Major or Frdington Parish Chureh bells, when the strilsing was so good that a local resident went to the verger and asked him if he had forgotters to turn the engine off, thinking that such good ringing must be mechanical. Nor would he believe it when the werger tated to assure lim that there were men at the ends of the ropes. And so tho evening went on untill the cry of "Tiuse' brought snather snccessful annual meeting to a close.

## FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR AT FROME.

INTERJEFLNG LTNK WITH 18th CENTCRY BELL FOUNDER. Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, formerly of Sheffield and now residing at Harrow, has had the distincrion of ringing to a peal a bell cast by ane of his ancestors more than 200 years ago. This was at Frome, Somersel, on December 3lst, when a peal of Double Norwich Major Was rung on this heavy eight-the first peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Comey can clam descent from Willian Cockey, bell founder, of Frome has a fine peal of louls lung in two tiers and of mixal dates, the most recent hell dating from 1792 and the oldest from 1524 : The tenor, measuring 55 inches, was cast in 1062 by John Lott, of Warminster, Wilts. ryhe bells have receatly beez rehuag in bell bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and this was only the third peal on the bells with the tenor rung single-handed, the first lag ving been Stedman Tuiples in 1908 , with Mr . J. H. shepherd ringing the tenor, and the second in the early 1920's, with Mr. S. J. Hector on the tener
Previous to the peal on New Yaar's Eve the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Torrancel recited suitable preyers in the beliry, others present beside the peal band including Mr. J. O. Lewj, Miss D. E. Cockey (cousun of Mr. J. E. Lewis Corkey), Mrs. Reeg "Pazdora" of the "Sunday Times '! Mresers. W. Bishop (eaptain), W. Flower and E. H. Nash of the local company. It was particularly kind of the Vicar to give special permiegion to ring through the 6 p.m. evensong, owing to a later start than lad been intended. But for thes, completion of the peal mould have bean impossible, as it did not come rollad until 6.20 p.m.

The band wonld tike to thank the Yicar for kinaly giving permission for the peal attempt, Mr. J. O. Lewis for Mis assistance with the arrangements, and Mr. W. Bishop for his belp with the ropes and opening the tower.
The ringers, who travelled from Readiag in two cars, also rang at Calne, Wilts, and Beckington. Frmerset, the latter tlirough the kindhess of Mr. E. H. NaEh, district secretary, who also engerly took names (and subscriptions) of the soven ringers elected members of the Bath and Wells Association before starting the peal

On the way home, Mesars, N. Golden, A. S. Richards and A. P. Cannon lad the pleasure of rimging the old year out at Beenharn, Berks, where the local band gave them a pleasant welcome. Incidentally this was the 183 rd tower in which Mr. A. P. Cannou rang during 1938, and the eleventh rombty in which he rang a peal.

## PEAL NOTES.

## OLD-YEAR PEALS.

A number of peala mere rung on New Your's Eve and finished just hefore midnight. At Buxton, Norfolk, after a peal of Minor, the hour was tollet mad the customary ' firing ' welcomed 1939.
Some of the peals were rung half-mufiled to bid farewell to the old year. Where it is done, it is just a lacal custom, bur we ran see $n 0$ sontimental reason for it. For instance, 1938 can have given us very little reason to mours jts depgrture.

We referred last week to My, Rolott J. Maynard's 'ong agenciation with ringing in Walthamgtow; how for of years lise has ruug for tho Christmas festival and on 65 occasions (two were cut out in the war years] has rulg the uld year out and new year in. Last New Year's Eve lue took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's Church. He is over 80 years of ago and puts in much of his time in these days in tilling his trell-kept allotment.
It was fitting that the names of thres generations of the family should lave been aswociated with Mr. Bdwin Bamett's 450th peal, rung at Crayford, Kent, on December 34st. He condncted a peal of Doutble Norwich composed by his father and in it his son took part. It wus Mr. Phil. Corby's 50th peal in 1838.

A peal of Bob Major at Euville, Staffs, on Decmber 31st, was the first peal on the bells since they were l'ehung on bull beariligs anel the tenor was recast.

Another fusf peal since the relanging of the bells was rung on New Yoar's Evo at Over, Cheshire. Messrs. j. Taplor and Co. carried out the restoration.

> RESTRICILONS LIFTED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE,

Dodiderlill, adjoinmg Droitwich, Worcestershive, possesses an excellent octave (iustalled 1932), on which, however, chere are severe peal rastactions. On the lasi day of the old year these restictions were lifted, and four of the locul band, with four others from Claines, tane a peal of Gxiord Bob 'Friples there. It is said that one of the hacel band sat up lualf the previous might "swottivg up" Darlaston only to be disappointed when he arrived at the fower to find tire method bad been burned into the Western Branch formula-Oxford Tob! It was a quick peal (2 hours 50 minutes on a rine with ma 181 cwt. tenor), the "back-enders" apparently being of oute mind ins geting a rast hick ' fronn the dying yeat.
A yeal of Grudsine Tripies at Hughenden, Bucks, was rung for the prssing of the old yent and to nisher in the new, the bells coming count at 12.5 arn. Stanley Bedwell, who rang the treble, started to learn ringing an Jume 14 th, 1938 , and he rang well in this, his first peal. Alf the land are regular Sunday service ringers it Fuglienden, except J. W. Willins, and they are grafeful to him for standing m. Mr. Wilkins is nearly 76 years old and lind about four miles to walk home in tine early bourv of the moming
Denis Scott, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire, who is only 14 years of age, scored his first peal on New Year's Eve, when he rang the treble tn a peal of Oxford Bob Triples and handled his bell most eteditablo With the excepliat of Mr, V. E. Taylor, of Mathock, all ithe ringers belong to Darley Dale.
A. peal of Grandsire Triples at Overseale, Derbyshire, on the last day of the year was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Boswell, of Blakernal! Wolverhampton.
The band that rang the half-muffed poal of Supevative Surprise Major at Guidford Cathedral for the wassing of the old year consisled of past and present members of Holy Trinity Sunday band.
The half-muffling of the bells for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-WTalls, Chester, on December Jlat, was for a doוble purpose. It marked the passing of the old year and whas an expression of decpest stmpathy on the death of Doumgs Barnet, ous of the lenmery at this tower, who died on Cluribtmas Day at the age of 16 years.
The first peat on the bells at Himrartou, Wiltshire, was rise rung on the lact day of the old year. It consisted of 42 extents of Grandsire Danhles.
Kennetil Mayer rang his 5nth peal on Dencmher 27tk, wher le took part in seven Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-willows, Notts
The peal of Bob Minor at Ma?inslee, Shropshire, on Boxing Day, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Denmis Woodvine, son of Mr. H Woodvine, captain of the Malimalee hand, and also of Mr. John Stainer son of Ar. J. L. Stainer, who took part in the peal

Mr. Jacls Brat rang his 300 th peal on Denember 29 th when lie called the first peal of Trimles (Grandsire) on the bells at Turton-onstather Parish Church. which were nugmented to elght about a vear ago.
The handhel! peal of Minor Fing it Levergtock Green on Decembe 4th was frr the Hertford Countr Association and not the Hereford Diocesan Guz̉ld as printed
The peal of Boh Major nt Bromley Common, Kent, on December 19th. was specially arratged as a birthdar compliment to Messra, Whitiam Grace. Edmund Mounter and Jofnc E. Liddiard, it being the lrai-named's first neal of Major as conductor.

Fonrteen nfethods were rung in a peal of Surprise Minor at Mnrket Deeping on December 10th. In one 720 six methods were spliced. in three others two mothods were spliced, and in each of the other three the extent was rung in on single methed. The peal was a birth day marmpliment to Mr. Harry fithard's daurhtor
(Continned on prage 31.)

## NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available from 4 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON

 DON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District.The seventh annual supper wil] be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14 th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets $3 / 6$ from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston belis available from 3 to $5.40 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. It is hoped that all members of this Association, whether of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and belp to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome. - J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.I3SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting wil] be held at Bilston on January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 , with an address by the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A. Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. All are welcone.-H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford District. - The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, January 14th. The bells of St . Peters Church will be available from 2.30 , and tea will be provided in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Service at 4.30. Will all members make an effort to attend? Everybody welcome. Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bronham, Bedford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-East Devon Branch.-. A meeting will be held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting at 5. Alf ringers welcome. Also Ottery St. Mary bells (8) available at 7 p.m. -John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Nottingham District.-The anmual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottinginam, on Saturday, Vanuary 14th. Bells (10) from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this hefty lot. Will members please note that there are a lot of outstanding subscriptions for the past year? Will those in arrear please oblige? - E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Nots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughhorough District.-The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on january i4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business: election of local officers for r939. Visitors welcome.-H. O. Over, District Sec. Hugalescote.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Macclesfield Branch. - The general meeting of the above is arranged to take place on Saturday, January 14 th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, price $2 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting 6 p.m.-Jack Tipper, Mon. Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The annual meeting of the district will be held at Apsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 , followed by tea and business meeting. Let us have a bumper meeting. W. Ayre, Teverstock Crreen.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 14th. Beils (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.-E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, near Frome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Every ringer welcome.-A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

EAST: GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome.-B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . It is requested that als members will try and attend. All ringers welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-Annual branch meeting at Geddington (5 bells) on Saturday, January 14 th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea subsequently, 1s. 6d., except for branch members. Tea will be provided by ticket only, and application must be made by first post January 14th.-H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in New Rectory Room at 5 p.m. All are welcome.-D. Smitli, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The district annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 14th. Usual times. Postcards for tea ( 9 d. .) to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, not later than Friday, Jantary 13th, please. Start the New Year well. Come early. You will be welcome.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on Saturday, January 14th. Beils available: St. Mary's, 2.30-4.15 and after tea; Holy Rood, 2.304.25 ; St. Michael's after tea. Service at Holy Rood 4.30. Tea, St. Michael's Hall, 5 p.m.-G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual meeting Shrewsbury on January 14th. Note alteration: Ringing, St. Mary's (10), 3-4. 15 p.m. ; St. Chad's (12), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 . Tea and meeting Church Room.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The rext meeting is at West Retford ( 6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, January 14th. Cafes in the town. Please do your best to be present.-R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -The annual meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Harmston ( 8 bells, available 2.30-9), on Saturday, Janwary 14th. Tea at moderate charge.-Kenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for January: *St. Mary-leBow, Cheapside, 17th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, 19th; Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 31 st. All at 7.30 p.m., except Holborn, 8 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.--Banbury and District Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available Irom 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, January 2ist. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 17th. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30, St. Paul's 3.15 to 4. Both towers after the meeting.-W. J. Paice, Jon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 21 st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. Please send numbers for tea to me not later than Wednesday, January 18th. All very welcome.-R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wymondham calling all members of the North Norfolk Branch.The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Wymondham on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 18 th. -H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' DINNER wilt be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, commencing at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets, price 4 s . 6 d ., may be obtained from Messrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), J. Hawkins (London), W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. T. Dyke (Bath), H. Knight (Wrington), W. Yeend (Cheltenharm), S. T. Price (Stonehouse), W. I. Smith (Yate) and officers and stewards, or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5.15.-P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Daventry ( 8 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Usual arrange-ment.-W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, the bells of Chertsey being out of order, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Tea can only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, the 17 th. All ringers and lriends welcome.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch, Guinsborough District.-The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21 st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tudor Cale, business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me, the undersigned, by the Wednesday previous?-E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Wells, St. Cuthbert's, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-W. H, Marsh, 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch,-The branch annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Service at 4.30. Nice peal of eight. Please send cards for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 21 st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 18th. All ringers welcome.-A. T. ireenwoud, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing. Service in St. Hilda's Church at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, January $19 t \mathrm{in}$. All ringers and friends welcome.-J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

 -Taunton Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James", Taunton, on Sat., Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at gas showrooms, Bridge Street.-R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Divi-sion,-A meeting will be held at Cowfold ( 6 bells) on Saturday: January 21st. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Please let me have your cards by Wednesday prior to meeting.-O. Sippetts, in, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3 ( 10 bells). 49 bus from Clapham Junction or Snuth Kensington (D.R.) passes the church. Ringing 2.45 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after business meeting till 8 p.m. Names for tea to district secretary, N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District. -The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in choir vestry, Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the vicinity of either church.-James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, S.W.1.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Marlborough Branch.-The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in Parish Hall 4.30. Cards for tea by January 18th.-T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CLATION.-Northerr District.-By special request, a meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil's) on Saturday, January 21 st at 3 p.m. Trolley bus No. 6 stops at church. Tea will be served in the Church Hall at 1s. per head.-Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northampton Branch. - The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, January 21st. St. Giles' (10) available from 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by January 18th_-J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Other arrangements as usual. -H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-The annual meeting will be held at Belgrave on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from $\$$ p.m. till 8 p.rp. Will those requiring tea please notify me by January 19th? Particulars of tea next week.-Herbert W. Perkins, Hon, Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 , to be followed by tea and the general meeting. Will those who will require tea please notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, the 18th? It is hoped that all members will-make an effort to attend this meet-ing.-Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 2lst. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Small charge per head. Names for tea to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Charles Parry-Wiltiams (Vicar of Acton). Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. It is necessary that all those who intend to be present for tea should send a card not later than January 18th to Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch See., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, January 21st. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Monthly meetings arranged at this meeting and oficers elected.-Harry S. Brocblebank, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Rutland Branch.-The annual meeting of the branch will be held Uppingham (bells (8) available 3 p.m1.) on Saturday, January 21st.-S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUlLD.-The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from three o'clock. Committee meeting at four o'clock. Service in church at 4.15 , folfowed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Suggestions for the improvement of the report will be welcomed at this meeting.-D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Chesterfield District.-The annual meeting for the election of olficers will be held at Eekington on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Will all members attend who can to give the new Rector a welcome?-J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Stonetroom, Alfreton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Southern Division will be theld in Brighton on Wednesday, January 25th. Service at the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 6 p.m. Tea (price 1s.) in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30 to 9 . Names for tea by January 21st. Usual allowances to members.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Sat., Jan. 28th. The bells of All Saints' Church (6) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided at 6d. per head. Will those who would like tea kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, January 25th? -H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will take place on January 28th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing from 4 to 5.30 , and at. St . Olave's, Hart Street (nearest stations, Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Crypt to all who send names by the 14 th. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 6.30. Further ringing until 9 p.m. on St. Martin's bells. N.B.-The dinner will be heid at the Bell, Holborn, on March 18 th. Book the date!-N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Barn Road, Bexleyheath.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.-The annual meeting of this Guild will take place in London on Saturday, January 28 th. Members please note the date. Further details next week.-Norman S. Bagworth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting at Fiillingham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Memorial Room (adjoining Vicarage). Tea is very kindly being provided for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, January Z5th.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstoch Road, Sittingbourne.

GUIIDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Farnlaam on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business at Darracott's, West Street. Notifications for tea by 25th.-C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec. 120, Ash Raad, Atdershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 28 th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. ; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), will also be available from 2 to 3.45 p.m, and 7.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30 p.m., and, as accommodation is limited, all requiring same must notify Mr. V. C. Buck, 11, Church Row, Leeds 2, by the first post on Thursday, January 26th. The general meeting will take place immediately afterwards in the day schools. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Full detaiss later. -Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 a'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. M. W. Simmons, 33, Crossways, Addington, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, January 25th. All ringers welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturday, January 28 th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, price 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Names for tea should be sent to me by Monday, January 23rd.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from ip.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Kindly notify early for tea.-C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 . Tea at 5 , followed by the meeting. In view of the large attendance expected, orders for tea must be sent by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.-J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUYI.D.-North and East District.The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service at 4.4 p p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., for which 1 s . will be charged. All requiring tea must advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45 , Walsingham Road, Enfield (phone, Enfield 2025), by Thursday, January 26th. Business meeting after tea, at which district officers and representatives on Central Comanittee for 1939 will be elected. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, for Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 28 th . Bells ready $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business mpeting and tea 5.30. -C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Hereford Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 4th. Bells avaitable as follows: Hereford Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (6), 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.; All Saints' Church (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea ( 6 d . to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 31st), followed by the annual meeting, at the Kerry Arms Hotel, Commercial Square, Hereford. -R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec,, The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-The committee is desirous of keeping up to date the list of non-resident members, together with the number of peals rung by them. Will those members kindly send a postcard furnishing such information to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire?

## PEAL NOTES

(Continued from page 271.) EAST CHESEIRE ON HOLIDAY
A batch of eight peals whs rung in East Cheshiro during Christmas week, six of them on Monday and Tuesday. Tho orgalisers must have got auite busy, for no fewer blun 28 ringers took part, some of them ringing their first peal and many theur first on some fresh number of bells. Seven of them rang a peaf of Gruadsire Caters and a peal of Bob Maximus on Boxing Day, and on the following day Mr. Joseph Whittaker rang a peal of Bobl Major and oue of Bob Minor on tower bells and one of Bob Major ou handuels.

East Chashire on haliday' ; thus were the peals headed when sent to us, an I prething could better describe it, The way in which the bands were mixed un and the success whick attended them not only indicates the progress that is being made, but the splendid spirit that exists among the rmgers in the ajes. Men who liave rung peals in mors than 80 Spliced Minor methods stepped down to lelp others ying such thingg as Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Daring this 'Joliday, Mr. John Worth rang his 250 thin peat, ead completed peals of Plain Bob as conductor from Minor to Maximus; Mr. Joseph Whittaker rang his 50 th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. G. Kemneth Lewis complefed calling Graudsire from Doubles to Cinques. Messrs. Lewis, J. A. Milmer aud G. W. Biddulph have rung peals of Plain Boh from Minor to Maximus, and three ringers rang their first peal on handbells.
At Marple, whele only five ringers turnod up, a peal of Boh Doubles instead of Mitor was rung, and all the band except Mr. C. K. Lewis Fere local men. It was not ontr a successful holiday, but will doubt less prove a great incentive to further efforts in East Oheshire.
The 'bag ' consisted of Grandsire Caters, Bob Maximus, Bob Major, Boh, Minor, Beb Dorbles and Double Norwich Major on tower bells, and Boh Major and Grandsire Doubles on handhells.

Here is the composition (cung for the flrst time) of the peal of Boh Major on handhells. It is $5,150 \mathrm{Ty}$ Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.



The rimger of the 5th in the peal at. Newhall, Derthenire, was Tom Hariott and it trAs his first neal of Treble Bob Mitor, as it was hy the trehle ringer.

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## SUCCESS OF THE IPSWICH SOCIETY

There are few local societies in the Exercise that have had the long unbroken success which has attended the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and there certainly is no local company that has to its credit anything like the variety of twelve-bell performances that this Suffolk tower can claim. Year in, year out, almost as long as living memory goes back, a band, not only efficient but enterprising, has been keeping up a record of service and peal ringing in this tower that has been unexcelled, and last year's performance of successful touches and peals, running to 161,222 changes, of which nearly one hundred thousand have been rung in touches for practice and service alone, is almost amazing. Peals in half a dozen different Surprise Maximus methods, as well as Double Norwich Maximus, were rung in the tower, and nowhere else in the world has Maximus ringing reached such a high standard. Older ringers will recall the foundations so well and truly laid by such men as James Motts and William Catchpole, who in the eighties of last century laboured so splendidy to build up the company, and set an example which successive ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower have ably and consistently followed. The first peal in every one of the Surprise Maximus methods has been rung at Ipswich, beginning with Cambridge in 1908, and the methods which are constantly rung, both for practice and service, show that these peals are not merely a llash in the pan but constitute a part of the company's regular repertory."
One of the things, in these days of ups and downs among ringing companies, not least remarkable is that throughout all these years Ipswich has been able to maintain such an efficient, indeed an increasingly efficient, company. In many places where twelve bells are installed they become almost a white elephant; seldom, if ever, rung as a peal of twelve, unless by visiting bands. Indeed, it is doubtful if, in more than a dozen of the fifty odd twelve-bell towers in the country, a twelve-bell company is regularly maintained, and yet Ipswich, which is no better, even if no worse placed, than other cities and towns, has not only kept a full company for sixty years or more, but has gone from strength to strength, and with young blood in the ranks has every promise of still going on.

There must be reasons for this success, and one for certain can be stated-the society has never sat down and waited for recruits to turn up. It is true that good ringers will gravitate to a tower where they can get good ringing, but at Ipswich they have made ringers as well as having others come to them. They have never let their
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numbers be depleted．That is the first reason for their present strong position．Then they have had sufficient keenness and enterprise to get out of the rut．They have nos been content to stick at a single method so that in－ terest wanes．And beyond this，and probably quite as important，is the fact that they have never had to rely upon just a single conductor．They have encouraged their members to take an interest in conducting and given them opportunities to call peals，and they，therefore，have in the tower a number of ringers capable of conducting any of the methods they ring．Thus the maintenance of change ringing and success in peals or touches do not rest upon the shoulders of one man only，as it does in so many places．Ipswich is the most brilliant example we have of how a twelve－bell company can be maintained．

## TEN BELL PEALS．

## LEYLAND，LANCS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION．
On Honday，Januayy 2，1939，in Thee Howy and Thirty Minuter，
At tee Ceprce of St，Andrew，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL，GOOO CHANGES； Tenor $23 \frac{1}{d}$ cwt．
 George R．Newion ．．．．．．． 5 Frank Varty ．．．．．．．．．Temot Composed by A．Knigars．Conducted by E．A．Kaigers．
＊FFrst peal on ten bells．+ First peal．
THE GUILDFORD DIOGESAN GULLD．
On Saturday，Januay 7，1939，in Thyee Hows ana Twerly－Fow Minutes，
At ter Cuorce of St．Bartholomew，
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATERS， 5103 CHANRES；
in Black Opalite，Slate \＆Wood with engraved gilded letters．


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Composed by A．Knigers．Condacted by A．H，Polling．
First peal of Stedman Caters．
WALTHAM ABBEX，ESSEX．
THE ANCIENT SOCLETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS．
On Satwrday，Jannayy 14，1939，in Thre Howy and Thirty－Nine Minutes， At the Abrey Cecrce of St．Lawrence and the Hozy Cross， A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS，5091 CHANEESI

Tenor 38 cwt 3 पृ． 2 I lb ．in C ．
Jack M．Cripps ．．．．．．．．．．Tyeble Frank E．Darby ．．．4 ．．．．．．$\quad$ G
Horacr bbicher ．．．．．．． 2 Raymond G．Codsing．．．．．． 7
R．Congreve Pridgeon ．．． 3 Henry G．Miles．．．．．．．．． 8
Herbert E．Tbompson ．．． 4 Jack A．Wadge ．．．．．．．．．g Leonard ］．Fox．．．．．．．．． 5 ｜Alpred B．Peck ．．．．．．．．．Tempr

Composed by E．Bennert．Conducted by Frank E．Darby．
RICKMANSWORTE，HERTS．
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION，
On Satwyay，January 14，1939，in Thyae Hours and Seventecn Minutes， At ter Chorce of St．Mary．
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDEE 8URPRISE ROYAL，SOO OHANEE8； Tenor zo cwt．
Henry Hodgetys ．．．．．．Treble Frederica W．Brinklow 6
Grorge R．PyE ．．．．．．．．．． 2 ＂EDWIN Jemnimge ．．．．．． 7
Gilbert E．Debeneam ．．． 3 Francis Kirk ．．．．．．．．．． 8 Cgarles T．Coles ．．．．．． 4 Matrict F．R．Hibbert．．． 9 Caristopeter W．Woclley 5 Harold G．Casbmore ．．．Temar Composed by Rev．H．Law James．Conducted by H．G．Casemore
＋First peal in the method＇inside．＇First peal of Roysl as con－ auctor．First peal of Royal on the bells．

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HUNSLET, LEEDS

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Safurday, Decomber 31, 7938, in Threa Howrs and Ten Minults,
At the Chorch of St. Mast,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, EO5 CHANGE8;
Tenor 20 cwt 2 gr r 3 lb . in F .


* First peal. + First peal of Bob Major.

GRAWLEX, SUSEEX.
THE SDSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, Janmary 1, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minntes,
At the Chuecz of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor [3] cwt.
C. Ermbst Smith ...Tredie Albert E. Larer 5
6
Miss Florrie Wyban ... 2 Jack M. Cripps ... ... ... 6
Wilelam T. Breson ... .... 3 Crill Nice ... Kenneth Snglling .... ... 4 Oliver Sippetts.... ... ... Temor

Composed by T. B. Worbley. Condacted by O. Sipperts.
LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOOIATION.
On Monday, Janwary 2,7939, in Two Fiows ard Forty Minulet,
At the Bell Foundry,
A PEAL OF BDB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGEE; Temor $6 \frac{1}{2}$ cit.


* Firat peal of Major.

BROMLEY COMMON, KEET,
THE KENT COUNEY ASSOCIATION.
On Mowday, Jannary 2. 7939, in Three Howrs, At the Chorch of St. Lere,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 OHANGEB; Tenor ${ }^{5} 5 \mathrm{cwt} \mathrm{c}$ gr. 8 tb .


- Frrederice E. Pitian ... 3 James Bbnnett .** ...* ...* y

Harry Hoskins.an ....... (No. ${ }^{4}$ ) Jack Dariers ... .... ...Tamor

* Fist peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells. NORTH MMMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
(Norte Mimme Society)
On Monday, Janwayy 2, 1939, in Thyd Hows and Fowy Minume, At res Cebreh of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, B040 GHANGE8;
Thersians' Puor-part.
Tenor 13 cwt .
- Fardefica Nasb
†Fradraich Cortrbll...
Thomas J. Lock .... ... ... 3
Geqrar A. Spencri
$\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Albert W. Coleb } & \ldots & \ldots & 5 \\ \text {-Cbarles Nasb ... } & \ldots & \ldots & 6\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { - Cgarles Nasb } & . . . & \ldots & \ldots & 6 \\ \text { William Nasb } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 7\end{array}$ - Wilciam Tycer.... .... ....Tenor Conducted by William Nasb.
* Firat pesl of Stedman. + First peal. First peal of Stedmen by an patiraly local band at this church.

> HAGLEY, WORCESTENSH1RE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
Ow Wedresday, Januayy 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forly-Six Jimules, At the Criter of Sc. Johs-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 8 c cill.
William Short an ... ...Tyehle Barnabas G. Kby *** *** 5 Danirl T, Matkin ... ... 2 Noreas J. Goomban ... Howard Howele to $\quad$ ** 3 Sidney O'C Holloway .... 7 Cearies H. Wooderrry ... 4 James H. Sampeebd ... ...Tmor Composed by A. Knieats. Condacted by Danini T, Mation.
Arranged ind rung as a compliment to Mr. John Jaggar, who celefrated his 78 th birtaday on the previons day.

BRDDGEND. GLAMORGANSETRE
THE LLANDAFF AND MOMMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Uw Wedmesday, Jannary 4, 7939, in T wo Flaws and Fifty-Etght Mfinwes, At the Cedrce of St. Ieltyd,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GO4O GHANPEBI

Holt' ${ }^{\text {B }}$ TBN-PART.
-A. Howell Lovelock
D. Rens James.

Abfrid W. Heate ..
Edward I. Eallby ...
Conducted by

* First peal oni first attempt. SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THEE NORTH NOTHS ASSOCTATION. On Thursday, Janwary 5, 7939, in Thres Hours, AI ter Cerorch of All Saintb,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOHD CHANREB!


## TAylor's.

Miss Grace Burchivall Thebla Mise Katbaring Borcgnallz

- Ricgard Wilson

Harold Dehman ... ... 4 Conducted by Clipford A. Vessey.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' t First peal of Grandsire. F Find peat. First peal of Grandgire on the belle. ENDERES, LELCESTERSHIRE,
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thumsday, Janwary 5, 1939, in Two Homrs and Forty-Eight Minutes,
Ax ise Cefrce of St. John-ter-Baptist
A PEAL OF DOUALE NDRWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCE


## Tenor II cwt. 2 qr .15 bb .

Leonard H, Weitegead ...Tyebla W. Agteqr Ridikgton ... 5
Cbarlig Marsball ... ... 2 Waltra P. Weitebrad ...
Ronald W. Swank ... .... 3 Edward R. Weiterand .... 7

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Werteread.
The 100th peal rung together by the brothers Walter and Leonard White head.

BROADCLYST, DEVON
THE DEVONSEIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, Jannayy 5, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Fiva Minutes, At Teg Churce of Sx. Joan-tre-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EO4 CHANEES;
Holiss' Irrggolar Five-part. No, I. Tenor igewtine fiat,
Bgyan Pidgron ... ... ...Trebi | Charles R. Lilliy ... ... 5

Josepr Brealy ... .... .... 3 William H. Howr Tbquas J. Bartrett .... .... ${ }^{4}$ Charlbs Sandpord ... ...Thmor Conducted by Cbarles R. Lileey.
First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bella. WORSLEY, LANOASHIRE.
THE LANCASHTRE ASSOOLATION.
On Thwrs day, January 5, 1939, in Thras Hows and Fifien Ifinutes, Af tua Cedach or St. Mark.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MANOR, 5120 CHANEES; Tenor 24 cwt .

 Jobn Bentamin Bodd ... 4 Riceard Benson... ... ... Tinpy Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by J. H. Ridyare.

* Firgt peal in the method.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCEATION.
On Saturday, Janmay 7, 1939, in Tuo Howy and Fifty Mimuter, Az tag Church or St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 505 CHANGE8; Tenor 11 cwt.

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On Saturday, Jansary 7, 1939, in Thyte Hows and Tom Mimaths, At tai Crusce of St. Mart,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, $\operatorname{se2} 4$ OHANGES;

 Tenor 18H owt. in E.
 Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by L. W. Wirfen. * First peal of Londor.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSEIEE.
THE GLODOESTEE AND BEISTOL DIOOESAN ASSOCIATION On Saturàay, Jannary 7, 1939, in Thres Howrs, At teb Choncy of St. Leomard,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, sOto CHANRES

Holt's Ten-part.
Tenor 12 cwt .

Melfille Jordan Fbank Cols ... | ... | $\ldots$ Trebie | T |  |
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| $\ldots .$. | $\ldots$ | 2 | E |
| $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3 | L | Conducted by Lescie Barry

Rung with the bells balf-mufflete as a token of respect to the late Thomas Clissold, for 45 years ringer and captain at this tower.

WOKING, SURRET.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satkrday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Miwuts, At the Chumee of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF QRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BO C CHANOES;
Parkrr's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor $17 \neq \mathrm{cwt}$.

- Ronald G. Cole ... ...Tvebla George L. Grover ... ... 5
†向mes Brackley ... ... 2 Sidmey Elton ... ... ... 6
Tbomas E, Denybr... ... 3 C. Ernbst Suite ... ... 7
tWilliam F. J. Cope... .... 4 Sidney Brebze ... ... ....Tmor Conducted by C. Ernest Smirb.
* First peal at the first attempt. + First peal on eight bells. BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Satkrday, Janvary 7, 1939, in Two Houss and Fifty-Seven Minules,


## Ay the Church of All Sainta,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 GHANGES; Tanor it out.


Alpred E. Regves ... ... 2 †William H. Parier ... 6
 Composed by Jamas Hony. Conducled by William A. Cave.

* First peal of Major. $\dagger$ First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.


## WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, Jnnuary 7, 1939, in Thyes Hours and 7 wenty-Five Minwfes. Ai the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANEES! Tenor 25 cwc a6 lb . in D.

Composed by F. Bennetr. Conducted by Franz L. Fiserb.

* First peal "jnside." A birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis crillet and Mr. W. J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.

MAREHAM YORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Thré Minutts. At ieg Chorce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DQUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MANOR, 5088 CHAMGES; Tenor $7 \frac{1}{6} \mathrm{cwt}$. in A fat.
Miss Magrl Robbrtson...Tyeble R. William Barbrr ... ... 5
Albert G. Warnes ... ... 2 Rossell W. Curson ... ... 6
Gborge Mayers...$\quad$... 3 William Clover ..... $.7^{7}$
'Stanley Gall .at ... ... 4 Henby Tookr ... ... ...Temor
Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Henry Tookr.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs Curson and Tooke.


## BATLEY, YORESHIRE.

## THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATLON.

On Saturday, Jonuary 7, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thirb')Seven Minubes,
At teg Cetref of All Saints,
A PEAL OF superlative surprise mador, 6144 cmances; Tenor 104 awt.
William Ambler
T.Treble
+4*
George W. Strel ... ... 2 Gborge Ambler ... ... ...
William H. Semior ... ... 3 Joan Amblsr ... ... ... 7 Tbomas W. Strangrway ... 4 Parcy J. Joanson ... ...Tenor Composed by A. Knigeys (No. 39). Conducted by Willian Barion

The longest length of Surprise Major by the association and by all the band.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSETRE ASSOCLATION.
(Sheppield District Society.)
On Wednosday, Janwary 11, 1939, in Two Fowrsand Forty-Seven Id ixutes,
Ax tee Chorch of St. Mary,
a peal of double morwich court bob major, 5152 Chances; Teanor 12 cwt. in F हharp.
Mrs. L. Haywood ... ...Tveble | Tom Brotaweli ... ... ... 5
Fbed Watxinson ... ... 2 Lescie Haywood ... ... 6

- Iobn E. Ttrley ... ... 3 Frbderice Cardwell ... 7

Norman Cbaddock ... ... 4 Jobn J, L. Gilbert ... .... Temay
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. J. L. Gilerat.

* First peal in the method. Mrst peal in the method as canductor RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Wednesday, Januayy 11. 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minules, At the Chuect of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Teaor $18 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cw}$.
Kathlebn L. Cbeal. ...Tyeble | Victor A. Jarrbit ... ... 5
Jobi E Spice ... ... ... 2 Willian J. Walker ... ... 6 Arthur S. Boar ... ... 3 Grorge A. Naylor -. ... 7

${ }^{*}$ Firgs peal of Tripies. A birtbday compliment to $\mathbf{M r}$. Charles Belsey, captein of the local band.

MAYFIRLD, SUSSEX.
THE RAST GRENSTEAD AND DISTRIOT GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Dfinxtes, At yae Celace or Si. Donstan,
A PEAE OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EO46 CHANGES; Tenor zil cwt .
E. Joan Rrlpg ... .... ...Troble Ernesi H. Everrsi ... ... 5

William F. Moon ... .... 2 Stanley T. A. Ressele ... 5

- Albert Rrlfg ... ... ... 3 William A. Kitcherside ... 7
- Bert Standes ... ....... 4 Frane H. Hices ... ... ...Tenay

Composed by Jobn Carigr. Conducted by Albert Relpe.

* Birst peal of Triples. Rung on the fourteenth atniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kitchenside.


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On Thursday. January 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty-Foxy Minutes, Ait the Bell Foendry.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEES

## Teurestans' Five-part

Tenor $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
jobn E. Clares... ... ...Treble W. Arther Riddington ... 5 William Botirill ... ... 2 Ersest Morris ... ... ... 6 Lionard H. Weitrbad 3 Walizr $P$. Whitbeead ... 7
Rokald W. Swann ... ... 4 Edward R. Weitbegad ...Tmor Condacted by Ernbst Morris,
*First peal in the method. CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION, On Saturday, Jawhary 14, 1939, in Two Howys and Forly-Seven Winutes, At ter Parise Cherch of St. Cafoc,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGE8;
Teurstang' Fobr-part.
Ernast Stitch ... ... ...Trobie - Robert Smita ... .... ... 2

Trevor M. Ronirice ... 3 Jobi Pbillifs ... ... ... 7 Albert J. Pitman ... ... 4 Grorge Popabll ... ...Temor Conducted by John Phillipb.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, $+500 t h$ peai. SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (Ellor Deaneries Branch.)
On Satitrday, Jannary 14, 1939, in Thee Howrs and Three Minuths, Ai ter Cburce of St. Ladrbnce,
A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor $12 \mathrm{cwt}, 9 \mathrm{lb}$.
- Emid M. Ricaardson
...Teeb Cearleg C. Rawding
Mrs. R. Ricbardson ... \% William A. Ricbardsom ... 6
Neviles Hollingworta... 3
Ralpe G. Ley .... ... ... 4
Composed by J. S. Goldsmite. Repert Ricgardson .... ...Tenoy * First peal and first attempt; aged 14 yenrs.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
Dn Satwrday, January 14, 1939, in Thyee Hones and Fowteen Minutes,
At ter Cedrce of St. Miceabi-the-Arceangel
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGE8;
Tenor 13 cwt I qr. 27 lb.
William Henley
-Rey. R. F. R. Route

| ...Tysble | Lborard Stilwell |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\ldots .$. | 2 |

....
Willau Welling
William Welling ... ... 3 Grorge Martin.... ... ... 7
-F. Donald Boreram ...- 4 Harry Wingrove .... ...Temay Composed by F. Dunch. Conducted by Grorgr Martin.

* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHTRE.
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fiffy-Four DIinutes, At far Caurce of St. Jogn, Mires Plating,

## A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE TRIPLEE, 5040 CHANDE8;

Day's Sit-part.
Tenor $12 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Ex-P.C. John Molliner
P.C. William Robinsom
.. 2 P.C. AlaBrt Pord ... ... 6
P.C. Riceard Benson ... 3 Ex-P.S. Peter Crook ... 7 P.C. William Pye ... ... 4 Ex-P.C. Grorge Pyr ... ...Temor Conducted by P.C. Albert Ford.
First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung to celoborate the retirement from the Manchester City Police of the treble and tenor ringers.

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## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Brance.)
On Saturday, December 37, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutas, Ai xer Cajrce of St. Edmond,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES;
Being 42 different six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr .6 lb .
Grorge W. Clarer ... ...Tybie ! Berley P. Morris ... ... 3
Matthias Hobrs... ... ... 2 |Grozfrgy Watson ... ... 4 Lamard G. Toseland ...Tenor Condacted by Matibias Hobes. ACTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULD.
On Saturday, December 31, 1958, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, At tel Chorch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8;

## Seven different extents. <br> Tenor 14 cwt. in F

Hbrbret Sution ... ...Treble | Riceard D. Langford ... 4
George A. Packer ... ... 2 Harry overton ... ... Edward J. Boffgy .... ... 3 H Harry Thrlweli .... .....Temor Conducted by Harry Taelwgll.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 37, 1938, in Three Howss and Eighten Minutos, At the Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being three 720's of Kent and four rwa's of Oxford, called differontly. Tenor 2 cwt.

Josepp Papworta ... ...Treble |'Josppa E. Elliott ... ... 4 Cbarlas W. Bdrton ... | .... | 2 | Resginald W. Pye |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ... | 2 |  |
| $\cdots$ | Cbarlbs Bgito |  | Condacted by J. Elliotr.

* FYrst peal. Ruty for the watchnight service.

SAWLET, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy-Five Miswles, At thi Ceurch of All Saikts,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANEE8;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Friderica Edwin Simpson Tyebla Girling Figisy
Williay Dawson ... ... 2 W. Ricbardson Dragis ....
Cbarlas Hotcbingon ... 3 Edmend C. Cbasty ... ...Tomot Condacted by E.IC. Cansty.

IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrlay, January 7, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Two Mismustos, At ter Cherce of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANOEB;
Being seved 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt

- Ronald E. Krar ... ...Tyeble $\mid$ Harry Goddwin ... ... 4
 Artacr Wenean conducted by R. G. Raypibld.
* Firat peal. $\ddagger$ First peal of Minor.


## DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOOESAN GUMD.
"On Saturday, Jansary 7. 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty Minuks, At far Cacrca of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 8PLICED TREBLE BOB MINDR, 5040 CHANCES;
Baing seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Newdigate, Ofd Oxford, College Rob IV., Willescien and Marple Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden and Braintree Delight; (3) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) College Exercise end Norbury Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasare and Kingston Treble Bob; ( 7 ) Capel, Sardal and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwit. *Harry Farrer ... ... ...Tyeble |Jobn Worta... ... ... .** 4 Albert T. Banerofi ... 2 C. Kinnete Lewis ... ... 5 Tromas Taylor … .... 3 James A. Milerr... ... ...Tong Conducted by Jobs Woryr.

* First peal in mare then one method. There wers 70 changes of mathoil.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESEEX ASSOCIATHON
On Saturday, Jantary 7, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Two Minules. At fer Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being three 720's of Kent 'Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently.


BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Salurday, Jannary 7, 1939, in Two Hours axd Fifty-One Minwts,

## At iger Cadrce or St. Andrbw.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being 20 six-scores, kix 240 's of Morris' and five of Pitman's arrange ments.

Tenor 7i cwt
Josepy T. Morris
Jnars P. Hygis ...

| … | ..Treble | Jambs T, Randle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Leslie Evars ...
Artbur Insbal.
Condacted by J. P. Hyett.
BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
TEE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Twesday, January 70, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Sovem Mimutes,
At the Chugce of All Samis,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being eoven extents in ten methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Trable Bob; (3) Double Court and Court Bob: (4) Plain Bob; (5) Onford Bob; (6) Double Oxford and Thelwail; (7) St. Clement's and Childwall.

- Eric Willeack $\dagger$ Farderick G. Hooper
..Trebld tFrgderick G. Hoo
fGrorgra S. Vzssey
R. Thomas Vessey Tenor 6t cwt. R. Mack L. Milligotese .... Texar

Conducted by Jacr L. Milelhoose.

* First peal and frst attimpt. + First peal in ten methods. Rung With the beils balf-mufled as a token of respect to the late Mifs C. Walton, Eister of the Vicar.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Janwary 2, 1939, in Two Hours ard Twenty-Fiva Minules, At zo, West Road.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANQEEI Tenor, size 15 in 0. Leorarde, Pitgiow ... ... i-2 | Walter Ayrb Albert E. Adstin 3-4 "Jobn A. Acres
Composed by J. R. Paitceard. Conducted by Waltar Ayre.

* First penl.

STOCKPORT, CHESHSRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tussday, Jarvary 12, 1939, in Ome Houy and Fifty-Six Minums,
At 20, Aberdeen Crescent,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 GHANEE

Tencr, size 12 in F .
Harold Jackson
... $\quad . . . \quad 1$ 1-2
llen F. Balley.
3-4 Marry Asbion
Charge.
Condacted by A. F. Bailey. Witness-Mrs, A. F. Eailey.
(Other peal reporte are unavoidably held ovar).

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## PEAL NOTES.

## A YORKSHIRE RECORD.

The longest length of Surptise Major by the Xorkehire Association and by all the band was rung at Batley on Jsnuary 7 th , when Mr. William Barton ealled Arthur Knights' 6, 144 of Superlative (No. 39), which contains the 30 course ends. The composition had not been previously rung.
Peals in the four standard methods have been rung at Broadclyst, Devon, since they were rehung, the first pesi of Grandsire Iriples on the bella, of Jamuary 5th, completing the quartet. The perl was arranged by Mr. A. Lovering, and the band, while thanting him for his action, regret that loe did not take part. He arranged for a spare man to be present and then unselfishly stood out himself. The ringers came from seven different towers: East Budleigh, Exmouth, Foniton Clyst, Exeter (St, Sidwell's), Highweek, Littleham, St. Sidwell's avel Broadelyst respectively.
After meeting bliort for a peal of Caters at Worsley, Lance, on Januery 5th, a peal o[ Kent Treble Bob Major was aubstituted.
A peal of Bob Major at Wcodbridge, Suffollt, on January $7 \mathrm{th}_{1}$ was a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Tillett (the first of the two joung ladies who have been elected Master of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich) and Mr. W. J. G. Brown. The present Master, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, rang her 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

A peal of Double Norwich at Marsham, Norfolk, on Jandery 7tin, was a compliment to Messus. It. W. Curson and Henry Tooke, whose birthdays fall an the 7th and 8tly respectively. It was not only a joint celebration, but, inther appropriately, their fotis peal together.
The birthday of Mr. Oharles Belsey, captain of the ringers at Rainham, Kerth, was celebrated by s peal of Grandsire Triples on January 11 th.
Mrr. Ithomas Clissold, captain, and for 45 years a ringer at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucesterabire, hes recently passed away, and a laalfmufled peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory was rung on January 7th. It wes conducted by Mr. Leslie Barry and whs his $100 t h$ peal.

FATHET AND MOTHETE IN DADGHTER'S FIRST PEAL.
Miss Enid Fichardson, dauglier of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfeet, rang her first peal on Saturday, and, at the age of 14, is one of the youngest gigls to ring a tower-bell peal. Sle isiso joins a very select few amony the ladies who have rung a peal with both father and mother.
Indeed, the peal was somathing of a family affair for two of Mr. Richardsan"s nephews, Neville Hollingworth and William A. Richardfors, also toak part, fud the composition rung was one by the "Deputy. Futher" whom Enid adopted during the Fisit to Australia.
It wes Enid's first athampt for 4 peal and naturally she was delighted with her success. She admitted that slse had got a hlister, but that is ay loyourable decorstion for a first, pealer. Was she tired? Not a bit of it. Typical of the younger generation, she went almost straight from the tower to a dence.
Twenty methods were rung in a peal of Spliced Treble Boh Minor at Disley, Cheshire, on January 7 th , when Mr, Joln Worth rang his 176 th peal as conductor.
In three of the cxtents of Minor ming in a peal at Barnby-in-thoWillows, Notts, ou Jatuary 10 oh, 'splicing was employed aud altogether there were 33 changes of method. The peal whe zuag with The bells lalf-muffled as a token of respect to 8 highly csteemed pariblioner, the late Miss O. Walton, sister of the Vicar.
The first peal of Royal on the bells at Rickmansworth, Herts, was rine on Salurday. It was Cambridge Surprise and Mr. Herold Cashniore's first peal of Royal as conductor.
Messers. Harold Jackson and Alfred Barnes rang their 100th peal togetber of January I2tb, when they took part in a bandbell peni of Boh Major at Stockport. It was knocked off in less than two hours.
Peals oi the rather tuneless octave at Hunglet, Leeds, are not frequent, and prior to the one recorded elsewhere, only two heve bean rung on these bells since 1910, the previous one being in 1922. Despite adrerse condition and the fact that since their installation over 70 years ago little or nothing appears to have been done to the bells, they run surprisingly well, apart from a tendeacy to "drop' oceasionally, for the design and construction of the bell frame and method of banging violetes every conceivable modern theary and practice.
The band wish to aspociate with the peal congratulations to the Western District secretary of the Yorkainire Association, Mr. Frank Ruyment (who rang in the peal), on the birth of a daughter.
Mr. Farty Overton rang his $100+h$ peal on the last day of the ald year. This was the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Acton, Cheshire, After less than a year's ringing experjence, Mr. John A. Acres, of Nemmarket, Cambs, has scored his first peal by ringing the tenors to a handbell peal of Bob Major. The peal was rung it Saffron Walden on January 2nd.

It is often lamented that local bands auffer by the departure of members to otiver districts. North Mimms, a rapidly growing Bertfordshire district, has, however, nothing to complam of in this reepect, The advent of ringers Like Messre. A. W. Coles (Master of the Middlesex Association) and T. J. Lock bas helped to strengthen the company, and some of the eridence of this is to be found in the ringing of the first peal of Stedman at st. Mary's Cturch by a local band no January 2nd.
(Continued on next page.)

## MR. J. W. JONES' 500th PEAL

## (Continued from previous page.)

The peal rung at Cacrieon on Saturday was tpecially arranged and rung as a jubilee peal. On January 12th, 1889, the first, peal was rang on these bells, Tayior's Sir-part. Grandsire Triples, and was the first peal for all the baud. Of that company there are now only three Eurvivors. One of these, Mr. J. W. Jones, the pregent hon. secyetary of the association, rang the 6th bell in 1889 and again on Saturday, and by a coincidence the time taken was exactly the same on both cocmsions. The 1889 peal was Mr. Jones' Girst, and the peal on Saturday his 500th. This was the first peal of Stedman on the bels rung by resident association members.
Mr. Jones Las been hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association since 1903, and his friende throughout the conatry will congratulate him upon the happy double event of the golden jubilee and his 500 th peal.
Mr. John Jaggar's 78th birthday on January 3rd wrag cejebrated on the following day when a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in bis honour nt Hagley.

BLIND RINGER'S PEAL.
Mr. John Sliepheard-Walwyu who is blind, reng his second peat on January 7th, when he took part in three 780's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob at Rettendon, Essex. It is amaring how he has overcome his handicap; his striking was yemsrkably good.
The first peal on the bells at Ightham, Kent, since the tenor was recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in Marcla, ISti (tibe old bell wes cometimes called "变 frying pan'), was rumg on January 7th, when Mr. R. G. Rasfold conducted lis first peal of Mirar. The peal would not have been possible on this date if lihat veteran ringer, Mr. ㄱ. Goodwin, of Plaxtol, had not kindty stepped into a breach at a minute's notice. It was his first peal for several years.

Crawley. Sussex, is ons of the few places where Sunday peals are a matter of custom. They started the year well with a peal of Cambridge Surprise on the fitst day.
Members of ithe National Police Guild on Saturday zang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Miles Platting to honour two of their members upon thei- retirement from Manchester City Police Force-P.C."s John Mulliner and George Pye.
Ex-P.S. Peter Crook, of Bulton Borougly Force, who was one of the band, rang his 200 th peal. Of these he has conducted 79 nad ruag one 'sflent.' Other intercsting details in Mr. Crook's record are that the peals were ring in 58 towers in 11 courties, with 395 ringers, 54 of whom were firgt pealers. One peal was rung with a band cansisting of four fathers and four daughters, and one comprisirg five fathers and five dnughters. The peals were also rung in eleven methods and on all uumbers from Doubles to Maximus.

A pal of Stedman Caters at Waltham Abbey on Saturday thy the College Youths wus rnag after meeting short for Cinques, Mr. C. W. Roberta tindiy standing out. It was Mr. Frank E. Darby's 150th peal and he was the conductor.
It is naver too late to begin ringing, even poal riuging. Mr. Eustace Vessey, of Sutton-on-Trent, has just rung his firgt penl. He is 65 years of age. This should be a freat encouragement to those who think they are too old at 40 to statt peal ringing.
It was efter a much delayed start owing to the snowy conditions that the penl of Double Norwioh Major was attempted at Enderby on the evening of Thurbday, January 5th, and to the amazement of bis fellow-ringers Mr. "Ted. Whitehead, who incidentally was last man, complaned of the stuffy conditions inside the belfry and forthwith put the electric fan into action. This was soon overruled and the peal was successfully brought zound just in time for the last bus home. Congratulstions are exteaded to the brothers Walter and Leonard Whitehead upor scoring their 100th pea! together.
This peal was a "firste ' birthday compliment to the baby son of Mr. W. P. Whitehead, and it is the hope of anay thut the junior will follow father's footsteps in learning the art of change ringing. He will certainly bave a good tutor.

## MR. A. J. HUGHES' THANKS.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Windy Way, Wyke, Bradford, who las been iil since last whitsuntide, but who is now progressing gatisfactorily, writes: 'I should like to express zmy thanks and good wishes to those many old riaging friends who Jave written to me both at hospital and at home. This also includes the one who tald me be was in a hurry for post and what I couldn't read I bad to whistle. I also wish a speedy recovery to those of our ringing friends who are still borm-de-combat temporarily.

- The whistling instruction reminds mo of a tale Tom Miller used to tell, after the 40 chieves had rung a peal of Bob Major at Earboume. When the ringers came out they found old 'Boxer' asleep on one of the gravestones, and Tom sald he was sporing at land and whistling at back Etroke."

MEMORIAL TOUCH.
At Hugglescote on Janury 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandaire Triples was rung as a token of reppeot to the late Mrs. Woolerton, senior church councillor, of Hugglescote: T. Aldread 1, A. E. Rowley 2, G. Hadtheld 3, G. Walker 4, E. J. Tovell (first quarter-peal ns conductor) 5. J. Cadle 6, H. Moult 7, H. O. Over 8.

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Thirty-six meetings of associations in all parts of the country are advertised in our notice columne to take place on Saturday, Janusp 28th, You just pay your monay and take your cboice.
The National Guild of Police Ringers hold their annual meeting this year in London, on January 28th. There is to be ringiog at St. George's-in-the-Borough (the Metropolitan Police Guild's herdquartera) in the morning, followed by a tour of the Houses of Parliament at noon, luncheon and business meetjig at the Eusion Tavera, then further ringing and a social.
The members of the National Polico Guilri and bis many friends elsewhere will regret to learn that Inspector Harold Poole, of Leicester, bon. secretary of the Guild, is on the sick list.
The bells of Basingstoke Parish Church, whicli were recently restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, and rededicated at an informal meeting of the ringers and church offcials, will be available for visiting ringexs on January 28th, when the annusj maeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchestar and Portsmouth Diocesan Guàd is to be hella.
Ringers propesing to attend the meating of the Guildiord Diocesan Guild at Hersham to-morrov are asited to note the altered times af the arracgements given in our notice columns.

## LOUGHBOROUGH SURPRISE.

## To the Editor.

Sir,-The method whioh we rang and named Tramsden escaped aur obscrvation when it was published as Loughborough, but as it has been rung in that name we are quite willing that it sloould go into the records as Loughborough. Who was the first author of the method is open to question, $8 s$ no doubt it is several jears since Mr. Q. Lindof produced it. Perhaps the Analysis Committeo of the Central Council will kindly alter the nente to Loughborougli ea as to evoid any confusion in recording it.
T. W. LAST. Hefringham.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD

EAST DEVON MEMBERS FAVOUR RESCLNDING RULE.
A well-attended meeting of tho East Devon Bramch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturdey, when about 50 members and friends wore present in spite of a wet efternoon
The pine toned ring of six belis, in the spire-capped church tower, in good going order, were fully employed in ringing various methods before the service and after the meeting
The Rev. J. A. Prendergast (Vicar) apd the Rev. W. S. Airy conducted a service in St. Gilea' Church with choir and organ. In bis address the Vicar gave an imarginary word picture of what happened in A.D. 550 during the Roman occupation, when a Christian missionary first came to Sidbury, buitt a rude hut witl an altar, and men offered to help by clanging two pieces of metal together to call other to worship. Thus was a belliringer the priest's first helper.
In the Village Hall, after tea, the Rev, E. W. Cos deputisig for the Rer. A. A. F. de Salis, who wes unable to be present, presided over the business meeting. At the outgat, it was resolved to send a message of sympathy to Mr. J. II. Godfrey, the branch secretary, who was kept away by illnes. Mr, C. Turner resd the minutea of a provious meeting at Harpford, which were confirmed.
Introduced by Mr. W. G. Rurrow, nine members of the newly-formed Awliscombe band were elected Guild members, gs were also one esch from Buckerell and Harpiord. A certificate was presentad to Mr. E. W. Chenning, of Sidbury. A motion of thanks to the lacal elergy, choir and lady belpars was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman read his letter to the meeting giving notice of motion to rescind the Guild rule that no member shall fake part in eny competitive ringing. Questions were asked and answered, and a show of hands revealed tnat a majority of members present were in favaur of the mation.

DEATH OF A SUSSEX RINGER
MR. ALBERT FLEST, OF BILLINGSHURST.
It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Albert Fest, of Billingshurst, Sussex which occurted or January 4 th after a short illness, at the age of 63.
Deceased had been an actjve member of the Western Branch for 43 yearg, always willing to belp in every way, and his expertence Fras of great value in Helping to develop the present young band at Billingihurst into the ringing of the higher methods.
The interment took place on Monday, Jamuary. 9th, when the bells were rung half-muffled as the funeral cortege wended its way to the church and as the monrners returned. Handbells were also rung at the graveside by H. Wood 1-2, R. Wood, jun. 3-4, R. Wood, sea. 5-6, W. Charman 7-8. Among the foral tribites was one from his iellow. ringers

Mr. Fiest, who will be cadly missed in the belfry, had rong about 50 peels.

FIRST 1939 DATE TOUCH.
At St. Wilfrid's Courch, Calverley, Forks, for evening service on Sunday, January 1st, a date touch of Kent Treble Foh Major (1,939 changes) was rung in honour of Mr. Charles Pratt, who has been a change ringer at this church for 63 Tears: Cbarles Pratt 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, S. Wheatley 5, F. Waller 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Lee 8.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-54.

## JOHN A. FREEMAN

Lincolnshire is, in these days, one of the foremost counties in the Exercige ; it is blessed with ringers of ability and enterprise, and its peal ringing is by no means limited to a few enthusiasts. They are spread over many towers in this large county, and it is not the least gratifying feature of this happy atate of affars that in the heart of the diocese, at the Cathedral itself, there should be a band which worthily sets a high standard, both in ability and enthusiasm. In no amall measure this is due to the able Master of the Cathedral Company, a company which in lineal descent is one of the oldest in the xingdom. It has not always been conspicuous for its change ringing standards, but it took on a new lease when the bells were increased to twelve, and aitet Mr John A. Freeman wrs called the frist peal at the Cathedral ever rung by a Cathedral band. Since that time, under his guid. ance, they have established themselves as one of the most accomplished local companies to be found anywhere
Mr. Freeman Was forn at Markot Deeping, Lincs, on November 21st, 28 e4. and there he learned to ring a bell. At the age of 15 he went to Ewerby where a new peal of tel hells lad then recently been installed, but, alas, the local band corld only ring a plain lead of Grandeire Triples and the same of Grandsirs Caters. After being for four years gt Ewerby, he went to Grantham for one yenv,
but did no ringing. Then be went to Lincoln and in 1907 joined the band at St Peter - at - Arches Church (whicls lus since been pulled down), where they rang Plain Bob+ Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. On October 14th, 1908, he rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. After ringing several other peals in the same methud, coaducted by Mr. İ, W. Kirton, Mr. Freeman rang his first peal as conductor, Stedman Triples, on October 18th, 1911, being his own and several of the band's firat peal in the method, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in Lincoln by a lacal band. In the same Jear lie was elected Ringing Master uf the St. Peter-at-Arches Company. He joined the Lincoln Cathedral band, who could then only ring Grandsite Triples, in April, 1914.

Berides calling bis first peal of Stedman Triples, he aleo called bis first peal of London Surprise Major, the first peal in the mettrod by all the band and for the Guild; lis firsti peal of Bristol Surprise Major, the first peal in the method for the Guih by a resident band; and his first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. He has also called for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in fonr and six methods, Stedman mad Grandsire Cinques, and Stedman Tripleg 'in land,' this last being the first peal in the method in hand 'by a resident band. All these first peals for the Guild were the flrst in tive methods by all the baad.
Mr. Freeman also took part in tho first peals of Cambridde Surprise Maximus and Superlative Surprise Royal br, the Guild. the latter being the first peal of Strerlative Royal for 100 years. He has also called Cmmbridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus Altogetiner he has rung 128 peals and conducted 77 . He has been Finging Master of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guitri since 1922 and is $\Omega$ member of the Guild Commithee.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Huddersfield and District Association held a meeting at Not thowram on January 7th. There was a meagre attendance for tea but more members arrived in the evening, and what was lacking in numbers Tas mada up by the quality of the ringing. The bells have been recently overhauled and run splendidly, and various touches of Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Stedman were bronghturd in fine style.
Members attiended from Elland, Brighouse, Halifax Parish Churcz All Souls', Halifax, Lindley, Ripponden, Lightclife, Bramlef, Queemhury and Northowram.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S RECORD

FWE THODSAND PEATS.
Mr. Nolan Golden, general secratary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, writes that the fivo thousandth peal recorded by the Norwich Diocesan Association wes rung on December 17th lost. It would be ol interest to learn how meny associations have exceeded this total, and for such information lie would be grateful
Without baving exact particulars, it í impossible to sey precisely where the other associations sland, but we think we are correct iu asying that thy Norwich Diecesan Associakion, which was established in 1877, is the first to reach this fine total.
Some of the other great associatious are hard upon the heels of Norwich, but we do not think they have quite touched the number.
Tho Midland Counties Askociation appears to be the nearest, with a Eosal somewhere round 4,550 to the end af 1938 , followed by the Kent County Assovialion with approximately 4,850 peals. Yorkshire's aggregatz is also among those over 4,000 , and Lancashive very nearly that cotal. With Oxford comirg along well into the last hundreds of the fourth thousand.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. GOLDING.

BRLLIANT RTNGING CARETE IN YOUTH,
The funeral of the late Mr. John W. Goiding, who, as recorded in our last issue, died at Brighton on January 6th, took place on Wednesday weak, the first part of the service being held in Alazington Parish Church and attended by numerous relatives and friends from London Reigate and Brighton. Among the ringers present were Messts. A. B. Peck (hor. seeretary) and W. H. Pasmore, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which My. Golding was a past Master, and Messra Keith Hart and Frod Page, of the Sussex County Association. The interment took place ot Portslade Cemetery, where Graudsire Doubles were rung round the grove by three of the deceased's brother Freemasons, and was an impressive farewell to an ald friand.
The late Mr. Golding was 58 years of age, his birthday being on Hoxing Day, On the Sinday ofter this death the ringers at. St. Poul'e Gatheiral stood for ofew moments in silence ut their ropes as a tribute of respect to an ald colleague, far Mr . Golding had done a good deal of service ringigy at St, Prul's and bad taken part in four peals there, including the Cambridge Surprise Maximus in 1925.
Ha begen his ringing career early; in fact, soon alter lie left school, when be used to go to the home of the brothers Pasmore to lean handbell ringing. Between them u close and lasting friendsbip sprung up, only broken by the death of Harry Pasmore.

John Goldint rang his first pen! at few duys before his 17 th birthday and associated with the band at St. Stephen's, Roclester Row, Weatminster, then rising to brilliance, he had before he was 21 taken part in, smongst other things, three Surprise peals (London, Gambridge and Superlative) in a day, rung by the sane bard in three different counties, had rong in non-condwsted peals of Londoal and Canthridge Surprise, and in two peals of Superlative Surprise on handbells, one of them the very firat Surprise peal "in hand." All these were in the year 3901 . John Golding was a fine heavy beli rimger, and took part in the peals of Superlative on the back eight of St Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark, and in Loudon Surprige on the back oight at Baw, Oheapside. In 1905 he rang in three peals of Lonton Surprise by the same band in one day in tha three counties of Bucks, Berks and Middlesex, mul in 1507 was one of Those who rang the first peal of Londen Surprise Royal at Stepmey. ${ }^{\text {John }}$ W. Golding was one of the great ringers of his day and London was robbed of the services of a valued and accomplished member of the Exercise when jll-health kept him from the belery
In all, Mr. Golling rang 165 peals; on tower bells, Grandsire Triples 3 Grandsire Caters 5 , Stedman Triples 13 (conducter Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 10 (including ome non-conducted), Bob 3ajor 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Rayal 5, Maximus 4, Oxford Treble Bol Maximus 1, Double Narwich Major 4, Royal 5, Superlative Surprise Major 16, Cambridge Surpise Major $I 1$ (includitag ane nonconducted), Royal 2, Maximus 4, New Cambridge Surprise Majar 1, London Surprive wajor 42 (conducted 7 aud I ron-canducted), London Surprise Roral 1, Westminster Surprise Major 2, St. Stephen's Satpriso Major 1, total 143. On handbells: Grandsire Trpples 2, , aters 1, Stedraan Triples 2, Eaters 1, Cincues 7, Bob Major 3, Royal 1, Ken Treble Bob Major 2, Maximus 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, total 22.

## 102 EXTENTS IN 54 METHODS

## YOUTH HELPS IN ROCK FERRY RECORD.

The vear 1938 wras a record for the band at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry Cheshire. During the twelve months exteats in 54 methods, inchuding the 46 Surprise methods, have been rubg by bands consisting entively of Sunday service ringers.
Surprise methods Nos. $42,43,44,45$ and 46 were rang for the first thme in the Wirral Branch and hy all the band.
It is believed that this is the first time the $4 f$ Surprise methads have been rung by an entirely local band.
Of the 102 extents rung during the year 96 have been rung for Sunday service.

There is a company of 12 ringers and the average age of geven of them ig onty 3. There are two others who are learning.

## GUILDFORD DIOGESAN GUILD'S POSITION STRAIGHT WORDS TO LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## Do Not Corrupt the Allegiance of Our Members.

Ths controversy between Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon, secretary of the Lontion County Association, and 'The Ringing World ' was the principal theme at the annual cinner of the Guidford Diocesan Gmild at tize Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president) proaided over one of the largest gatherings in the anmals of the Guild, and the company inciuded Mr. F. E. Da
Mr. G. L. Grover, bout, secretary of the Guildford Guild, in pro posing the toast of 'The Visitors, said those who lhad read this week's 'Ringing World ' would appreciate that Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon. secretary of the London County Association, had coufused the identity of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, former secretary end vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith as editor and proprietor of 'The Riuging World.' Mr. Taffender, in his letter to The Ringing World, charges the Guildford Diocesan Guild with encroaching on uither peoplos territory. He would like to give Mr. Dawe a message to take back to the officers of his association that this Guild difi not desiro to enter into \& wordy warfare with the officers of the London County Associaition. They also requested Mr Dawe to take back a message of appeasement and goodwill to the members of the London County Association and say that the Guildmord Diocesan Guild wishes to live in peace and charity with its neighbours.
teel I must add,' continued Mr. Grover, "that the Guildford Diocesail Guild is part of a diocesan organisation and is ever ready to take in every tower in that diocese, but it has never poached outside that area. In spite of that fact we do not challenge the right of any other association. There is plenty of room for every association, such as our friends the Surrey Association, to work in our towers so long as they do nat usurp the authority of the Guildford Diocesun Quild in its area or attempt to corrupt the allegianco of mombers to our Guild.
Gupporting Mr. J. S. Goldsmith wero the Archdeacon of Derking (the Ven. E. J. Nowill), the Rev. F. A. Woodard, Mr. W. Herrison vice-president), Major J. I. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbetg (hon treasurer), Mrs. Qorbett, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), Mrs Grover, Mr, and Mrs, A. A, Hughes, Mrs. H. C, Renshaw and Miss Q. M. White.

The toast of 'The President, Vice-Presidents and Fon Mombers' whs gubmitted by Mr. J. Corbeth, who regretted that their president the Bishap of Gullaford, was not abie to ha present on accanin of heing ethgaged on Church work overgens in India. Me mentioned the interect faleu in the Guild by the vicepresidents-the Archdeacon of Dorking Mr. W. Hurrison and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith-and spoke of the Guild's uadebtedtess to hon. members, who helped them not only to pay their way, but to msistr in such things as bell restorations.

The Ven. E.J. Newill, in reply, suid Archdeacons sometimes had very anxions molnents ill inducting a ciergyman to hys new jume Wher they had gone to the end of the church and the new ineumbent had locked the representatives of the laty out of the church he had to go and ring the bell. Fe had anxious moments at Ranmore recently whes he lad to go to the reacue of the incumbent as the beld was swinging and nothint bappened.
The Rov. G. Aylmin Woodard, Ficar of Horsell, also replied. FEE NEWLST HON. MEMBER.
At the suggrastion of Mr. Harrison the company drank to the newest honarary, member, the little lraby boy who arrived at Horsell Vicarage the previcus day

The Chairnar, in propasing 'Long and contimued success and prosperity to the Guififord Diomenan Guild, congsatulated the company on the excellent attendance. It was a gleat encouragement to the officers to see sucle or gathering, ms it showed the spirit belind the Guild was manifpst in a large number of towers in the diocese. This Fas a Guildford Diacessn Guild, and be wanted them to realise that it was not an emyty title. They tried to take the diocesan spirit into the Guild and enmollmge ringers not to confine their ringing to the four walls of thetr own tower

There were Jany ways they souglat to help the members wnd the tawers. One was by astablishjurz combined practices, but in some cases these had fallin a litile Ant. He was wondering if fhere was samething else they tobld try, and that was that individual towers thould invite their neighbours to put in an evening's ringitg and ofterwards spend a sockal lour together (hear, heer). He was conwinced the morn singers mix together in ard out of fhe tover the better it was for ringing (hear, hear)

FFE PRACTICAL MAN
Goupling the 口ame of Major Hesse with the toast, the Chainman said he lad scived then from the dry the Guild was founded. He was the practical math thtie jetad of theas orgatisation, but he did a great debl behind the sceneg, whin maty of thom did mot know. He acted in an advisory capacity to thase who sought jnformation about the condition of their hells, and that to the djocese was a very valuable work. The long-promised seat he was to have bid on the Diocesan Advisory Committee had not come, although it was promised before the Guild was founded. It did not matter, however, whether he got that official place so long as he was called in and recognised by the
authorities. \#e wished the Diocesan Committen would recognhe him and let him sit on that committee rather as an assessor than to appear before them as an advocate against architects and antiquariea or sometimes the two combined (hear, hear).
The Chairman concluded with an expression of deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Grover.
Majar J. H. B. Hesse congratulated the chafrman on his birthay which was the previous day. Referring to the activities of the Guild the Master soid that 20 peals were rugg lest year, the conductors being lyesars. A. H. Pulling (6), C. E. Smilh (2), J. S. Goldsmith (2), C. W. Deuver (1), A. E. Harman (3), A. Pink (2), A. E. Winch (2), J. A. Trollope (1). There was a peal ruar last shaturday ak Ord Woking when two of the local men eccomplished their urst peal. Among the peals rung wis Torkshive Royal at Haslemere, conducted by Mr. Smith, which was the firgb in the method for the Guild. There was also a peal of Bristol Surprise Major rang at Hersham, conducted by Mr. Winch, and Messrs, Adams, Hobden and Cheseman rang thear first is the method.

## MPORTANCE OF PEAL RENGTNG

am told that I an a peal ringing maniac, added Major Hesse, but I maintain that ringing never pets to its true pitch for service ringing unless those ringers ring peals.
Shortly, said the Major, anotion peal not far from there would be put in order, and he hoped that it would be the means of atarting another band. He felt that they were progressmas. The Beaevolent Fund stood at 250, und the Cathedra Bel Fund at about e18. He looked forward to the time whea the Cathedra! bells were jingiag and they had a good peal ihere.
The Chairman extended the congratulations of the compuny to the Leatherhead men upon having rung the first peal ever aocomplisued of Panswick Surprise Royal, which Mr. Harman condueted.

The toast of "The Visitors " wes submitted by Mr. G. L. Grover, who mentioned that the attendance had only once been exceeded-on that memorable ocegsion when their prodigal Eecretary returned from his adyentures in the Southern Soa (laumber). Since tinem the hemesman ant experienced quartermaster who launched the ship on the high seas bad given way to an inexperienced anateur. It was in conffort to thet amateur that his predecessor in affec had been elevated to the bridge and paced up and down with hig weather eye opes, always ready to help. Mr. Groper extended a weleome to Canon Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diacessen Guild; Mr. A. A. Hughes, representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr, Gordon Oross (Greenwich) : and Mr. F. E. Dawe, Iepresentative or the Central Council of the London County Associabion.
Canon Coleridge, in reply, expressed the hope that before long they would see the tower of Guildfori's ouw Cathedral, and that the belis would be ringable. "I have had some experience of afchitectis who have ne experjence of the comfort af ringers, he sifid. I wus asked by an architect and Ficar what a new tower shouti be Iike. I wrote:
(1) That the entrance of the tower should be brond enough to bet an ordir, bry percon out.
(2) That in the spiral staircase there must be room for a person
(3) That the ringers nust be a certmin distance from tho bells if are to hear the bells strike properly
(4) That all sound should came out from the top and no opethings om the sides.
The erchitect wrote thanking him most wamply for lis juvaluable advice. 'I went to the opening of this peul,' added the Canon. 'It was with the greatest dificuity I got into the doorway; it was equally difficult to get up to the belfry, and when I got there I found the bells were just overhead. At the same time the architect fuad pat in bour wets of the overthead. At the same time inse architect uad patin thing was spailt. I hope it will not happon in the new Cathedral. Mr. F. E. Dawe submitted the concluding toast, that of
Chairman
During the evening a musical progiamme was contributed to by Mrs. Hurhes (handbell solos), Mr. H. Platt (sangs) and the Misses $\mathbb{S}$. and G. Harman (instrumental mrusic) A touch of Stedman Triples was rune on handbells by C. Hazeldene 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-f. R. Philpott $5-6$, and A. A. Hughes 7-8. The artistes were thanked by the chatirman.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## BEDFORD DISTRICI TO HOLD FEWER NEETTNGS

The annual meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association took place at Bedford on Saturtay and Was wery well attended. The bells of Str. Peter's Church were arailabie, Mr. W. Stapleton saw to it that all had a pull to their liking and the bella were kept very bitsf゙. A short serfice whs conducted by the Rectox (the Rev. F. M. Squibh), after which an excellent tea was very kindly prepared by Miss E. Steel in St. Peter's Hail.
The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. The balance sheet was presented and passed; the Beliry Repair Fund, too, was found to be ua vers healthy condition.
The election of officers restled in Mr. Frank Tysoe being re-elected hon. district sectetary, and Mestrs, P. Inskip, R. West, J. Hilson and W. Stapleton to sarve on the committee.

A discrssion took place on the adrisability of the district roverting to the of 1 method of holding quasterly meetings, and it was finally decided to hold a meeting every two months.

Votes of thanks were tendered to all who hal heiped in any way to make the meeting in success.

## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

ELY ASSOCLATION'S MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.
The ammal meeting of the Ely Hranch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge oll Saturday week. Good use was made of St. Beme't's bells from 3 p.m. until service time, the service touch being 180 Steduat Doubles.

The new Vicar of St. Bene't's, the Rev. A. M. Ramsay, instituted by the Bishep of Ely on the prewious day, took the service, and it his address of welcome expressed the wish to be great friends with the ringers, and hoped that he would often see them.
Mr. T. R. Dennis tock the chair at the momal business meeting, which followed tea at the King's Parade Restanrant.
Mr. E. G. Hibbens was elected District Ringing Master, thus reliewing th3 district secretary of some of his duties at the meetings.

The District Gommittee was re-olected for the ensuing year
Votes of thanks to the Vicars of St. Bene't's and Great St. Mary's were passed on the proposition of the chainman.
Most of the ringers had the opportunity of a puil at Great St, Mary's in the evening, while further ringing was carried on at St, Bene't's undil gbout 8.15 p.m.

The youmger generation was well represented at the meeting, and their keenness is a great encouragement to the district officers and angurs well for the future of the association.

St. Bene't's wher' the meeting was held, is the chureln witil which Fabian Btedman was associated and where in 1931 the bella were restored to commemorate the tercentenary of lis birth. The wolls dono on that oceasion, at the exponse of the ringers of Great Britain Ireland and overseas, was the preserpation of the Saxob tower and the complete rehanging of the beilg at a lower level. Cracks in the walls threatened the safety of tho zower. These were grouted with cement and the structure banded fogether with a concrete corbel course, on which tho bell frame row rests, 12 ft . below ifs former position. The frame, except for strengthening and the replacement of one or two decayed members, remains much as it did in Stedman's time.

It is not certain whether there were six bells in the tower before Stedman's dny, hecause the present trehle beare the date of 1663 . The second is dated 1588 . The fourth was recast in 1825 , and the other threa bear the following inscriptions, that on the tenof being particularly quaint:-
3rd: Of al the bels in Rennet I ann the best and fet for my casting the parish paide lest 1607 . TW WB GB TB NC NS TW RS MC TH.

5th: Non unmen fero ficti sed nomen Bemedicti 1610. RS.
Tenor: Iohm Draper made me in 1618 as plainly doln apeare. This bell was bronke and cast agaive wich tyne chirch wardenea were Edwarde Dixson for the one whoe stode close to his facklin and be that wes his partner then was Alexander Iacklyn.

There is a reference to bells at Str. Benedict's Church amollg the archives of more than 660 years ago. In 1273 a composition was made between the Rector and the Chancellor of the Tniversity for the use of the ehurch bell, and for this the Uriversity paid the sum of 6s. 8d. annually until 1663.

## DEATH OF MRS. ATKINS.

## FICE-PRESIDENT OF LADIDS GUMD.

Tho deatli vecurred on Saturday, in her 75th year, of Mrs. Atkius, wife of the Rector of Isham, Northants, and mother of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins.

Mrs. Atrins was a ricc-president of the Ladies' Guild and will be remembered for her haspitality et meetings held in lsham of both the Ladies' Guild and tha Peterboraugh Dlocesan Guild, as well as to many inclividual riagers and especially members of the Cambriduce Uuiversity Guild during two ringing weeks, when Isham Rectory was the headquarters.
This was the fiftieth year of the Rev. and Mrs. At inns marriage and much syuphathy is felt with the Rector

## THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT FROME. TRIBCTE TO THE RINGENG. To the Editor.

Six, 一Having hoard that an attempt for a peal of Major was to be made al Frome on Decemher 31st last. I was most interested, as it was here I learmt to ring Grandsire Triples and conducted my frst peal in that method. I rang in the two peafs mentioned is "The Ringing World' when the tenor was zung Eingle-handed.

I deeided, if it were possible to bear some if not all of the Double Nortsich attempt. I succeeded in liearing one hour and three-quarters of it. I was delighted, as I have only heard them sung to shorib touches of Major, in which I have taken part,

Knowing tho bells as I do, 1 can ear they are not a model penl on which to ring Major. I heartily congratulate the band on their splendid performance, especially Mr. P. Cannon for the masterly way in which bo turued the tenor. He rang it with a beautiful beat. I leard one or two slight trips, or miss-biows, which is not to be wondered at, one or two leads not quite to my liking, which might lead to altering the pace and rhythm, but not so with Mr. Cannon. He kept up that heautiful timing; the rest of the band heard it and treated fit with the greatest respect.

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## NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church ( 10 bells) on Saturday, January $21 s t$. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. ; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Room 4.45. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30 , St. Paul's 3.15 to 4. Both towers after the meeting.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Jantary 21 st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. All very welcome.-R. A. Tuftin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.
ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5.15.-P. Page, Hon. Sec, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict- The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, the bells of Chertsey being out of order, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 and 6 to $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30, followed by meeting in schools and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.---The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tudor Cafe, business meeting to follow.-E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Wells, St. Cuthbert's, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Cowfold ( 6 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.-O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 21 st. Bells (8) available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All ringess welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-ClATION.-The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing. Service in St. Hilda's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.-J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch.-The branch annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Service at 4.30. Nice peal of eight. Please send cards for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Taunton Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Sat., Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at gas showrooms, Bridge Street.-R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3 ( 10 bells). 49 bus from Clapham Junction or South Kensington (D.R.) passes the church. Ringing $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and after business meeting till $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Names for tea to district secretary, N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Dis-trict.-The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in choir vestry. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the vicinity of either church.-James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, S.W.1.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Northern District.-By special request, a meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil's) on Saturday, January 21st at 3 p.m. Trolley bus No. 6 stops at church. Tea will be served in the Church Hall at 1s. per head.-Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-The annual meeting will be held at Belgrave on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m.-Herbert W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 , to be followed by tea and the general meeting. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting.-E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business mecting after tea. Small charge per head. Names for tea to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton. -Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. Ringing from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Preacher, Rev. Charles Parry-Williams (Vicar of Acton). Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Chesterfield District.-The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Will all members attend who can to give the new Rector a welcome?-J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Stonetroom, Alfreton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from three o'clock. Committee meeting at four o'clock. Service in charch at 4.15 , followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Suggestions for the improvement of the report will be welcomed at this meeting.-D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gjpsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.-18th annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jantary 21st. Commence 6 p.m. Afternoon arrangements : Bells available: Temple (the leaning tower), Victoria Street (8 bells), 2.30; St. Mary Redcliffe ( 12 bells) , 2.30; St. Nicholas' (10 bells), 3; Christ Church ( 10 bells), $4.30 ;$ St. Stephen's ( 10 bells), 4.30 ; Clifton Parish Church ( 8 bells), 4.45. A cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Parish Rooni at 4 p.m. Visitors to Zoo will meet at St. Thomas' for motor coach at 2.45 p.m--Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., B.U.R.G.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings for January: St. Giles", Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's; Holborn, 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 31st. All at 7.30 p.m., except Holborn, 8 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Sat., Jan. 28th. The bells of All Saints' Church (6) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided at 6d. per head. Will those who would like tea kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, January 25th? -H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict-Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Memorial Room (adjoining Vicarage). Tea is very kindly being provided for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, January 25̌th.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) availabie at 3 p.m. Kindly notify early for tea.-C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 28th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 to $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and 7.30 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{mr}$. ; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), will also be available from 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30 p.m., and, as accommodation is limited, all requiring same must notify Mr. V. C. Buck, 11, Church Row, Leeds 2, by the first post on Thursday, January 26th. The general meeting will take place immediately afterwards in the day schools. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 28 th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business at Darracott's, West Street. Notifications for tea by 25̆th.-C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREX ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The annual district meeting wili be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells avail able from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. M. W. Simmons, 33, Crossways, Addington, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, January 25th. All ringers welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tez at the Waveney Hotel, price 1s. per head, at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Names for tea should be sent to me by Monday, January 23rd.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 . Tea at 5 , followed by the meeting. In view of the Iarge attendance expected, orders for tea must be sent by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.-J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service at $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., for which is. will be charged. All requiring tea must advise Mrs, G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield (phone, Enfield 2025), by Thursday, January 26th. Business meeting after tea, at which district officers and representatives on Central Committee for 1989 will be elected. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, for Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E. 4

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.- Joseph H. Ridyard, Branchs Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p. m. Business meeting and tea 5.30 . -C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The annual committee meeting will be Ijeld at Hitcham (Old School) on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells (6) available to all at 8 p.m. Subscriptions for 1939 now due.-A. D. Barker, Carnbridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Thrapston Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Lowick on Saturday, January 28th. Belts at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 4.30 . Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.-W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.-The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing, St. Gcorge's, Southwark, 10.30 to $11.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Tour of Houses of Parliament, 12 noon to 1 p.m. (Members and friends to meet at Norman Porch Door, Victoria Tower, Old Palace Yard, S.W.1, at 12 noon prompt). Lunch, 2s. 6d., Euston Tavern, Euston Road, W.C. (opposite St. Pancras Station), at 1.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m. Social, Euston Tavern at 7.15 p.m. Names for lunch by first post, Thutsday, January 26th, to Norman S. Bagworth, 21, Stokenchurch Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will take place on January 28th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street 3-4 p.m. (nearest stations, Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane (Underground) and at St. Martin's 4-5.30 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Crypt to all who send names by the 24th. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. St. Martin's bells.-Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

GLOUCESTER AND
BRISTOL
DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The January meeting will be held at Pucklechurch and Abson at Sat., Jan. 28th. Abson bells open 3. Service 4.30 at Pucklechurch. Tea and meeting to follow.-R. C. Giftord, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bromyard Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 only to those who let me know by Thursday, January 26th.-A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting at Olney ( 8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Times as usual. Rev. ]. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,-Kingston Dis-trict.-The annual meeting for the district will be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) avaitable 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jantary 24th.-H. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Dunster Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.-G. Stacey, Hon, Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehear.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting. Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) 5 p.m., both at the Castle Hotel, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must acquaint Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburtor Road, Hugglescote, Leicester, not later than the 26th inst.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELIS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Bridgwater Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 28th. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Come in good numbers and create interest.-C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please adtise Mr. G. L. Burgess, 107, Rostrevor Road, Adswood, Stockport. C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be beld at Brede ( 6 bells) on Saturday, January 28th. Will those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Wednesday, 25th?-Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bridgnorth Branch.-The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting, at Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea, please notify H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Oundle Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 28 th, at 3 р.пт.-A. P. Symes, Warmington Vicarage, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Axbridge Deanery Branch, -The amual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Sat., Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Divine service 4.30 , followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.-H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. -A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and the meeting in the Church Institute. All ringers are cordially invited to this meeting. Tea will be provided for all, but it would help materialiy if word were sent by those who intend to be present.-S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. The amutal meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 4.15 , and after meeting till 9 o'clock. Service 4.15 , address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Howard, late of Ashlyy-de-la-Launde. A meat tea will be provided at a moderate charge, in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid at this meeting. Please make this a reunion. All ringers and old friends welcome. Lincoln District please take note. Important: Will those who require tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesđay, January 25th ?-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be resumed on Saturday, January 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method for practice is Cambridge up to Royal, and it is hoped that these practices will be well supported. -H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at West's $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Special methods for practice: Double Norwich and Cambridge. Any other methods will be rung as desired.-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Eastern District.-Meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, January 28th. Christ Church and St. Peter's bells available. Please meet Chist Church at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in Co-operative Cafe for those who send postcard to Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn-on-Tyne. A good attendance requested. All are welcome.-F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger St., West Hartlepool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Chew Deanery Branch.-A practice meeting will be held at Winford on Saturday, January 28th. Beils available from 5 o'oclock onwards.-Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Bath Branch. - The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.25. Tea and meeting to follow.-Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Calne Branch.The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the National School.-L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Church Kirt on Saturday, January 28 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Hereford District. -The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 4th. Beils available as follows: Hereford Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (6), 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. ; All Saints' Church (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea ( 6 d . to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 31st), followed by the annual meeting, at the Kerry Arms Hotei, Commercial Square, Hereford. -R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-A meeting will be held at Royston, Hertfordshire, not Yorkshire, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Rev. F. F. Greig. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday. February 1st. No postcard, no tea. All welcome.-R. Thos. Newman, Lafayette, Salisbury Road, Baldock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Book the date, February 4 th. Longton bells (8) will ring any method. One minute bus service and main line trains Crewe to Derby (L.M.S.) all stop on the doorstep. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Cambridge.-A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division.A meeting will be held at Waithamstow (St. Mary's) on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 1st? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-J H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwetl Heath, Essex.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District. The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 4 th, at the Church of All Saints ( 10 bells, tenor 16 cwt ). Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Tea, is., guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by Feb. 1st. Business: Financial statement, annual report, election of officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1939 are now duc.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W. 13.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham Dis-trict.-The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 , address by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. A. Lumb. Tea at Tiger's Head at 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislchurst, not later than Tuesday, January 1st. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Important business requires that every tower should be adequately represented on this occasion.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guidford Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, February 4 th. Cathedral bells (8) available 3 to 4 p.m. S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Hall (next church). Numbers for tea by February 1st, please.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, $1 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} .$, in the Hall at 4.45 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notily me not later than Monday, January 30th.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-Sevenoaks (not Speldhurst, as previously arranged) is the place, and Saturday, February 4th the date of the first meeting of year. Please come and start the district on another successful year. Also keep your New Year's resolution of notifying me for tea in good time, Wednesday, February 1st, being the latest date. Tower open at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Will those interested please look up Erin Triples and Duffield Major? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due,-Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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## NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S ACHIEVEMENT

Some striking statisties have been worked out by a correspondent, Mr. A. J. Corrigan, prompted by the announcement made in our last issue that the Norwich Diocesan Association had recently rung its five thousandth peal. The association has always stood high in its peal ringing activities, and its peals, rung during the sixty years of its existence, give an average of over eighty per annum. Actually, of course, the number rung in the early years was comparatively small, about twenty or so being the yearly total. This only goes to prove how consistently, as time has progressed, the Norwich Diocesan Association has upheld its position, a position, indeed, worthy of the association which includes in its area the tower where the first recorded peal was rung.

The analysis which Mr. Corrigan has made shows how high is the average of peals rung in the Norwich diocese per head of the ringing population compared with some other centres, and his comment on the number of peal conductors and the variety of methods is alike enlightening and well worthy of attention. The fact that the association has rung over a hundred peals a year in the last year or two shows an ever increasing enthusiasm, and this, as those who know Norfolk are aware, is coupled with a loyal attention to Sunday service ringing at a very high percentage of the affiliated towers. It must not be overlooked, either, that when the Suffolk Guild was formed, after the severance of the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich from Norwich, the association lost many of its peal-ringing bands, so that the recovery which has been made is all the more gratifying to those who have the welfare of the association at heart.

The letter from our correspondent directs attention once more to another question about which some people, we think, occasionally exhibit unnecessary concern. Mr. Corrigan shows that the ringers of Norfolk keep their own bells fully occupied, and suggests, in associations where there are folk who object to peal ringing by 'unattached' ringers, that they shouid go and do likewise. There is a good deal in the view that ringers who do not care, or are not able, to ring peals themselves should not stand in the way of those who wish to do so, even if, for some reason, they may not be attached to any particular tower. Every ringer should, if possible, associate himself with a tower, so that he may do his share of service ringing and at least repay the debt he owes to the church as a whole for his opportunities of indulging in peal ringing, but that is not to say that a ringer who is attached to no particular tower should be excluded for that reason alone. There is, of course, not much excuse for people (Continued on page 50. )

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who ring peals to satisfy their own ambitions and do not raise a finger to help in promoting the art in other directions; who, as it were, take all there is to be got and give nothing in return; but these are not the only folk to be blamed. There is just as much selfishness on the other side of the account, where ringers act in the spirit of dog in the manger, and, while they do not care about peals themselves, put every possible obstacie in the way of others enjoying the use of the bells in their towers. The Norwich Association seems, happily, to suffer little from either cause, and the result of this excellent state of affairs is manifest in the success which follows their efforts. Associations will lift their hats to Norwich upon being the first to reach the great total of five thousand peals.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGE WYCOMBE, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wedneadoy, January 18, 1939, in Three Howes and Thiryty-Ons Minutes, At ter Caprce op All Saints,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CINQUE8, 5007 CHANEEX, Tenor $\mathrm{z}^{\mathrm{cw}} \mathrm{cw}$.
Ered Hayes ...Treble 7
J. E, Lewis Cockey ... .... $\quad$ Edear Hancox ... Lbohard Sticwgll an .... 3 Ralpa Coles ne....... 9 - Edward S. T, Farr ... ... 4 Frany Corye .+i ** ... 10 F. Donald Borream ... 5 Harry Wimgrove ... ... 1 I William Birmingeak ... 6 Williah Plemridge ...Tenor Composed and Conducted by Fred Hayzs.
F First peal on twelve bells.
WALSALL, STAFFORDSHTRE.
THE SOCTEIY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, On Thursday, January 19, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Twewty-One Minutes, At the Cadrch of Sx. Mazthew,
A PEAL OF STEDHAN GINQUE8, 5018 GHAMDEB;

James S. Easywood ... ...Tveble ! Walter R, Hoghes ... ... 7 Aderey M. PigkEring ... 2 Arthor T. Dition ... ... 8 Engar T. Sutte... ... .... 3 Grorge W. Hegerse ... .... 9 Ceristoperr. Wallater ... 4 Gilgert Harding ... ... Io Barnaras G. Kiry .... ... 5 Tbomas J. Elton ... ... it Harold Smita ... ... ... 6 Howard Howzll .... ...Tbap

Composed by l. Carirr. Conducted by G. W, Hogres.
Rumg as a compliment to the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicat of Walsaf, on his appointment to a Prebendal stall in Lichfeld Cathedral. First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH, SDFFOLE
THE SUFTOLK GULLD.
(St. Mary-le-Towbr Sociriy.) On Sadorday, Janvary 21, 1939, in Fowy Howrs, At zee Churce of St. Mary-Le-Towrr,
A PEAL OF CANBRIDGE 8URPRISE MAXINUS, 5280 CHANCE8;

## Tenor 32 cwt .

Grorge A, Fieming... ...Treble Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... 7
Cabrles J. Sbdgley... .... 2 Alan R. Andrews ... ... 8
Williab P. Garrett ... 3 JJorn H. Crampion ... ... 9
Hobart E. Smite ... ... 4 Cecil W. Pipz .... ... ... Io
-Ernest W. Pye... ... ... 5 George E. Symonds ... ... II
William J. G. Brown ... 6 [Frederice J. Smsse ... ...Thor Composed and Conducted by Cearles j. Sedgrey.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Mayimus.


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LONDON．
HHE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD．

At the Cedrch df St．Cement Danes，Strand， A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATER8，SO18 CHANGES； Tenor 24 cwt．
Cearles A．Hogers ．．．．．．Tyeble｜Cearles W．Otrley ．．． 6 Mise Beft Thomas H．Taffender Ernert J．King Miss Olive L．As日brodor 4

Camposed by G．r．Fardon．
3 Pirst peal in the method．
NORTH STONEHAM，HAMPSHIRE．
THE WINCHFSTER AND PORISMOUTH DIOCESAN GULLD On Tresday，Janmary 17，1939，in Three Hows and Twenty－Sewex Minuts，

At the Cerrce of St．Nicolas，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS， 5039 CHANGE8： Tenor $9 \mathrm{cwt}, 26 \mathrm{lb}$ ．
－Jobn R．Faithfill
．．．Tyabla $\mid$ Pricy Whizford ．．．．．． 6 Ruginald A．Regid ．．． †Legeig Trbmber ．．． Frederick J，Bhyley －Robart ha．Rohinson Composed by H．Hubsard T Anter V Davis Condncted by George Wis 9 THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARFORDD． un Saturday，Jannary 27，1939，in Ther Howrs and 7 wenty Minutes． At tyf Church of St．Mary，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL，GOO CHANGE8｜ Tenor 19 cw II lb．
 Composed by N．J．Pirsiow．Conducted by Thomas J．Elron． FFitst peal of Royn］．† First peal on ten．A birthday compliment to R．J．Warrilow．

## LOUGFBOROUGF．

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday，Jannaty 21，1939，in Threa Honys ard Twenty－Two Minntes，
At tee Parise Cburch，
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATER8，5056 CHANGES；
Tenor zol cwt．
Frederice W．Dexter
．．．Trable William Smita ．．．．．．．．． 6
Charles Aclsop $\quad . . .2$ Jonh Grundy ．．．4 ．＊＊．．． 7
Ernist Rawson ．．．．．．．
Colin Harrison．．．．．．．．．． 5 John Grant ．．．．．．．．．．．．Tenor
Composed by F．H．Dexrrr．Condacted by Colin Harrison．
SOUTHEND－ON－SEA，ESSEX．
THE ESSEX AESOCIATION．
On Suturday，Jawsary 21，1939，in Three Howrs and Sixteen Minutes，
At tee Ceorch og St，Mary，Prititrwell，

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS，5079 CHANGES；

jorm W．Cornford ．．．．．．Tteble Frank B．Lufxin ．．＊．．． 6
＊Albert E，North ．．．．．．． 2 ｜ 1 Dhnnis T．Brock ．．．．．． 7
Mrs，F，W．Housdes ．．． 3 Ernesy W．Furbani.. .8
Eric B．Hartley ．．．．．． 4 Regimald W．Darvill ．．． 9
Frbderice W．Hodrden．．． 5 Horace J．Mangrield ．．．Temoy Composed by Lomis Head．Conducted by Frane B，Lufkin．
＊Pirst peal of Stedman Caters．† First peal on ten bells and in the uethod．First pesl of Stedman Caters as conductor．

LUTON，BEDS．－At the Parish Ghurch on December 94th，1，260 Etedman Triplas：H．Walker 1，A．King 2，B．Wilson 3，A．J．Smitb 4，F．Hunt 5，A．E．Rushton 6，L．A．Goodenough（conductor）7，E．
Shane B．

## EIGHT BELL PEALS．

LONDON．
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOGESAN GUILD．
On Twerday，Janwary 10，1939，in 7 hres Howrs and Two Bimwtos， At tee Cetrce of St．Mary，Lambeth，
A PEAL OF KENT TRE日LE BOR MAJOR， 5089 CHANGES］ Tenor 161 cwt
Akt日tr S．Ricgards ．．．．．．Treble｜Francis D．Bisbor ．．．．．． 5
Miss Olive L．Aserrook ．．． 2 Grupprey V．Morphy ．．． 6
Thomas H，Francis ．．．
Thomas H．Tapfender ．．． 4 Thomas W．Taffender ．．．Tomor Composed by T．B，Worsley，Conducted by Tbos，W．Tapfander TARPORLEY．
THE CHEETER DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Satnyday，Jवнидyy 14，1939，in 7 hre fiours and Sewte Minules， Ax the Church of St．Helen，
A PEAL DF 8T．CLEMENT＇S BOB MAJOR，SOSG CNANCES ； Tenor io cwt．Io $\mathrm{ib}_{\mathrm{a}}$
Grorge Sperring ．．．．．．Tphble Fred Hariman ．．．．．．．n． 5

 Frani Varty ．．．．．．．．． 4 Percy Swindery ．．．．．．．．．．Tmot Composed by J．Morgas．Conducted by Pracy Swindley．
First peal in the method for all except R．Sperring．
WOOLWICH，KENT．
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
On Satwrday，January 14，1939，im I wo Homs and Fifty－T wo Mimow， At teir Ceupce of St．Marr，
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR，5024 CHANGE\＄； Tenor 23 cmt ．

 | Artgor S．Richards | ... | 3 | Jogn O．Wbller |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Deref M．Sgarp | ... | .. | 4 | A．Pathicir Cannon | Composed by A．Kniarts．Condacted by G，V．Morpay．

＊First peal in the method．Tiret peal of Treble Bob as conductor． RISFTON，LANCASHIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION．
On Saturday，Janwary 14，7939，in Thres Howrsand Ten Minntes，．．．n Ax thi Panish Caunch．

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR， 5024 CHANQEO：

Tenor 15 cwt I3 lb ．
Harry Hargrbaves ．．．．．．Tyeble，Frzd Read ．．．．．．．．．．．． 5
Thomab Hiliman ．．．．．． 2 Hehbert C．Rawclifer ．．．$f$ 名
Williah E．Millbr ．．．.. .0 William Procior 3 ．＋＊...

Composed by T．Lockwood．Conducted by Fard Read．$=$ NEWHEY，LANCS．
THE LANCASHITE ASSOCLATION．
On Saturiay，Janwary 74，1999，in Two Howrs and Fifty－Nine Hinmics． At the Cerrca of St．Thomas，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES；EO40 CHAHGESI
Taylor＇s Six－part．
Tenor Iot cwt．
－Selwyn Holy Drardra ．．．Tyeble
Stepegn Lloyd Parby ．．． 2
†Harry Kersbaw＊＊＊．．． 3
＊Harey Byanu Harold hamer ．．．．．．．．．． 7

＊Firgi peal in the method．＋First peal．First peal as conductor． BARROW－LN－FURNESS，LANCASEMRE，
THE LANCASHIRE ASEOCLATION．
On Salurday．Januayy 14，1939，in Three Hours and Six Minules， At tae Cboreg of St．James，
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES，5040 CHANGE8：
Parker＇s Twelve－pari（7th observation）．Tenor 151 cwt ，
－Ronald A．Wilion ．．．．．．Trable Artbor Stbdman ．．．．．． 5
Nicgolas M．Newby ．．． 2 Fredericik H．Crawley ．．． 6


Conducted by Acerrt Crawley．
＊Firat peal．

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GDILD.
On Saturday, fannary 14, 7939, in Thee Hours and Six Minnetes, At tae Cberce of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRI8E MAJOR, FOS CHANOEE; Tenor 15 cwt .7 lb .
 Conciucted by Percy N, G. Ralney.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. $\dagger$ First peal of Triples and frrst as conductor on eight. $\ddagger$ First peal.


## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCRESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Satmyday, Jankary 14, 1939, in Thre Dours and Fourteen Minutes, At the Choger of St. Catherine.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLEE, 5040 CHANGES;

Cartbr's Twrlve part.
Tenor 19 ${ }^{\text {最 } \mathrm{cw} \text {. }}$
-Richard Dabingtt ... ...Treble Pbrcy H. Lock .. ... ... 2 打ace Stavbns ...
 tEdward Stevers ... ... 4 -Albert Sandzord ... ....Tcmor Conducted by J. Thomás Locke.

* First peal. $\dagger$ First peal with bob bell. $\ddagger$ First peal an eight bells. First peal on eight as conductor. All belong to the local band.


## BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Satwrday, January 74, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Eightern Minutes,

## At fes Cuerce or St. James

## A PEAL OF BOE MASOR, SOG8 OHANEEE;

 Tenor 28 cwt .Albert M. Tyler
...Trebla
Alpred Pbarce.
Gllbert Pearce ...
Andraw J. Corrigan

William H. Pareer .

BUSHEY, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Jankary 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Hinutes, At jee Church of St. Jayite,
A PEAL OF QUEENGBURY gURPRISE MASOR, 5056 CMANEEE: Tenor 13 cwt .
Jobn E. Rootbs ... Henry Hodgetys ... Edwin Jennings ... ..... .3 Cbcil C. Mayne ... ... ... 7 Francis Kiri ... ... ... a Harold G. Cabhmorz ...Tinor Composed and Conducted by H. G. Савнмоre.
The first peal in the method. A birthday peal for Mr. F. Kirk. REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Janwary 27, 1939, in 7 hree Howys and Twenty-Thres ainuths at tar Cherch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 8UPERLATIVE SURPRI8E MAJOR, 5056 CHANCE8:

Temor 24 cwt in D.
Robert D. Gunton ... ... 7 yeble Ernbist Whiting ... ... 5
William J. Flatt ... .. 2 Frbderick W. Monings ...
Fridarict C. Gunion ... 3 Rossell Ricbrs... ... ... 7
Stanley W. Coplimg ... 4 Cbarles W, Loome .... .... Temor
Composed by G. Lindofr. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOOESE OF BIRMINGEAM.
On Saturday, Jannary 21, 1939, in 7 two Howrs and Fifty-Seven Minutos.
At the Chipch or SS. Petiry and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, bo40 GHANGES;
Parkir's Twrlve-part (2nd observation). Tenor $13 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Grorge F. Garrison... ...Trebie $\mid$ Williak C. Rhodes ..... .5

Ricbard C. Ingram ... ... 3 William Davirb... ... .... 7
Frbderice W. Rishworta 4 | Fred Price ... ... ... ...Timor
Conducted by Ronald I. Sazperrd.
First peal as conductor.

## GRAVESEND, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sathrday, January 27, 1939, in Thtee Howrs and Tem Minuter. At rex Caurca of St. Gborge,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCE8; Tenor 18 f ewt . in E.



Composed by N. J. Pirsiow. Conducted by Geo. J. Bojcrer.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

NOTYTNGHAM.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIAMION.
On 2 hursday, Januayy 12, 1939, in Tub Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
Ay fer Cajacr of St. Patra,
A PEAL OF HINOR, SOHO CHANGES।
Consisting of twa 720 's of Kent, one of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

- Haroly Partrimeny ...Trebid J. Alpred Barratt ... ... 4
 - Walter Nichols ... ... 3 Frbdbrick A. Saltbr... ....Temop Conducted by F. A. Salter.
* First pesal of Minor. A compliment to Mr. Thomas Jennison on his 65 th birthday.

WICKHAM SKEETH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GULLD.
On Thnrsday, Jannary 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Minules, At faz Ceurch of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCEE,
Being two extents of Kent 'Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Leslif Foster ... ... ...Treble Leonard H. Leck ... ... 4
 =P erpmi Conducted by W. A. Lock, JOK.
First atlempt to condact a peal.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GULDD. On Safurday, January 14, 1939, in Itwo Hours and Forty Minutes, At tey Cefrch of Sr. Elli,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, sOHO CHANGES; Seven different $720^{\circ}$ s,
 Conducted by C. H. Hawhins.

* First peal of Minor.

PPTMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday. Jannary 14, 1939, in / wo Howrs axd Fiffy-Five Minxtes,
At tee Cherch of SS. Mary and Andrew.
A PEAL OF BOB M\&NOR, 5080 CHANEES;
Seven 720's called differently.
Tenor 16 cwt .
Alec A. Walber... ... ...f febb||lack Roy .... ... ... ... 4
Alfred J. Wyati ... ... 2 Henry Cborcbill
Jamps Hidut... ... ... ... 3 William G. Gigg ... ....Temor Conducted by W. G. Giga.
First peal of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. W Oskes, of Trull.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION
On Saturday, Janvayy 14, 1939, in Two Hours und For ly-Six Minwles, At ter Choacr of All Saints.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Canulvidge Surprise and Orford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Boll and Plain Bob, Tenor 12 cmi .

Frank C. May ... ... ... 3 Franb B. Lufxin... ... ...Tghoy
Conducted by F. B. Lupin.
RIPPINGALE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sodtebra Brance.)
On Saturday, Jannary 74, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, At thr Cherch of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 504D CHANGES;
Boing 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Court Bob, Osford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Trebte Bols and Eent Treble Bob. Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
-Bernard h. Dalton ...Tveble Cbarlas Wilkinson ... ... 4 Albbrt E. Scort ... ** 2 Cutabeat T. H. Bradley... 5
+Leonard P. Wilson ... 3 Thomas L. Babneridge ...Temor Conaucted by C. T. H. Bradley.

* First peal, $\dagger$ First peal in seven methods on an 'irside' bell. LYTCHERT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURX DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Jantary 14, 1939, in Two Hoxrs and Fifly-Two Jinutes, At tae Caprca of Si. Mary-tbe-Vikgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE:
Seven differently called extents.
Tenor 8 cwt .
William M. Liget ... ...Tvebie
Harold E. White
William C. Shute
$\dagger$ Donald R. Harvry... ... 3 Peilip H, Tococy
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { … } & \ldots . & 4 \\ \ldots & . . & 5\end{array}$ Conducted by W, C. Suote.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GULLD.
On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Two Howys and Forty-Fowr Minutes, At yez Cgurce of St. Alban.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being 720 each of Doable Bob, Double Ozford, Cambudge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. Charles A. Basiett ... ...Tybble Abthdr F. Lewry ... ... 4 William A. Kitceenside ... 2 Albert Relfe ... Leslib W. Jarvis ... ... 3 | Fbank H. Hicks ... ... ...Temay Condacted by Albert Relfe.
First peal in sever methods by all except the conductor.

## STAPLEFORD, NOTTS

On Satwrday, Jawuary 14, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thity-Seven Minutes, At tue Ceurcu of St Helen,
A PEAL OF MINGR, gO40 CHANGES:
Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Fent Treble Bob.
W. R. Drage
'P. L. Parrott

G. Rigby
H. Turner
....
…... W. Varmam
Conducted by W. Thornley, jon
First peal. First peal as conductor.
WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION
On Sunday. Jounary 15, 1939, in I wo Houts ard Forly Minules, At the Cburch of St. Antruw,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINGR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 8 cwt , in A .

- Edmard Leggeit ... ...Tred!'s Ralpb Bird ... ... ... ... 4
†jabs H. Edmards ... .... $z$ Albc M. Geniry .... ... 5
Victor Morlry... ... ... 3 Albert L. Dixby... .... .... Temor
Composed by Rev. E. Bankes Jamas. Conducted by R. Biri.
* First Surprise peaf. + First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Monday, January 16, 1939, in I'wo Hows and Forty-Fony Minutes,

## Ar the Churce of St Marf

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Sandal, Kingston, Londoa Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bab; (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk; (3) Norwleh Surprise; (4) Camaridge Surprize; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) St. Clement's and Plam Bob; (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 ewt. in F skarp.
Samdel Danible... ... ...Treble Romald J. Sarap ... ... \&
Andrbw C. Sinfigld ... ... a Ryitinald j. Houghton ... 5 C. Henry Harding ... ... 3 C. Edward Jefrribs ... ...Tmer Condacted by C. E. Jpfriers.
The firsh peal in twelve meflinods by all and the first time that twelve methods bave been rung in seven extents by the association. DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULD.
On Twesday, January 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minules, At ter Choreh or St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 780 each of Doubie Court, Kent Treble Bab, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plajn Bob. Tenor $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Fred Brigetman ... ...Trebie Cearlbs Perkins ... ... a

- William Dopfy ...

Cbarlee E. Blace ... ... 3 Frane Taylor ... ... ...Temor
Conducted by Frank Taylor.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's first peal on an inside ' bell in seven methods.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

PDDSEY, YORESHIRE.
TIE TORKSEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Tuesday. Janmary 77, 1939, sn iwo Hous and Two Minutes, At 9, Pembrokg Road,

## A PEAL DF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Pricy J. Jobnson... ... ... t-2 William Banion... ... ... 5-6 Mrs, J. Cottrerll ... ... $3-4$ Jobn ambler ... ... .... $7-8$
Composed by Grorge Lewis. Conducted by William Baryon, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Thursday, Jamany 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Ten Minudds, At zo, Aberdeen Cre:cent.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANQES; Tenor size 20 in $\mathbf{E}$.
Alfred Barars ... ... ..- 1-2 | Allem F. Bailey ... ... ... 5-6
Harold Jaceson ... ... ... 3 -4 $\mid$ Peter Lablin .... ...
Composed by G. Limdoff. Conducted by A, F. Bailey.
Rung as a birthday corapliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.
(Other pesi reports are unsvoidably hetd over).

## PEAL NOTES.

## INTIERESTING DETALS ABOUT PERFORMANOES

The peal of Bob Major mung on handbells a\& Pudsey, Yorkshire, on January 17th, was a composition by Mr. George Lewis with the full combination of 4,5 and 6 in $5-6$ in the mininum number of courses (36) and changes ( 5,008 ). It was rugg for the first time and is believed to be the first ever produced with tbese qualities.
Not many peals ate rung nowadays at Handsworth, Birmingham, which was once upon a time a lappy hunting ground for members of St. Martin's Guild. On Jamaly 14th, however a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there, with three of the band scoring their firgt in the methot. The coaductor, Mr. P. G. Rainey, rang bis first peal of Triples and completed peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Ginques.
Mr. Albert Crawley, of Orewe, rang his 90th peal when he took part in Grandsire Triples at Barrow-in-Furnesa on Jnauary 14th.
Five out of the band rang their first peal in seven methods when a peal of Minor was ring at Frant, Sussez, on January 14th
The Rev. E, Bankes James' arrangement of 5,040 Cambridge Minor was rung for evening service at Wormingford, Essex, on Sunday, January 15 th.
A half-mufled peal of Bob Major was rung at Brierlep Hill, Stafe, on Jansary 17th, in memory of the late Mr. George Allport, at one time a ringer and for many years sexton at the Parish Church.

A peal in seven Minor meihods at Rippingale, Eincs, was a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Cuthbert TF. H. Bradley, of Folkingham. The peal was rung on January 14 th.
The first time that twelve Minor methods have been rung in a pea! of sever extents by the Bedfordshire Association was at Maulden on Tantary 16th. There weve five methods in the first $72 a$.
Mr. W. Thormley, jun., scored his first peal as conductor, when, at stapleford, Notts, on January $14 t h$, he rang his $25 \mathrm{th}^{2}$ peal, It was in three methods of Minor.
The long service of Mr. F. T. Jewell, who has been for 55 years steeplekeeper at St. James' Church, Bristol, was celebrated on Jamary 18th, when a peal of Bob Myjor (which was substitufed for Roym when the band met short) was rung in his honour.

## AN ANNIVERSARY PEAL

The peal of Grandsire Caters a\& North Stoneham on Jamuary 17th was, in effect the celebration of the Rev. E. B. James' first peal, rung 50 Jears ano last month. A peal had been arranged on the ectual amiversary, but the weather conditions of snow and ice made it impossible for the band to meet.
Last weak's peal was rung on the 55th amniversary of the firgt peat by the Wiachester Guild in Hampshire (one had previously been rung in Surrey), in which Mr. Gearge williams toak part. Now, at 81, he bas called this peal of Grandsire Caters.
Jobn R. Faitlifull, of Sonthrmpton, who rang the treble is only just 14 Fears of age. He deserves the bighest commendiation upon the way in which he rang. His only other peal has been the trable to Cambridge Surprise Major.
Mr. Maurice Hibhert, who took part in the first peal of Queensbury Surprise Major, which was rung at Buskey on Jamaary 19th, has now rang 50 different Surprise methods or extensions on $6,8,10$ or 12 bells, and is, we believe, the first to do so.
This list is made un of pesla of Kajor in 39 methods, Splieed Surprise in two to sir methods, seven Suprise Minor methods, London Minor, Cambridge Minor, Royal and Maximus and Yorkshire Royal.
A local band at Drayton, Somerset, raug a peal of Grandsire Triples on Tanary 14th-the first pail on eight bells rung by a band residing in Irchester Deanery
The peal of Treble Ten at stt. Mary's, Stafford, on Seturday, January 21 st , was arranged to give Mr. T. Warrilow, the respected seeplekeeper at this tower, and his son, Mr. R. J. Warrilow, the opportunity of ringing their first peal of Royal.
The Ficar of St. Mstthew's, Walsall (the Rev, H. J. Carpenter), bes been appointed to a Prebendal stałl in Lichfeld Cathedral, and on Thursday of last week, ringers of the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall in honour of the preferment. Mr. George W. Hughes rang his first peal as conductor, nad he is the fourth member of the lacal band to call a peal of Stedman Cintaues in the tower.
Mr. Stanley Copling, of Loddon, Norfols, rang his 100th peal when he took part in a peal of Snperlative Surprise Major at Redenhell on Saturday, January 2lst.

A peal of Minor in spen methots was rung by the local band at Deeping St. Njeholas, Lincs, on January 17th. It wes a birthdsy compliment to Mr . C . Perkins, and was the first peal on an "inside" bell in seven methods hy the conductor, Mr. Frank Taylor.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Ronald Shepherd has ring his firet peal as conductor. Tbis was Grandkire Triples at Coleshill, Warwickshire. He has been ringing only about two yeers and is a roost promisine member of the Aston hand. We look forward to a great ringivg fitture for this ronnte enthusiast.
Archia Leck, jun.. made his first attempt to call a peal on Jamary 12th at Wickham Skeith and was successful in conducting seven 720's in threg methods.
Another new conductor is Mr. J. Meadowcroft, jun., of Newhey, Lancs, who on Saturday ealled a peal of Grandsire Triples in his home tower.

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## DEATH OF MR. CHARLES SLINGSBY.

## BRITAIN'S OLDEST BELLRINGER

The death occurred on January 19th at zis home at didington, Kent, of Mr. Charles Slingsby. Ho was 101 years of.age.
He was bora on May 26th, 1.837, and was Eritam's oldest bellringer. Indeed, he was actively
engraged in ringiog until


MR. CHAPLES SLINGSBY
Fommey Marah and District Guild, and he took the keanest interest in ringing afairs right up to the end. He was not a man of great physique, but he had $s$ tough constitution which elabled him to enjoy good health throughout his iong life.

## TRIBUTE TO DECEASED RINGER.

On Friday, Jamuery 13th, the bells of St. Helen's, Willingham, near Gainstorough, were rung lalf-muffled as a woken of respect to Mr. H. Plowright, who died at his home io Springthorpe and was buried at Willingham earlier in the day

A 780 of Grandsice Doubles was rung by W. Roberts 1, H. Bingham 2, George L. A. Lunn $\mathcal{Z}_{1}$ F. Grimshaw 4, N. B. Thurlby 5, C . Hooton 6. The conducting was shured by N. B. Thurlby sud George L. A. Lunn,
Mr Plowright was one of the original members of the bond who rang at Willingham when the bells were increased from three to five and subsequertly to six in 1805.

## STOP PRESS NOTICES

Notices of the following meatings reached us too late for insertion in the proper column:-

Ely Diacesan Association, at Old Chesterton, Febrnary 4th.
Winchester and Portamouth Diocesan Guild, Audover District, at Amport, on February 4th.
Lancashire Aesociation, Wigan Branch, at Wigan Parish Church, on Febmetry 4 h.
Lancashire Association, Furness and Lake District. Branch, at Ulverston, on February 4th.

## (Continued from previous column.)

Mr. J. Williams of Morriston, earned the thanks of a Swansea and Brecon Guild band by making up the company for a peal of Minor at Lasnelly, Carmarthenshre, oz siturảay, when all the other ringers, except the conductor, scored their first peal of Minor.
What is believed to be the quickest peal rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, was brought round on Saturday in 2 hours 52 minutes. The tenor is 13 cwt . The peal of Oxford was Mr. Geoffrey Murphy's firat peal of Treble Bob as conduchor.

To celebrate the birthday of Mr. W. Onikes, the "grand nid mann" of Trill, Somerset, who has rcached the age of 76 years, the first peal of Minor on the bells at Pituinster was rung on Safurday. It was in this tower that Mr. Oakes learned to ring.

Another birthday peal was that at St. Peter's, Nottingham, where a peal of Minor in three methods on the front six of this ring of tea celebrated Mr. Thomas Jenvison's 65th anniversary.
Seven out of the eight ringers who scored a peal of St. Clementa Bob Mejor at Tarporley, Cheshire, on Saturday, rang their fret peal in the method. The erception was Mr. Robert Sperring, who was one of the bava that some rears ago frst exploited some of these departures from the commonplace.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUHLD.

SOUTHAMPTON SECRETALY'S APPEAL TO DEFICIENT BANDS.
The annual meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portamouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on January 14tb. Over 70 members and visitors were present from most of the towerg in the district and from places as far away as Ryde, Portsmonth, Salisbury and Bournemouth, and included Messrs. G. Wilhams, F. W. Itcgers, W. Andrews, W. T. Tucker, F. Romaine, etc.

The sorvice was held at Foly Rood Cburch, the Rev, G. H. Goodall officiating, and the ringers had tea in St. Miohael's Fall.
At the business meating, the Rev. G. H. Goodall presided.
The fecretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) peesented the accounts, whicin showed a very astisfactory state of affairs., Although the total nembership was four below that of last year, beiag 116 againgi 120, increaged balances were paid to the general treasurer and also carried forward. Several towers in the district, the secretary said, were below strenglh, St. Mary's, Sputhampton, being one.

In every case where there was an shortage of ringers Sundey gervice ringing suffered, the services of the church suffered and the reputation of the Guild suffered. Every effort would have to be ravale to remedy this by bringing in new ringers who would treat their ringing as an contribution to the work of the church. Irregularity and unpunctuality on the part of same ringers, which made Sunday service ringing but a half-hearted affair or ruined a practice, was often the cause of bands falling apray. He appealed to all concerneil to remedy this. At Bomsey monthly prsetices had been arranged and this effort was making sterdy progress. At Upham a course of instruction was being given. Mogt promising of all, bowever, was the number of keen young ringers, both men and women, who were coming along in various parts of the district.
No restoration work liad been carried out in the district during the year, and, generally speaking, tho belis were in good order.
The Rev. R. A. R. Spread (Vicar of St, Michael's) thanked the ringers for their work and paid a tribute to Mr. Pulinger.
The district officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. G. T. Trittou; Ringing Mnster, Mr. G. Williams; hon. treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; suditor, Mr. G. Fray; representatives on Frecutive Committee, Mr. R. Brown (Southempton) and Mr. W. Viney (Romsey).
District meetings were arranged as follows: Bishopstoke, February $18 t h ;$ Fawley, May 20 th ; Sherfield Eaglish, July zend; Upham, October 88th ; anual (Sontbampton), January 13th.
During the afternwon and evening ringing took place upon the bells of St. Mrry's, Holy Rood, and St. Michael's Ghurcher, and ranged from rounds and call changes to Surprise Royal.

## IEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

"FAMLY' GATHERING AT PUDSET.
The society's first meeting of 1939 was held at Pudsey. The bells were rung isp soon after 3 p.m., when a happy couple, who lind just been merried, had the sound of the bells to add to tine feative occasion. Tea was eeryed at the Parik Hotel, where the geacrous epirit that always prevails when Pudsey is visited was again in evidence. Ample justice was done to the provisions, and while the later arrivals were having tea, the sectetary was busy writing aut the notes of a new ballad, in whicin all voices joined in the opening words of "How much do I owep*
The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradiord Cathedral, Calperley Drigklington, Elland, Headingloy f\$t. Cami's and St. Michael's), Idle, Liversedge, Leeds Parish Church, Pontefract, Rothwell, Selby, Sherbusn, Shiplay and the local company.
At the outset the President asked the members to stand for f few moments in silence in memory of the late Mr. Harry Lockpood, for 60 year rimger at Leeds Pariah Ghurch and ons time president and trustee of our bociety.
Four new members were elected, viz., Messig. E. Baldwin and B. Hodgson, of Liversedge, C, Brown, of Pontefract, and G. Vasley, of Selby.
A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company wes proposed by Mr, Johnson, who, in thanking the ringers for their continued generasity sit this meeting, wondered whether they should not call it \& family gathering. Many ringers made a apecial effort to be present at Pudey, and if the association did not wisit Pudisey, there would be many faces they would not sce. The wholo gathering was warmed by the friendliest feeling and camaraderie, and, judging by the numbers present, the efforts of the local company were sppreciated. Ho boped their efforts would continue for another 98 years.-Mr. W, Barton, replying for the Pudsey ringers, said he would see what they could do with regard to the time mentioned by Mr. Johnson, and me hoped Mr. Jolinson would be Prasent at them all (laughter).

The next meeting is to be held at Liversedge on Tebruary 25 th.
Tho secrelary gave a detailed siatement with regard to the socibiy's jubilea meeting, to be held at Leeds Parish Church on March 25 th . The bella would be open priar to in eervice, which would be followed by a hot-pot supper and entertainment (Is. gd. per head) at Sherwin's Eestaurant, Lande Lane.
Good use was made of the handbells, with further visits to the tower until 9 p.m. Afterwierds handbell ringing at the hotel brought another wonderful meeting to a close.

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## BELYRY GOBGIP.

Bristol United Guilds contemplate issuing another edition of their vaiuable 'Ringers' Diractory' this year.
We understand, also, that they will organise another of their "ringing' Weeks in August. Those held in the past have been highy successful. These excursions are not peal ringing expeditions.
The ringers at Doncaster Parish Church are very eager to get their bells restored. The Vicer called a meeting of the ringers, to discuss ways and means, on a recent Sunday at 7.45 p.rn., after the evening service. One of the ringert was so keen that he arrived at the church for the meeting at 7.45 a.m.
Last Saturday, Mr. James Hunt was alected Rituging Master of the Taunton Deanery for the twenty-frat time.

The gertleman (we presume it was a gentleman and not a lady) who Ieft his pipe on the table after the Bristol dinner on Saturdey can have it by applying to Mr. Edgar Guise.

Certain Landon ringers who vifted Bristel on Salurday end wont to Long Ashton on Sunday roorning to get their shoes soled and heeled came away disappointed. An arm of the law was atanding by to gee thet tho Shop Hours Act was observed.
Mr. Ben Gough, who has been stayirg in the Beeches Nursing Home in Wolverhampton for a considerable time, sfads his greetinggs to all old ringing friends, and would be pleased to seo anyona who can make it cobvemient to pay him a pisit.
The members of Newcastle Cathedral Guild wers delighted on Sunday to welcome brek to the tower after his recent illaess Mr. W. H. Barber, whoge many friends throughout the country will bo glad to know he has recovered sufficiontly to climb again the belfry steps.

## DEATH OF AN EDENBRIDGE RLNGER.

Many ringers who have been associuted with the Kent County Association, and especially with the Edenbridge tower, will be sorry zo hear of the pessing of Mr. 'Jimmy' Heasmen.
He was a meuber of the Edenbridge stoney baud which joined the Kent Association in 1896, and started to learn change rimging-

For over 50 yearg ho was a regular service ringer at Edenbridge, for many years held the post of captain, and spent endless loours in teaching youngsters. He rang at least, 39 peals in his own lower and many otliers elsewhere,
Ho composed severaf peals, and many touches of his are still rung for service in the district. He taok part in the ringing when the beila of Edenbridge were broadeast a few years ago allhougt mearly blizd.

He died at Chingford, Essex, on January 15th, 3 ni was huried at the cemetery at Edenbridge on the 19th. Foir of bis brother ringers, Messrs. G. Malyau, E. Leish, W. Leigh and E. C. Leigh, acted as bearers. The floral tribubes included a wreath fram the Toabridge District of the Kent County Association.

The bells he loved so well wore rung half-muffled during tho evening.
A. E. R.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN CUILD.

LADI FLECIED RINGING MASTER OF GALNSBOROUGH DISTRICT
The axmual mecting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Gainsborough, on Sathrday, January 21st. After a belated stari, due to the late arrival of some of the members, the fine peal of eight were set going to various methods.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. A. G. Whitworth, and tea was served at the Tudor Cefe.
At the business meeting the district secretary took eyerybody by complete surprise when he announced that he felt he could no longer hold office. Much to the regret of all, his resignation liad to be accepted aifter two years of excelient work.

Considarablo discussion Followed on the dificulties of secretaries, and after much persuasion the Ringing Master agreed to resign that office and take over the duty of secretary. Ir acknowledting his election, he said it was not the work entailed that he was dinking of, but he felt he was taking over it "sinfing ship.' "If: he said, the district would make es eupreme effort to improve the prantices and ringing generally, he would do his part.
Mrs. E. Gray a popular lady ringer af Gainsborough, was unanimously elected Ringing Master.

A discussion then followed on the pros and cons of ataring a Belfry Repair Fund to assist towers in the district where schemes for restoring or sugmenting their belis- were started. It was saggested that a collection should be taken at enels meeting. Erentasily this was agreed to and the first collection made. In wiew of this it was impossible to help the restoration fund of Bronlly, for which an appeal had been received.

Votes of thank were pessed and a return made to the tower. Unfortwately, owing to an impartand function in m meighbouring chapel, ringing had to cease at 7.30.
Methods risp during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, a course of Londan coming to grief two leads from home.

The towers represented nucluded Blyton, Lea, Uphon, Willingham, Gainfiorougls, Retford, Lincola, Sartieet, Bolsover, Treeton and Folkingham.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-55.

## FRANK W. PERRENS

A ringers' 'strike' was the cause of Mry. Frank Perrens' entry into ringing and giving the art one of its most able exponents. While he was living at. Willenhall, Staffs, in 1910, the ringers there went on strike, because the church authorities would not provide them with new ropes. The Viear appealed to members of the Young Men' Club, cannectad with the church, for recraits to leain to ring. Mr. Perrens happened to be one who was persuaded to volunteer, It was a circumstance that has had gratifying results. It was not long, indeed only November 5th in the seme year, before he rang his first peal, which was one of Grandsire Triples at'St. Peul's, Wood Green, Stuffa, where, incidentally, he slgo rang his first Surprise perl (Cambridere) nearly five years later. His first peal as couductor was also Grandsire Triples at St. Giles', Wiltenlall, on October 30th, 1913, in which there Trere four other "firsts." It was also the first geal on the hells by a locs1 bend, although the bells were increased to eight in 1873. Mr. Perrens' connection prith Willenhall lasted until 1915, but out of this period be spent his college days in Landon, where he had many beppy meatings with ringers ant he has pleasant recollections of the kindness extonded ta himl From 1915 ta 1921 , intorrupted by war service with the Ir.A.F., Mr. Perrens rang at Sution took an early opportenity of visiting st. Martin's, Birmingham, where landbell ringing, was then going strang, He became grently interesied in this phase of ringing and took it up with enthusiasm. His first handbell peal was Stedman Cinques, the first handbell peal on twelve bells in the city of Birmingham and for St. Martin's Guild. Ont of the 45 peals which Mr. Perrens ralg in this period. 26 of them were on hanabels.
Since 1921 Mr. Jerren bas been connected with All Saints', Allesley, Corentry, a six-bell tower, and


MR. FRANK W. PERRENS. t. was not until some time afrer gain a conduchor really started. In 1903 he called his first peal of Major (Cambridqe Surprise), and although his peal ringing since then lias been a little more rapid, he has only on two occaeions rung more than 20 peals in a year; but they have gone to make up an interesting reeord.
For instance, Mr. Perrens conducted the first peals ever rung of Lincolnshire, Warwickkhire, York, Wigeton and Stratford Surprise Major, and called the first peats for the Warwickslire Guild of seven Surprise Minor methods. New Cambridge, Ipswich, Yorkshire, Staf fordshirc, Pudsey and Ashtead Surprise Major, New Cambridge Royal and Duffeld Major, and the first handbell peals of Stedman Catera and Cinques. Mast of the Surprise peals were the first in the method by nll the band, and, with one exception, were rung at the first attempt without any prepious mractice. In adidition, Mr. Perrens conducted the frrst peal of Canbridge Surprise Maximiss for the Oxford Pincesan Guild and has rusg in the first peals of Cambridge Maximus in several counties, including the great performence at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th, 1932. He has taken part in the only two peals rang at Buckfast Abbey, the first being rang from the narrow gallery round the central tower. Other of his interesting peals liare been the Ars: peal of Erin Chaques on handbells, a silent peal of Stedman Triples, and a silent peal of Stedman Cinques on hardibells, in which the position of the ringers of the first five pairs of bells was drawt out of a bat.

H: Perrens las rang 322 peals, of which 69 have been on handhell=, and he lias conducted 121, of which 25 have been "in hand." Practically all the peals that he has conducted have been called from working bells, a polict which he frolds should be instilled into hudding conductors. His peals have been rung in 82 dilferent towers. including 21 twelve-bell towers, in 20 counties and for 18 differents societies and guilds. They inciude well over one hundred prals of Surprise and over a hundred on twelve befls, as well as a good ambler of peals of Minar up to seten Surgrise methods.

THE NORWICH ASSOCLATION'S RECORD

## SOME SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir-I am sure that the Exercise as a whole will wish to cougratulate Norwich very beartuly on jts magnificent pertormance, the completion of a " peal of peals.

There are some striking fentures about this achievement that Mr. Golden with characteristic modesty does not commeat upog. First and foremost must be the part that he limself aud the presert geveration of Norfolk rimgers have played in producmg the grand total, for the men of Norfolk are not riding on the shoulders of pust giants: they hava for the kest two years at least rung over a century of peals in the twelse months on their own account

Next is the extraordinsry average put up by the Norfolk men of to-dry in tine matter of peal rillging. Their membership is sambl325 performing members in the 1837 report, who. Jet, rang 108 peals invotvilu 812 ringers, which works out at participation in 2.3 peals per head of the ringing population within the compuss of a single year. This is surely not alone a contemporary record, but it must be somethisg like an ali-time record as woll. How 山igh the figure is may be judged by the following comparative firures, representing the "pead index' for 1937 unless otherwise stated for the guilds named. Wint chester and Portsmouth, 0.42; Bristol, 0.38; Bath and Wells, 0.26 ; Guildford (1936), 0.36; Devon (1935), 0.031. Even the energetic Soubbampton ©istrict (whiol inciudes North Btonebnan, a peal ringing tower of no mean order) cond only score 1.25 for the Corouation year. All figures are based on zusideut membership alone
There is much still to be sath about Norfolk. There wete in the 1937 report 31 peal contiuctors, an average over the whole membership of ore peal conductor to every eleven members approximately, so that the honours of the bjg figures must be spread very widely indeed over the county The variety of the melliods rung is well kHown and needs wo comment but the most significent fact of all remains to be stated, It is that all the 1837 peals (and I 1.hink all the 1938 as weil) were rung by resident members alone, with a few very tritling exceptions. No visiting bands helped to swell the total-Norfolk did it all tinaided.

I heve called this last the most sigpificant fact of all, since it has eo great a beariag upon the sporadic controvery that aceuptes your columas from time to tine. Unattacled ringers ring no peats in Notfolk, not because they arc deliberately opprosed by anybody concorned, but simply because the ringers af Norfolk keep their own bells fully occupied. Those who object to 'umattached peths ehould go and do jikeryise. If they do not use their owa luells they must not be surprised when otber people do it iustead, and they should put the blame where it belorgs-upon their own inconpeterce or indolence -or both.
May the ringers of Norfolk long contiuue to show us how it is done
Bitton, Brisidol.
A. J. Corrigan.

## NO RINGING AT PRESTBURY FOR VISITORS.

GHESTER QLILD ASEED TO CONSIDEA FIGAE S REHUSAL.
The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held its gencral meeting on Saturdizy, Janazary 144n, and despite tontenta of rair in the evening was very successtul, Promptly at 3 oclock the early arrivals conmenced to riug up the temor of the magnificent pell of twalve bells at the Parish Church, and it was not. loog before the Ringing Master had all his work cut out to provide for all iastes, both highbrow and lowhrow.
The special Guild service was conducted by the Vienr of Macclesfield (the Rev. N. A. Vesev), who is also the chtirman of the lraneh, and a very inferesting address was given by the cutate (the Rev. K. Lee), which touched on the words of the special hymu for riugers, par ticularly the lost verse, 'Our lives, like bello, while changing, an ordered course pursue."
Tes was served in the Alexandra Cafe, when 31 members assembled. The business meeting followed, and apologies for absence were read from the Vicars of Chelford and Cbrist Charch and the Rector of Gawswarth. The Ficar of Bosley and the Rector of Alderley had intendedi to be present, but were prevented at the last miarte from attending.

The secretary was congratulated upon an excellent report, which revealed that there had been an increase in membership oner 1937 of three honorary and 13 ringing meabers, Ringing meetinge treve been very well attended, the sverage being 27 por meeting. Twenty-me members took patit in 44 peals for the Guild, ten members rang their [irst peal, nime at the frst attempt, two their first on eight bellia and two their first on ten. The offeers for 1938 were re-clected can bloc for 1939.
The secretary pointed out that the ringing meeting proposed for July at Prestbury would have to be cancelled owing to the fact that the Vicar would not sllow the bells to be used at any time by visiting ringers.
Arter some discnssion it was decided to place the mafter in the bands of the Guild secretary as an item affecting Guild principles. Threa further ringing members were elected, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the chairman, secrefary and treasurer, also to the organist for presiding at the organ for the service.
Further the of the bells was then made, and before fionghing time sereral more stragglers found their way into the ringing chamber to complete the happy gathering.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

## LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER. Need for Recruitment in Belfries.

The annual gathering organised by Bristol United Rivging Guilds ontimues to grow in popularity and interest. Last Saturday ringere were attracted to Bristol not anly from the immediate counties of Qloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire, but from zlaces far distank among tham Iondon, Sinefield, Manchegter, Birmingham, Hereford Newport, Smansca, Port Talbot, Plymouth and Southmmpton. The gathering has become more than the formal dinner with which it began 18 Jears rgo. It has developed into a 'week-end,' and visitors find the warmest hospitality extended to them. On Saturday aiter noon, iu addition to the usual ringing at a number of the dity churches an excursion to Bristol Zoological Gardens had been arranged, and there was also afternoon ter for all who desired it at gt. Thomas Parisla Rodma
Thas trip to the Zoo was thoroughly intereating, and over 30 wisitors, who were talten by motor-coach, availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the specimens. Of course, there was not lacking the wit who said that the animals also enjoyed the enfertainmeat provided for then. Clifton Zoo has been in existence more than a hundred years, aud the visitors had the advantage of being couducted round tha rardens by Mr. Ralph Guise (brother of the hon. secretary of Eristol United Guilds), wha is one of the Zoo offeials, but who fo some six months has been incapacitated from work through one of
his arms being badly manglnd by at gorille. Happiy Mr. Guise is now recovering from lis severo injuries. The wwo things which probably most interested the ringing visitars were the opportunity of tondling a lion aub ouly five weeks old, and inspecting a giant garilla weighiug 28 stones-which they lowd no desire to fondle. This gente man, bowever, was apparently more interested in his afternoon meal of banangs and raw onions then in the public

After the tour of the gardens the visitors were entertajned by the Onited Riuging Guilds to "tea and bun " in the Parilion and went on to ring at Clifton Parish Church.

BIG DINNZR PARTY.
Dinner twas served in the Ball Room at the Grand Hotel and over 280 sah down, During the mesl they were entertanimed with limht music, provided by an orchestral quintette. The chair was taken by Mr. E. J. Brown (St. Philip's), who was accompanied by Mrs. Brown, and he was supported by the Von. Archdeacon of Bristol and Mrs. alford, the Rer Canon E. S. Swame (Vien of St. Mary Redcliffe) Canon E. J. Phillips, the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Thomas') tho Rev. Noel Hope (Vichi of Chedworth and Mater of the Gloucestet and Bristol Diocesar Association), Mr, and Mrs, S. H. Woed, Mr A. A. Hurines (London), Mr. and Mrs J. F. Smallwood (Bath), Mr O. Read. Mr. anc. Mrs. W. Emery, etc. risitors were Br. J. T. Dylie (hon, secrotary of the Broth and Well Diocesan Association), Mr. J. W. Jones (lron. secretary, Llandafi and Monmonth Diecesan Absomainn), Ms. W. H. Shuker hon. secretary Lencasinte Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon treasurer Yorkshire Assaciation), Mr. M. Wilson (hon. secretary Sbeffield Dis(rict Society) and Mrs. Wilson, etc. Apologies for absence were received from, anong others, Mr. and Mra. A. Walker (Birming ham), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr, and Mrs. S. Romani (Gloucexter) and Mr. Charles Thomas (of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers). After an enjoyable meal, the Mastor submitted the loynd toast

PPEAL TO RINGERS WHO FAVE DRIFTED
The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Church; said, as ringers, they owed a great dea! to the Church and particularly to the especially for the course to begraterul wo the clergy in many ways, other than their own fory they showed when ringers visial chuche or ringers" outiags ? ?rgely for their own gratificution, but mevertheless enabling them to practise their art in a far broader sense than otherwise they could do. Ringers were arare, too, of the kindy willinguess of the clergy to co-operate with ringing associations when those associations held tbeir periadical meetings. The Chairman proceeded to appeal for a closer hond between clergy and ringers, and said he thousht it could be strengthened if the ciergy showed a litle more interest and went to the belfry sometimes and got to know their tingers better. He knew there were some who took a real interest a that branch of church work, but in many towerg an occasional visit from the Vicar, with perhapa a word of encollragement now and egaim, would not only go far to make ringers feel less out of things, but would liave a definite eflect for good, parkicularly among young ringers in the learmer stage. He also appealed to those zingerg who had for some reason or other drifted from the belfry and no langer took a rope on Sundey. Their absence constituted a serious loss to the Chareli and to tho Exercise, particularly in these days of depleted bands. He appealed to those ringers, diffeult though it might appear at first sight, to try and sins any dierrences ther might have and retarn to the belfry and rejoin their brotherr in what, aftar all, was their daty and sarvice to the Church; keeping uppermost in their minds that service to the Ohurch was a service to God (applause)

The Archderton of Bristol, who responded, referring to the chair man's description of the clergy as "the stalwarts of the Church," said
he disagreed with him in that. He always felt that the stalwarls of the Church were the laity aud the people who backed up the clergy in every possible way. What the incumbents would do without the belp they got from the laity, men and women, we shuddered to think. It was just hecause they had round them such bands of willing helpers as the ringers and other lay workers that they were able to carry onContinuing. the Archdeacon Teferred to the anxjous thanes in which we are now living, and said be hoped the bells, in the words of the poet, would ring out the old bad things in the world and that the ringers would translate jato their sounds the messafe of peace. Tingers could do something as evangelists : they monld tell the world that some of the old ideas are wrong ; they could tell the world they did not want to talk of war, but wanted to lalk of peace. They needed to ving the bells of peace throughout the world. He thought the Church slould take a far greater lead than ghe did in talking of peace and of the things that would bring about peace. They prayed for peace when there was an emergency, as there was last September, and then went on telling people to bepome A. R P. workers, 38 if they aid not believe God had broucht, them neace in answer to their prayers. He was not a pacifist-be liad been for 17 pears a chaplain in the Forces-but something was wrong with what the Church taught. Every onte of them, however small a part they played in the work of the Church, thould try above all things at this time to preach peace. He wondered whetluer they could take away a message that night, and in foture, through the bells, lift up their woices for peace, In that way in city and country the 250 who were there that night might, go out and be a power for good. It had got to start from somewhere; it might well be that it could start there-the gespel af peace, becalise they were rinpipg the bells of peace (applanse)

RELATIONS OF CLERGY AND RINGERS
The Rev. M. Paterson, who proposed the toast of "The Ringing World,' said the ringers of Bristol were, lue knew, grateful for what they at st. Thomas' were able in a small way to do for them, but he somatimes wondered whether they gave gratitude wheve it ought to be given. They oftem thanked him, but their gratitude should roally 5y to the churchwardens, Lagt year, he contanued, he was allowed relationships that existed between the clergy and tha ringers. He hinted, they woud remember, that although there might be faufts on the sids of the clergy, there also magt be gome faults ou the side of thase jmmoculate people, the ringers (taunter). If the clergy and ringers were to come closer logether there must be atvances not only by the clergy, but also bre the ringers. Many rears ago when wo wh a young curate he went to a church where there were bells, and ringers who rang Suuday morning and evening alld on one evening in the wrel for practice, but, so ar as he cauld sef, so long ge the tower and bells were preserved, they would not have troubled if the whole church was burned down They ware mitirely bloof from all parochia] activities. It might have been his fault, aud probably it was, bechuse he was not so old or so wise then as he was gow, ard shown any interest, even a small interest in what interogted him, if they had made some adurnce to the young curate who came amongst them, lae wonld lave been a ringer to-day.

Contimuing, Mr. Paterson sajd that was the sixtcenth dinner of the Bristol United Guilds that he had attended, aud he was beginaing to wonder whefher here would we, for him, a seventeenth or an or ater years hncy and placed lis speech in a prominent piace in their promsame, but be felt that now he liad sajd to them all be had got to say. Moreover, had to confegs that, mith his advancing pears, more and more did he value the nuiet $\mathbb{S a h u r d a y ~ e v e n i n g . ~ H e ~}$ did most earneatly hope that they would be able to get gome younger clergyman into the towers of Bristol and that he woutd be abie to
speak to them with raore power and influence than he (Mr, Paterson) had been able to do. If that happoned he could assure thern that he would read that greech in "The Pinging World." Mr. Goldsmitb knew perfectly well that he esteemed him, bat the zingers of Bristol knew far better than he (the speaker) did the work Mr. Goldsmith did for ringers and the value of the paper (applause)

Mr. Goldsmith, in replying to the toast, gaid he sincerely hoped Mr. Paterson cid not intend that speech to be bis swan song. Tbey almays appreciated Mr. Paterson's witt and wisdom, and hoped he would long be spared to join them at that gathering and enlighten and cheer them with his words (applause). Of the valse of Mr. Paterson's speeches on those omsaions they had proof last vear, when as the outcome of what he said on the relations between ringers and clergy. the Archdeacon made reference to the matter in his charge (applause).

## MORE RECRTIITNG NECESSARY

Mr. F. J. Smallwood submitted the toast of "The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Bristol Onited Ringing Guilds.' He said they had to thank the Bristol United finging Guilds for the work they were doing in creating unity zmong the ringers of the west country. They were proud of the wark that was being done, and thase gatherings were a great testimany to the efficiency with which it had been done. They had that day provided eztertammant for their visitore ks usual, but there mas a subtle humour about the proceedings. He was very puzzled about the Zoo busiaess. He under. stood that they were accompanied by ons of the members of the Guild's Committee, and it was only with the sreatest difficnltr the arthorities could be persuaded to let him come Rway (taugzter). A
resolution had been moved that afternoon at the 200 in the following ternos: "Wo, the animals housed at Cliftor Zoo, desire to place on record our appreciation of the action of the Bristal Duner Commattee in nuranging for their visitors to be brought to our Zoo to-day. We
thisk they were a most interesting selection of the laman species, and we shonald like to see more of Uhem. (Sighed) U. B. Chimpans (latsiter).
Continuing, Mr. Smallwood said be asked the secretary for the number of performing members in the assaciation at the present time, and 组 got a slight ghoule when he found it was less than it was in 1928. He thouglit that calfed for a good deal of ivward reflection by them all. They ought to consider this question of recruitnent of ringers more seriousjy. He threw out the hint to those people who had any infuence with the authorities how useful it would be to get into the towers the choirboys after their voices lad brokell. They ought to rope them in and they might also rearuit from the boy scouts. He thought there would be a useful field for recruitment there. They must not orerlook the fact that they mast recruit or their art would become a dying one. Meteoric performanees were interesting to ald timers, but the great thing they bad to work for was the contiouance of this wonderful art, and they could only secure it by contifualy recruiting young blood into their ranks (applatase), HIGHER STANDARD SHOULD BE AIMED AT
The Rev. N. E. Hope feplied to the torst and said when he shonidered the nffee of Master of the Gloucester and Bristol AssociaLion he felt it was a great responsibility, but he had come to find that. it was a nice responsibility, for much of it was taken from him by hieir excellent secretary (applanse). Then he had absolutely no finaucial worries, because ho bad Mr. Williams, the treasurer, behind him. He tather trembled wlien to looked at the list of former Masters and saw among them so many great riugers sueh as he could nol hope to follow it that respect. Thu associstion was formed 60 yeurs ago, and be was born in a Gloucestershire village shorthy afterwards. There was a six-bel! tower there, and in it he was taught the intricacies of Grandsire Donbles. He was sorry to say that ringing at that tower hud nol ddvanced. They were stul rimging Grandsire and Bob Doubles (laughter). They could not do withoul those methods, but surely by this time there ought to be rome advance. He would ask them all, whatever their stendard, to try and go one better than 1 hey were at present in all their towers. There was, he thougfit, no art in the world that roquired so much concentrationthey could not stop in the middle of at peal, for instance, to have a cigarette (laughter)-and they must do all they possibly could to keep up that art. Roferring to the objects of the association, which were the refornt of the beltry and the cultivation of change linging, the apeaker said these thogs went very utuch hand in hand. They could often tell the quality of the ringing at a tower by the state of the belfry. No good chaike ringing band would tolergie an untidy belfry. Recruiting was a frequent subject at ringers' dinners. There were two sides to the question. The old ones blamed the youth of the day with regard to bellrilsing because they would not stick to it, but if they had an enthusiastic trainer he would spread enthusiasm, and that was where there must be give and take on the part of the older men and the younger men. They had scen what had happened at Ipswich. The success there had been due to the fact that they never allowed the band to get under streltgth; they were always wying to toarn something new and to train and give a chance to the young conductors, so that it was neter a one man job. Those were three points which could always well be borne in mind.
BEST FTRMS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED FOR RESTORATIONS.
Arother matter to which he would like to refer was that the association wha always prepared to give expert advice whare hell restoration was concerned. He would asle the members, if they were having anything done to their bells, to ensure that it was dove by un expert firm. He knew of cases where money lad been spent but the best people had not been employed and the result was that the bells did not go well It was one thing that was important to the clergy, and if they were having anything done to their bells ther should get the Vicar to see that the best firms were employed. If they could not do that, thep should write either to tho secretary or to him. Mr. Howe added that he boped ringers would not forget that the bella belonged to the Vicar or Rector, as the case might he, and they should, therefore, make friends with the incumbent. They wanted ca-operation between incumbents and ringers, and the ringers ghoulf also see that they liad one of their number on the Church Council (applause).
'The Vice-Chaiman proposed 'Eindred Societies and Visitors, and referred to the fact that such an occasion as that afforded a waluable opportuuity for fingers to make contact with members of other societier. As secretary of one of the Bristol towers he bad often had to make artangements for ringing in towers covered by other associations and had always been treated with kindvess and comsideration. He welcomed the members of other associations at that gatbering and hoped for even closer contact in the future (applatise).
Mr. A. A. Hughes, in acknowledging the tonst, said the Bristal gatherings pot better and hetter every year, and that day the visitars had been given a wonder[u] enterfainment. The social side of ringing was Fery important and without it he thought ringing would not go very far. He knew of two towers in his own experience where the ringing consigted of going into the tower and ringing on practice neghts nnd Sundays, and the men saw nothing else of each other all (Contjaued on page 63.)

## NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Memorial Room (adjoining Vicarage) --G. H. Spice, Hon, Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourme.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 28 th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) witl be available from 2 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. ; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), will also be available from 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30 p.m. The general meeting will take place immediately afterwards in the day schools. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.-L. W. G. Morris, (ien. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUTJ.D.-Farnham Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business at Darracott's, West Street.-C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the even-
ing. All ringers welcome.-F. G. Woudiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, price 15. per head, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Palgrave bells (8) also available.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32. Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUIID.-Bromyard Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15.-A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - North and East District.The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service at $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., for which 4 s . will be charged. Business meeting after tea, at which district officers and representatives on Central Committee for 1939 will be elected. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, for Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting and tea 5.30 . -C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 . Tea at 5 , followed by the meeting.-J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Bath Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.25. Tea and meeting to follow.-Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-..-The annual committee meeting will be held at Hitcham (Old School) on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells (6) available to all at 6 p.m. Subscriptions for 1939 now due.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.-The arnual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing, St. George's, Southwark, 10.30 to $11.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Tour of Houses of Parliament, 12 noon to 1 p.m. (Members and friends to meet at Norman Porch Door, Victoria Tower, Old Palace Yard, S.W.1, at 12 noon prompt). Lunch, 2s. 6d., Euston Tavern, Euston Road, W.C. (opposite St. Pancras Station), at 1.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m. Social, Euston Tavern at 7.15 p. mi.-Norman S. Bagworth, 21, Stokenchurch Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will take place on January 28th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street $3-4$ p.m. (nearest stations, Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane (Underground) and at St. Martin's 4-5.30 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Crypt. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. St. Martin's bells. Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyfieath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Kington Dis-trict.-The annual meeting for the district wili be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow.-H. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Indge, Staunton-onArrow, Leominster

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at St. Andrew's, Grinsby, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 4.15 , and after meeting till 9 o'clock. Service 4.15 , address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Howard, late of Ashby-de-ta-Launde. A meat tea will be provided at a moderate charge, in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid at this meeting. Please make this a reunion. All ringers and old friends welcome. Lincoln District please take note.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at West's 5.30 p.m. Special methods for practice: Double Norvich and Cambridge. Any other methods will be rung as desired.-Harold V. Frost, Disw Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Dunster Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hali at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.-G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) 5 p.m., both at the Castle Hotel, followed by general meeting.-Ernest Morris, Geln. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 28th. The tower will be open at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and the meeting in the Church Institute. All ringers are cordially invited to this meeting. Tea will be provided for all, but it would help materially if word were sent by those who intend to be present.-S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. G. L. Burgess, 107, Rostrevor Road, Adswood, Stockport.C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Axbridge Deanery Branch, -The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Sat., Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 , followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.-H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be resumed on Saturday, January 28th, at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The special method for practice is Cambridge up to Royal, and it is hoped that these practices will be well supported. -H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Cary Deanery Branch. -The annual meering will be beld at Castle Cary on Saturday. January, 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other bells available. Please notify for tea. W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil. Phone, North Cadbury 230.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be held at Five Bells Inn at 5 p.m. All welcome!-C. T. H. Bradiey, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chester Branch. The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 28 th. The bells will be available from 3 until the service at 4.30 , and again in the evening.-J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings : *St. Paul's Cathedral, January $3^{\text {Ist, at } 7.30} \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. February: St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 2nd and 16th; Southwark Cathedral, 7th; St. Clement Danes, 9th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 14th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. * Business meeting afterwards. All at 7.30, except St. Andrews', 8 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
BRANDON, SUFFOLK.-The ring of 6 bells, tuned and rehung in new oak framework by John Taylor \& Con, Loughborough, will be rededicated on Sunday next, 2gth inst., at 3 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Hereford Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available as follows: Hereford Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (6), 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. ; All Saints' Church (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea ( 6 d . to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 31 st ), followed by the annual meeting, at the Kerry Arms Hotel, Commercial Square, Hereford. _ R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-A meeting will be held at Royston, Hertfordshire, not Yorkshire, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Rev. F. F. Greig. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, February 1st. No postcard, no tea. All welcome.-R. Thos. Newman, Lafayette, Salisbury Road, Baldock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District.The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 4th, at the Church of All Saints (10 belis, tenor 16 cwt.). Ringing 3 to $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Tea, 1s., guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by Feb. ist. Business: Financial statement, annual report, election of officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey. Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division.A meeting will be held at Walthamstow (St. Mary's) on Saturday, February 4 th. Bells ( 10 ) from 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea to foliow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 1st? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham District. The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 , address by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. A. Lumb. Tea at Tiger's Head at 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, January 1st. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Important business requires that every tower should be adequately represented on this occasion.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, February 4th. Cathedral bells (8) available 3 to 4 p.m. S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas" 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Hall (next church). Numbers for tea by February jst, please.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, 1 s . Od., in the Hall at 4.45 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, January 30th.-R. Brook, Hon. Sce., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-Sevenoaks (not Speldhurst, as previously arranged) is the place, and Saturday, February 4th the date of the first meeting of year. Please come and start the district on another successful year. Also keep your New Year's resolution of notifying me for tea in good time, Wednesday, February 1st, being the latest date. Tower open at $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Will those interested please look up Erin Triples and Duffield Major? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Longton, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Chester Guild and Midiand Counties heartily invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Steele, Hawthorne, Caverswall Wood, Meir, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, before February 1st? -Andrew Thompson.

LADIES' GUILD.-North Midland Branch.-A meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 4 th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, February 1st?- Mrs.) A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., GIyn Garth, Surfeet, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, on Saturday, February 4th. All ringers and friends welcome.-Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The montlily meeting will be held at Hoit on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec, 584, Semington Road, Melksham.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN gUILD.-Alton and Petersfield District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall 5.15. Please attend, and kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.-C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charies Street, Petersfield.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Peterborough Branch.-The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gilinton on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) will be available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Usual arrange-ments.-W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.
COLESHILL, NEAR FARINGDON, BERKS.-The re-dedication of the bells, rehung and augmented to six by R. White, of Appleton, will take place on Saturday, February 4th, at 3.30 . Belis available in evening. Please notify for teas by Wednesday, February 1st, to Mr. V. Jones, Coleshill, Swindon, Wilts.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Nottingham District.-The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) ready from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try your methods.-E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. - Northern Branclis.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury, near Birmingham, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15 , followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, price 1s., will be provided for all who notify me by Wednesclay, February 1st. Note: Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.-Norman J. Goodman, Hon. Branch Secretary, 52, Lottie Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham 29.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea only arranged for those who notify me by Feb. 2nd.-W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Henel Hempstead.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. -The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Tertington St. John, Wisbech.
midLand counties association.-Hinckley District, Sapcote.-Social evening, Red Lion Inn, on Saturday, February 4th. Beils available 5.30 to 6.30 . Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. C. Brown, Moss Cottage, Sapcote, Leics.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bradfield Deanery Branch.-Annual meeting will be held at Theale, Berks, on Saturday, February 4 th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea ( 9 d. ) $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please notify me three days before meeting number for tea.-T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.-South Norfolk Branch. -The annual general meeting will be held at Saxlingham on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea (free) at the kind invitation of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, in the Church Hall. Meeting follows. Special business: Election of officers for 1939. Special method, 'Checkenham Major.' Send numbers for tea to me by January 31, please. All ringers welcomed. Please don't forget to be present, and also at the ladies' meeting at Diss to-morrow.-A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. The Gloucester Branch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester. Bells (8) open 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 . St. Michael's bells (10) available 6.30 to 7.30 . Usual procedure. Card for tea not later than February 1st to W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.
LANCS ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available,from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church at 5.30. Will those requiring tea, please let me know by Wednesday, February 1st, and I will do my best to find accommodation at a moderate figure.-J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch.-A special meeting will be held at East Haddon ( 6 bells) on Saturday, February 4 th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday, January 31st, of those requiring tea.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-Special practice at Cripplegate ( 12 bells) on Wednesday, February 8th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.
ely diocesan association.-Hunts Branch. -A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, February 11th. Beils 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11 th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , tea and business meeting following at the Duke's Head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Clurch Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible and not later than February 9th.-A. H. Śmith, Hon. Sec.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ebbw Vale on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 . Tea and business meeting to follow.-J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

SU'SSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Storrington on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Old Forge Tea Rooms, 1s. Half rail fares (maximum 1s, 6d.) to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Leyton Parish Church, Saturday, February 11th. (Leyton station, L.N.E.R., from Liverpool Street.) Nice light peal of eight in a beautiful and historic church. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. R. Bren), for all those who notify Mr. C. A. Hughes, 92, Stanley Road, E.18, without fail by Saturday, February 4th.-I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting February 11th. Ringing: St. James', Cierkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. ; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service, St. Clement Danes, 4.15 (new service books). Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Parish Room, 7.30 p.m., followed by handbell competition. Names for this and tea as soon as possible, please, to hon. secretary, T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The spring meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, February 1ith. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea following ( 1 s . per head). Please send your names for tea to Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, not later than Thursday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.-The Rev. John Pelloe wishes to inform his ringing friends that from February 1st his permanent address will be: St. Cuthbert's Clergy House, Philbeach Gardens, London, S.W.5. Telephone No. : FRObisher 3263.

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the week. By virtue of a little influence they wera got logether mociatily, their enthusiasm for ringing increased and with it the quality of their ringiag. They must: said Mr. Hughes, nuway strive to seep the social side of ringing going, and such reunions as they had that evening did a wouderful lot of good (applause).
The toast of "The Artistes " was proposed by Mr. Brian Huddiestou (pro-vice-chairman), who thanked them for their sarvices, nud this was zeplicd to by Mr. George Spikes.
A feature of the proceedings int this gathering is the contertainment which follows the dinner, and once more a programe of great variety was offered. There wore songs by Miss G. E. Sailer and Mr. Georga Spikes, Billie Fields and his partner provided some extremely amusing dialogues, Mr. Farold Lenker, at son of one of the United Guilds' officiuls, mystified the audience with clever conjuring tricks, and a company under Miss Edie Ryan provided cabaret turpas. St. Thomas' Guild of Handbell Ringera again greatly delighted the large company with their selections of tunes. The commitree of the United Guilds, and particularly the energetic hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, deserve hearty congratulations upon the success of their great efforts.
On Sunday many of the visitors enjoyed zinging at churches in and around Bristol, and they said farewell after a lunch-time reunion at the Radnor Hatel.

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## PLAY THE GAME.

The report of the committee of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association reveals facts which are, we are afraid, common to many of the associations throughout the country. An analysis of the attendances at the district meetings for the past year indicates that their success has chiefly depended upon the consistent support given by a limited number of members. This is no new factor in the affairs of an association, and at least one secretary in an adjoining guild has in the past severely admonished his lukewarm members upon their failings in this direction. When, as in these two instances, a record of attendances is kept, there is no colouring of the truth, and it really is lamentable that so many ringers fail to do their part in supporting their associations by personal effort. They think they have done all that is necessary when they have paid their annual subscription; whereas that is only the first thing that is due from them. It ought to be equally a matter of honour to give personal support to the association by attending the meetings arranged for their benefit and in their interest. Only this week, arnong our notices, is an intimation that, failing better attendances, consideration will have to be given to the dissolution of one of the branches of the Ely Diocesan Association. Moreover, there is another strong reason why ringers should feel it a duty and a privilege to atlend the meet ngs. They expect their officers to work for nothing; the officers in turn, are entitled to en couragement by having the support of the members; while it is an act of discourtesy to the clergy at the churcbes visited, to put them to the trouble of arranging a service unless the response is worthy.
Sorne secretaries also have cause for complaint, not only frons the indifference with regard to the meetings themselves, but in the attitude of some members who, while being ready to criticise, do very little, if anything, by rendering help. The District Secretary is often handicapped by lack of local assistance when it is needed, and then, if things go wrong, has to shoulder the blame. One of the things which some ringers seem to forget is the voluntary nature of the secretary's services. It is due from every member that he should contribute his share to the work of his association in any capacity in which it can be given; and not overburden the willing horse, who doesn't even get his keep out of the job. We are quite well aware that there are plenty of district secretaries whose work is appreciated by their members, but the appreciation would be more practical if it were manifested in deeds. Secretaries work very hard and it is not too much to ask of the rank and file that they should 'play (Continued on page 6 . 1

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Janwary 28, 1939, in Thre Hows and Thirty-Ome Minutes, As the Ceugch of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATER8, 5078 CHANEES; Tenor 25各 cwt.
John H. B. Hesse .** ...Tybble Ernast J. Aylifer ... .... 6
Alprid H, Polling ... .... 2 Stanleq E. Armstrong ... $\eta$
Mrs. Frank I. Hairs ... ... 3 |Jorm Dearlove ... ... ... 8
Alfred W. Grovbs ... ... 4 Clarbnce H. Dobeir... ... 9
William J. Robingon ... 5 FranzI. Hairs .... ... .... Tinor Composed by G. Lindory.

Conducted by A. H. Palling.
NORTH SHIELDS.
THE DURHAM AND NEWOASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, On Satwrday, Janvary 28,1939 , in 1 hree Howys and $T$ wenfy-Two ininutds. At Chrisy Ceurce,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANEES\|
Tenor $16 \mathrm{cwh} x \mathrm{qr} .18 \mathrm{lb}$. in E flat.
Thomas H. Rebves ... ...Tyeble| Kenneth W. Cebhseman Jobn Anderson ... ... ... 2 Adam Dras...
Conis Cgris. Heterrington JosRpe E. R. KEEN ... ... 4 William J. Dayidson Ernest Wallace Harold Walber ... ... 9 Jobn Healey ... ... ...Tenor Composed by J. W, Parker. Couducted by W. J. Davidson. * First penl of Gaters and in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREE ASSOCIATION.
On Satwoday, Janwary 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Sevan Minates, At the Caulce of St. Marz.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGE8; Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Fode-part. Tenor $181 \mathbf{c w t}$ con E flat.
Mrs. Cearlis H. Kiprin Tvole Frank E, Mitcrell *** $\quad$... 5
Wicliay Rawlings... ... 2 Cbarlzs S. Potbecary ... 6

- Mess Gwendoline Kipfin 3 Cearles H. Kippin ... ... 7
"George H. Homperies ... 4 FrbderickE. Collins ...Tenay Conducted by Cearles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MAREET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCIATION.
On Thwrsday, January 19, 1939, in Three Howrs and On Minute, Ay fer Parish Cerrce of St. Dionysius,
A PEAL OF DOUALE NORWICH COERT BOB MAJOR, 5152 BHANBES; Temor 18 ewt.
Leonard H. Weitmerad ...Tvible W. Arteur Riddington ... 5 Jobn E. Clareb ... .... ... 2 William Botyrice .... ... ${ }^{3}$ Ronald W. SWann .... ... 3 Ernesi Morris ... ... Wacter P. Weltehbad ... 4 Edward R. Weitbeead ...Tenor Composed and Conducted by Walirr P. Waitberad.
Rume in honour of tha birth of a san to Mr. and Mrs. Charla Marshall, of Sonth Wigston.

OSPRMNGE, KENT.
THE EENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Thre How 2 and Fow Minute At tae Cburce def SS. Peter and Piol,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOE TRIPLEE, 5040 CHANGES;

 Temarift cwt,Miss Joan Naylor
George A. Naylor Williaw J. Wood Miss Dorie G Dobbir ... George Wood ... ... ...Tenor Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Geogge A. Naylor. First peal of Oxford Elob lriples by all the bend. FORDINGTBRIDGE, HANTS.
THE WINGHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, Junwary 2T, 1939, in Thren Howrs and 7 wonty Minnies. At the Ceurch of St. Magy.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEE8; Tenor 14 cut.
Herbert Osborng ... ...Trable Enward T. Grifin ... ... 5
Williáa Story... ... .... 2 Francis S. Beacmont ... 6
F. Frankland Rigby ... 3 Artbor V. Davis ... ... 7
-Fraderict Eaton ... ... 4 Harry J. Gillard ... ...Tomo
Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by F. Franikland Rigby.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to William Story, J.F., of Neweastl.3 Cathedral, who celebrated his 7ath birthday on Jan. 15th. SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, Jannary 2才, 1939, in Thres Howfs and Seten Minutas, At ter Ceqace or St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB HAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Rgalmald E. Lambert ...Treble Wiletal Halge .+* +**
Frbdirice J. Lambert
William Gorimge ...
. 4 Robrri T. Lamberi ... ...Tene
Conducted by Albert Relfiz.
A birthday peal for Mr. J. G. Powell and Miss V. Lambert. CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRIOTS ASSOCTATION. On Salurday, Jannary 21, 7939, in Three Howrs and One Minuto,

At tee Cborch of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5024 CHANOES:

 Temor 11 owt.William Shorz... Clifford Skidmore .Truble

Jogm Base ... ...
Jogn Base ...
Composed by J. Pigort.

* First peal of Major. QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD. THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Sathoday, Janwary 21, 1939, is Three Hours and Six Mintus,
At tee Churci of the Holy Teinity,
A PEAL OF DBUBLE NORWJCH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANEE8; Tenor 14 cwrt.

Composed by E. Barnett. Conducted by Sam Longbottom.
* First peal in the method. Firsh peal in the method as conductor. HONITON CLYST, DEFON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
Om Saturday, Janwary 27, 1939, in Iwo Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, At tee Caurca of St. Micearl,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLEG, 5O40 CHANOE8;
Hollis' Irregolar Fivg-part.
*Groffrby J, Durb ... ...Treble Joan L. Glanvilla ... ...
Ernhey Retier...

F First jueal of Triples and first attempt.


## GORTON, LANCASETRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
f. $\overline{3}$ Tuesday, January 24, 1939, in 7 wo Howes and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Unitarian Ceorce,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES; Tenor 13娄 cwt.


Wililam Brammer .......
Harbert A, McKinnelt ... 4 David Vincent ... ... ... Tonor
Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by A. J. Brown,
BROMLEY, KENT'.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
Ow Wednesday, January 25, 1939, in 7 wo Howes and Fifty-Eight Minedas, At the Chuzce of SS. Prter and Panl,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANQE8;

Parker's Twbive-part.
Tenor 17 cwt I gr. 14 lb.
-Reginald A. Williams ...Treble Fredrrice E, Pitman ... 5
†Babil Glaybeer ... .... 2 Ihahc Emery ... .. ... 6
William G. Grace ...
Edmend Modnter ... ... 4 Gborge HexLey ... ... ...Tewd
Condocted by Isaac Emery.
First peal. t First peal with s working belt. All are members of tho ical society, the Bromley Youths.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Ellog Deaneribe Lranch.)
On Wainesday, Janmary 25, 1939, in Thre Whams and Nime Binufes,
At tae Caurch of St. Lafrence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANEES!
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.
Frank Dobney .... ... ...Trabie
Mrs, R. Ricbardign ... ... 2 Ciril. Dobney ... ... ...
Ropert Ricgardson ...
Jobn W. Carter... .... .... 4 Ernbst T. King ... ... .... Temot
Composed by C. H. Marin. Conducted by Ernesi T. King.
BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thus sday, January 26, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Eighs Arimales,
At tas Cefrch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 508B GHANGES: Tenor 9 cwt .10 lb .

- Sthnley H. Wood.

| Treble | Albret E. Laker |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... 2 | Albert J. Steele |  |  |
|  | Nelson Elliot |  |  |
| 4 | Oliver Sipperts |  |  |




* Tirst peal of Major. This was the first peal on the bells since the trebles were added in 1936.

CRAYFORD, KINT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Friday, Janmay 27, 1939, in I wo Hows and Fifly-T wo Mitulu,
At the Cherca of St. Paulinge,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWIGH COURT BOB MAUOR, 5TBA GHANREA Tenor $12 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Ernest H. Oxenbam ... ...Trebly $\mid$ Hbrbert E, Addeley .... 5
Artaor S. Ricgards ... ... 2 Geobfrey V. Merpay ... 6

Edwin A. Barnett .... ... 4 Tbomas G. Bannistrr ...Temor Composed by H. Jornson. Conducted by T. G. Bannister. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE EENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
Or Saturday, Jonmary 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Mintits,
Ax zae Ceurch of St. Butolph,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWIEH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANEEE: Tenar 104 ewt.
George W. Fogden ... ....Tyebla | Harry Hosmins ... .... ... 5 Mrs. Fredr. W. Hodsdin 2 Frederick W. Honeden ... 6 Edwin A. Barnert ... .... 3 Pbillp A, Corby ... ... Arteor S. Ricgards ... ... 4 Harry Parebs ... .... ...Tmor Arranged by E. A. Barngrt.

Conducted by P. A. Coxby,

PINNER, MDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUHD.
On Saturday. Jannary 28, 1939, in Three Howrs and One Minuto,
At tee Ceurce of St. Jonn-the-Baptigt,
A PEAL OF PINNER 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES Tenor 18 ctwt.
Henry Hodgrits ... ...Tyebld Frangis Kire ... ... ... Ernest C. S. Torsigr ... 2 Frederice W. Brinklow ... 6 Edinin Jenhings... ....... 3 Marold G. Casbmore ... 7 Cecil C. Mayne ... ... .... 4 Madrice F, R, Hibbert ...Teno

Composed by J, Plart. Conducted by H. G. Casemorg.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 28.1939, in Troo Houys and Fifiy-Nine Minutes, At ter Cerorce of SS. Peter and Padi,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 50to CHANQEEI

Parker's Twalve-part (7th observation),
Tenor 21 cwi.
Alfred J, Batin ... .... $\begin{aligned} & \text { froble } \\ & \text { Bernard V. Collison }\end{aligned}$... 5
-Algred H. Janes ... ... 2 Alec E. Rigłardson ... ... 6
†Lgonard P. Turiby..... .3 Ernbst J. Ladd 3 ...
Doris E. Colgate ... ... 4 John Mederisy ... ... ...Tenor
Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
First peal on an "inside' bell. + First peal. BRADNINCH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(Exgter Branch.)
On Saturday, Januay 28, 1939, in Thyed Howrs and Twenty Minutes, At ter Parish Ceugch,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EO40 CHANQES;

Hole's Ten-eart.
Cbarles R. Lilley ... .+.Trebld
© Ernest Rowe ... ... ... 2
Reginald Troban ... .... 3
Tom G Barterte
Conduct
THAME, OXFORDSHIKE.
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GUILD.
Om Saluyday, Janway 28, 1939, in Thete Honys and Two Mimetes, Ax the Cgurce of Si. Mary.
A PEAL DF gUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANOES;

$$
\text { Tenor } 13 \mathrm{cwt} \text {. } 13 \mathrm{lb} \text {. in } \mathrm{F} \text {. }
$$

Williab C. Porter... ...TVeble |Francis E. Taylor ... ... 5 - Walter Hont ... ... ... 2 Wacter F. Jodae Rev. R. P. R. Rogx $\quad$.. 3 Rev. C. Eleiot Wigg .... 7 Harry W. Badgre ... .... 4 Alan R. Pink ... .... ...Tenor Composed by G. H. Cross, Conducted by Alan R. Pinx.

* First peal. Rung as a thankgiving for the restoration of the church.

> SAXLINGEAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWIOH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sturday, Fanuary 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fify-Nime Minwtes,
At tee Cedrge of Sx. Mary-tef-Virgin,
A PEAL BF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8216 CHAMEEA; Tenor 8 cwt . I qr. 20 l' t . in G.


## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALT, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF GTAFFORD.
On Monday, January 16, 1939, in $\mathbf{1}$ wo Hours and Forly-Thres Minwes,
At the Churce of St. MiceaEl,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 EHANGE8;
Seven 720 's called differently, Temor 7 cwt,

 Conducted by Barnaras G, Key.

* First peal of Minor and first altempt. $\dagger$ First peal of Combridge Minor. \# First Surprise peal. Rung as a golden wedding conpliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reed.


## WHLSPLE, DETON.

THE DEVONSHIEE GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 18, 1939, in Ttwo Howrs and Foriy-Thyed Minwies,
At ter Parisu Chorce,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, $\operatorname{DO40}$ CHANGES;
Consisting of 12 six-scores of Stednan Doubles, with 12 callinge, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 10 callings. Tonor 13 cwt . in F .
Charles R. Lilley .. ... I Yehlo
2 Jon Salway
Ernest Retter ... ....... 3 Eyar Brraiy ... ... ... 5
Conducted by Ceanles R. Lilley.
The first peal rung on the belle.
COLATON RALETGH, DETON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, Tanuary 19, 1939, in Two Howra and Foriy-Fiva Minules, At the Parish Chupch,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEEB;
Ten different callings.
Teilor 12 pwt,

B. Pidgean... ... ... ... 3 S. Elliott .... .... ... .... Tenor

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. SEATEE, SURREY.
TEE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Safydav, Januay 21. 1939, in Two Hours and Fayly-Fity Minstes, At the Chuech of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHAHGES;
Being three 720's each of Oxford and 耳ent Troble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob.
- Jobn W. Carzer .... nTriblo Wileiam Denyer .... *i* 4

Ernest Gardier … ... 2 CHarles W. Demyert *** 5
tRonald Kenward ........ 3 -Teoras E, Denyer ... ...Tertor Conducted by T. E. Dinyer.

* First peal in more than ode method. + First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conduetor.

MATSEY HAMPTON, GLOTCESTERAETRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCRSAN ASSOCTATKON.
On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Two Minules.
At tre Churcr of St. Marv,

## A PEAL DF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob, eight of Old Doubles, eight of Canterbury, eight of Grandsire, six of Antelope and eight of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt .2 qr .17 lt. Edward H. Peare ... ...Treble $\mid$ Leslie W. Coss ... ... ... 4
 Wiliam C. Coss Conducted 3 Wghban G. Peare
Conducted by Wililam C. Coss.

First peal by all except the condector. Rung to commemorate the tenth anuiversary of the induction of the Vicas (the Rev. Ferbert Peach, M.A.).

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TROWELL, NOTTINGIIAM
THE MIDLAND COUNTIFS ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrduy, January 21, 1939, in 7 wo Hours and Thirty-Five Mitwhes, Ay tee Cborce of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF MIMOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Beizg one 720 of Cambridge Surprise aud two '720's each of Onford Treblo Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor git cwt. Edward C. Goary ... ...Trebly |Frane Bradeey... ... ... 4
 Conducted by E. C. Gorey.

* First peal in five methods. Rung on the 2and anaiversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, Nottingham.

NORTON OANON, BEREFORDSHIRE.
THE 日EREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Jamuayy 21. 1939, in Two Hous and Thirit-Seven Minwles,
At thg Chunca of Sx. Nucolas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES:
Being 720 each of Morning Star, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire (Morris', Lindoft's and Pitman's arrangemeats). Tenor 8! ewt.
Thowas R. Payne ... ...Trable William I. Prabce ... ... 3
Janes P. Hyett ... .... .... 2 2 $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}\text { G. James R. Price } & \ldots . \\ \text {... } & 4\end{array}\right.$
Lescie Evans
Conducted by J. P. Hyert
First peal in four methods on the bells.
STANFORD-IN-THE-FALE, BERRS,
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, Jannary 21, 1939, in Three Howrs, At yhe Chorch of Sx. Drnys,

## h PEAL OF MINOR, $50 g 0$ CHANGE8!

Being T20 each of Double Court, Double Oxiord, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Boband Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt . in E.
George Gilemrt... ... ...I rebie Wilciam Birminggam
Cyril A, Borgess
William Wglling
 Conducted by Tony Price.
First peal on tie bells.
ACLE NORFOLE.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Januaty 21, 1439, in Tub Howrs and Thisty-Six Minwtes, At tae Cabrer of St. Edmend,

## A PEAL OF MIHOR, 5050 CHANEESI

Being seven 720's, riz.: (1) Kant and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Double Oxford: (3) Cbildwall; (4) Double Court; (5) Oxford Bob; (B) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bols.

- Miss Brenda Bayles
-Johr R. Wilkerson .-
R. William Bheger... ...
...Treble
$\ldots . .2$ Tentor 9 cwt. 1 qr .19 lb . in $G$.

Conducted by D
Godpray G. Walpole ... 4

* First peal in efght methods and forsh attempt. Rung for the 17th biribery of the conductur.

> COTNE PNGAINE ESSTXX.

THE ESSEX ASSOGLATION.
(St. Anderw's Gulld Earls Colse.)
On Subrday, Jamury 27, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Ona Jinutes, Ait thf Chlina'H of St. Andeew.
A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Coflege Single, St, Clement's, Deuble Court, Plain Bols, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cm . is $G$.
Albert L. Dixey
Harry Carter
Ralpe Bird
... ...t reble Achc M. Genery
$2 \mid$-Robert C. Lyon
$\begin{array}{lll}-. * & \cdots & 4 \\ \cdots & \cdots . & 5\end{array}$
Conducted by Racpa Bird.

* First peal in seven methods "inside."

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUTLD.
(NortaErn Brancr.)
On Saturday, January 21, 1939, tn Two Fours and Fifty-Fivo Minutes, At the Church of $\mathrm{St}^{\text {a }}$. Swithon,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, College Bol, Double Bob, Piain Bob, Oxiord Bob, Double Cont and Court Bib. Tencr 13 cwt. 9 lb . in F sharp.
Miss Dorotav Vensey ...Treble Jorn C. Vessby ... .... ... 4 Kenneth W, Maver... ... 2 Frederick G. Hoopre Jobn F. Pearson... ... ... 3 Jack L. Millbodse Conducted by Jack L. Millmodere.

SUTTON, MACCLESFLELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Jantary 21, 1939, in Twu Hours and Fifty-Two Mimutes,po
At ter Cadrch of St. James,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINDR, 5040 GHANCE8I

Bing seven extents in 29 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Roybl, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Wiliesden, Marple and Tarel; (5) Braintree, Humber and Wragby Delight; (4) Charlmood, Neasden and St. Albans; (5) Ockley, Morning Stir Treble Bob and Disley Defight; (6) Norbury Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandial, London Scholars' Plessure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. Mr


pgre $\quad$ B Conducted by foan Worra.

* First peal in 29 methods. There were 76 changes of method. NORTON, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICI甘 ASSOCIATION. (Southern Brance.)
On Satwrday, Janway 27, 1939, in Two Hours und Fi/hy-Seven Minutes,
At fere Parise Church of St. Ecgwin,


## A PEAL DF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 729 of Oxford Treble Bob and two ench of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Temor 14 cwt.
Wilfred Newman Josypa E. Newtan
 Jamrs Hembing .+* *** *." 3 | Ghoffrry J. Hembing ....timor boum Conducted by Ralph Harris.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. BROUGRTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHTRT, THE MTDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCLATION.
On Safurday. Jannary 21, 1939. in Two Howrs and Fifly-Eight Miwwhs, At ter Cbuech of St. Mary,
A PEAL DF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 780 each of the following methods: (1) Stedman; (2) St. Simon'a; (3) April Day; (4) Old ; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Bob; (7) Grandsire. Tenor 18 cWt .12 Jb . HgNRy Bird ... ... ... ...Treble | Willian A. Wood ... ... 3
 Frank K. Measores . ...Temor
Conducted by Frank K. Measuris.
Firat peal in seven methods of Doubies by all the band,


## handbell peals.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Friday, fonmary 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minuras.
In the Bblfry of the Church ne the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extenb each of Surileet, Beverley, Cambridge, Fork, Durbam, London and Walls Surprise.

Temor sire 14 in D.
Roland Park ... ....... $\mathbf{H - 2} \mid$ W. Norman Parz......

Conducted by Roland Park.
Firsb liandbell peal by all and in Darlington.
KELHAM, NOTTINGHAMSH1RE.
THEE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Swnday, January 22, 1939, in Ont Hour and Fifty-Fous Minwer.
At tar Cborcb of St. Wilprin, Kribam Treological College,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES; Seven 720's called differently.

- Norkan Torrimgron

1-2 | Puilip J. Boolsover ... ... 3-4 Albirt F. Sargent ... ... 5 -6 Conducted by A. F. Sargint.

* Firgt peal.
(Other peal raporti ars unavoldably held over).


## A FALSE PEAL

To the Editor.
Dear Sir-I very much regret to say that the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. John's, Leicester, on December 26th, 1938, was false. I offer my sincere apelogies to those who rang in the peal.

[^7]
## PEAL NOTES.

## ALE THE SUSSEX ELGHTS AND TENS

Mr. Frank Bennett callod a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Balcombe on Jawuary 26 th. It was the frst pesl on the bells since the trebles were added in 1936, and completed for the conductor a peal on all the rings of aight and ten bells in Sussex. The county has three peals of ten bells and over fifty of eight, including a ring of steel belis at Hastings.
Mr. Rupert Riciardson is reaping the fruits of patient work in buiding up a local band in the litite village of Eurfeet, and these Young mea ars calling as well as riuging peals now. A peal of Bob Major rung there last week was condueted by one of the pupils. It is not often that ang really original composition of Double Norwich Major is mung nowadays but the peal composed and called by Mr. Nolan Golden last Saturday ab Saxlinghem Nethergate has distinctly novel features. In 5,216 changes it has the course ead catent of $4-5-6$ in $5-6$ with the bith the extent at home in the minjmum mumbar of courses, and is the first to be rung in the method with these qualitjes in less than 46 full courses.

## TWO HUNDRED YEARS WITHOUT A PEAL

The belli: at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berks, bere been in the tower for 200 years, but it wha not until January 21 st, in the presant year of grace that a peal was rurg on them. The bells are in the origioal frume, though with sontevpati later beadstocks. Originally tley were a grand six but the second and fourth ara now cracked and the atteations of a bellfonnder would definjtely improve thinge.
We record also this week the first peal on the bells at Colaton Raleigh, Devon.
Mr. Alarn Pink, who lately left Middesex for Oxford, called a peal of Superlative on Saturday at Thame. It was the looth tower in Which he bas rung a peal. Walter Hunt at the second scared his first peal in any methed aud rang very well, A fine performance.
The Tonbridgo District of the Kent County Association lately decided to inaugurate a quarterly peal for the district, and the first (one of Grandsire Triples) was rung lact Salurday at Tonbridge. On the same day alld in the same methot, a quarterly peal was rung for the Exeter Brancla of the Devonshire Guide at Bradninch
The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Gorton on Jenuary 24il Was arranged as $\pi$ compliment to $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {. Willian Brammer, the ringer }}$ of the third, on lis 7oth tirthday, and by a liappy coincidence jt was his 100th peal. It was Mr. Frank Reynolds: $25 t \mathrm{~h}$ penl and Mr. D. Fincent's 75 tl peal, It was also a birchday compliment to Anme Brown, the four-jear-old daaghter of the conductor.
Last Armistice Day a peal was rung at King's Norton, Leicesterhire, and tonches at Gaully on very hard going belle. This prompted Mr. Frask K. Measures to say that he could ring Brateglton Astley tenor to a peal, and on January 27st he did so, to the great satisfaction of his companinns. It was tha frst peal in seven methods of Doubles hy all the hand and the e5th presi that Mesers. Willim A. Wood and Frasla F. Measures have rugg together

TEE BROMLEY YOUTHS.
Tha Bromley Fouths who rang a peal of Grandsice Triples on January $25 t^{2}$ are an old and fanous society dating from the 18th centurp. Their firgt peal, rang in 173, was a "lialf-quarter peal
 Chapman was their leader, und when he died in 1817 the first mufled five thonsand on record was rung in his memory.
The peal of Cambridge Earprise Minor at Rushall, Staffs, on January $18 t h_{\text {, }}$ was rung in celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reed. Called in at short notice to complete the brud, John Luck ran; the treble fery creditably, for he bad never before tuag any Trebie Bob, and it was his first attompe for a peal of Minor. The report of another new Surprise Major method appeara this week. It was rung by Mr. Cashmore and his friends, but for the Middeapx Association, as it was at Pinner within that county, on Jan. 28th. Last Cliristmas time the band met at Pincer for Pinner Surprise, but met short, and ab the method then chosen was afterwards rune as Queensbury Surprise, Mr. Caslmmora had to work out nother method, Which, incidentaly', contains some rather unusuml gad amkward false course ends.
The Leicester 'Thursday hand of peal "epatchers' visited Market Farborongh on January 19th to attempt a peal of Double Norwich in hogous of the birth of a son to Mu, and Mrs. Charies Marelzall, of Sonth Wigston. The geven members of the bend who went by charabanc weve kreated to a nice Eurprise. Upon reaching the church they found Mr. "Ted" Whitehend had defied the weather and cyeled over an hour carlier to have everything in readiness. With the above nrmed on the tenor, bot pace was set at the commencement and nrmed on the tenor, hot pace was set at the commencemont and another good peal was brought home
goad time for refreshmeat afterwards.
The charabanc party, fowever, then got another surprise and not such a pleasant one. Upon reaching their conveyance it was discovered that some kind person had aboolutely "jammed" the gears, which necersitated seeking a skilled mechanic, who was occupied for an hour in putting matters right.
To the ringer with the "big " wife waiting for him the remainder of the party tendered their sympathies and also offered to escort him to hy doorstep, brt no further, flthourg they were willing, if he apened the door and threw in his hat, to writ and sea if it was throwe out aprin.

The pea! of Doubles at Whimple, Duvon, on January 18th, was the firgt on the bells and the first in two methods by all the band except tha conductor, Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Plymoutb. 'lhe others belong to the Fonitan Clyst band.
Deais Bayles celebrated his 17 th birthday by ealling a peal of Minor at Acle on Jan. 21st, the first in eight methods on the bells and by four of the band. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob wore rung in the first 780. Another mothod was Chilkwnll, the first extent of it by all the ringers. The peal, zung in 2 hours 36 minutes, was the quickest on the bells.
Tho peal of Minor at Seale, Surrey, on Jan. 2lst, was rung in honour of the birtli of a daughter (on the previous Wednesdey) to Mrs. E. J. Brapg, wife of Sergt. E. J. Bragg (Grewadier Guards) stationed at Wellington Bartacks, London. Sergt. Bragg is a membar of the Aldershot company and his wife is elder daughter of Mr. W. Denjer and sister to MLssts. O. W. ntud T. E. Dethyer, all of whome took part in the peal.

Another studert at Kelham Theologicaif College has scored his first peal. On Sunday week, Mr, Norman Torrington rang 12 to a bandbell peal of Bob Minor. It was rung in St. Wilfidis Church, which lies within the srounds of the college, about 80 yards from the House of the Sacred Mission.

The R2nd snniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sulter, Janaary 21st. Mr. Salterated by a peal of Minor rung at Trowel! on Janiary 21st. Mr. Salter took part in the pea!.

## OLD WOOLWICH PEAE RECALLED.

Apparently the claim that the peal at St. Mary's, Woolwich, fuag on Jansary 74 th in 2 loours 52 minutes, was the quickest pal on the bellg, cannot be sustained. On , Ianuary 19th, 1936, a peal of Bob Major was rung there in 2 hourg 51 minutes, conducted by Mr. B. W Aldridge, captain of the local baud, who rang the tenor
But an even quicker parl than this has been ruag on the bells-a peat of Grandsire Triples is 2 loours 50 minutes in 1887.
Two of those who took part in this peal were Mr. R. T. Woodley (now of Lowestoft, but formerly gecretary of the College Youtlis) and Mr. W. W. Gifford, ot sjatisbury
The peal had an amusing sequel. The band enjoyed the bospitality of Mr. Gifford, and then he and Mr. Woodjey walked to the Dockyas'd Station in tinle to sea tho last train departing. They had to walis back all tite wav to Pimlico, a disithece of some 13 milea.
Mr. Leslie Wightnaan, of Helminghan, was the first to ring 50 diferent Surprise Major methods and extensions. He was two in front of Mr. Waurice Eibbert when the latter reached whe hald-century post. Mr. Hibbert added anuther method last Saturday at Tonbridga, so the race is on.

All, except the conductor, who took part in the peal of Doubles at Maiser Hampton, Glaucestershira, on Jan. 21st, scorea their first pea] and gave added merit to it by ringing it in sis methads. Edward Peare, who rang the treble is only $15 \frac{1}{2}$ years of age, and he and Norman Peare, who rang the tenor, had not abtempted a peal before.
The recording of a neal as a birthdty compliment is oftom on afterthought, but seldom is it mentioned as such. Wilth periect frankness however, the record of the peal of Doubles in four methods int Norton Canon, Hevefordshire, on January 21st, hes been sent us with the note, After tha peal it was agreed to recordit as a birfhday complimeat to the conductor." Host birtirday peals are merely coincidences, but it is often made to mppes as if the birtladay celebration was the purpese of the peal, whereas it is not nintil afterwards that the fact comes out.
In this cese the conductor was Mr. J, P. Hyett, and it was the 150th peal he lad called.
At Fordinglridge on Satiruny week, Mr. Willjam Storey, J.P., of Newcastle Cathedral Gnild, tuok prit in a peal of Guandsiré Triplesto celebrate his 79th lirthday. Mr. Storey usually winters in Bournemouth, and while there takes an active part in local ringing.
Mr. J. W. Whittaker has Jow rung each bell at Sutton, Macelesfleld, to a peat. He completed this on Saturday, Wanuary 21st, when peai of Treble Bob Winor in 29 methods was rung-
Three Darlington ringers put up a specinily fise performance on Jan. 20th, when, for their first peal on handbells, they, rang seven surprise Minor mefbads. It was tlie first handbell peal in Darliagton and is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Minor on bandbells by the Durbam and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The amaal meeting of Romney Marsh end District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January g2st. The attendance was much below the average. Ringing took place during the afterngon and evening, and service was conducter by the Vicar, the flew. A. S. Mayne. The Vicar also prenided aver ihe basimess meeting, ut which the secretary's repott and baisnce sheet were adopted.
The officers blected were: The Fov. A. S. Maynt, president; Mr. C. WV. Everett, Master; Mr. P. Page, hon, secretary and trensurer.

Votes of thanks were accordedi the Virar for presiding and to the otferers for their work during the past year.
Previous to the business a moment's sile
Previous to the businass a moment's silence was absetwed to the memory of Mr. Charles flingsby, one of the origituators of the Guild, who, ws recoricd fir our last issue, has passed away at the age of 101 years.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

## PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at St. Mary's, Portamouth, on Saturday, January 21st, members attending from Alverstcke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Earaham, Fambledon, North Stoneharm, Portsmanth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Byde, Southampton, Soberton and Swnimore. The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, at which the Vicar of Portsea oficiated. An ercellent tea was served, after which the business meeting whes held, fhe Ficar (Canon H. C. Robins) being voted to the chair.
The gecretary (Mr, A. T. Greeawood) read the district report for the year and aiso the accounts, which showed a very successful year. Membership liad incressed from 113 to 187 . The balance to the general treasurer amounted to $29 \mathrm{4s}$., while the balance in hand for the district was 813 I 5 s . 8d. Reatoration work had beon caxried out at Soberton, for whicla a grant of 555 . had been given from the district funds.
The district officers were elected m f follows: Chairman, Mr. W Linter; hor. secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; auditor. Mr. T. R. Taylor, rapresentatives on Central Committee, Messis. F.S. Bayley and E. J. Stone.

If was resolved that the annual meeting be held in Portsmouth every year, at altermate towars. Tho next anmual meeting will be at the Cathedral on January 20th, 1940. Votes of thanks were atecorded the Vicar for the isse of the bells and officiating at the Gervice and presidimg at the business meeting, to the organist and to the caterers for the splendid tes.
Members then raturned to the tower for further ringing, which renged from rounds to Surprise Major.

## ST. GEORGE'SIN THE-EAST.

The first quarter-peal on the bells of St. George-in-the-East, London, since bey were rchung was ruag for eveniag service on sunday Jantiar' $29 t h$, as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. S. T. Andrews, who is leaving shortiy for Portuguese East Africa.
The method was Bob Major, and the ringers were R. G. Cousins 1 , H. Mackiader 2. A. J. W. Hughes 3, A. S. Richards 4, P. A. Corby (condactor) 5, G. W. Fogden 6, A. P. Canvor 7, J. G. A. Priar 8.
The ga' of the belts is now excellont, althougla it is fortunate that the conductor has the naturnl cutowment of e powerful voice,日s there is a great deal of aoise in tho tower.
Good progress is iveing made in the training of the local band under the lenderslip of Mr. J. G. A. Prior.

## PETEREOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

 WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.The aenusl meeting of the Wallingborough Brancil of the Peterborougln Diocesan Guild wes held at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Towers rcpresented were Wellinghorough, Higlarn Ferreas. Irchester, Meers Ashby, Ectua, Earls Barton, Irthlingborough, Stanwick, Easton Maudait, Warktorz, Geddington, Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Granford, Aduington, Rauas, Great staughton, togef her with a good muster of local ringers.
The Guild service was lueld during the afternoon and was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting end chaliengiag address. Fhity-five sat down to the tea, provided iq the Star Hell by the wives and friends of the local band. Amongst those present were Mr. $\mathbb{R}$. G. Black (general secretary), Mr, W. Whitmore (secretary, Thrapston Branch) and Miss S. Thursfteld (secretary, South Midlands Brancli of the Ladies' Guild).
At the business meeting the branch president, the Rer. A. G. Bagshawe, presided. The report and balance sheet for 1938 were received. There axe How on the register four hon. life members, 15 bon, members and 144 ringing members. Excess of revenue over expenses wus e3 2s. Sd., whilst the collections for the Belfry Repair Fund amounteai to e2 2s. 7 d .
The officars for the ensuing year were clected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; Brubcl Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Main; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley, Irthlingborougl; Centrol Committee, Messrs. A. Plowman and G. Dasford; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler. A. Boddington, C. Payne nni A. H. Martin; anditor, Mr. E. H. Johnson (Earls Berton).
Dr. J. F. MeGibbon, of Trthlinghorough, was elected an honore:y member, and six new ringing members, Messrs, J. Le Marquand (Irthlingborougli, F. Bond, J. smith. S. Earl and S. Lawtence (Trcliester) und J. Houghton (Earls Barton), wera accepted.
Great Doddington was chomen for the April meeting. During the proceedings the gathering wiss asked to stand o moment in silence to express their sympathy upon the death of Mrs. Atkins, wife of the Ficar of Isham

Tho usual vote of thanks was given to all concerned with the success of the meetisg, and an letter of good wishes wes rend from Mr. F. Barber, former secrelary.

At the conclusion a retirine collection was taken towards the restoration of the bells of Brenlly, a village in Brechnockshite, which amounted to 14 s . 6 . Gand use was made of the privilege to ring Finedon bells during the afternoom and evening, the range beivg from rounds to London Surprise


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## BELERY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. F. Funnisett, for many years teader at St. Mary's, Ealing, luas retired from business and is going back to Eastbourne, where be was many years ago a member of the Christ Church band. He takes with him the good wishes of his Midalesex friends.

Last Wednesday whs the anniversary of the death of Beajamm Anriable, who died on February $1 s t, 1756$.
One hundred and gixty-one years ago to-day the College Youths rang 5,040 changes of Double Bob Royal at St. Dionis Backchurch. The bells were afterwards removed to All Hallows', Lombard Street, and are now awaiting a new home.
A year later on the same date the Sherwood Youths rang thieir first peal, Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

It is alonost 50 years ago that Mr. James George, of Birmingham, rang his first peal. On Fbbruary 16th, 1889, he rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples, with members of St. James' Society, at St. George's, Camberwell. It was called by Dick French, and Mr. George is now the only survivor of that band.
It is urfortunate that Mr. George's health will prevent him orgarising or taking part in a commemorative peal, but some of bis friends will probably like to make suitable recognition of the jubilee on or neax the date
Mr. George, who is now 85, was first tanght to handle a bell by his father at Pinner, when he was only eight years of age, but it was not until he was 35 that Mr. George tonk up ringing seriously. In this last 50 years he has rung 1,27 peals in 399 different towers in the British sles. We hope he will soon be back at the rope end again,
Councillor Arthur E. Sharman, of Dungtable, hon. gecretary of the Bedfordshire Association and a member of the Central Council, has heen elevated to the aldermanic bench.
Mrs. Elsie Ingram, wife of Mr. Dick Ingram, of Perry Barr, Birmingham, has sustained serious head injuries through being knorked down by a Corporation bus and is now in hospital. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ingram are ringers and much sympatily is felt for them.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

SUCGESSFUL MEETING AT NUNEATON.
A quarterly meating of the Wurwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton oit Saturday, January 21 st and was well attended by members and friends from Allesley, Arley, Barwell, Birmingham (St, Martin's and St. Clied's), Chilvers Cotou, Church Law (ord, Keresley, Rugly, Stoke-in-Coventry and Wolvey, together with the local band.

A service was conductod by the Rev. Purves \{curate), the Guidd's form being used, and the bymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father' and 'Fe seryants of Goa,' sung. Tea followed in the Parish Hall. Among those who attended were Mr. Jrmes George, recently out of jospital, Bnaj Mr. Albert Walker. They received a hearty welcome.

The Rev. W. H. Trickett (Rector of Church Lawford and a ringing member of the Guild) presided at the business meeting
The following meeting places were fixed: Exhall for February and Brinklow for March; Coventry for the manual meeting in April (under Rule 7). The election of the following new members was confirmed: Hesgrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), T. Belton (Barwell) and W. E. Box (Birmangham) as non-resident ringing memberg, and J. Lifoyd, Chilvers Coton, a resident member.
A diseussion arose regarding the reports to be prepared for the years 1937-38.
It was finaily decided to retain the form of the previous report with the exception of the non-resident members' list. In the forthcoming report only the names of those joining and of those ringing peals duting the perior covered by the report are to be included. It was also decided to include the figures of new compositions.
The meeting closed will votes of thanks to the incumbent, the curate, the organist and the ladies who arranged the tea
Handbell ringing followed, those taking part being Messrs. F. W. Ferrens, F. E. Pervin, W. H. Hooton, A. Walker, J. George and D. H. Argyle, Kent Treble Bob Major nnd Royal and Stedman Caters being rung.
A return was then made to the tower, where ringing in farious methods, also rounds, concluded a happy and successiul gathering.

## A WERRD SIGHT

STORM EFFECTS AT PARISH CHUROH
On Weinesaray evening, January 25th, eight ringers assembled at St, Martin"s Church, Cheriton, to attempt a latf-mufled peal in memory of Kent's oldest bellinger, Mr. Charles Slingsby, who, as already recorden lias died at the age of 101 years.
The tower was found to be in sach a lamentable condition that all thoughts of a peal bad to be abandoned. The gale bad evidently seriously damaged the roof. Snow and rain wers driving in, water was pouning down the walls inside and throngly two of the bellrope guides. The efectric lipht showed signe of failure and candles had to be brought into tuse. The bells, however, were rung for a Eliort while as a parting tribute, some having to ring with luste and coate on. A most weird sight, but one that pill rematn in memory. The following ringers took part : Messer. F. Slingsby (Cheriton) 1, R. Birch (Hythe) 2. W. Kitchen (Folkestone) 3, F. Crooke (Folkestone) 4, T. Anderan (Folkestene) 5. W. T. Bidnell (Hythe) 6, C. Turner (Dover) (conductor) 7, C. Swan (Hythe) 8 .

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-56.

## JAMES HUNT

One of the best knowa ringers, not only of the West, but of all England, is James Hunt. Indeed, the Contral Council meetings would bardiy be themselves without his presence sud his speeches. Not that everybody aiways agrees winh all be says, hut everylody recogrises tive sincerity of his opinions and the fact that they are based on real experience and knowledge. For Mr. Hunt has had a wide experience of riuging in many parts of the country, and is not only a first-class ringer limaself, but has associated with some of the leading men of the last 40 yonrs and more.
His outstanding performance was the record handbell peal of Stedman Caters rumg at Guildford in 1912. There was at the time in that town a baud who rang peale of Stedman Triples and Catere almost on every evening in the week, and it was only natural that thes should think of ringing the record peal in hand. This they did by ringing 14,031 clanges, but, not satisfied with that, they proposed to bent all records on handbells or in the tower, and staried for a jength of 22,220 changes. But they began rather late, and so when 11 o'clock came and they had passed sll prewous leagths, they not unnaturally thought they liad done enough and let the bells came round at 19,738 changes. Mr. Hunt rang $7-8$ to this perl, which, we imagine, witl not be beaten for many years. It was lis greatest performsoce, but he has taken part in many other good which 158 have been on frandbells and of which 190 has conducted 94. At onc period he rang 61 handbel: pesals in suscerssions without a tower bell peal intervening.
Mr. Hent is a Devon man, born at Tiverton on May 29th, 1871. For maur years the was one of thic leading ringers in the Guildford district. ${ }^{\text {He }}$
then removed to then removed to Lamdon, where lie was employed by John Warner and Sons, the a complets band of ringers. associated with St. James'
mong the many interostin a "grandfather's peal of Stedmsn Caters by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the first peal of Stedman Caters by a resident bend for the old Winchester Diocesan Guild which he called, the first peals of Double Norwich Major and seven Surprise Minor methods for the Bath and Wells Associstion, the first peal of Cambridge Major by a rebident band west of Bristof, and tive first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by a band resident in Sumerset
He is a ramber of the Adrisory Comaittee of the Bath and Wells Diocese, his subject being, of course, belis, and the is also a member of the Towers nud Belfiries Committee of the Contral Council, He has represented the Bath and Wells Association on the Council since 1920 and has been Ringing Master of the Taunton Deanery for 20 years.
Mr. James Funt is one of those men on whose exertions and work the very existence of the Exercise depends. Besides being, a pea: riseger and a conductor, he has done a great deal of teaching, has always made a point of ringing twice ou a Sunday whenever possiblo, and has been a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Conncil for many years.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EALING.

On Sunday. Tanuary 2gth, a peal board was erected in the church porch at St. Stephen's, Ealing, to record the ringing of four peals, one each of Superlative, Cambridge, Treble Bab and Plain Bob. The Ficar, who dedicated the board, caid that when he first came to Ealing he inquired if there were any bolls at his new charch and was sorry to kear that there were. However, the ringers had agrecably disappointed his expectations. Owing to the charch being in a resicfential neighboathood, the Parochiat Church Coumcil had decided ihnt there should be ratrictaci Sunday riaging and no peals, and it wes only the excuse of the annual summer Tete which elrabled these peals to be rang. The church paid for the writing on the board, which was supplied by the subceriptions of the ringers.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

## MORE INTEREST DESIRED

The Norib-Western District of the Surrey Associntion held their ammual meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday lasit, when 50 members attended from Banstead, Beddington, Bentiltors, Croydor (both churches), Epsom (Christ Charch), Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead, Lourdon, Merton and Mitchaw, with wisitors from Balcombe, Sussex and Bockenham, Kent.
Ringing during the afternoon was followed by short evensong, conducted by the chrate (the Rev. C. J, Hawkworkh), who welcomed the assaciation to St. Peter's on behalf of the Vicas.
The business meeting was presided over by Mr. D. K. C. Bitt (Master), supported by Mr. D. Cooper (District Master). Before the oflicial busiress commenced the meeting stood in silellce for a moment as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Jesse Be日ms, of Ewell, who passed away on Janusry $15 t+1$. He lkal been a member of the association for nearly 40 years
The following new members were clected: Mus. Pagden (Crordan) Miss Harrington (Erell) and Messrs. G. Howard (Clirist Church, Mitcham) J. B. Hessey (Chertsey), G. W. Massey (Christ Church, Epsom), M. E. H. Pitstow (Banstend), G. Reed (Benliilon), and the efections of three new compeunding mombers, reade in Beckenham belfry on Boxing Day, were confirmed.
The District Committee's report was adopted,
COMMITTEE'S REPORT
The committee stated that although they could not record any outstanding or spectacular performances in the district during the past jear, some very good work has been put in iyy menbers in the gecuring of recruits, the instruction of beginners, and the building up and the maintenance of local bands. The results of this stondy work could now be seen in most of the towers in the district, where atiend. ances on practice nights and for Sunday service riaging had, gencraly speating been rery good indeed. The custam which lind grown up in the district of ringers visiting each other's' tower's on practice nights had not only helped to maintain a high atandard of striking, but had also produced beneficial results in what might lse termed the social side of ringing. By way of contrest, there wate towers where very little progress, if any, coubi be recorded. At these towers the committee found a gheral clackmes and lack of interest amonge loral members, who did not turn up regulely for prectices, and failod to "play the game, as members of a feam. This kind of thing nullified the efforts made by keener men to build up a band, and inevitably led to stagnation. The committee haped that, wherever such conditions existed, efforts would be mace to improve matters during 1959.

Five district meelings, two corabined mpetings with three or more neighbouring associations and six joint meetings (five wilh the Lixdies' Guild and one with the Leatherhead District of the Guildiord Guld) had been held with average attendances of: District mectings 43 , combined meetings 70, joint meetings 34 .
A perasal of the signature book of members whe land attended district meetings during 1938 disclosed some ideresting facts. The same names as representing the same towers constantly recurred. whilst some towers were seldom represented, at all, and when they were represented, then by only one or, perhaps two members, Roughly, the ringers who attended district meetinga regularly might he divided into two classes, i.e., the expert or peal ringers and the novices arxious to make progress. The commitce would like to sec more interest taken in the work of the association by members generalit. After making all due allownmen for the evils of orer lapping, an average attendance at meetings of 43 , in a dintrict of over 200 resideat members, could not be regarded as entirely eatisfactory
for 1937

## MEMRTERSFIP

The jear 1988 began with a district membership of 185 . During the year five honorary members and ge ringing memhers were alectad." Ont the other hand, they had lost one membot by death, sewen membera had allowed their subscriptions to lapse, and the games of three members were being transferred to the companding list, leaving a total distrint memhership of 201, made up of: Honorary members 9. ringing members (representing is towers) 163, rinting members (1, in attached) 29, fotal 201, being an net increase of 16 members.

The treasarer's statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of e12 6 s 4 a . (an itrerease of 18 s . 8d. on the blimee in hand at the beginning of the year), was approved.
The following places for meetings for 1839 were elioscm: Easter Mondiay, Evell, Epom and Asintead (whole day) ; Saturtlay. June 3rd, East Molesey; July 29th, Rammore: September 30th, Claplnm Park or Kennington or Lambeth; November 25th, Benliiton : Janalary 27 h Beddington or Streatham.

The district officers wete elected as follows: Master. Mr. D. Cooper treasurer, Mr. H. W. Simmons; secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss auditor, Mr R. A. Simmons: representatives on committee, Mrs. C. I Kippin, Messrs. Charles Pothecary and H. V. Young.

All the retiring genernl officers with the exception of the assistant general secretary, were nominated for re-eleckion at the annual general meeting of the association. Mr. A. E. Cook, of Merton, wiss moninated to fill the vacancr caused b 个 the resignation of Mr . John Fobden from the oftice of assistant geperal secretary.
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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## OLD HEHBERS POSTTION

Wokingham, as usual, was the veuue of the annual meeting of tha Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diecesan Guild, peld on January $21 \mathrm{~s} \hbar$. There wes a laxge attendance, and ringing took place at both churches, St. Paul's and All Saints". Service was held at St, Paul's, the Reetor (the Rev. P. J. H. theott) offiefating, the Rev A. G. G. Thurlow reading the lesson. The adduess was given by the Rov. J. J. O'Malley, the Rector of Sandhurst, whose subject was 'Our prayers."

Tea was serwed in the Parish Room, having been prepared by members of the congregation, who were afterwards uhanked for thei kindness. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector of the Wokingham churches, the pregetuer and the organist of St. Paut's.
Canon G. $r^{2}$. Coleridge, chairman of the branch, presided at the annual meeting ani the sectetary welcomed visitors from Bagsinot, Oxford, Padworth, Reading, Cheveley, Milehurst and Stoke Poges,

The hon sectelary and treasarer (Mr. W. J. Paice) presented the report and bulauce shect, hese latter showing a balance in trand of e7 Os. Gd. Tlie bramel restoration fuud now stood at elt 8s. 2d. including the callection of \&1 118. that afternoon.
There were 29 honorary merabers and 150 ringing members, mrking営 total of 179 in the branch.
He referred to the losg to the branch by the death of the Rev. L. R. Majendie, Miss Wedderhurn and Mr, H. W. Boyles

The secretary also reported that 13 meetinga had been leld, attended by 309 ringers in all, 238 from the branch and 71 wisitorg
The report was adonted with heerty thanles to all those who hud rendered assiatance.
Canon Coleridge was enilusiastically re-elected chairman and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. zectetary and tremsurer. The followisg branch representatives on the Guna Commitee were aiso reelected Mirssta officials were thanked for their past gervice
On the recommendation of the Brancli Committee, it was decided for one year to hold bi-monthly meetings and combined practices in the intervening morths,
The position of old members who by force of circumstances were unable to contiune their subscriptions was sympathetically discusseut with a wiew to makian ham homorary numbers, and finally hie secretary wrs instructed to briug the matter before the fortheowist meeling of the Guild.
Mr. R. T. Fibbert (Guitd secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (Guld Creasurer? both addressed the meeting and expressed symprothy with the suggeftion that old nembets should be relpeved of their financial responsibilifies to the Gnild.
The Chairann expressed congratulations on the adnirable way in which the meeting had been carried out

## PROGRESS AT LICHFIELD COLLEGE

## TUDENTN' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL <br> FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

Tho first step towards
 quarter-peal of Gramdsite Doubles with the fallings: Richardang Brodibibl I-2, Makola C. C. Melville $3-4$, Wichael M. K . Warren 5 This was the first muarter-penl for Messrs. Brodribb and Warren, and Malcolm Netvile's first quarter-peal as condactor on a pair of working bells. It was nlso their first attempt for a quarter-peal and was rung only nine dayz after riugine their first 120 double-handed. Richard Brodribl had nat rung lamdiells matil he came up to the sollege last Angust; Michael Wirricn is the present riugirg mester at tho college
There are about 15 members learning or who have learat to haudle a bell, but tower bell ringing is very restricted and the members have progressed no further than zood roumds.
They have an excelleni libury of books about, ringing, preaented by readers of "The Ringing Warld" through the energies of Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. E. H. Lewis, and the lagudbells were tie generous gif of the Rev. W. G. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich

It is practical help stach as this that is so encouraging to us, writes Mr, Melville (who before going to college was hon. seeretary of the Warwiteltire Guild), "and urges us to become as proficient as we can during our short stidy at the college; so that, when we go out into our parishes, wo nusg know at least something of a very important aid to our work, Damely, the roice of the Cturch to the warld at large

SURREY ASSOCIATION-Continued from previous page.
Mr, H. V. Young called attention to the very low state to which ringing had dropped in the Scuthern District, as evidenced by the last meeting liedत in that district. He suggested that, while present conditions costinned to exist, they should omit the printing of useless moatter in the yearly repoits, aud spend the unoney thus saved on the trainige of bands in the Soukliern District.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the General Commithee for deeision
The meeting concluded with the itsual voter of thanks to the Ficar of St. Peters for the use of tho bells; to the Rev. C. J. Hawkswarth for conducting the servieg and givjng the address; to Mr. H. W. Siramons for making arrangyment for the meetiag; also to Mr. H. Wills for having everything in readiness for the comfort of the members and for tile conduct of the ringing during the afternoon.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD ASSOCIATION

## TRST METYTING AT BILSTON 7MOR 51 YEAFS

A quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeacoury Society was held ah. St. Lecuard's Church, Bilston, on Saturday, January 14th. Affisted towers of the society were wrell represented. It was just 51 yesrs since a meetiog was wold there, the reason given in answer to mquiries being that loesl tradespeople objected to Saturday ringing. However, this abjection seems to have been removed, for the Viuns the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., not only gave the members a warm welcome but gaid ho hoped they would pay another visit in the near future. He also said he was pleased to say that lis son Lad taken part in the ringing during the aifternoon, and that his father had been a Finger before him, le (the Vicary having broken the chain. The foregoing remarks prefaced a very interesting address. Perfecticn wis tios theme which the Vigar strebsed-inz Hinging as well as in daily fife. He mentioned that he had purchased a capy af ' Bahs Throurh the Ages ' to taka his discourse from, and paid a compliment to the suthor of the book.
The Rev. O. H. Barker, L.Th., cterical secretary and trensurer, read the lesson, and Mrs. Garrett kindly presided at the organ.
On arriviug ut the Parish Room, members found a aubstantial tea in readiness, and it was mucls appreciated by the company of 40. an apology for absence was recerved from Mr. Tom Hughes, of Wednesbury, in which he expressed fis thanks to the members for their kindy help in makity it possible to erech a tablet in Wednesbury tawer to the momory of his father, tho late Mr. George Huglies.
Moved by the Rev. C. H. Harker, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc., to Mrs. Garrett for presiding at the organ, and to all who helped to make a such is happy gathering, was received with npplanse

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## CHANGE IN HON. MEMBERS' KUBSORIPTIONS.

The annual generul meeting of Barnsley mad District Eociety was held at Barnsley on Snturday, Jamuary 14th, when members were pregent from Cawthorme, Darcon, Doncaster, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Bolsterstone, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the lock company.
short service was held in church, conducted by the hon, president and Rector (Canon W. E. Wilcinson), whose interesting and jnspiring address was much appreciated.
Tea was served in the Rectory Rooms, 21 beipg present. The president (Mr. C. D. Fotter) presided at the business meeting. The anditors' repmot on the accounts showed that 1936 had been a very succesfiul year, and a good proft had been made on the year's working. The balance sheet for the anuual shifeld contest wes aleo rend and both were passed as very pleasing amd satisfactory.
Whe ofticials for 1939 were re-clected en bloc, on the motion of Mr Gill, secorded hy Mr. Carbute, riz. President, Mr. G. D. Potter treasurer, Mr. H. Chnat; secratnty, Mr. D. Shith; auditors, Mr. F. Brooker and Mr. J. T. White,
Fout anew members ware elected, Messrs. R. Builey and R. Broadhead, of Darton, P. Carbutt, of Barnsley, and W. Lloyd, of Doneaster. An alteration to the rule regarding honorary members' subgeriptions was passed. It was recided that they be electect on payment of 5s., instead of 2a. 6d. and 2a. 日d. per anmum under the old rute.
After the usual vote of thanks for the nise of the bells and to those who had rasisted at the tea, eter, a vote of thanks was passed to the president (wino is in lis sist year) for presiding at tho meetiup. wurther ringing followed, some touches of Minou and Friples on hmodbells and a variety of Minor methods and Grandsire and Stedman Triphes and Treble Fub and Doubla Norwich Gajor on the tower Lulla beiry enjoyed.

## DEATH OF A LIVERSEDGE RINGER.

## MTR. WILLII: THOMAS' PART IN CONTESTS

The death occurred, it sudden circmmstances, on January 13th, of Mr. Willie Thomas, at the age of 57. Mr. Thomas was for many years attached to the belfry at Liversedge Parish Clutch. He had not enjoyed the best of heallh for a few years, but lad not been confined to his louse. He had been out duriag the evening, and when be arrived about 10.30 p.m. he went to bed as usual and died alnost immediately.

The Cuneral took place at Heckmondwike Cemetery on Tuesdny, Janurry 17 th, the chief mourners being the widow and only son, with other relatives and friends. Bingers were presert from Earlsheatom, Birstall and Liversedge.
Mr. Thomas never aspired to peal ringing and his total was only eight, but lie was always interested in contest ritiging and had taken part in a great mumber of competitions, About 1922 ringers were scarce at Liversedge, and Mr. Thoman rallied together six jouths to teach them the art of clange ringing. Tliree nights a weck were put in for practice, and how Mr. Thomas made those six learners atand in a ting with a handbell each, ringing Plain Bob, only talase who Were takirg part can realise.
As time and ability progressed and the landbellis were discarded for the fower bells, Mr. Thomas saw to it that those Jearners were targht the art of listening to the bells and strikigg them. He was respected by all who tnew him. Aithough Mr. Thenas had not taken part in ringing for some jears, he still maintained interest in the hells, and it is hard to realise that never again shall we meet to disciss this subject of ringing which whs ever in lis minu.
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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CCESS OF SALISBURY BRANCH

## Practice Meetings to be Organised.

Ringers from the city churches of St. Thomas, St, Martin and St. Pata, and from the neighbouring pariales of Brition, Wilton, Wylye, Berwick St. John, Fovaut, Duton, Coombe Biesett, Martin, Damerbam, aic., attended the annual gencral meeting of the Eajisimry Branca of the Sulisbury Diocesan Guild, held at St. Thomas' Churbh, sabisbury. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Thomag' and St. Paul's, and the bells at St. Martin's were also available-duting the evening.
'Ihe Guidd gervice was conducted by the leev, P. J. Hayes (Vicar) who gave a brief address, tho lesson being read by the Rev. $N$. E. W Bralyll-jolmson, Rural Dean of Wilion and Vicar of St. Paul's Other diecesan elergy in the congregation included the Rev. F Llewellyn Edwards (general secretary) the Ret. H. W. Moule (Damerham) und the Rev. T. W. Fage Philfips (Coonsbe Bissett)
Tea followed at Osmond's Cafe, and the branch chairman (My E. G, Caple) presided over the subsequent business meeting. supporied by the district secretary (Mr. F. W. Romeine), the geaejal secrotay, the Rev. N. E. W. Jredyll-jobnaon and Mrs. Hiblberd.
The Rev fradyli-Jolnson ussured the members of his sincera symmathy with rimgers. He felt they were not getting the recognition they deserved, and there shotld be more social and spiritual fellawship end muteal support smong the various pheses of church life.
Tlie balance shect was presented hy Mr. Romaize aud showed an income of 81488 . $6 d$, an expentilure of fil 6s, gd. and a balance in hand of $£ 315.9 \mathrm{~d}$., as against 820 s , 6 d . for the previous ycar. The accounts were adopted on tho proposition of ar. Figgures, geconded by Mr. Chalk.
Tliere were two nominations for the branch chaimenship, Mr. F. Wright proposing the re-dection of Mr. E. G. Caple. This whs Figarures. Mr. Figeures, howuver, declitued to stand, und ofr. Caple Wha unacimorrsly re-elected.

ONCE DEAD, NOW MUCE \&LIVE.
Mr. F. W. Romaine whs re-elected tranch secietay and treanarer and, in thanking the members for ye-eleeting him, neutioned that he had held office since 1923. At that time the branch was conpletely detd, no meetings having lecen lield for muny years. The laranch was very much alive to-day, and with the active support of the members would continue so.
Two of tho three retizing Ringing Masters, Messrs, L. Harris and W. Roberts, were re-elacted. Mr. F. C. Snith did not saek re-blection and Mr J. Figgures was selected in his place.
The committeo as now constituted comprises Mesers. Norton, Fitarares, F. Wright aud the Rev. R. S. Smith and Mrs, Hibberd.
Tho Rev. T. W. Page-Phillins was clected an hon, life member, and Mr. B. Churchill (shortly lexving for Egypt) a life ringing member. Mr. Jobn J. Bailey was elected a performing member, aftached to Danerham tower.
Qumrterly meetings for 1939 will be at St. Martin's, Domhend and Hiudon, an dates to be arranged by tie secretary. St. Martin's meeting is to be held when the treble bell, shortly to be providen, has been installed. and Mrs. Hibberd very kindly ancounced that ghe wonld invite the branch to ten for that meeting.
Thare wes conaiderable discussion on the subject of practice mpetings, Mr. J. Figgures remarking that the quarterly meetiags afforded little opportunity for young learners to receive instruction. He, dorefore auggested that monthly practice meatings be held throughont the branch, each tower being taken io turn, plovided the tingers required asjisinnce in learning change ringing.
Eventually a resolution was carrien that the secretary sionld write the correspendents of the vurious fowers, stating that practice meetingrs would bo Leld on Saturday afternoons and evenings and that those bands renuiring assistance and instruction should inform the secretary and the towers would be visited in rotation.
The Rev. H. W. Moule (Damerham) stated that the secretary uped not trouble to write to him, as he promptly accepted there and then, and his ringers would welcome instruction at eny time.
Mr. F. Wright (Dinton) said his ringers also would be plassed to tavo instruction, provided they conld be given a date in the winter, as practics wha diffenlt to arrange during the summer months, owing to agricultursl activities.

## THE PRACE BELT.

The general secretary (the Rer. F. Ll. Edwards) expressed his gtent pleastro at seeirg so mach young blood among the members, and congratulated the bramel on its heathy position, its onewetic secretary and the 50 per cent. increage in the balance jo hand. Fe wislied the general funds of the Gnild could boast of a similar increage. He wenf on to eny, "Tn the course of his address, the Vicar of St. Thomas' refrred to the observance, warmily commended by the Bishop of this diocese, of the riuging of the "Peace Bell " ot noon each dry as a daily call to prayer for peace in these troubled and anxions times I may say this chstom has brev observed in my parish since the daye of the Great War ; I realise, of conrse, that this duty would fall upan fem of you ringers, unless you happen to be sexton in your parish, bint I feel the finging of a bell at noon each day to he $n$ whtughtr Wituess ag a cell to prayer for peace nnd as a reminder to all who hear it to atant efill for a monemb and may for the peace of the (Continued in next column.)

## MIDDEESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. <br> OUTH AND WRST DUMRTCI'S SUCOECSTUT SOCIAL

The anarual supper of the South and West Distyict of the Middiasez County Association and Londoy Diocesan Guild wes held at the Villuge Hall, Heston, on Saturday, Jalumry 14h, and was, as usual, eatury euccesgful, About 70 members and frience including a large propurtion of jadies, wera present.
The supper was preceded by rugging at Heston Parish Church, the methods rung includiug Grasdsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Boh, Double Normich and Cambridge Sutprise Major
The supper, excellently arrataged by the local caterer, was presited oyor by the Vicar of Heston (the Rey. G. Craggs, supported by the Rev, Preb. Cole Sheane, M.A. R.D. (Yjoar ol Twickenham und president of the association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (rice-prasident), the Rev. A. W. Stade (curate at Hestoli), and the oticers of the association.
Following the toast of 'The King'' Mreb. Cole Bheane proposed 'The Middleser Association,' which he described as a model to all associations, and streased its advantages to riagel'g, haviag its headquartere in London, the ringing centre of the world,
Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, in replying for the associatiou, emphasiaed that its strength lay not so nuch in itself as in the strength of the local bands, and he made several suggestions as to keeping this strength up, bused upon his experience. Ee melntioned how ut Hilfingdon they lrad, at one time, inserted a noticg in the local paper stating that they were giving an exhibition of change ringing and inviting the public to attend. Sinme oida attend, und this resulted in aine or ten recruits, for whom thet arranged a spectul princtice night, and in the end obtajned about three ringers from these, which he supposed was about the average. Mr. Goodfellow also stregsed the advantages of anmual outings in keoping a band together, altd appealed for better support of the assoctation meetings by individual members
Mr. J. Herbert proposed 8. lnearty vote of thanks to tho Supper Chandler, of Heston realjed.
At tho sacial which followed, Messis. F. W. Goodfellow and W. H. Coles proved energetic gind eaterprising M.C.'s. Tlse programine opened to the tures of thie 'Lamheth Walk' had "Chestnat Tree, " 3 y Framophone and amplifier, bindly provident by Mr. Norman. The
 games were auch enjoyed, aud these were atersplsed witlı damentr. A darts competition was won hy Mr. H. Cooper (Heston) for the gentleman with a score of 92, and by Mrs, F. E. Hawthorme (Tlames Ditton) for the ladies, with a score of 77
The baudball competition between Ealing and Hillingdon was wou by the latter, who were mesented with the "cup" by the Victu". They have now won it three times in succession. The blindiold dressing competition was won by Miss E. Bedford, and an item, 'Selling the gee-gee, with a touching comnentary by Mr. W. H. Colea, cansed mucl entertainment. A tongue twister bee, on the lipes of the recent B.B.C. nfort, was very snecessful and entertaining, the Misses Redford and Lidbetter scoring 11 points each, Mh: E. C. G. Tumer acted ats 'announcer,' and Messrs. Jt. A. Trollope and J. F. L. Cockey as judges. A tombola resulted in A large basket of fruit being won by one of the lady helpers and a large cake by Mr. R. W. Darvilh.
Tea and coffee were served turiag the ovening, and at 11.15 the proceedings closed with the singing of 'Anld Lang Sybe.' The association is greatly indebted to Mr. H. C. Chandler, the Feston comparg, and the M.C.'s for their untirimg eforts to minke the gathering tio success it was.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD <br> (Continued from previous column.)

world 1 may add, some Years ago there was a resolition by the Guid that thas practico should be encouraged throughout the diocese. in our parish we raise and fall a bell, and then ring the Angelias. I remember some years ago when I was in Egypt, as I was standing on the quay at Pari. Said, the brill nit the Frateiscan Church thele ratry for the Angelus, and I could not help feeling impressed with this witness to the Christian rellgion in a country of Arabs and Maslemss.'
The Rev. Kl. Edwards also referned to the passing awey of the first Master of the Salishury Guild, the Rev, A. Du B. Hill. The Guild wns formed in 1884 and the Rev. Hill lived matil a few weeks ago. when he passed away, at the age of 87 . To within tiree rears of his death lie was still teaching chadge ringing in Hertfordsliire; lijs was a prand record. 'And we have here to-day' said the Rer. L1. Fiwards, "anothel link with the past in the pereon of Mr. W, Foot, the oldest performing memher of the Salibbus Guild, Mr. Foot was present at that firgt. grecting on September "4th, 1882, whem the Gutit was formed. and was atill a ringing member at Berwick St, Joln, A quarter-peal was runy on October 8th last, Mr. Foot's 80th birthday, and he himself took part in that numater-penl-truly another grand record.' Finally, Mr. Famards proposed a bearly wote of thanke to The Rev. Hayes for conducting 1 he Guritr service that day and for the use of St. Thomas' bells, and to the lady who so kindly presided at the organ anti to the caterers.-This was secorded by the Rer Fage-Phillips and uranimously carried.

Before the meeting commenced, at the invitation of the chairman, the memhers stood in Eilence for a few moments as a tribute to thr merwory of two ringers who have died recently. Mr. W. Wright, of St. Thomas', and Mr. S. Kite, of SYt. Pazl's.

## NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting to foliow.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District.The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 4th, at the Church of All Saints ( 10 bells, tenor 16 cwt .). Ringing 3 to $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing afier. Business: Financial statement, annual report, election of officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due. - J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.I3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division.A meeting will be held at Walthamstow (St. Mary's) on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 万, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham Dis-trict.-The quarterly meeting winl be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 5 , address by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. A, Lumb. Tea at Tiger's Head at is. 3d. per head. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and sloould be paid at this meeting. Important business requires that every tower should be adequately represented on this occasion.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, February 4 th. Cathedral bells ( 8 ) available 3 to 4 p.m. S. Nicolas' (10\} from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Hall (next church).-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, fuuildford.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-Sevenoaks (not Speldhurst, as previously arranged) is the place, and Saturday, February 4 th the date of the first meeting of year. Please come and start the district on another successful year. Tower open at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Will those interested please look up Erin Triples and Duffield Major? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough,

LADIES' GUILD.-North Midland Branch.-A meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 4 th. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.-(Mrs.) A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch.Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, on Saturday, February 4th. All ringers and friends welcome.-Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND IPORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Alton and Petersfield District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall 5.15. -C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charies Street, Petersfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUIID. - Peterborough Branch.-The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, February 4 th. Beils (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Usual arrange-ments.-W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

COLESHILL, NEAR FARINGDON, BERKS.-The re-dedication of the bells, rehung and augmented to six by R. White, of Appleton, will take place on Saturday, Feb. $4^{\text {th, }}$, at $3.30 .-V$. Jones, Coleshill, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Nottingham District.-The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, February 4 th. Bells (8) ready from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try your methods.-E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notes.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Northern Branch.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Otdbury, near Birmingham, on Saturday, February 4th. Belis available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service in church 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, price 1s. Note: Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.-Norman J. Goodrnan, Hon. Branch Secretary, 52, Lottie Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham 29.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. - W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hempstead.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. -The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 .-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Andover District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr . A. R. Wiltshire, The Lodge, Anport.-F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.--Bradfield Deanery Branch.-Annual meeting will be held at Theale, Berks, on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (gd.) 5 p.m.-T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 128, Halls Road, Tilelurst.

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION.-South Norfolk Branch. -The annual general meeting will be held at Saxlingham on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (free) at the kind invitation of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, in the Church Hail. Meeting follows. Special business: Election of officers for 1939. Special method, 'Checkenhain Major.-A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

LANCS ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, February 4 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church at $5 \cdot 30$--J. Porter, II, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY The next meeting will be held at Penistone Church (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. $4^{\text {th. }}$. All welcome.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., ${ }^{3} 3$, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. $4^{\text {thz }}$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (is. each) at a local cafe, for which please notify. - S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-First meeting of year (Feb. 4th). Royston. Bells available 3 p.ת\%. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 111 members and friends welcome. - R. T. Newman, Hon, Dis. Sec., Lafayette, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Service ringing, Feb. 5th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, to a.m. PracLices, St. Clement Danes, Feb. 13 th and 27 th, at $7 \cdot 30$ p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, Feb. 28 th, at 8 p.m.-T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637 ). - Meetings'-February: Southwark Cathedral, 7 th; St. Clement Danes, 9th; *St. Mary-leBow, 14th; St. Magnus', r6th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2 Ist; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2 3rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28 th. *Business meeting afterwards. All at $7 \cdot 30$, except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-Special practice at Cripplegate ( 12 bells) on Wednesday, February 8 th, from 7.30 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and Dusiness meeting following at the Duke's Head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible and not later than February 9th.-A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Leyton Parish Church, Saturday, February 1ith. (Leyton station, L.N.E.R., from Liverpool Street.). Nice
light peal of eight in a beautiful and historic church. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 , followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. R. Bren), for all those who notify Mr. C. A. Hughes, 92, Stanley Road, E.18, without fail by Saturday, February 4th.-I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch. FA meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ebbw Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.-J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held at East Grisstead (8) on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of the President of the Guild (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. All are very weicome, but please notify not later than first post Wednesday, Feb, 8th, if tea is required.-B. Saunders, r8, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -The annual meeting will be held (D.v.) at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb, ifth. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.rn., and please advise Mr. A. J. Abrans if you ARE coming. Bells available 2.30 p.m., methods up to London Minor. It attendance at this meeting is not better than of late the amalgamation with Wisbech and Ely branches will be advised. Suggestions, advice, members all welcomed.F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, Feb. ith. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.1n. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify nue by Wednesday, Feb. 8th. Buses: Barnsley to Fitzwilliam (Pioneer) so minutes past even hour direct. Barnsley to Ryhill via White House 10 minutes' walk from the church. A hearty welcome to all. - D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, February inth. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparthill, Birmingham, II.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GIILD.-Eastern Branch.The annual meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Boston, on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Bells available from 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 7 th? -W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-The Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. Inth. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 4.45 p.m. Any visitors will be welcomed, and it is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present. Please notify me re tea by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.-J. W. Colton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOITINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCLATION.-A ringing meeting will be held at Tiljshelf on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILLD.-Northwich Brancin.
-The annual branch meeting will be held at Davenham on Saturday, Feb. 11th. All ringers are welcome. Will those requiring tea, kindly provided by the Rector, please notify me on or before Feb. 9th?--H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6), near Bawtry, on Feb. I Ith. Rounds to Surprise. All ringers welcome. Please send me a card for tea. - R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at $\mathrm{St}_{\text {. }}$ Francis Xavier's, on Saturday, Feb. Isth. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 . Tea and meeting to follow. There will be further ringing in the evening. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The spring meeting witl be held at Walmer on Saturday, February lith. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , tea following ( 1 s . per head). Please send your names for tea to Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castie Road, Walmer, near Deal, not later than Thursday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual general meeting Feb. IIth. Ringing, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 ; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 ; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. (New Service Book). Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Parish Room, 7.30 p.m., followed by handiell competition. Names for this and tea as soon as possible to T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20.
LADIES' GUILD.-South Midiand District.-A meeting will be held at Staverton ( 6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1Ith. Service 4.:5. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, Daventry, by previous Wednesday.-S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-The adjourned annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Swaftham on Saturday, Feb. tyth, not on Feb. $4^{\text {th }}$, as first arranged. Service at 4.30 . Tea, is. each, at Messrs. Lane's Cafe at 5 o'clock. -W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Weilington Street, King's Lyno.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch. The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton ( $\delta$ bells) on Saturday, February intb. Tower open 3 o'clock. A good attendance will be much appreciated.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GLILD. - North Bucks Branch.-Newport Pagnell Deanery. - A neeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. Irth. Ring up 2.30 . Service 4.15. Tea 4.45-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.Swindon Branch.-Monthly meeting at Blunsdon on Saturclay, Feb. Ith. Light six. Usual arrangements. W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDLAND COLINTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District. -The anmal meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Feb. IIth. By kind permission of the Provost, the bells of the Cathedral (io) will be available from 4.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business, will be held in the belfry at 4 o'clock, and for the convenience of those who care to attend earlier, handbelis will be provided. All ringers welcome. - George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec. 8r, Roe Street, Derby.

BATH AND WELIS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION -Ilchester Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1Itl. Bells available all the afternoon. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Service, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Tea, is. per head, at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Peter's, Caversham, St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, $3 \cdot 30$ p.m. to 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, how many for tea.-E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 4or, London Road, Reading

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. Itth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good companyr-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO. CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-Meeting at Stinchcombe near Dursley, Feb. Inth. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.-WV. J. Smith, 130 , Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Fel. Inth. The peal of no bells will be available from 3 till 5 , and after tea. A special business meeting will take place following the tea at the Old Palace. Members who do not send their notifications to me by Wednesday, Feb. 15 th, must be prepared to make their own arrangements for tea.-A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Storrington on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Old Forge Tea Rooms, 1 s . Half rail fares (maximum $1 s, 6 d$.) to members.-F. $H$. Meeter, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.
LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Benhilton on Wedresday, Feb. 15 th. Bells available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, $5 \cdot 30$, at the Rendezvous Cafe, Sutton Green. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. H. Randall, 7 Bushey Road, Sutton, by Monday, Feb. 13th.-I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Ledbury Dis-trict.-Annual meeting of this district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, Feb. I8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m7. Service ist St. Crispen's Chapel 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Roon 5.15 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcome. Wiil all those requiring tea please let ine know by Wednesday, isth?A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-Exeter Branch. - The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Feb. 18th. Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 , Is. each. Visiting Kenton after tea. Motor coach leaves Paul St. Park, Exeter, at 2.45. Seats is. 6d. each. Bands and visitors kindly notify me by Feb. IIth.-W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8 , Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bentley (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. I8th. Service in Church at $4 \cdot 30$, followed by the meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intencling to be present please notify me as soon as possibfe? - J. R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

GLOLCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-South Forest Branch.-Next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) open $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.rn. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Feb. Isth. - Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., ir, Victoria Road, Lvdney, Glos.

SIGN OF APPROACHING SPRING, meeting at Bushey, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.

LANCASHIRE: ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Members and non-members are cordially inwited to attend. -Josepil H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

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That, at any rate, is so much gained, but there are other dangers, the chief of which is that, in the design of future churches, architects, with an eye on cost, will content themselves with a shell of a tower, knowing that if the structure will carry a ring of bells the gramophone substitute may be employed. There is nothing. we believe, to stop this being done, because (we write subject to correction) until a church is consecrated the Advisory Committee have no official voice in its building, and the Chancellor has no veto upon such an installation. New churches usualiy go up in districts where there is no traditional interest in bells and no one to take any action in arousing interest. The only course open in regard to new churches is to endeavour to obtain the moral support of Bishops and Archdeacons, so that they may use their influence in securing, where a tower is part of the design of the church, that it shall be a structure sufficiently strong to take a ringing peal of bells, even if, for the time being, such a peal cannot be provided. In these days of economy, churches are too often designed without any tower at all, but where a tower is included it ought not to be too much to ask that it shall be built sufficiently strong to fulfil the original purpose of all church towers. Shams and imitations should not be encouraged in anything to do with the Church, least of all in the buildings in which worship is to be carried on, perhaps, for centuries. Real towers and real bells ought not to be replaced with brick shells and gramophone records. It savours of shoddy and make-believe.

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Howard Howhil ... .. Treble Georga W. Hogbes ... 7 Herbert Knight ... ... 2 Prrcy N. G. Falnay ... 8 Barnabas G. Kgy ... ... 3 "Norman G, Legce ... .... 9 Christoperr Wallater ... 4 Gilbehi Harding ... ... id William Fisger... ... ... Harold Smith

Composed by J. Carter.

* First peal on twelve bells.


## TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON OOUNTY ASSOOIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Satibiay, January 28, 1939, in Three Howys and Six Minutes, At ter CHuncy of All Salnis,
A PEAL OF BTEDHAN CATERS, 5081 CHANQEg Tentr 16 owt.
Tgomas W. Tageender ...T Yoble Francis D. Bishor ... ... 6
Thomas H. Taffander ... 2 E. Ralph Mackrill ...
Miss Olive L. Asbrroor ... 3 Harey Wingrove ... ... 8
Ernest J. King ... ......$\quad 4$ F. Donald Borbham ... $\quad$... 9 Cantes W. Ottcey... .... 5 Norman H. Manntng...
Composed by F, Dence. Condacted by Tbomas H. Taffender.

## NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATYON.
On Tuesday, Janvary 31, 1939, in Three Howts and Thitty-Nine Minutes, At tar Chorce of St. Peizr Mancroft,
A PEAL OF GOB ROYAL, 5OGO CHANEES! Texor 37 cwt 3 qr . 15 lb . in C.

- Miss G. E. M. Tonnadine Treble Folan Golden ... .... .... 6 †Miss Dorothy L. Dirceam 2 Clifrord Bird ... ... ... 3 Gedrge Mayers ... .... 4
*Cedric Curson ..* *** ** 5
Composed by James Grorge. Albert G. Warnes ... ... 7
tGzorge Saybr ......
Beatie J. Howcerm ... .... 9 Conducted by Nolan Golden.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DHOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Janwary 28, 1939, in Tuo Hours and Fifty Minstes, Ait tee Cburce of Sy. Ladrince,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8;
Holt's Ten-part.


- Frank Wbitr ...

| $\begin{array}{ccc} \cdots & \cdots \text { Trebia } \\ +\cdots & \cdots+ & 2 \\ E & \cdots & 3 \end{array}$ |
| :---: |
|  |  |

†Francis A. Wgite ... ... 2 Grorge Holifield ... ... 6
Frbderick C. Weite ... 3 Ricbard Wbite ... Arteor H. Weite .. ... 4 Ernest Cadrl ... ... .... Tomoy Condacted by George Holifisld.

* Frist peal. † First peal on an 'inside ' bell.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTHR AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCTATION. (Sontr Forest Brance.)
On Saturday, Jankary 28, 1939, in Thye Howrs and Twelse Minstes, At the Caurce of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, b040 CHANGE8;
Rev. C. D. P.Davihs' One-part.
Tenor 16 cwt .

Joseph Harper ... ... ...Tveble $|$| J. Wbab.... | ... | ... | .. | ... | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Jorn Adstin... .... ......$- z^{2}$ J. W. Davis ...
Jobn Clark... ....
Grorge WIITS
... 4 Harold Mbek 4 ...
Condacted by Jobn Ausin.
Rung with the bells half-muffied as a last token of respect to Howard Reid, a much respected member of the Ruardean company. NORTH ELMEAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWIGH DIOCRSAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 30, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Eightun Minulds, At ter Cadrci of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB WAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; Tenor 20 cwt .
Jogn A. Godfrey
...Trebla
Leslie W. Page
Cgarles E. Coper....
Eric Durrant
Composed by F. N. Goeden.
Robert Marsb

DHE EENT COUNTY KENT.
On Monday, January 30, 7939, in Throu Hours and Two Minwtes,
At the Ceurch of the Holy Teimity,
A PEAL OF YORKGHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHAMRESI

Mgresrt E. Audsley $\quad$...Treble $\mid$ Geofrriy V. Morpey ... 5
Hazry Hoskins ... $. . . \quad . .2^{2}$ Jaybs E. Bailey...
Derer M, Sbarp ... ... 3 Grorge H. Cross ... ... 7

- Johm Wbeadon... ... ... 4 Pbilip A. Corby .... ...Temor

Composed by A. Crnves. Condacted by H. E. Audsley.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthiday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffiolk.


## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, Febrvary 2, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fify-Five Minktos, At the Churce of All Saintr,

## A PEAL OF GRAMD8IRE TRIPLE8, 6040 CHANGES;

 Tenor 94 cwt .W. Ricaardson Drage ...Trebla Girling Rigey ... ... ... 5 Wilifalu Dawson ... ... 2 Ernest Morris ... ... ... 6 Cgarles Hotcbinson ... 3 Cearlis Gbary ... ... ... ${ }^{7}$ William H. T. King ... ... 4 Ededend C. Cgasiy .... ...Temoy Composed by Canon G. H. Ridour. Conducted by Erarst Morris

## NOTTINGEAM.

THE MDDLAND COUNTIES $\triangle$ SSOCIATION. On Thweday, Febreary 2, 1939, in Thrte Houys and Five Misubes, At the Chuece of Sx. Petiz,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5188 CHANGE8; Tanor th owt. in E.
-harold Brown...
Walter Niceols .... ...Tyeble
Jobn E. Hobbs ..... .0
 Composed by G. F. Williams. Conducted by Frederice A. Salier * First peal of Major and firat attempt. ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUIMD FOR THE DIOCESB OF BIRMINGFAM.
On Saluyday, Febrwary 4, 1939, in Izoo Hours and Forty-Sevom Minutes, At the Cherce of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Heywood's Transposition of Thorstans' Four-part. Tenor 151 cme .

- Alerrt L. Petifgrew ...Treble †Alpabd J. Allen ... ... 5 | Ggorge F. Swann | $\ldots-$ | ... | 2 | Fredbrick W. Risuworta | 6 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ronald I. Sbepabrd | $\ldots$. | 3 | Fred Price... | ... | ... | .. | 7 |

 Condacted by Georgr F. Swann.

* First peal away from the tenor. + First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Swiniell, 49 years Vicar of Erdingtou, on his 84th birthday.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday, February 4, 1939, in Thyee Hows and Five Minutes, At tbe Cbuxch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tanor 16 owt.
Norman Brray .... ... ...Treble | Filtiam Brammer ... ... 5 Herbeet A. McKinmblle... 2 Stanley N. Harrison $\quad$... 6 -George A Bect
 Composed by W. Brray. Coaducted by F. Reynolds.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peel as conductor. BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Satnrday, February 4. 1939, in Three Hours and 7 umenty Minstes. At fae Church of St. Petrer,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 505 CHANEE8;
Tenor zol cwt. in E
Erancis S. Beadmont
F. Frankland Rigby... ... 2 William E. Cheater ... 6

Grorge Witilams ... ... 3 Reginald A. Rbed ... ... 7
William B. Cartwrigat.... 4 |Frbdrrick W. Rogebs .... Temp
Composed by A. Knigets. Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.
First preal of Major on the belle since recasting by Messre. Taylor and Co., and first peal of Surprise rung in the tower. DUNMOW, ESBEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Febrwary 4, 1939, in Thret Howrs and Sixterer Minutes, g At the Chorch of St. Mary,
A PEAL GF 8UPERLATIVE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5056 GHAMTES; Tenor $21 \frac{1}{6}$ cwt.
-Rictard Portway ... ...Treble Hilda G. Snowdrn ... ... 5
Ronald Suckling ... .... 2 Gzorgb Sadindrrs...

- Donald N. Jemnimgs ... 3 Lewis W. Wiffes...
-Ggorge Scblegrer ... ... 4 H. Walter Smita ... ....Tonor Composed by C. J. Sbigiry. Conducted by Levis W. Wirfen.
* First peal in the method.


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BUSEEI, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Suturday, February 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Fowr Minstas, Ar the Crigere or St. Jaycs.
A PEAL DF ZETLAND SURPRIBE MAJOR, 5056 CHAREE8;

## Tenor 13 cwt


Madrice F. R. Hibrrry ... 3 Francis Kire ... ... ... 7
Frederice W. Brinelow ... 4 Harold G. Cashaore ...Tamoy
Composed and Conducted by H. G. Casbmorr.
The firgt peal in the method.
ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATLON.
On Sadurday, February 4, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thres Minutes, At the Ceurch of Si. Helen,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 50BS GHANEES; Tenor I3 cwt. 1 qr. II lb, in F .

| L | ...Trebls | Fred Terry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Waitrr Leac | 2 | Ronacd H, Dove |
| Horace S. Morley | - 3 | - Williah Hawley ... ... 7 |
| Mrs. E. | 4 | Edward Bradley ... n..Tenor |
| -m |  | Conducted by E. Franley |

Conducted by E. Erancey,

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENTT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 4, 1939, in Thyce Hours ard Setem Minutes, At fee Cerreb of SS. Phtrr and Pafl,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BO8 MAJOR, 5024 CHANGESI Tenor $2_{4}$ cwt.


Composed by A. Knigers (No. 408). Conducted by Thomas E. Sone GORLESTON ON-SEA.
THE NORWIOH DIOCDSAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Febyuary 4, 1939, in Ttuo Hours and Fify-Eight Mimulus, At tee Cerreg of Sx. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 10 crrt.

Clayton Parnell ... ... 4 †Denir A. Bayere ... ...Thoy
Composed by B. Annable, Conducted by Denis A. Bayzes,

* First peal of Bob Major. + Pirst peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

WORILEY, YORESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCTATION.
(Barmsley and Distaict Society.)
On Salurday, February 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At tre Cudach of St. Lronard,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANEES;
Tenor 12 cwt I 7 lb . in G .
Wilelam A. Wooler..
Artbor Pantagr
bines H. Cgarlesworta 6
Willie Grgen ... ... ... 3 Artbur Gill +.. ... .*. 7
Ernest Broores... ... ... 4 Dheigl Smita ... ... ... Tomor
Composed by G. Lewis, Conducted by Danire Smite,

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SIX BELL PEALS.<br>GTISTED, ESSEX.<br>THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.<br>On Smaday, Jankary 22, 1939, in Tw Hows and Thitty-Five Minmbes,<br>At ter Chorce of All Saints,<br>A PEAL OF MINOR, sOcg GHANEES:

Being 720 St. Clement's, two 720's Kent Treble Boh, 1,440 Oxtord Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor' $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{emt}$. in A.
Ralpa Bird .* ... ...Tyele $\mid$ Reginald G. Simmonds ... 4
Albert L. Dixey ... ... a RonaldSucrling ... ... 5
-Gegfray Evbreit .... ... 3 Victor Morley .... .... ....Torop Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* Firat peal in more than one method.

CLIFIORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE FEREFORD DIGCESAN GUILD.
On Swnday, Janwary 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fovty-Two Minwtes, At taf Parish Chorgh,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 GHANGES;
Being six 120 's of Canterbury Pleasure and 36 of Gravisire, 14 callinga. Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Bernard H. Davies ... ...Tyeble Frbderick J. Watring ... 4
David H, Bennett ... ... 2 Algert E, Joneg... ... ... 5 James P. Hybit ... .... ... 3 Riceand J. Gwatein ... .... Temor Conducted by D. H. Bennert. TENDRING, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Janwary 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, Az the Cudrca of Sx. Edmond.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 50AD CHANGES:
Seven different 720's.
Gborge E. Jennings ...Tveble| Miss Violet A. Frost ... a
-Albert Halbs ... ... ... 2 |Harby Laitt ... ...
†Cearles Maryern ... ... 3 Urban W. Wildnzy... ...Tomoy Conducted by; Urban W. Wildney.

* First pea! "inside.' + First peal.

DARRINGTON, YORKSHIIE.
THE YORKGHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Twesday, Janmiry 24, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Fony Minules. At the Chorch or St. Loke;
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOF, 6040 CHANEES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.
Mrs. Edward Bradley ne.Tyeble Wulliam Hawley
Harry C. Walters ... .... 3 C日arlbs Brown .... ... Edward Bradley ... ... 3 Azbert T. Strangward ntemof Conducted by Harry C. Waltens.

TRYSULL, STAFTS.
THE SOOIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF GTAFFORD.
O. Wednesiay, Jantury 25, 1939, in Two Howrsand Fiffy-One Minures, At tee Cevrce of All. Salnts,
A PEAL OF BTEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 22 callings.
-J, Demis Holden ... ...TTeble
Barnabas Key ... $\quad$ Hardld Suite ... ... ...
†ROGER Hawksworte ... 3 Howard Howbel ... ... 5 Conducted by Howard Howeri.

* First peal of Doubles. + First peal of Stedman. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung balf-mufled as a last token of respect to Mr. Martin Burke, a ringer at this chureh for over 40 years.

SEIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUHL FOR THE DIOCESE OF BTRMINGHAM.
On Wednesday, Jannary 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly Jinutes,
Az ige Cedrch of St. Jakbs-the-Great,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, $\operatorname{sO4} 0$ CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.
Tenor 64 cwt.
Danirl T. Matein ... ...Treble Sidmey O'C. Hozloway ... 4

- George H. Williams ... 2 fArtbur Morbis... ... .... 5
-Ronald I. Shergerd ... 3 "Norman J. Goodman... ...Temoy Conducted by Danirl T. Matein.
F First peat of Minor. + First peal of Minor away from the treble. Firat peal of Minor on tower hells and as conductor.


## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCTATION

On Thersday, Janway 26, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fith Minntes. At ter Chercb of St. Mary-the.Virgin,

Seven 720's eech called diffarently. TeDor 10 cwt 3 qr . 8 解 ib. -Harold Brown ... ... ...Tyeble EqeDerick A. Salter an Walter Nicbols †Harold Parfrement ... 3 Ralpa Narborgdgi ..
 Condacted by Ralph Narborodge,

* Finst peal on tower bells and first peal of Minor. Minor awny from the treble.


## DAREINGTON

THE DURHAM AND NEWOASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCTATTON On Friday, January 27, 1939, in Ttwo Howrs and Thirdy-Six Mimwies, Ax the Chumce of the Holx Thimity,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents, vis.; (1) Carlisle; (2) Canterbury and Nowcastle; (3) London end Wells; (4) Yorth and Durham; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) Surfleet and Beverley; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 7\% cm .
Roeert Jepfa* +** ... ...Treble George W. Pare
William Oliver...
Riceard Begby $\begin{array}{llll}\ldots . & \cdots & 3 & \text { F }\end{array}$ Conducted by Roland Park.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Park.

BURNEAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday. Jannary 28, 1939, in Two Hows and Thirly-Three Mentutes,
At ibe Chergef of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ons 720 of Cambridge Surpriso and two 720 's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Eent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Harry Sterbings

Wiliam S. May... ... ... 3 | FRane B. Lupkim... ... ... ...tonay
Conducted by Frank B. Lofkin.

## HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, 7anuary 28, 1939, in Tue Howrs and Fifty-Six Minudes,
At tee Church of SS, Feter and Paul,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, $\operatorname{BOHO}$ CHANCES;
Being $\operatorname{seven~TRa's~called~differently.~Tener~} 12 \mathrm{cwt}$.
Frame H. Hices .... ... ...Trable Labile W. Jarvis ... ... 4 Abtefr T. Lbwry ... ... 2 George Berney ... ... ... 5 Cgarles A. Bassett ... ... 3 Wilelam A. Kitcagmside ...Temoy Conducted by William A. Kitcernside. DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSEIRE ASSOOLATION. On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Misutes, At the Chuech of St. Margaret.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, GO4O CHANEES;

Seven different callings.
Citfford Downing ...

Wilciam Perins .... .... 3 Andrew Tbompsom ... ....Temoy
Conducted by Andrew Teompson.
BARNBY-LN-THE-WHLLOWS, NOTTS,
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND THTE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Janwary 28, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty-Two Minutas, At the Chirch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANRES;

Boing seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob; (2) College and Wavertree: (3) Double Bob and Fulbeck; (4) Danble Oxford and Thelwatl; (5) St. Clement's and Chilawall: (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Double Court and Conrt Bob. Tenor $6+$ ewt.
-Eric Wilcock ... ... ....Treble | Jonn C. Vessby.... ... Miss Dorothy Vessey ... 2 "Kenngit W. Mayer -John F. Pearson ... ... 3 Jack L. Millenouse ... ...Tmoy Conducted by Jacx L. Micchouse.

* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods as comductor. There were 103 chamges of method.

LITTLE COMBEREON, WORCESTIERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Sodthern Brance.)
On Saturday, Jammary 28, 1939, in Tuo Howns and Forty-Seven Minutes, At the Chorce of St, Pbier,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5090 CHANGES;
Being lour six-scores of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire, with ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt . Sam Mgore

 Ralfa Harris ... ........ 3 Artrer Ricgardson ... ...tenor Conducted by Ralfa Harris.
MEARS ASHBY, NOETHANTS.
THE PETERBOTOUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Janwary 28, 1939, in Thras Howrs and Two Minutes, At ige Cedrch of All Saints.
A PEAL OF BOB MHNOR, GO40 CHANGE8;
Seven differcht extepts.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

- Aribur Reader
...Troble
Geofergy E, Watsom
... 4
 -William G. Callis .... ... 3 |Sidney G. Menton ... ... Tenor Conducted by Sidney G. Munion.
* First peal.

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHTRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Janwary28, 1939, in Two Kowrs and Forty-Fowr Minutes,
At fhe Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being, geven extents in 14 methodis: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College Fuarcise, Norbury and Ocklay ; (2) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingaton, Capel and Oxford; (3) Old Oxfand; (4) College Bob IV.:
(5) Walesden; (6) Newdigate; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt (approz.).

- Dokald Flattars .. ...Tveble Alberi E. Flatters ... ... 4 Willam Wileinson ... 2 Cyril Wander ... ... ... 5
 Conducled by A. Young.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in 14 methods by all except conductor. First peal as conductor.

EXZALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUHD.
 Ax the Cherer of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCE8:

Sevod 720's
-Charles Gardener ... ...Tyble Frake W. Perreas ERNEST Stonz Tazn Taylor ... ....... 3 Gromge Garnener ... .... 5 * First peal. + First peal of Minor on Fin 'inide' hell. Fjrst peal as conductor. CIIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HFRTFORD DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday. January 37, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifly Minwtes, Ay thr Chuece of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEESI
Being 720 each of Morning Star, Clifford, Porcy's Pleasure, Canterbary
Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, London Doubles and Grandsire. Temor 124 mmb .

- Edward J. Hill
$\ldots$ Trebla | David H, Bennext ... $=.4$

*Albert E. Jones ... .... 3 |Riceard J. Gwaikin.an ...Tenap Conducted by J. P. Hyert.
* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a farewell to R. J. Gwatkin. SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Thuraday, Februaty 2, 1939, in Two Ffou*s and Forty-Stwen Minuts, Ay tar Cadrch of St. Nicholas,


## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

## Being 42 six-scorey, 10 callings.

Legnard Atywood an aTyeble
Enver Woscin T. Wingaris
Georgi lillams i.. ... 2 Ernesi F. Salmons ... ... 5
Conducted by Ausxin T. Wingate.
4 First peal.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOGESAN GULLD.
On Salwrday, Febrwary 4, 7939, in 7hres Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, At tee Churce of tee Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGE8;
Comprising one extent each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Beverley, Surfieet, York, Durham, London, Wells end Gembridge.

Tenor 11 cut. 3 qT .15 lb . in G .
Williak E. Fletceer ...Troble Ralpe G. Edwards ... ... $4^{4}$
Lester L. Gray ... .... ... 2 2 $\quad$ Grorgr Ledseam $\quad . .$. Frane Varty ... ...

Conducted by Frank Varty
First peal in tex methods and longest length for all the band. FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Febrnary 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minules,
Ax tae Chorce of St, James,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES]

teing 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. T. Joan Fowler ** Fatgersi E, Fletcere *+Ttobly Grorge Martin .... .... ... 4
 Conducted by Harry Wingrove.
KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTER.
TEE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
(Hincrlzy District.)
 At the Chorch of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 EHANEES

Being 720 gach of $A$ pril Day, Canterbury and Plain Bob, sad 1,440 each of Et. Simon's and Granueire. Tenor 9 cwt . - Miceage Fazey Tret
 E. Adbrey Burci .... ...* 3 James Prigston .n* .n ...Tamot Conducted by F. R, Dracor.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation to six. \#umg as a farewell to M. Razey.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## (Wegtrrn Bramce.)

Ow Saturday, February 4, 1939, in Two Honrs and Forty-Five Minutes,
Ax the Chorce of St. Mary-de-Wychr,
A PEAL DF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Baing one 720 each of Cambridye Surprise, Oxford Trable Bob, Kent Trebie Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob snd Flain Bō, Tenor IIt cwt.

*First peal. + First peal of Minor and first attempt. BRIGتTWELI, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUTID.
Om Saturday, Febritary 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Nind Minutes, At ter Cherch of St. Agatea,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANEE8,
Soven diferently celled 720's,

- T. Raymond Prase ... ...Tveble | Frane Castele Sellor ll cwt.

 Conducted by Oliver G. Barnard.
* First peal of Minor. + First peal. First peal of Minor on the
bells. Rung on the eve of the petronal festival.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

BELGRAVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTEES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Jannary 26. 1939, in Two Howrs and Tementy-Five Minntes, At the Brel's Head Inn,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 OHANEES;

Waspbrgok's Variation of Therstans' Fodr-part. Tenor, size 17, in A flat.
Whlter P. Weitegead ... I-2 | Ernegt Morris ...

Conducted by Waltar P. Weiteread.

* First peal 'in haud' sud frst attempt.

KELHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, Febwary 5, 1939, in Ond Howy and Thivy-Nind Minwes.
At ter Ceurce of St, Wilfrid, Keleam Theological College,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Seven 720's called differently.
James Traingr .... ... ... $4-2 \mid$ T. Barlow Brown ... ... 3 -4
Alberi F. Sargent ...... $5-6$
Conducted by Albery F. Sargent.
First peal on 3-4.
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THE MDDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
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- Micgarl A. Wiggins

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* First peal.


## HEREEORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGTON DIETRICT"G ACIVIPIES.
The Kington District Branch of the Fereford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Lyonchall on Saturday, January 28th. Bing. ing toot place in the aiternoon, and the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Ficar of Thtley (the Rer. A. S. Hutchiuson), in the absence of the Rev. Ellison (Vicar of Lyonskail) through illness. The local captain of the ringers (Mr. Brown), who is also organist and Vicar's werden, presided at Ihe organ. Tea, prepared at the Ficarage, was kindly given by the Vicar.

The business meeting was attended by 16 members.
Reference was made to the death of Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Guild Ringing Master, and Lhe clairmen asked the members to stand in silence to her momory.
The district secretary raported that in the past year three meetinss and five combined practices bad been held. Four methods of Doubles snd four of Minor had been rung at the meebiugs and practices. Fight peals of Doubles and two of Minor had been ring at six towerg, two other peal attempts had been made, and meabbers had rung in peals outside the district. The District Ringing Master conducted five peals and two ather members one each, one his first on his $16 i . h$ birthüaj. Five members rang their first peal, three their first of Minor and three their Grsi of Triples. Tbree members had qualified for the certificates of membership, six gew members had been sdmitted to the Guid, inclnding four girls of 13 and under from one tower, and one honorary member.
The district officers were re-elected and a new district committee formed.
The next meeting was arrenged to be held at Weobley in May, uf convenfent, and combined practices at Eardisland and Staunton-onArrow
Fotes of thanks were passed to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting a success.
The tower wis then again visited and ringing took place in various metkods of Doubles and Minor. Owing to the wiatry weather, the attendance was smaller than usual. There are six towers of six bells and one fire-bell tower in the district in union with the Hereford Guild.

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## PEAL NOTES.

## TWO FANDBELL FEALS AT KELHAM

Another student at Kellame Theological College has scored his first peal, Hichtel Wiggins heving rung 1-2 to a handbell peal of Bob Minor on Sunday. It was the secoud handbell peal rung at the college the same day
The veteran Vicar of Erdiugton (Canon Swindell) celebrated his 84tin birthday on Saturday, and a peal of Stedman luples was rung at St. Barmabas' Churli is lís honour, He has been Vicar of Erdingtou for 49 years.
Albert L. Petcigrem, whose first peal this was, and Alfred J. Allen, who raag his first peal away from the tenor, are young members of the Aston band, stilt in their 'teens. They both rang well and show good promise for the future. Astoll is developing the right sort of material.

The peal at Frestwich, Jancashire, on saturday, was a birthday compliment to Mr. G. A. Bell, who rang lis lirst peal of Bob Major, The peal of Bob Minor at Hope Vihnge, North Wales, on February 4 th, was arranged und rung as a birthdiay peal for the conductor's sotr, who was five tliat day, also to celebrate the christening of J. L. Evans' îrst grandchild. The peal was to have beeu rayg by the Rhyi ringers, but one was prevented from taking part in it, and Mr. H. L. Wait, of Watiord, who is working in the district, kindly stood in and was elected a. member of the ussociation boiore starting, The ringers
were flady enteriaincd to tea after the penl by Mr. and Mrs. FuHer, sen.
The company at Ruardcan, Gloucestershire, has lost a much respected member by the death of Mr. Howard Reid. A lalf-mufled peal of Gramdsire Triples as a last token of respect was Tung on Saturday, January 28th.
The first peal of Minor on the bells at Brightwell, Berks, was rung on Smburday on the eve of the patronal festival. The church is dedicated to St. Agatha.
The preal of Superlative rung at St. Feter's, Bournemauth, on Saturday, besides being the first penl of Surprice ever rung in the tower, was also the first in the methad by Nessrs. F. S. Beaumont and A. Y Davis, both memhers of the local company. The bells were recast a year or so fago by Messrs. Taylor and Co.
A peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, Soutl Africa, was rung at Sawley, Derbyshire, on アebruaty 21 a .

A peal in seven Doubles methods at Clifford, Hereforishire, on Tanurry $319 t$, was a farewell to Mr. R. J. Gwatkin, who was leaving the district. Previous to the peal the Vicar presented Mr. Gwatkin with a shaving ouffit, in case, in appreciation of his gervices as a
parish elerk and ringer, the subscribers being the $\nabla$ icar, churchwardens and riagers.

## PEALS TN 14 MINOR MUTHODS.

With 103 changes of method, 14 methods were rung in seven extents at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Nots, on January 28th. Four of the band rang their first peal in 14 methods, and Mr. Jack Millhouse called tis first in 14 methods.

Another peal in 14 Minor methods was rumg on the same day at Old Leake, Lincolnshire. These were all Treble Bob methods, bot splicing was employed only in the two first extents. It was the first peal in 14 nethod by all except Mr. Arthur Young, and it was his first peal as conductor

After the peal of Forkshite Surprise Major at Dartford, Kent, on Jannary 30th, ruag as a birthday complimant to the conductar (Mr. H. E. Audsley) ard Mr. J. M. Bialey, of Lejeton, Suffolk, Mr. John Wheadon was deservedly cangratulated upon breaking fresh ground af an age when wite a lot of ringers are thinking of resting on their laurels. It was Mr. Whesdon's titst peal of Yorkshire.

Anotlyer member of the family of White, of Appleton, has begun his peal ringing career. On Jamuary 28th Frank White rang the troble to a peal of Grandire Triples snd thus Eollows in the long tradifion in this willage, where Whiteg bave been identified with the bells for over a hundred years.
A peal of Bab Minor on Jamary 2sth at Mears Asliby, Northants, was rapg as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Coleman, of Kettering. whose infant sou, Graham Alfred, was baptised at All Sajnts', Prtchley, on the previous Sunday.
The peal of Bob Major at $\$ \mathrm{St}$. Peter's, Nottingham, on Peb, 2 na , was Mr. F. Bradley"s loath. He is a very greatly respected Sunday service member of St. Peter's, always ready to assist young ringers and to give every encouragement to less capable members in the tower, and the band heartily congratulated him on bis achfevement.
It is interesting to record that lis first peal, mung in Janaary, 1924, was Bob Major, also conducted by his friead, Mr. F. A. Salter, and thev have now rung is peals together, Mr. Salter having conducted 33 of them
The treble ringer, Mr. Farold Brown, Tang his first tower-bell peal the previous Thursaby, a peal of Bob Minor at St. Mary's, Notimghars, ant the band also wish to express their spyreciation of the capable manner in which he performed his part.

Few young ringers score a peal of Stedman Cinoues to celebrate their 15th birthday, but Geofrey Hartison, of Loughborough, has had this distinction. He took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral aE Saturdar: and it was a welcome return to ringing after his recent gccident, when he broke an arm.

## TEN EXTENTS OF SURPRISE MINOR.

At Caperhorst, Cheshire, on Suturday, ten extents in as many different Surprise Minor methods were rung, making, of course, 7,200 changes. It was the first peal in ten melhods and the longest peal by all the band. It occupied two minutes under four hours. Mr. G. Ledsham rang his 25 th peal, 24 of which have been rung with the conductor, Mr. 「. Varty.
The secretary of the Leicester Thureday band of P.G.'s being engeged, on Jamary 26th, four of the company met at the Bull's Head, Belurave, Leicester (where Mr. W. Botridl, late of the Metropolitan Police, is "mine host"), asd ramg a peal of Stcdmun Triples in lasid.
Members of the Socjety for the Archdeaconry of Stafford swooped down upoz St. Mary's Ohurcli, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, on February 4th, and carricd off a peal of Stedman Cinques. It was a birthday compliment to Norman G. Leech, who ramg lus first peal on
Mr Kichael E., Razey, of Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire, has just jomed the Royal Nayy. Last Saturday, February 4th, prior to his departure, a farewell peal of Doubles was rung, and he will take Itway with him the pleasant memory of havieg scoved his first peal. It was alsc the first peal on the bells since their andementation to six. Zetland Surprise has row been rung by the Watford balld, who scored the frst peal in the method at Bushey on Saturday. It was Mr, Mauriee Hibbert's 150 hh Surprise pebl
Messrs. W. A. Wooler and J. R. Erearley rany their 50th peal together when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Wottloy, Yorkshire, on February 4h. The composition, rung for the first time, wes one by Mr. Geerge Lewis, which contains the 4 , 5 and 6 their extent in 5-6, without the and in 6th's.

## HE KIDS.

The church at Wychbold, Worcestershire, where a peal in seven Minor methods was rang on February 4th, adjoins Droitwich transmitting station, whose ginnt mosts male the church tower seem puny in comparison.
The peal was rung by the "Kids'-so called because they will go peal smalching and tower grabing when the men' of the bramed are away. The chief "kid, is young. Bill Ranford, alias Pather, who las now rang 449 perts and is in bis 7oth year. Tom Lewis, another of the 'gang, "E megring the two hundred mark, while the others, although a long way helund, have fairiy respectable totals.
Mr. T, E. Some, of Padilock Wood, Kent, rang his 200tin peal as conductor, incuding 75 of Kent, Treble Bob Majar, when at Headcom oun Pebruary 4th he called snother peal it this method by Arthur Knights, which was ruig for the first time. The composition was a 6,336 reduced to $5,024$.
Messts. Frank H. Hicks and Arthur P. Lewry rang their 50th peal together on Janumry 28th at Hellingly
A half-muffled peal of Stedman Doubles was rumg at Trgsull, Stalfordshire, in memory of the late Mr. Martin Burke, a ringer at the Parish Church for over 40 years. The peal was rang on Jan. 25 th. Mr. Victor Morley rang the tenor at Stisted. Essex, to seven $720^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ of Hinor on sumiay, Jrmury 2and, wal thus completed a peas on aij the belly in the tower.
The peal of Bob Minor at Tendring rung on January 23 rd had several interesting featares. Mr. George Jenniugs, wlo rang tho trahle, las been a ringer at the church for 45 years. Mr. Marvern, wha rang the thind, has been parisli clerk and bellinger for 35 years. This was his first peal and first attempt, and also the first by Mr. Laitt, who, too, has been a riager at Tendring for 35 gears. The ringer of the second, Albert Hales, scored his first peal "inside." The conductor was the only one who did not belong to the locai band. The village of Tendring, it is interesting to remember, gave its name to a famile which produced one of the earliest of composers, John Tendring, Master of the College Toutus in 1659.

The peal of Bob Minor at Draycott on Jan. 28th wiss tEe first in the methoci as conductor by Mr. Andrew Thompson, and was rumg as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Hall, the ringer of tho fourth.

## SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

The tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Bolpey, has sustaibed a great lass through the death on January 2ath of its towerkeeper, Mr. Willian Wheeler, after a very brief illness.

A member of the Sussex County Assacintion, decensed was one of a band formed at Bolney by the late Mr. George Walder 37 years ago, and was most regilar and punctual at both Sunday sersice and practice ringing He was at one period verger amd sexton at Bolney Ohurch and was also a member of the choir. He liad taken part in a number of peals rung for the Sussex County Associntion,
The funeral took place on Febritary Ist and was attended by several of his hrother ringers, and among the floral tributes was a wreath from the ringers. In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells deeply muntled.

## AGE AND YOUTR.

The conductor of a garter-peal at Mitcham, Surrey, on Jan. 22nd, was aix times of old as the ringer of the second, who rarg lis fint quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Dave Wright is 78. J. R. Davison is 13. The riegers were D. Wright 1, J. R. Davison 2, W. H. Joiner 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, G. A. West 5, C. Pothecary 6, w. S. Smitỉ ?, W. Sparkes 8 .

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. OLD MEMBERS HONOURED.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. In spite of the gevere cold and snowy weather, quite a good company assembled and the eight bells were kept goivg during the aftemoon ard evening to various methods. The committee met in the afternoon and decided to have the annual report printed as before, local secretarios being aaked to include therein a short account of their distriet's activifies during 1938.
Two long-standing members were placed on tha honorary life members' list : J. E. Clarke (South Wigston) and W. E. White (Cot(rave, Notts). A special tribute was paid to the latter, who, during bis long connection with the associatjon, laad so enthuEiastically and conscientionsly filled many offices-local gecretary, chairman of the Notts District, Central Council representative, general hos, secretary and now hon treasurer.
Tea was served at the Castie Inn, and members and friends from Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Finckley and Nottingham Districts assembled.
At the general meeting which followed, in the absence of Mr. J. Oldham (vice-president), Mr. William E. White was voted to the chair, and said how pleased they were to meet the Vicar of Hugglescote at the meeting.-The Vicar suitably replieñ, giving the members hearty greeting and welcame.
The eecrotary (Mr. Eraest Morris) presented a loug list of nen members who had been proposed sinee the last meeting. No less than 38 ringing, Eeven rejoining, five life zaid six honorary members were thus duly elected, which speaks well for the association's contimued activities.
Two auditors were chosen to eheck the atcounts for 1938 , viz., Mr, Paul L. Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrisor.
It was reported that on the sulbject of special badges for Midland Gounties Association memberg, a small committee would meet on Easter Monday before the usurl committes meeting to decide exactly what should be done and choose a suitable design.
Hearfy votes of thanks to the vicar for uss of the bells and the local committee for the arrangements mado concluded the mecting. Handbell ringing on the association's laadibells and forther towerbell ringing terminated a successful afternoon's mirk.

## LADIES GUILD

EASTERN DISTRICT MFETING SPOILED BE FLOODS.
A meeting of the newly-formed Eastern District of the Ladjes' Guild was hold at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturduy, January 28th. It was a very successful meeting, although only nine ladies attended; but their enthusiasm made up for their smanli numbers. Many, including the vice-president, Miss Hilda G. Snowder, were prevented from attending by the widespread foods and bad weather conditions. Those present ware Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer (Ipswich) (hon. secretary of the branch), Miss D. F. Woolston (Ipswich), Miss Vera Gooderham (Stoise 4.h), Mrs. L. Wright (Dedlham), Miss E. Reeve (Ipswich), the Misses D. M. and E. G. Reeve (Hockwald), Miss M. Robertson (Norwich) and Miss A. F. Hillen (Stoke Ash).

In response to the cordial invitation extended to them, men attended in large numbers from Norfolk, Suffalk, Essex and one, in the person of Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, from as far afield as Londen.
The meeting began with ringing on the fine peal of eight (tenor 24 cot . approximately). For the first time in history, a band of tadies rang Diss bells, although it was only to rounds and call changes.
A short service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. L. Hoit-Wilson, Was held in the church, followed by tea at the Waveney Hotel, when ${ }^{2}$ party of 37, including the Rector, was present.
At the conclusion of tea the sccretary read a letter from the Bronilys Bell Fund, and a collection was made.
Following this the secretary accorded hearty thanks to the Rector, Mr. Charles Cowell (organist), Mr. A. G. Harrison (hon, secretary of the South Norfolk areal and to all who bad helped to make the meeting a success.-In reply, the Rector said how pleased he was to see such a gathering, and hoped that Diss might before long prodice a band of lady ringers.
A Ladies' Guild business meeting followed, Miss D. F. Woolston baing elected to the chair in the absence of the vice-presjdent. Four ringmg members, the Misses. D. M. and E. G. Reeve (Hockwaid), Miss
M. Grimer (Tpswich) and Miss M. Jarris (Ha dleigh) were electen anie M. Grimsey (Tpswich) und Miss M. Jarvis (Haileigh) were elected and one honorary member, Miss M. Bucke (Ipswicl). It was decided 干o hold the next meeting at Colchester, if the bells were availatie, failing that at Braintree.
The kaies then returned to the belfry for more ringing. During the evening some of the ringers visited Palgrave, where there is a light panl of eight.
The ringing during the meeting included rounde, call changes. Planin Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Mnjor, Kent Treble Bob and'Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Tripleg was rung half-muffed at st. Stephen's, Hampstead. on Wednesday, Jamuary 5 th, as a last totibute to Mr. Francis: R. Harman (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Bevan 2, W. Norton (conductor) 3. T. Francis 4, E. Pryor 5, E. Barnett, jun. 6. T. Barrister 7, D. Harman 8.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCEPORT BRANCH PEAL RECORD.
The smual meeting of the Stockpoit Branch of the Chester. Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 28th, at St, George's Church, Stockport. The fine peal of ten beils was set going goon after tifree o'clock and touches in various mothods were rung prior to the service, at which the usual Guild form was used. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. du T. Pownall), who also gave a yery fine adazess, taking as his text in few words from the Gospel for the following day, 'Why are ye so fearful?'
Considerable time was spent after the service in examining the magnificent organ, which was installed about two years ago at tonsiderable expense aud which is considered to be one of the fnest organs in the North of England. It is a most interesting instrument both from a musical and mechanical point of view, all the stops being electrically controlled, and it has a superb tone.
Tea was seryed in the adjoining Parish Hall under the supervision of the local ringers' wives and a very enjogable meal was speedily disposed of. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rev. Frank Bonner (vice-clairman of the branch), the Vigar being unable to stay to the meeting owing to parochina actirities.
The Chairmans said he had been assured by the Ficar of a wavm welcome to St. George's, and he was sure the ringery appreciated the opportunity of visiting this beautiful church. He referrecl to the presence during the afterncon and at tea of Mr. A. E. Perler, of Bangor, and Mr. H. Parker, secretary of the Northwich Branch.
The amual report and statement of accoints were presented and showed a good state of affairs. Membership lade increased by one. The number of peals rang in the branch was a record, 41 , langing from Stedman Caters and Bub Royal to Bob Doubles, and includmg the first peal of Rochester Surprise Major for the Guild and in the county, ns well as the 84 Minor methods peal, An erccuraging feature
was the increase of conductors, these numbering eight, wbile eight was the increase of conductors, these numberimg eight, wbile eight members rang their first peal. Tho finanoini side of the branch was also very sound.-The repost and stalemont of accounts were adopted and the secretary thanked for the frouble exponded in preparing them. THE BLEESTON LIBRARY.
The Beeston Library report was presented, ard an appeal was made for Hreater use to he made of this valuable collection of books given
to the Guild by the late Rev, A Meestou. The librazian, Mr. to the Guild by the late Rev. A. A. Beestoll the librarian, Mr. work started by Mr. Beeston of keeping a recold of all the new methods rung
The election of officers for the year followed, and in view of his inability to be presert at meetings, on the advice of his doctor, Mr. Wolstencroft did not wish to offer himself for election ms clairman of the branch, and it was unanimously decided to elact the Rer. Frank Bonner, with Mr. T. Wilde as vice-chairman.
The secretary was instructed to write to Mi. Wolstencroft expressing their regret at the cause of his resignation and their best wishes for Lis spedy retura to health. The remaining afficers were re-elected Attention was drawn to the notice in "The Ringing World" regarding non-residant members of the Guild, and members were asked to point this aut to any nou-resident member they might come into contact with.
Tour new members were clected, Messrs; W. Barlow, H. Figginbottom (St. Mary's, Stockport), and S. Wyatt and S. Goulden, of New Mills.
It was decided to send a letter lo Mr. Hongla and Mr. Marshall, hoth of whom have served the branch in office and in other ways, expressing regret at their absence and hoping that they would coon be restored to biealth.
The secretary welcomed Mr. C. Edwards, Master of the Hereford Guild, who bas cone to live at Bowdon, and hoped that lie would be very beppy amongst them.-Mr. Edwards, in lis reply, said he would do all in lis power to belp the Guild, and only requested that they should not ashe too much of him.

Votes of thanks were accorded the retiring officers, the Ficar and wardens, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared teas, the organist and all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting. Firther ringing was enjoyed on tower bells and on handbells. The resence of many memhers of the Macclesfield Branch, amongst them the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Worth), was very much eppreciated.

## OHAVGFS IN CREWE BRANCH'S OFFICERS

The amual meeting of the Crewe Brancli of the Cliester Diotesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Januaty 21st. There was an excellent attendance, 54 memhers being present, representing Acton, Alsager, Barthomley, Wistaston, Nantwich, Citwe, Church Lawton, Kidsgrove, Newcastle, Norton-in-Hales, Draycott, Market Draytout, Marbury, Lower Bebingion, Bowden, Cbeaile, Longton and Northwich.
In the znayoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Sydney $T$. Steveme. the service was conducted by the Vicar of Marbury (the Rev. G. C. Dickson), and a most inspiring address on "Unity i was given by the Ticar of Acton, the Rev. Charles Parry-Williames,
Tes whs afterwards served in the Schoolroom, kindly given by the Vicar and wardens.
The Rep. G. C. Dickson presided at the busilhess meeting. Fe explained that be was taking the place of the Rev. S. T. Steyens,
chairman of the Crewe Branch, who had suffered a great blow in the loss of both his mother and father in the same week. He knew that the whole of the branch sympathised with their chairman, and the mecretary $\quad$ mas asked to send a letter of condoleace from all of them. The Rev. 8. T. Stevens was re-elected chairman, Mr. R. D. Langford hon, gecretary, and Mr. W. I. Holding hon, treasurer.
The resignation of Mr. alhert Crawley from the position of inatructor to the Crewa Branch was accepted with much regret, and Mr. R. D. Laggiord was elected in his place.
Mention was made of the fact thet Mr. Grewley had only missed two snaual meetings since he wes made a member, in the year 1902, whea be was away at the South Africnn war, and this year; truly a wonderful record.
Mr. George Biddulph resigned from the position of Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Brough was elected to the office.
Ringing again took place after the business meeting, and touches of Grandsira Caters, Stedman Caters, Bob Major, Cambridge Major, Superlativz and London Surprise Major were all enjoyed.

WIRRAL BRANOH CONGRATULATES ROCK FERRY BAND.
The annual meeting of the Wirral Brasch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Rock Ferty (St. Peter's) on Seturday, January 21st. Io spite of the miserably inclement weather, there was a fairly ropresentative number of monbers present and also a good sprinkling of riaging frieads from Liverpool, to whom a bearly welcome to Chester Guild meetings is alwrys extended. Ringing in various Minor methods took place in the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Pearson), who gave a very interesting and thourht-provoking address based ou the meaning of the word "sincere.' Ten followed immediately after the service, wlyen between forty and ffty sat down to a splendid repast kindly prepared by Mrs. Cooke and her daugliter, and which was much elljoyed
During the course of the sarbsequent meetiog hearty congratalations were extended to Mr. J. Cooke and his bagd of ringers at Rock Ferry on their meritorious record for the past twelve monthg, details of which were published in "The Ringing World' of Janurry 20th. Two points warthy of pore than passing interest in this record are that out of the 102 Minor extents ruag during the year, 96 were rung as service touches, and that the average age of seven of the band of twelve is ouly $17!$ It was also stated at the meeting by the chbirmaster of St. Peter's that all the younger element of the band were either choirboys or ex-choirboys-a truly spiendid record!
After thy election of officers and other routine business bad heen disposed of further ringing took place, all tastes and copabilities from rounds to Surprise methods being amply catered for anik a very enjoyabls gatheriug brought to a close.

## DEATH OF MR. JESSE BEAMS.

ONE OF SURRET ASSOCLATION'S OLDEST MEMBERG.
By the death of Mr. Jesse Beams, of Ewell, the Surrey Association has lost one of its oldest members and the Guildford Diocesan Guild onn of its foundation members.

Deceased, who was 62 Fears of age, was pensioned from the Post Office only two years ago.
Mr. Beams had been a regular Sundny service ringer since I8a3 untii last July. Although he was suffering before that time ha did nat give in, but early in Septomber he was aumithed to St. Thomas Hospital, London, and three weeks later wis sent home again, his complaint being found to be too sorious for oneration
Mr. Beams had rung 14 peals. He was laid to rest in Ewell ChurehJard on Janumry 19th, about 40 postmen fining each side of the pathway to the church, while four postmen scted as bearers. Many beautiful flowers were sent, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey Association were represented at the funeral. The church bells were rung lalf-muffled on the following Sunday for both servicen, and on the practice night a quarter-peal of Grandsira Triples was rung with half-muffled bellg by Miss Harrington (first quarter-penl) 1 , F. G. Woodiss 2, J. E. Bemms 3, J. Beams (conductor) 4, A. Hadley 5, H. E. Good 6, E. Grave 7, W. Poplett 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

 ENCOURAGING MEEIING AT JARROW.Tha Eastern Districh of the Durham and Newcsstle Diocesan Associa tion held a meeting af JarFow on Saturday, Janaaly 28th, ringers being pregent from Fenham, Blaydon, Newcastle, Gateshead, Chester-Ie-Street, South Sbields and Wert Hartlapoal, and were well supportes by the local ringers. Christ Clurch bells were kopt \#otng during the afternoon and st. Peter's after tea.
A short meeting was held, with $\mathbb{M r}$. R. L. Pattersan (wice-presidert) in the chajr.
After submitting the loyal toast, he smid he was pleased thero was auch a good number present, and congratulated the local ringers in supporting the meeting so well. He went on ta say these district meetings were a valuablo help to all riagers, ba they learners or experts.
Mr. W. Robson moved a vote of thanks to both clergy for use of the bells, which was entried unanimously.
The next meeting will be a joint gathering with the Western District at Chester-le-Street on March 18th.
Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent and Ozford Treble Rob Minor and Canbridge Surprise.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Despite an enlarged edition this week, we rearet we aro compelled to hold over a number of contributions.
Middlesex County Council have granted the use of the Middlesex Guidhall Council Chamber for the Central Counctl meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday.
The meeting of the Kent County Association at Maidstone is to be held on Saturday. February 18th, and not on the lith as advertised lest week,
The Lord Mavor and Lady Mayoress of Birmiagham have promised to attend the Henry Johason Commemoration Dinaer, which is to be held at the Imperim Hotel, Birmingham, on February 25th. Early application should he made for tickets.
Two centuries gag, on February 19th, 1739, a notable peal was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, winen 'the first true and Compleat Pesl of Five Thousand and forty Bob Major Royal otherwise Ten In ever performed on these bells was complested in 4h. 10 mi . " It was rung by the Society of Uajon Scholars and called by John Denmead.

The tenor, which weighed 51 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb ., was turned in singlehanded (for the first time) by Philemon Mainwaring, one of the greatest heary bell ringers of all time. The bells had heen cast in
 thousand of Caters, the other an bight thousand of Cinques. In both theso three men had been put to the tenor.

## THE DIOCESE OF DERBY.

## SUGGESTED NDW GUFLD.

To the siditor,
Dear Sir,-I should very much like to bring to the notice of all bellringers in the Diocese of Derby the question of forming a Diocesan Guidd, to embrace all tawera in the diocese.

It has been suggested sevetal times lately by more than one wellknown ringer that a meeting might bo held at some suitable tower where ringing could take place in the afternoon and the whole question discussed after tea.
Ringing at the moment is at a vary low enb, and it is the feeling of many singers that the time is now opportune for such a step to be talen.

I myself attended what should have been a meeting at a local tower recently and wes one of only three visitors, the only other ringer being one of the local band; consequently, the meeting did not mature, This occurred at a church where the new Rector pergonally attended to extend his weicome to the singers, and I feel an epology is due to him for such a poor attordabee.

This has been the case at several meeting in the last faw years, and it is surely up to every individual ringer to do his utmost to inprove this copdition.

A very hearty welcome would be extended to ali jncumbents of parishes in the diocess who would be interested in such a move and whose help wauld be greatly appreciated,
I shall be extremely obliged if you will have this jebter published in your valuable paper in order that it may be brought to the notice of all ringers in fibe diocese.
If those interested will communicate with ree, suggesting date and place of meeting - this to be letd as early as possible in tho yearwill do all I csn to meke arrungements. SAM SCATMERGOOD.

797, Sheffield Enoad, Sheepbridge, Chesterfieli.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.
Dear Sirs-In vour issue of November $18 t h, 1938$, you were good enoush to pablish a letter of mine, which raised some doubt as to whetiner or not Lord Grimitorpe did astually order a peal of tweive with a three ton tenor in $D$ /lat, as stated by Mr. F. E Dewe.
I have now been able to get a sight of the eighth edition of "Clocks, Watches mand Bells" (1903), from which, in your issue of December 2nd, 1938, Mr. Dawe quotes as follows: "All the five largest bells are only on the 14 ecale of thickness, and they would have been better on the 13 scale, but the tenor inconvenjently heavy to sing."

Tursing to the table of diameters and weights on paze 346, I read that a tiree ton bell on the 13 scale of thickness would be in B with a diameter of 55 t . 7 zi ib . On the 12 scale a bell having the same diameter would be in D flat and would weigh 66 cwt. On the came page I read: 'Single bells and especially small ones should alweyg be on the I2 geale, or very near it; but the tenors of poals on the 13 scale." Lord Grimthorpe was of the opinion that the 13 scale agreed more nearly in weight than any other simple proportion with that used by the old bellfounders in the large bells of peals.
Discussing sizes of pesls, Lord Grimthorpe, on page 340, 1874 edition, page $\overline{5} 4,1903$ edition, eshrs: 'If you will have 12 belle the tenor Bhould not be higher than G. . . . A ' $\mathbf{B}^{2}$ bell would probebiy be the best for such a peal "; and on page 354,1903 edition : "The tenore of Exeter and SE. Paul's are B dat; bot both would have been on a better scale of thickness if they had beer B with the same weight, or more like the $B$ bell at Manchester."

This $B$ bell at Manchester Town Hall was 5ft. 10in. in diameter and weighed 71 cwt .
Considering these facts, there can be no doubt that Lord Grimthorpe intended thet St. Panl's tenor should be a B bell and not D fat a stated by Mr. Dawe.

Monkseator.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-57.

## ALBERT RELFE.

A good deal of quiet, unobtrusive work in raising the standard of chamge ringing in the Kent and Sussex border towers has beer done by Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent. It is not an eass task. ju what is mainly a rural area, but much of the interest which has been maintained in recent years in that neighbourhood has been due to Mr. Relfe's efforts and the enthusiasm he has been able to encourage in others.
Mr. Relfe is a native of Lamberhurst, where he was born on November 27 th , 1889. He started his ringing career in 1909, in the six-bel tower of his village, and after the bells were rebung in a new frame in 1925, became Jeader of the local bayd.
His first peal was Bob Minor, rung at Lamberiurst on November rang at camberlurst on November ductor was rung in the same tower less than a year later. This was a pral in eeven Minor methods on October 28th, 1912, the first by the local band. Since getting restarted after the war they have done some notable things.
Mr. Rello Fas the first to conduct a peat in 38 Surprise Minor methods, but ho laad previously called the first peni in 14 metEods and the first in 14, 21 and 26 Surprise methods and the first peal of Alliance and Little Mivor for the Kent County Association; indeed, he was a pioceer of Spliced Surprise Minor zinging in Kent. He alsa took part in the first peais of st. Clement's Bob Major, Double Bob Major, Erin Caters and Cauterbury Pleasure Royal rung by the Kent Connty Association.
He las rung in two peals of Grandsire Triples non-conducted, and in one peal of seven methods of Minor, in which each ringer called one 730 and one patt of the last 720 , which was Plain Bob.
Not the least meritorious feature of the peals of Minor specially mentioned above is that they were all rung at Lamberhurst by the service ringers at that church.
Mr. Relfe's peals total 223, of which he has conducted 112, and they range from Doubles to Royal. They have been rung in 62 towers in Kent and Sussey.

## BROADCAST RINGING.

Sir,-When I heard the excellent ringing from Croydon Parish Church, which whs broadcast on Sunday morning, I wondered if it would be possible to arrange that the names of those taking part in this and simitar ringing to be published in your paper. Many ringers know roughly who the ringers are, but it would be interesting to see if these broadcasts are by the same ringers on each occasion or if different ringers get opportunities to take part from time to time. If they do it shows the confidence which the more proficient piace in the progress of nthers, as, very paturally, the best is required on such occasiones.
But there is another side. We see 60 many yames of those who ring peals or touches, but we do not hear the ringing. Having heard broadcast ringing, it would be nice to see the names of those who took part and the bells which they rang. Some bands might then ask the belp of others to make their efforts more perfect when they send their ringing over the air. A. S. ROBERTS.
Palmerr Green N13.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT BISHOP AUCKLAND

At the invitation of the Ficar (the Rev. Canon A. B. Parry-Evans) eight ringers who took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bishop Anckland on Oetober 15th, 1938, wisited the tower on Saturiay, January 28th, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board commemorating the peal. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. C. J. Patry-Evane, son of the Vicar, to Miss C . S . Kingdom, organist and à former ringer at St. Andrew's Church.

After the unveiling ceremony, Canon Parry-Evans and his son tharked the ringers for ringing the peal, and they were supported by Mr. Jackson Pallister (charchwarden), who has been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association for 54 years.
Mr. W. N. Park responded on behalf of the ringers.
The company were entertained to tea by the Vicar, and, after ting ing several touches on handbells, the ringers retarned to the tower and rang a quarter-pen] of Stedman Triples. Thoso taking part were S. Bryant 1, G. W. Park 2. G. W. Peverell 3, J. T. Titit 4. R. B. Robinson 5, W. N. Park B, ‥ Park (conductor) '?, R. Bisbly 8 . This was this first quarter-peal of Stedman for the ringers of treble, 3rd and 44 .

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MASTER RESIGNS.
General Secretary Asked for Explanation of Letter
The ancual meeting of the Northern District of the Louden County Association was beld on Saturday, January 21st, in the City. Ringing took place at St. Lawrence Jewry in the afternoon, aud the business meeting followed in the choir vestry.
After the cash statement for the year had been presented and accepted, thu District Master (Mr. J. A. Waugh) gave his report for the year. He strongly criticised the central body of the associnEion for the andagonistic sititude they were adopting towards other societies. Mr. Wragh said that it was quite useless to try to run the society on a territorial basis, with its present constitution. There wins, he added, probsbly some justification for the extension of the old St. James' \{ociety into tho London Councy Association, but the fruits of the extension were far from being apparent, Shart of a return to the St. James' Society status, riofbing but ${ }^{\circ}$ completo alteration of the type, scope and attitude of the society could preserve it from degerverating into a. museum spacimen

After seme debate the report was accepted.
A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the general secretary's recent letter to "The Rinping World" in reply to the leading article of December 23rd about the association
Tho District Secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior) said that, in his opinion, Mr. T'ffender's letter could have no other effent than to cause bad Feeling against the society. The thinly veiled allusion to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and its late secretary wha partictlarly regrettatile. He liad writien a letter, which he proposed, with the coasent of the members, to send to "Tho Ringing World," to the effect that the members of the Worthern District wished to dissociate themselves from Mr. Taffender's letter.

In the debate that followed, it was found that zone of the members were in agreement. with Mr. Taffender's letter, hat on a vote beipg taken as to whether the secretary's proposed letter should be pert, there was only a majority of one in favout, Those who were against the motion feit that to send the letter would canse unnecessary controversy.
It was decided that the district sectebtary should write to Mr. Teffender to ask him for an explanation of his letter, that the matter should be dizcussed further at the anuual meeting of the association (which is to be lield on Saturday), end to hole aver the proposed letter to "The Ringing World.
The election of officers then took place. Mr. J, A. Waigh, who hat been an offeer of the district for ten years, two as secretary and eight as Master, declined to accept reelection, and Mr. C. A. Hughes was elected Master in lis place. Mr. J. G, A. Prior (hon. secretary), Mr. R. G. Cousins (treasurer) and Mr. E. E. Holman (steward) were alj re-elected. Mr. G. W. Cecil and Mr. L. J. Fox were elected to the com.mittee.
It was announced that a montlily practice was to be held on the third Wednesday jn each month at St. Duastan's-jn-the-East, beginning on February 15th.

Leytonstome was chosen for the April meeting, with Holloway as the altervalive tower
Votes of thanks to the incumbents and to the steeplekeepers brought the unusually lengthy meeting to a close.
Ringing in the evening took place at St. Duastan's-in-the-East ith methods up to Iontion Surprise Major.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.
Than anmonl meeting of the Sonthern District of the Londnn County Association, held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturdar, January 2Ist, whs not welf attended. there being only some 35 memners and lriends presenk during the afternoon and evening: This भौas not altogether murprising, there was a counter-atisaction in the same millage in the shaps of a football cup-tie, which fecounted for 70.000 of the aumounding populations, but it was extremely disappointing to the offcers of the associafion, who take great pains to organise fhe meetings. There was, however, one consolation at tea time, when the 28 people who sat down found 50 substantial less at their disposal. Thet the task was too much for them was not their fault, but what wrould have been said if there had been only four teas for the peopla who had sent postcards?
Fingirg commenced at 2.45 j3.m. and continued until 8 p.m., with a break for service, tea and busimess meeting, touches up to man including Onminidge Ropal being rung with mized strceess. In the absence of the Rector, a short serfice was conducted by the Precentor, the Rev. W. H. Wilson, who was afterwards a welcome guest at ten.

The business meeting resulted in the re-election of all the officera and the acceptance of the balance sheet.
Tho hon. secretary, Mr. N. H. Manning, in his annual report, commented favoutably on the increase in the number of mew members and athendances at the district meetiags, hut stated there pas sill room for improvement.
It was decided to apply for St. George-the-Martyr, Sonthwark, for the next meeting on March 18th, and to leave the committee to prepare a rata of towers for the subsequent meetings. The secretary stated that this procedure, which was adopted last year, las proved very satiafactory. and as a result of early application for towera he had been able to obtajn the necegsary permission without any diffenlty. (Contrinued on next pa\&e.)

## NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

## SURRET SDPFRINTENDENT ELECTED PRESIDFNT

The annual meeting of the National Guita of Police Ringers was held in London on Jienuary 28th. Forty-five members and friends made the journey from Manchester and district, and they were joined by in further 17 members at Leicester. An interesting item was the presentation of a wrist watah to P.C. G. Pye, of Mameliester, by his fellow police rinmers on his retirement. The presentation was made by Supt. F. R. Witlianas with tho best wishes of all for a happy and jengtly period of retirement.

On reaching Lundon many of the party enjoyad the privilege of a conducted tonr through the Houseg of Parlianent. Thjs was kindly arranged by P.C. N. Bagwortls, of London
Lumeh was then taken at the Euston Tavern, at which Capt. R. H. D Boltor, superintendent of the 'E' Division, presided, and to which 84 members, friesds and vieitors sat down. A telegram was recsived from the Eaitor of "The Ringing World' regretting that influenza deprived him of the plensure of attending.
Capt. Bolton expressed his pleasure in attending and in a very happy speech welcomed the visitors to Londoa and exhorted them to behave end enjoy thenselvos and to visit Bow Street if they wished, but met to occupy the accommodabion, which was usually limited on Sulurdar nights. In reference to the bellg, he expressed the hope that they would never beve to rang again in ang war atmosphere, but always in permanent perce.
He was heartily thanked by the Guild president (Supt. Williams, of Manchester) for presiding.

The business meetiug followed, with Supt. Williams in the chair. He referred in sympathetic terms to tho absence of the very efleient and worthy secretary of the Guild, Inspector Harold Poule, through indisposition. If the goodwill expressed on all hands can be of any belp to him, then he is assured of a
In his temporery absence, Sgt. Jenney undertook to keep the flag flying hut with seriwus doutht of mantaining the degree of efficncy displayed by the "Man of the Guild.'

## SUPT, WILLTMM RETIRTS FROM PRESIDENCY

Mr. Williams rame with his hardy anyual in regard to Ironoars going round und so intinidnted some of his ardent supporters on the journey up that he had his way without the difficultiea of previous years, and Supt. C. Filton, cl Surey, was unanimously alected president for the forthcoming year
Mr. Wilhans, qxfiupt, nind D.C.C. A. Wiggius and ex-Chief Ingpector Buttrill ware manimously olected vice-presicelits
Mr. Williams assured the members that his interest in the Guild (for which lie lias done ereat thingrs) would be fully maintained. He congratulated Sorg. Smith, of Higli Wycombe, on his promotion to Inspector, and P.S. Ford, of \#anchester, on conducting his first peal. Good wishes on his recent retirement wele also expressed to Mr, Wiggins.

Supt. Hilton thanfed the memhers for the lomour of veing elected presithent, and said lie would be glad to be of nny service prossible to further the interests of the Guild.
A discussion as to the wenue of the next mating braught suggestions that the andual meetings wouht be more successitn] in the summer, and it was evertially resolved that the next meetirg be held at Hanlury on May 25 th. 1940.
During the meeling some of the patty of weighty proportions made a determined ffort to reduce hy hiking fron the Tavera to the herrt of the West Find and baek. No tests ware made as to the results, but in at least ane ense the effents were not too good the next day. Ringing in the various towers, including the famots 'Bow Bells,' was cartied no during the day with many distinguished rongers assisting.
A return to the Taveros was made in the evening for social enter-
 darme the day was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Huperf Richardson, an old friend from Wales, Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaft end Mloamouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. Albert Walker Birmingham) Mr. F. Pervin (Coventry), MIr. F. Dexter (Leicester) and other wingers from far zild ncar whobe help and encouragement were mueh appreciated.
The Manchesier contingent arrived home about 5.40 a.m. on Sunday. There's enthusiasm for you, every member from that district being present. Will other members catch a little of this spirit before Banhury comee round? Mr. Norman Bagworth must be thenked for the work he put in in making the arrangemeats for a very enjoyelile day. H. C.J.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Continved from previous page.)
Thanks were expressed to all who had so willingly helped with the arrangements for the meeting.
Efforts are made at these meetings to have as mach ringing es possihle and to reduce unnecessary 'frills' to a winimum. The practice of advanced methoils is encouraged as well as frcitities for the less experienced heing provided, and it is hoped that the support which was given to most of the 1938 meetings will be renered this

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BISHOP AND "SYNTPEETIC' BELLS, Raply to Dorchester Branch Resolution.

The of frial attitude of the authorition in the Diocese of Salisbury towards "synthetic' bells was revealed at the annual meetiag of the Dorchester Bratich of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on Saturday, January 28th. J'his indicated that "aynthetic' substibutes would not be accepted in 8 church where bells were hanging in the tower, The meeting took place at Dorchester, and at the service at St. Peter's Church the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Markby) officiated and gave the address.
At the subsequent meeting, as chairman of the branch, he presided supported by Canon D. F. Slemeck, and Mr. C. H. Jennin官a (hon. secretary).
About 80 ringers were present and the following towers were represented: Ahbotebury, Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorcheater. Fordington, Frampton, Sydling, Stratton, Maiden Newton, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wool, Wyke Regis, Bovington, Iwerae Mingter, Iwerne Courtney and Uckfeld, Sussex.
Among the apologies for absence was one from the Rer. IR. P. Farrow, of lage Lulworth, owing to the illness of bis wfe, and a messige of Eympabhy is to be seat to him with best wislies for Mrs. Fancow'g tecovery.
The Chairmili made feeling reforence to the death of Mr. R. N. Drwees a kean supporter of the branch and chairman for many year's, and read a letter from Mrs. Dawes thanking the members for the beantiful foral hell sent on the day of the funeral and ror the special muffied peal that was risng.

## VIEWS ON 'SYNTHETIO' BELLS

The Hon, Secretary recglled the resolution passed by the branch in regaed to synthetic bells and suid that not only was it repartad in the London papers, but in otiners that had come from America and South China. Fe read a letter from the Bishop's chaplain, Canon W. J. Barton, tatiog that the question of syathetio bells came beforo the Bishop nnd his Arcbdeacons at a meeting held at the instance of the Advisory Committee. 'The generul outline of the palicy approved (wrote the Ganon) was that synthetic bells should never be accepted in at church where bells were hanging in the tower. In the particulas case unier consideration it was stated that there was no peal of bells and that the tower of the charch could iot take a peaj."
Tha hon. secretary also read a letter fron Mr, Fosiah Oldicid, M.A., D.O.L., Oxford, senior physician to the Lady Margaret
Frinitarian Hospitan, Doddington, Kent, ariaing ont of the protert marie by the braneli against synthetio bells. In his letter he wrote: - At all conts mechanical prayer or praise shonld be left to the primitive savages. It is they who idealise and venerate praying mnchincs and it will be a sad day for our idenls of the worship of God when we replace devotional praise, devotional singing and devoLional Elummoning to worship by mechanical metlods which enatle us to sit and do nothing olirselves.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.
In hin annual report the hon. secretnry said the branch had eccornplislad in year of good work, and was matked by a large attendasce of members and friends at the meatings. He regretted that there was no restoriation to report, parlicularly in regard to the tower ni Wykr Regis, where the beantifal peal of eifhi-the only octave in the Wesmouth deanery-had to romain silent until the necessary funds were forthooning. The membership of the branch showed an increase of 20.
The golden wedding on March 2lst lasi of Mr. and Mrs. R. N Dawes was recalled in the report. In an personal tribute to the late Mr. Dawes, the hor, eceretary mentioned that he was brauch chairman for 20 years, and his efficiency, good humone and great interest in the Guild endenred him to the members.
On the financial side the receipts for the past year totalled 53169 10d. and the expenditure 517 18s. 8 A ., learing a balance of 81388.2 d ., as compared with if 2 s . 6d. at the beginning of the Jear.
The quarterly moefings were fized to be held it Maiden Nemton, Upwer. Preston and Bure Regis, and the annual meeting at Dorchester Besides the four quarterly meetings and the annual mecting, the hon. secretary said he hoped to arrange some practice meetings durfig the anmmer months, and it was asked if it was possible to hold a meeting at Milton Abbey.-The hon. secretary promised to do his best to obtatil permission.
Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. A. W. Markby vice-chairman, the Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Smast (Upwey) - deputy, MJ. P. Tocock (Bovington): hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings, Special thanks were accorded to Mr. Jennings, who said that he had now completed 25 years of ectual Eervice as hon. secretary.
The following new members were elected: Messrs. P. Jonnson, L. V. Davis, W. Bird, Major and Brown (Dorchester St. Peter's): J. Brown and F. Amour (Framptou): Maxwell Mearns (Maiden Newton); Maurice Caines, aged 13 (Wool). Honorary members: Mrs. I Gheridan, Mrs. F. Wyatt, Mrs. Heath (Frampton). Associate members: Mrs. Tuor Chalker, Mrs. Chaney, Miss J. Chaney (Upwey), Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tett (Wermouth).
The hon. secretaty welcomed a keor ringer and churchman, Mr. Gcorge Osmond, of Upwey, who had been ill for a long time.
The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped in the afrangoments and for the hospitality enjoyed.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## COST OF CENTRAL COUNCLL VISIT.

## Support for Now Surprisa Methads Bsok

Hine amual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Leeds on Saturday, Jamury 28th, but, largely on accolnt of the prevalent inclement weather, the attendance was not as large as had been hoped for. By kind permission of tho respective clergy, the tine rings at Leeds Parish Oburch, St, Mictael's, Headingley, and $\$ \mathbf{3 t}$ Chad's, Far Headingley, were available and made good use of during the afternoon and evening
Most of the mombers attended the service in the Leeds Parish Cluurch, which was mesh appreciated, especially the fine readering by the choir of the ringers' anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alpays and agajn I qay Rejoice? The preacher was Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A. president of the assaciation, who gave a most helpiul address.
Afterwards tes was setved in the St. Peter's Hall, following which an adjournment wis made to the Day Sichools, witere the annual
 supported hy the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the Lon.
treasurer (Mr. S. F. Painer) snd tho hon, peal gecretary (Mr. W. treasure
Before proceeding with the business, the President announced 1 hat they liad lost by death durjuy the previous weck one of their aldest nembers in the person of Mr. Harly Lackwood. He had been a member of the assuciation since 1878, and by his death the last link with the famous Loctrwood family of composers was now lost.tribute of respects the members stood in silence.
A bearty vote of thanks to the respeclive clargy for the use of their bells was accorded on the motfon of Mr. E. Hudson, geconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer.-Mr, J. A. Tleale, replying, said that it hed been a pleasure for them to have dowe whet they could to entertain the association.

The President annanced that they had an invitation funm their Barneley frieuds to hold the next meeting there.-Mr. P. J. Johnson said that considerable time lad elapsed since they had heid a meeting there, and the loulls had in the meantime been yestored. He was glad to move that the next meeting be held at Burusley. This was seconded

Mr. G. Lewis and carried, it leing also decided to try anu arrange it on May $20 t h$

## FACTS ABOUT MEAEBERSFIP

In preserting the association's ford annual report, the President draw attention to fbe fact that the membershio now stood at 1287 This was a wet, decrease of six against last yearis total. He wished to point out, however, that 75 now ringing members had been elected durigg the year, while 15 had lapged and 13 had Eied. Careful revision had algo been made of the liat of ant-county members, which hatit resuitted in striking off a good many names.

In presenting the peal secretary's report, the President drew attenfion to the dent of gratitude the association owed to Mr. Bartors. It wns a skilled work which called for close attention to detail, and Mr. Barton luad now completed 18 years' tenure of affice. He felt he could not continue indefinitely, and rated for the members to comsider appointing a successor. He was willing to continue in office until a gascossor could he found. statistics from the report showed that 93 peals liad been rung during the jear at, 52 tifferent churches and one fingdbell centre. Trwenty-three members had rung their first peal and four han scored their first peal as conductor

The adoption of the report, was moved by Mr. W. E. Iloyd, seconded by Mr. G. Homer and carried.
In prosenting the halance sheet, the treasurer reported that there liad been a neb losy on the year's working of f39 139. 6d., which wrs. aceounted for by the cost to the associetion of the Central Council meeting in Lecds. The total cost of the mecting wais 55013 s . 9id. otherwise there would bave been a paiz duriag the year of fll 0s. 3id.
The balance sheet was adopted and the auditors thanked for their Wark ena report.

After considerable discussion, an amendment to Rule 9 was carried in the following terms, on the motion of Mr. W. Batom, gecouded by Mr. P. J. Johneon : Any proposition dealing with the disposal of the funds or with the constitution of the rssaciation can only be put to the wote at a general meeting after a notice of the intention to move sancl, remolution has boen given at the previaus general meetins, umlesg stich a proposition las been considered and recommended for approval by the General Committee, in which case it may be put to the vote at the next genernt meeting following the conumititec mecting at which it has been considered.

## A 5 GUARANTEE.

A discussion then fuol place on the Central Council's contemplated book on Sinprise methods. The General Secretary explained that it was the intention of the Council to publish a comprehensive baok, but that the cost would on more than the Council conld suarantes without the knowledge that they could readily dispose of a minimum number of copies, If had been sugested, therefore, that the various associstions be approached with a view to undertaleisg to purchase a number of copies.
Mr. J. F. Harvoy said he fett it was a work which was neened, sut? had pleasure in norjng that the association guarantee to ptrchase a consigrment to the valne of 55 . This was seconded by the General
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## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUHLD. <br> BASLKGSTGKE DISTRICIIS SUBSTANTTAL GIFT TO BELL 

Tho anmual general meeting of the Basingatoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesmy Guild was held at Basingstake of Januaty 28th and drew a record abtendnnce of ringers who were anzious t, try the ring of eight at St. Michael's Clarch, Tluich have recently been restored. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Basingstoke, and an address was given by the Rev. D. L. liaard. Rector of Wolverton and a former secretary of the district. The church was the seens of a dignstrous fro last mutumin, when the rooi, which was being repaired, cauglat fire and caused the destruction of the orgen. The chtirch wes still in scafolding, and temporary lighting and a minature organ were in use.
There were 106 ringers present at the meeting, which was condacted by the district chairman, the Tev. G. H. Jeudwine.
The secretary (Major J. G. Stilwell), in his report, said that there had been a sliglat decline in meanbership during the year, but if there had been e decline is quantity there bad been a corresponding increase in quality. The district had at last returned to the peal-ringing arela. Four peals liad been rung by Basingstoke (minly men from St. Michael's), and one, the first, peal of Stedman in the district, by Yateley. The record of the St. Michael's men was interesting, for they had no tower of their own at the time, yet they could ring peals on tower bells and ewen provide a brass band (of bandbells) to leal a procession at a quarectly meeting. There semad to be a moral to be firawh-io leave the ropes alone sometimes and study on the hand. luells.

A brief ncconnt followed of the steps leading to the decision io recast the treblo, 3nd and 4 th leells in addition to the and and tenor, and how tite district decided to adopt the 3rd in memory of Mr. Heary White and Mr. Federick wilzon at the cost of 819 Ios.
collection was then taken towards the cost of the Ath bell and mmounted to 52 2s. ©d. It is hoped that the Guild will walse a coutribution for the same parpose, as it is the Guild's fubilee year and its nursery was Basingatoke.
Quarderly meetings lagd been wall maintained, with an average attendance of 38 , and two combined practices with the Audover District had been hefd.
Quarterly meetings were arranged for April 22 nd , July 8 th and Soptember 23 rd at, Yatelev, Silchestor and Overtom respectively. The annual moeting will be held at Butingetoke on January 27 th , 1900 .
All the offcers were re-clocted and a sumber of new mombers were elected.
After the mecting furthas ringing took place at St. Michael's and All Saints' towers, and methods ruls ranked from Grandsire Triples to a courso of London Surprise Major, which, unfortunately, camo tu grief one lend from Homs. Nearly all the towers in the Basingstote District were represented and there were many visiting ringens, ineluding Mr. George Williams, the Master of the Guila. Those present expresserd pleasime and satisfaction at the improved tone and 'go' of the bells al. St. Michael's since the restoration, which was carried aut by Messrs, Taylor and Co, of Loughborough.

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Secretary, who said that thic number of towers in the colnty where Surprise ringing was being taken up was steudily on the increase, and he felt sure that the book, when published, wonld Gind a ready fale in Yorkskire. The proposition was cerriet.
On the motion of Mr. J. F. Harvey, seconded by Mr. W. O. Talbot, the follawing were elected cepreseatatives on the Central Counci] The president (Canon C. C. Marahall), the gemeral secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Marris), the treasurer (Mr. §. F. Palmer) and Mr. P.J. Joliñson.
In moving that Canon Warshall be re-elected president of the association, Mr. $\boldsymbol{P}_{\text {. J J Johncon paid warm tribute to the scrvices that }}$ Canou Marslabll had rendered to the association for over 20 years. This was an long time, nud lbeir thanks were due to Canon Marshall for the able manner in which he had steered them safly throzgh the vicissitudes of so long a period.-The motion was seconded by hir. G. Lewis and carried with applause.

The elertion of the peal secretary followed, and as was pointed out in the report, Mr. W. Bartor found he had not the time to spare lie formerly had, but as no successor had been found, he was willing to carry on for anather year. His re-ehection was carried enthasiastically, several members voicing their apprechation of the work which Mr. Barton had so efficiently cnrried out for the past 18 years.
Miss 3. Fisher, of St. Nichaol's, Feadirgley, Miss K. Marsh, of Bramiev, Miss Elsie Brolbwell. of Rotherham, and 3fr. P. Woodhean, of Felkirk, were elected members of the association.
3r. F. G. Sherwoot, representing the sub-committee that had heen set up to deal with the presideatia] chain of office, reported that a meeting had taken place and that the matter was proceeding.

A heatiy vote of thanks to the president for presiding at this busy meeting was moved by Mr. H. N. Imeson, seconded by Mr. E. Hadson and carried unadimoxisly.
Further ringing followed, bringing to a close a successful, and enjoyable mecting.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION <br> CHANGES LN NORTE AND EAST DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The anoual meeting of the North end East District of Ele Hiddlesex Connty Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints", Fdmonton, on Saburday, Jamuary 28th, and although other important meetings took place in and near Landon the same day, the attendance reached the satisfuctory figure of filty.
Service was conducted by the Rev. J. G. Stevens, in the regretted abrence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill) through illaess. The Rev A. S. Roberts read the lesson, During his address the Rev, J. G. Stevens welcomed the association to Edmonton on bohalf of the Vicas and referred to the excellent work done by the ringers at that church and elsewhere.
An excellent tea was propared by Mre. G. W. Fletcher and friends.
Prior to the commencement of the business meeting, Mr. G. W, Fietcher (rice-presidont) thanked the Rer. J. G. Stevens for taking the serpice and for his interesting address, and requested him to convey to the Vicar their regrets at his abseace and their best wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.
Mr. Fletcher also expressed thanks to Messrs. Barrett and Edniunds (churchwardens), Mr. Grove (organist) for passing on mawy choirboys as recruits for the belfry, and to Mr. Streeter (verger) for keeping the belfry tidy. Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. A. S. Roberts for assisting at the service, andi a special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and her Friends for the excellent tea provided.
Mr. Stevens replien for the Ficar, whilst Mr. Edmunds spoke of their appreciation of the work done by the bellrizgers.
The more formal business of the meeting was then proceeded with. An arceptionally large number of mew members was achuited. The total of 35 included fwo provisionally elected prior to a handbell peal in December; also mine from Enlield, eight from Upper Claptom, five from Edmonton, and four from Stepney, the latter being described by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who proposed their election, as welh-kuown Callege Yontis, and by Mr. C. T. Coles as members of a band which had already made a name for itself in Jondon. It was stated flat the number of members admitted was, if not a record, the highest at one meeting for very wany jears.
The statement of accounts was submitted by Mr. W. H. Oram. It showed an income from all cources of 228155 . 6d, and a total balance of $£ 60$ 4s. Ed., which, under the new rules. Was now transferred to the Central Fund. A note was appended stating that the 273 13s. 8d. af $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. War Loan Stock had also been transferred to the
Central Fund. Amongst the items on the credit side was an anonnt Central Fund. Amorgst the items on the credit side was an anownt The acoounts were neopter.

## NEW DISTRICT SECRETART.

Consequert upon the resigation of Mr. G. R. Goodship (district secretary) durirg the autumn, some changes in offcers took place. Mr. T. J. Lock, who had been District Master for three years, was proposed for the office of servetary by the clairman, and was unamimously elected amid applause.
Mr. G. A. Parsons was elected assistant hon, secretary. Mr. Alick Cotler, of Willesden, the only nominee for the Mastership, was unamimously voted to that position.
Messrs. E. M. Atkins and H, Kilby and the Rev. A. S. Roberts were elocted as representatives on the Central Committee, after Mr. G. B. Lucas bad expressed a wish to retire in favour of a younger man.-Mr. G. W. Fletcher was appoimted auditor.
$A$ vate of thenks to the retiring members of committee, Messrs. G. B. Lucas and R. E. Geare, was carried with acclamation. It was pointed out tbat Mr. Lusas had been on the comanttee in one capacity or anather since the associaiion was formed.
Reference to the attendances at meetings was made by Mr. C. T. Coles (general seeretary). He said that there had been a considerable improvement during the year, the average being 43 , against 33 in 1937 , hat they had not reached the ligh average (48) of 1936 . He suggested that further effort was veeded.
To test the faeling of the meeting the chairman proposed that the selection of a special method far practice at meetings should be discontinued This was ecoonded by Mr. E. B. Hartley, An amendment that thep be continued wes proposed by Mr. T. J. Lock, seconded by Mr. A. W. Coies, and, aiter being supported by Messrs. Atkins and Holman, it was carried by a large majority.
St. Mary's Church, Finchier, was chosen for the next mecting, to he held on March 18th. Double Court Minor was chosen as the special mothod for this meeting.
St. Gites-jn-the-Fields was selected for the next annual meeting of the district in Jannary, 1949.
The charman gave a hearif welcome to the treasurer of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes, whom they were all pleased to see. This was loudly applauded.
Mr. Fugbes, Tather taken aback ot the welcome, reminded Mr Fletcher thet he had logg been a member of the gseociation, and ktated that be was very glad to be sble to come that day. Be thanked them for their weleome.
A vote of thanks was tnanimously accorded to Mr. C. T. Coles for ncting fis hon. secretary since the retirement of Mr. Goodship.
It was anrounced tint a combinea meeting of the ansociation wonld take place at Acton on March 4 th at the invitation of the Rector (the Teer. WF. P. Gough): whilst the anvul meeting would be held at Bishopsgate on April 22nd.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

## A NEW SECRETARY.

## Society's Surcessful Year.

The andzal meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youtha was held at At. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 28th. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), the ringers were welcomed to the church hy the senior curate (the Rev. G. L. Dsveg), who also joimed the party at tea, which was served in the Crgpt. He was, however, unable to presich at the business mecting, which followed in St. Martin's Parish Room, and the Mnster (Mr. G. H. Cross) took the chair.
Before business commenced Mr. Gross informed the meeting of the naroidable absence of the Ficar through ill-health, and it was resolved to gend a letter expressing the saciety's deep regret and to wish him a speady recovery.
Greatings were recejved by radiogram from Mr. L. H. Baybut, now regident is India. A letter of apology for absence was received fron Mr. J. Paricer.
The hon. seeretary (Mr. N. H. Summerhayes) presented a report in which he referred to the satisfactory gear the society had enjoyed. Twent-five new members had been elected nud 14 peals rumg, the most prolific conductor being, as usual, Mr. G. Gilbert, who had called six of that total
Reference was made to the death of Mr. Frank Smith, a trustee of the society, and the company stood in silence as a tributs to lis menory and other members who had passed over during the year. A word of congratulation was expressed on the celebration of two golden weddings by members of the society-mp. and Mrs, JAmes Parker, of Enneld, aud Mr, and Mrs, Arthur Neale, both gentlemen hawing done yeoman service for tha society over a great mumber of
years. The report of the treasurer slowed that the balance had increased by nearly f 6 on the previous report.
The following new members were elected: Mr. T. Taylor, Miss $\mathbb{K}$. Butcher, Mr. B. Weaver and Mr. W. Peck

## TREASDRER ELECTED SECRETARY

Mr. Norman Snmmerhayes resigued from the secrefarship, on account of business ties, and names proposed to succeed him were Messry. F. G. Symonds, R. Heawell and G. W. Steere, the last дamed being elected as the result of a ballot.
The post of treasurer thtus becoming vacant, it was, fifter discusbion, decided to run the two posts by one person, in order to facititate the working of the society. The newly-elected secretiary told the meeting he would only accept the dual responsibility on the uuderstanding that it would be for ono year, in order to see the result of the experiment.
The other offcers were elected or re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. G. H. Cross; trustees, Mr. A. Hardy aud Mr. C. J. Mathewb; auditors, Mr. A. J. W. Hughes sud Mr. F. G. Symonds ; stewards, senior Mr. T. Bevan, junior Mr. R. Heazell; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. J. Parker, G. H. Crnss, G. Gilbert and G. W. Steere.
The Master, in reviowind the past year, spoke highly of the achievements of Mr. Malph Bird in calling a peal of Splicer Minor in 14 methods, with 270 changes of method, and Mr. Cyril Burgess in conducting bis first peal, one of Minor, in several methods.
An announcement was mado that the society's annual dinner would be held at the Old Bell, Holborls, on March 18th at 6.30 p.m. The price would be 6 s. per head, and particulars of towers open for ringing on that date would be published in "The Ringing World, shortly, together with the names of those from whom tickets will be obtainable. To ensure the continued success of the function, it was boped memberg would support it as readily as they had in previous years.

Mr. Alfred Pye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all the officers for their good work during, the past yenr, and said he hoped they Would long be spared to continue their eforts for the beneft of ringing in general and the Society of Cumberland Youths in particular.
On the motion of Mr. G. Radley, it was decided to send lettere of appreciation to the authorilies of St. Martin-ju-the-Fields and St. Olare's, Hart Street for the use of their bells during the afternoon.

Among the many friends from afar who visited either the towers or the business meeting Were Mr, and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet) Messrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), F. Pervin (Coventry), w. Boftrill and F. Dexter, of Leicester, and many others.
After the meeting the bells of St. Martin's were kept going as long as time permitted, when those with further time th their elisposal made their way ta a hostelry in the neighbourhood of King's Cross, where the members of the Netional Guild of Police Ringers were putting the finishing touches to a periect day-

## LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Grappenhall Branch. - The mext branch meeting will be beld at Daresbury on Saturday, Febreary i8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than 5 th if requiring tea, - J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenball.

## THE BELLS OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

MAYOR'S GIFT OF ALE TO TEE RTNGERS. Mutton, Turnips and Apple Dumpling.
Under wintry conditions a meeting of the North Staffordsinire Association was held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, January 7th. Thirty members were present fram Bursiem, Crewe, Draycott, Cheadie, Fenton, Hanley, Langton, Leek, Newcastje, Stone, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Wolstanton. After tea had been partaken of, the Rector of Newcestle (the Rev. O. J. Watkins) extended a hearty wclcome to all present. The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. W. Hall, supported by Mr. T. Hurd, and Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies for their help in preparing tea. The Rev. Father McDonald, of Chesdle R.G. Church, was elected an honorary member.
The New Castle to which the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in the caunty of Stafford owes its name, and probably its existence, was built by Ranulph Gernons, Earl of Cliester, in Steplien's troubled reign. The obvious security which the castle afforded against the prevalent rapine and disorder induced several familjes of traders to make their homes by its walls, and between the feasts of micheelmas 1172 and 1173 they were given a charter by Henry II. At this time they numbered about 160 , and it was these people who, in this reign built themselves a new church on the neighbouring hill, and dedicated it to St. Giles, the patron saint of the woodland. Of this their church only the tower survives to-day, and it is to this, the finest specmen of medisval architecture in the district, that I would turn your attention in this monogTaph.

The tower was built, together with its churcliz and probably replacing a Emall Normau building on this site, in the $13 t^{2}$ century, and in the style known as Early English. It still Eurvives after nearly 700 years as the base of the present tower. ln the 14th century the tower was raised, periaps when the new church in the "Decoreted style of architecture was built. The midde courses of the tower now standing are wade up very largely of 14tly century masonry. It is in this church that we first hear of bells, the actual date being 1503. It is recerded thit the ropes for the bells were supplied by craftemen as part pay ment for acquiring the freedom of the boraugh. At the Reformation the inventory of the church goods was mads, and under the date 'tile Vthe of May Anno Septimo Edwardi Sexti ' is to be
 found:-

## NEWOASTEKL

Fyrste iijj belles in the Stepuil and a Sanctus bell" and
iifj bells in the Stepull and a Saunce bell safely to be kepte untitl the Kinges Majestjes pleasure be therin furder knowen.

I, as a ringar, was particularly gratified to find bhat the Commissioners had introduced their reference to the bells with the word 'Fyrste.' The church clock was mentioned in 3589, and in 1864 there were chimes in the tower, The bells were increased to five in 1665. It is remarkable that no alterations were made to the fowar phen in 1721 a buildiag in the atyle typical of tarat decadent period was erected, and perhaps it is even more remarkable that it is to this period of spiritual stupor that we owe the recasting of the old five belts into a fine pual of eigit, which now form the heaviest eight of the present peal.
The ring was cast in 1738 by Abraham Rudhall, one of the famous Rudhalls of Gloucester. The befls were brought from Gloucester to Bridgnortis by the River Severn and from Bridgnorth to Neweastle by raad-a difficult task in the days when roads were mere tracks. In 1873-6 Sir Gilbert Scott built the present church, the fifth one to be erected on the present site, one corresponding in style and character to the tower, and formed the edifice which we now see. In 1894 Sir Trancis Stainer completely recased the tower, and Mr. Turner rehang the bells. In 1928 the bells were overhauled and retuned and two new srebles were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.
The dimensions of the pian of the tower are considerable. It measures 32 ft . by 32 t . 8 in . externaliy at the base, exclusive of buthresses, is five stofers high, and measures 110 ft. from the level of the ground at the western entrance to the parapet,

In the well-kept ringing chamber are a get of handbells, 54 in number, and a set of 'RULES to be observed by RINGERS in this steeple

If that to Ring you do come here,
You must Ring well with hand and ear,
And if a Bell you owerthrow,
Four perice is due before you go,
And if you ring in Spur or Het
Sixpence you pay, take care of that.
But if you either swear or curse,
Twelve pence is due, pull out your puree,
And for a pledge to make it sure
Four Hat shall be the forfeiture.
Our Laws are old they are not acw,
Therefore the Clerk must anve his due.
The belfy belonge to the farly 15 th century, the areat belfry building ers, and the bell framing is of ofd timber and, together with a small steel frame, holds the tep belis.

The older bells have the following inscriptions:-
Treble-Peace and Good Neighbourlood.
2nd.-We were cast at Gloster by A. Rudlall.
3rd.-John Ridyway and Edward Vernon, Churchwardens.
4th-John and Thomas Rideway, Baliff,
5th.-Thomas Fenton, Esq, Steward.
6th.-Rev. Robert Fenton, Gyrate.
7 th.-John Feliton and Ralplh Avdley, Justices of the Reace, Gentm. Tenor, Jemes Taylar, Esq., Mayor, Gentm.
And two bells cast in 1928:-
Treble.-Two trebles added by Churchralk and townspeople, Decenber, 1928. R. Beresford, Mayut. L. J. Baggatt, Rector. G. Eceleston, C. H. Bayley, Wardems.

2nd.-We two were cast at Croydon, 1928, Gillett and Johoston, Croydon.
But perhaps the most singular thing about Neweastle-undar-Lyme from a ringer's point of view is the extraordinary relationship which existed between the borough and the Parish Church riagerg. From very early times the Mayor and Corporation liad almost complete management of the church, and so of the bells. It was the Meyor and Corporation who, in 1732, had the "back' eight cast; and it was from the tower that the tenor tolled what was called 'Rump's Passing Peal '- the signal to berin the demolition of the Nonconformist mecting house in 1715 , a riot aided and abetted by the Mayor, fown clerk and many of the burgesseg.

There are several references to the bells and the beliringers in the Lown records. of these lgive the mast interesting:

1628 June loth. Also it is agreed that Thomas Harrison the Church Clarke shall not suffer any Peal to be rung upon the puin of twelve pence without the consent of Mr. Mayor or his Deputy for the time except to Prayers and Burials and that sparingly.
1657 November 7th. Isak Fartison at this Assembly was chosen Clerke for this Borough by the consent of the Company and Mr. Hall and he is to pry Widow Silleto $49 / \mathrm{s}$ and enter at Christmas next and that the Fell Ropes shall be found and provided for by the Town and $33 / \mathrm{s}$ d deducted out of the Clerke wages for provision thereof yearly.
1725 November 1st. Agreed that Thomas Colligr beve the pight bell at. Christmas next and that in consideration of his taking care of the Bops in the Galleries whipping the Dogs oul of the Clurch and atifend to walk the Fairs that he have a) /s quartarly paid to him by the Receiver.
1732 November 1st. Ordered and agreed thet the Articles made with Mr. Rudhall of Gloucester for new Casting the Bells lse sealed with the Common Seal.
1733 February 20th. Ordered that John Sneyd the Bell Banger be paid his Bill for repaining the Floore where the 8 new bells are to be hung being es and that Ralph Foulton and Thomas Lounds be paid their Bill of Ell.15.0 for work done at the Roofe under the new Leads on the top of the Steenle and that both be paid by the Receiver.
1737 J Jily $22 n \mathrm{~d}$. Ordered and agreed that for the future the Ringers Fees shall he es hereinafter follows that is to say For riuging the Passing Bell 6d. The Bell to the House 6di. and 4d, an Hoar for every hour they have orders to toll and if any person will have chiming in the morning and before the Corpse are to be interred to pay $2 / 6$ to the Churchwardens towards the repair of the Ropes and $2 / 6$ to the Ringers.
In common with other Newcastle ringers I long for those days not much more than a hundred years ago (i.e. prior to 1825) when our predecessors received from the Mayor, the Sunday after he was elected, 48 quarts of ale, a leg of mutton, turnipa and apple dumpling. On the Monday they recelved about a quart of ale each, and when the Mayor went out of office on the Sundey the ringers had 48 quarts of ale, followed by 24 querts next day. They also received 12 quarts of ale on November 5th. The pbotograph shows the "Mayor's jug' which held the ale

To-day Newcastle-nnder-Lyme is wholly modem in appearance, its streets broad and busw, and all that remains of itf 'new castle' is a grassy mound: yet in the midst of her changing life is still to be seen a reminder of the age when men, with but little thought for chnnge or hurry, buift such glorious houses for the worship of God. QUAM DILECIA! KENNETH THACKER.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S RECORD

SOME SIGNIFICANT FACTS

## fa the Elitor.

Dear Sir, Mr. Cortigan's letter makes intetestinf reading, tut I an afraid he lias drawn lergely on his imagination in leading your geaders to believe that the area covered by this association is a ringers paradise. The Norwich Associstion is in as bad a plight or worse then most others, a good deal of the frouble being, as elewhere, lack of recruits.
The huge peal total of this asaociation can be definitely attributed to its hoyday, when a large part of Suffolk (including lpswich) was area.
I find affliated to the association mre 39 towers, viz, 2 twelves 2 tens, 14 eights, 15 sixes and 6 lives, There are a very large number
towers with no singers and consequently mnaffilated. The two twelves are seldom heard, the two tens arc moribund, and I can call to mind ten eight-bell towers in ringing order without ringers. These hells are occasionally used by the comparatively small number of peal enthusiasts.
The membership atfached to the 39 towers is 291 ; there are 51 unatteched resident members and 10 unattachad non-restdent mombers. These members, together with 25 life members non-resident, IRng 108 peals, roughly 3 of a peal per member.

The peal ringivg is confined mainly to a comparatively few attached nembers of the North and Sonth Branches; in the North Branch there were 52 peal ringets whe rang an average of 5.77 peals each. Eist Branch 28 peal ringers, who ratig an average of 2.78 peals each. South Brancll 23 peal ringers with an average of 10 peals each; and West Jranch 24 peal ringers with an average of 2.45 peals each, a total of 127 ringers who took part in peals, which represents only 36 zer cent. of tho reaident membership. Seventeen resident unatached mombers rang an average of four peals each, four unattached mon-resident members averaged five peals each, and os life members averaged 1.8 peals each.

Mr. Corrigan's statement that unattached ringers ring no peais in Narfolk is obviously incorreet, also the statement that Norfolk ringers keap their own bella fully occupied is very far from the fact
There is no diggnising the truth that ringing in Norfolls is not in a alronger position than otber parts of the counlty, but is much worse lian in many
Get to it, Norfolk, and show how it can be done?
NORFOLK DUMPLING
THE 5,000th PEAL
The ammal megting of the North Norfulle Branch of the Norwich Diocesing Association was held at the A bbey Church, Wymondham, on Saturdar, January 2lat. Vaxions methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Sururise Major wore stug duving the day, and the association service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. JTolmes). Ter was served in the Ficarace Room

At the business meating which followed, the Rev. - Jartis (Viear of Wynondlam) was voied to the chai
The Rev: E. W. Blyth, Rector of Northrepps, was elected branch chairman, Mr. H. Tooke was re-elected branch secretary, and Messrs. (i. Bailey, W, Clover, W. G. Duffeld, G. Mayers ̄̄ud W. R. West were elected to tho Branch Conmitten. Mespry. G. Bailey aud W. C. Dnfield were appointed to the Standing Committee of the association. itc. Albert Barber, of Gresspuhall, was re-efected a performing member.
Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretabr and tueasurer) gave n dotailed account of the association's work during ble past year, and referred to the 5,00013 peal rung by the association. He anmonnced that that weal was mus at Winterton on Decomber 17th alld was conducted by the association's youngest conductor, Mr. Denis Baylis, of Acla.
Mr. Golden, on behalf of the members, proposec a hearty vote of thanks to the Fiear of WFmondham for allowing the members to visit Wymondiam once ayain for their athatal branch meetixg, also for the ise of the bells.-In replying. Mr. Jarvis referred to the excellent support the church received from the wymondham ringers The ringers not only rang the bells when they wanted to do so but were alwajs willing to ring when the church wanted the beils rung.
Members attended from Attieboronga, Burton, Banliam. Burgh Apton, Diss. Gressenhall, Garboldisham, Hethersett. Norwich, Shel fanger, Winfarthing, Great Yarmouth and the local company, anc Suffolk frients from Yaxley. Members of tise North Norfolk jlinnch wish to conver treir deepest sympatl2y to Mr, and Mrs. M", Claver and family, of Wymondignm, in heir recent hereavement
the next mecting of the branch will taks place at Northrepprs on Saturday, April 29th.

## FORTY YEARS MEMBER OF LECKHAMPTON SOCIETY.

The St. Peter's Society of Leckhampton and the Cheltenham Branch of the Cloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association hare lost hy death one of their most respected members in the persom of Mr. Arthur Caudle. Fio had heen a member of Leaklismpton Society for 40 years and had taken part in 14 peals of Grandsire Donbles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob. Trable Bob and Donble Norwich Major,
The bells of St. Peter's Churolı seve rumg half-mufled on January 25 h for the ftmerni as a last naplo of respect, aleo on the following Sunday evening for divine हervice.

## NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11 th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , tea and business meet ing following at the Duke's Head.-A. H. Smith, Hon. ec.
LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Leyton Parish Church, Saturday, February 11th. (Leyton station, L.N.E.R., from Liverpool Street.) Nice light peal of eight in a beautiful and historic church. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.-J. R. Housden, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead (8) on Saturday, Feb. Itth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m1., by kind invitation of the President of the Guild (the Rev. Dr. G. Grolding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. -B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch.

 -The anmual meeting will be held (D.v.) at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. Irth. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams if you ARE coming. Bells available 2.30 p.m., methods up to London Minor. If attendance at this meeting is not better than of late the amalgamation with Wisbech and Ely branches will be advised. Suggestions, advice, members all welcomed.F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Eastern Branch.The annual meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Boston, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 2.15 . Service 4.15. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 90, Norfoll Street, Boston, Lincs.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-The Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. inth. Tea and nueeting in Church Room at $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Any visitors will be welcomed, and it is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6), near Bawtry, on Feb. it ith. Rounds to Surprise. All ringers welcome. Please send me a card for tea. - R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual general meeting Feb. 11th. Ringing, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 ; St. Mary-Je-Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 ; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service 4.55 p.m. (New Service Book). Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.n. Business meeting, Parish Room, 7.30 p.m., followed by handbell competition. Names for this and tea as soon as possible to T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20.
midLand Counties association. - Derby District.-The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Feb. nth. By kind permission of the Provost, the bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 4.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business, will be held in the belfry at 4 o'clock, and for the convenience of those who care to attend earlier, handbells will be provided. All ringers welcome. - George Freebrey, Loca! Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch -The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Francis Xavier's, on Saturday, Feb. IIth. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 . Tea and meeting to follow. There will be further ringing in the evening. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17 .
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The spring meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, February 11th. Beils (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea following (1s. per head). Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-The adjourned annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branclı will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Feb. IIth, not on Feb. $4^{\text {th, }}$ as first arranged. Service at $4 \cdot 30$. Tea, is. each, at Messrs. Lane's Cafe at 5 o'clock.-W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch. The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton ( $\delta$ bells) on Saturday, February irth. Tower open 3 o'clock. A good attendance will be much appreciated.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Ilchester Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. irth. Bells available all the afternoon. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Piease notify for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock.

TO-MORROW, February 11th, Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association is holding a ringing meeting at Desford. Usual time. There is just time for the usual postcard for tea addressed to Mr. G. Dale, Church Lane, Desford, near Leicester.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District-A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. Itth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good company:-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. SUFFOLK GUILD. - A meeting will be beld at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, February ith. Bells available at 5 t, Mary's, 2 to 3.30 ; St. James' 3.30 to 5 . Tea 5.30 p.m., at Sharpe's, Brentgovel St.-H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (City) on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Beils (Io) from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting to follow at Princes Cafe, 5 p.m.-A. M. Tyler, Branch Sec., 5, Addison Road, Bristol, 3

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch.The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. IIth. Service, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Tea, is. per head, at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, fol-
lowed by meeting. Ringing at St. Peter's, Caversham, St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.-E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -There will be ringing for evensong at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on February 12th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.--G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings, February: *St. Mary-leBow, i4th ; St. Magnus', I6th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2Ist; St. Andrew's, Holborn, $23 r d$; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 38th. *Business meeting afterwards. All at $7 \cdot 30$, except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, f, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Benlailton on Wednesday, Feb. ${ }^{1} 5 \mathrm{th}$. Bells available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, 5-30, at the Rendezvous Cafe, Sutton Greer. Ringing again in the evenng. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. H. Randall, 7 Bushey Road, Sutton, by Monday, Feb. I3th.-I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO. CIATION.-The pre-Lent mecting will be held as a joint meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshite Association at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 18th, when the bells of St. Oswald's (10) and St. Aidati's (8) will be available. Committee meeting in St. Oswald's Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge in St. Oswald's Church Hali at 5 p.m., and requirements should reach Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Harticpool, by Thursday, February 16th, at latest.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. The peal of 10 bells will be available from 3 till 5 , and after tea. A special business meeting will take place following the tea at the Old Palace. Members who do not send their notifications to me by Wednesday, Feb. I5th, must be prepared to make their own arrangements for tea.- $A$. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bentley (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service in Church at 4.30 , followed by the meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-V.W.H. Branch. The spring meeting will be held at Uffington on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Please notify for teas not later than Thursday, February 16th.-R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Bishopstoke or Saturday, February 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by February 16th, please.-G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.-Newbury Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Shaw-cum-Donnington on Saturday, February 18 th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by February 15th how many for tea.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem ( 8 bells) on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 16th inst. ?-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-L.aicester District.-A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Knighton, Leicester (5 bells), on February 18th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Rooms, Krighton Road at 5 p.m., for those who notify me not later than February 16th.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58 , Landseer Road, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting is to take place on Saturday, February 18th, at Arley ( 6 bells), instead of Exhall as arranged. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.-D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.-A combined meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.-P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BUSHEY.-Saturday, February 18th. Bells open 3.30 till 8.15 . Tea at 5.15 . Please notify for tea by February 15th, so that adequate arrangements may be made.-C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270). Herts Association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-West Dorset Branch.-The Langford-Beams memorial meeting will be held at Beaminster on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.-C. H. Lathey, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at IIminster on Saturday, February 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Please notify early for tea.-D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District.-A meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and meeting at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Good bus services from Loughborough, Coalville, etc. Please make an effort to attend, and don't forget a postcard to Mr. C. Durby, Hathern, near Loughborough, Leicester, if you want your tea. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Elloe Deanerjes Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by February 14th? -Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.Northern Branch.-The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Brecon on Saturday, February 18th. St. Mary's bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tca in the Church House at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Please notify not later than February 13 th to J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting at North Crawley, on Saturday, February 25th. Ring up 2.30. Tea 4.45.-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. 'Tea at St. Nicholas' House at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. But 'Mr. Harwood wants to know' the names or numbers for tea, so just send a postcard, chums. Address to J. G. W. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. V. Morley, 10, St. Peter's Road, Coggeshall, Essex, not later than first post, Wednesday, Febrtary 22nd? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). -The 51st anлual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 p.m. prompt, Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, B.A., Vicar of Edgbaston, in the chair. The following towers will be open: St. Martin's, Bull Ring (12) and Aston Parish Church (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral Church of St. Philip (10), 4 to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 3 to 4 p.m. Tickets will be issued to fully-paid-up ringing members at 2s. each; to other members and friends at 6s. 6d. each. Early application is requested, but latest date is 23rd inst.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.-The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, near Clock Tower, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Ringing at Leicester Cathedral $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. till 6 p.m. Another tower next week. Tickets, 3s. to be obtained from me not later than Wednesday, February 22nd.-H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meetingy will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4 th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at The Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, S.E.1, followed by meeting. Please send notifi. cations for tea to me by 28 th inst.-E. G. Talbot, Hon Sec., 53, Birchwood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18 h , at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price $6 s$. each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Carnford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. Arrangements for ringing will be announced later.-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.-Will those members of the National Guild of Police Ringers who were unable to attend the annual meeting in London kindly forward their subseription to Sergt. H. G. Jenney, Acting Sec, City Police Headquarters, Leicester?

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## A VINDICATION.

The London County Association, at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, took the only reasonable and honourable line open to it in regard to the unwarragted aspersion it had thrown upon the Guildford Diocesan Guild in a letter sent, on the Association's behalf, to the 'Ringing World' a month ago, wherein the finger of scorn was pointed at the Guild for encroaching upon the areas of other associations. It would have been an unfortunate departure from good manners to introduce such an expression into a matter in which the Guild bad no concern, even if the allegation of encroachment had been true, but when the accusation had no shadow of foundation, or when, as must bave been the case, no attempt was made to verify the facts, it was not only grossty unfair but lacked even the elements of decency in public letter writing. However, amends have now been made and the honour of the Guildford Diocesan Guild vindicated. It was, nevertheless, only done after a stiff fight to evade the issue on a point of order. Had this attempt succeeded it would bave been a great pity, but the Master, in whose hands the matter lay, wisely permitted the motion (proposing that the offending paragraph be withdrawn) to be discussed, and afterwards showed his appreciation of the untenable situation into which the Association had been led by the letter, by accepting the facts as presented by the mover of the resolution and counselling a retreat.
The discussion that took place was not at all times edifying, but neither was the letter that was written to the 'Ringing World.' When personal feeling enters the door good sense sometimes flies out of the window--if we may adapt an old adage. There is a moral to all this, and we bope it may be taken to heart in those quarters-and there are many-where personalities are inclined to enter into a controversy. Abuse gets nowhere in an argument; it only leads to bad tempers and retorts that go deeper to wound than there is any need for. Particularly does courtesy demand that Associations dealing wilh other like bodies should be scrupulous in the statements they make. It is often fatal to jump to conclusions, and things written in haste are often repented at leisure. There can be hard hitting without personalities, and a controversy conducted without animosity can be enlightening as well as entertaining. It is always a mistake to asslame that you have landed a knock-out blow when you have said something nasty about an opponent. This type of argument has an unpleasant habit of recoiling. It is good, sometimes, that the fresh air of criticism should be let in upon the methods and actions of organisationseven ringing organisations-and any discussion, which (Continued on page 102.)

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[^8]may ensue, if carried on in the right spirit, can only be conducive of good. But there are some golden rules which should be observed when one is tempted to take up the cudgels, especially in print. Make certain that you have a good case; be sure of your facts put up reasoned arguments and not abuse: and above all, if you have not got a good case, say mothing.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCTATION.
On Saturday, February JT, 1939, is Fouy Hours and Two Mixwtes, At ier Parise Cberch of St. John-ter-Baptist,
A PEAL DF GAMBRIDCE SURPRIBE MAXIMUS; 5280 CHANEE8; Tenor 36 cwt . 3 qr .18 lb , in C, sharp.
Horace Bblcger ... ...Treble Fredbrick E. Collins ... 7 Ggorge R. Pye ... ... ... 2 Danibl D. Cooprer ... .... 8 William H. Hzweit... ... 3 Grozge W. Stberb ... ... 9 Franke. Darby ... ... .... 4 Charles H. Kippin ... ...
 Composed by F. Dence. Conducted by W. H. Hewrtr.
First Surprise Maximus on the bells.

## IPSWICH, STTFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GULLD.
(St, Mary-le-Tower Society.)
On Satmraay. February 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minwtes, At the Ceurce of St. Mary-le-Towbr,
A PEAE OF YORK SURPRIGE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGE8 ;
Tenor 32 cwt .
Charles A. Catcapole ...Tyelle |William P. Garriti... ... 7 Sylyia R. E. Bowyer ... 2 Gborge A. Flbming ... ... 8 Cgarles j. Sbdaley ... .... 3 William j. G. Browis...
 Hatry R. Ropbr... ... ... 5 Ggorge E. Symonds ... ... it Frederica J. Smita ... ... 6 | Cecic W. Pige ... ... .... Tenor Conducted by Carares J. Sadgley.
this is the first peai of York Surprise Maximus to be rung.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturtay, February 4. 1939, in Thyee Howrs and 7 uenty-One Minstes. At tab Ceurcy of St. Stepaen-the-Martye.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANEE8; Tenar 21 cwt .
 and the conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFIF:
THE SOCLETY FOR THE AROHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, Felrwary 9, 1939, in Three Hours and Soven Mimwtes, At the Chorch of Si. Bartholomed.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGESI Tenor 24 cwt .


SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Saluyday, February 11, 1939 if The ee Howys and Twenty-Five Minstes, At fae Caurce of St. Mary-ter-Virgin, Prifilewell, A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB ROYAL, BOGO CMAMGES; Teaor 18 f cwt .
Edwin A. Barnety ... ...Treble Abtbor S. Ricgabds ... ... 6 Albert E. North Edwin Barnett ..
 Harry Hoseins ... ... ... 4 Egrest W. Eurbane ... .... 9 Frame b, Lophin

Composed by G. H. Cooss
Conducled by E. A. Barnett. lion, and the first rugg on tower bells.

SHEFTFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASGOCTATION.
(Shafizld \& District Socibty.)
On Saturday, Febrwayy 17, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thit fy-Six Minutes, Ai the Catbeqral Cherce of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGE8; Tenor 40 cwt . Io lb . is B .

- Tom Brotewrli ... ...Tyeble | †jobn J. L. Gilberi ... ... 6

Joun Tborpe ... ... ... a |Eanest Tborpr... ... ... 7
Sidngy F. Falmex ... ... 3 †C. Allen Hewity .... ... 8
Havdn Tborpe ... ... ... 4 †Nohman Cbaddoce ... ... 9 $\dagger$ Harold Cbant ... ..... .5 treginald Payme ... ...Tmor
Composed by Sir A. P. Haywood. Conãucted by J. J. L. Gilazri

* First peal in the melhod. † First peal of Siedman Caters.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Chester and Crewb Banches.)
On Saturday, Februay 11, 1939, in Threc Hours and Fiftem Misktes, Ai Cbrist Cadrer.

## A PEAL OF ERIN GATERS, $\operatorname{GOO7}$ CHANEES;

Robrrt Sperrjng ... ...Tyeble | Harry Overion ... .. ... 6
Grorgr A. Pacter ... ... 2 Samugl Joneg, jon. ... ... 7
Richard D. Langrord ... 3 Harry Pyr ... ... ... ... 8
Harry T. Holding ... ... 4 James Hi. Riding ... ... 9
James Swindley ... ... ... 5 Harry Tgelwell ... ...Taroy
Composed by Josepa W. Pakrer. Coaducted by Samdre. Jones.
First pesl in the method on the bells; first for the Chester Diocessan Guitd in the counly by a resident band.

## WRINGTON, SOMERSET'

THT: BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Satwrday, February 11, 1939, in Three Howrs and Tuenty-Five Minnles
At the Chorce of All Saintig,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANEES;

 Tenor 37 cwt . Herbert W. Knighy... ... 5 josepr T. Dyeke... ... ...Temoy Composed by G. H. Cross. Condacted by J. T. Drre.

* First peal of Bob Royal.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHTRE GULLD.
On Satuyday, Febywary 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Senex Minktes, At the Chirch of All Salnts.
A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, 6152 CHANGE8;
Tenor x3青 cwt

 Composed by G. Limborf. Conducted by Frank W. Pgrrbns.

HERSHAM, SURREY
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND NORTE SODTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturdry. February 4, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty Minules, At tae Cerice or St. Piter,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAIOR, $\operatorname{bogs~CHANOES;~}$ Tenor 80 cwt .
*Harold W. Rogrrs... ..
Thomas H. Tafyender
Miss Olive L. Aspbroos.
Ernest 1. King... ... ....

John B. Hzsezy | Yeble |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3 |  |
| 3 | $\mid$ |
| 4 |  | Clarzmer H Dobbia … 5 $\dagger$ Fredbrich W. Alleway ... 7 Thomas W. Tapphnder ...Temor Conducted by Thomas H. Tappender.

FFrst peal on more thar five bells. + First peal in the metiod. BRENTWOOD, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION
On Twesday, Febrway 7, 1939, เn I wo Hours and Fifty-Eight Minulas,
At fee Chorce of St Thomas-the-Maryyr,
A PEAL OF double morwich court bob major, 5024 Chances; Tenor 1g cwi.
Robert C. Hzazzl ... ...Tyeble Harry Turngr ... ... .-. 5 Albert Nortb ... ... ... 2 Joan Sitch ... ... ... .... 5 Ernest J. Ronter ... ... 3 Framk B. Lofkin... ... ... 7 Henry W. Sbadrack... ....
Composed by C. W. Roberts.
Ernery W. Furbank.......Tenor
Conducted by H. Torner. Conducted by H. Torner. GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 8, 1939, in Three Lhonrs and Hiftem Minutes,
Aitar Cathedral Cedrca of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAIOR, 5024 CHANGE8; Tenor 23 cwt . 3 qr .8 lb . in D.
Frederjck Oldroyd ... ...I Trebl |Dugglas R. Hayes ... ... 5

William J. Robinson ... 3 Gzorgr E. Clode ... ... 7
Erngey J. Ayllfpe ... ... 4 Alprbd H. Pulling ...Temor
Conducled by A. Knigers s. Conducted by A. H. Polling.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTIS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Febrwary 9, 1939, in Two Howys and Forly-Two Minutes, At taz Cborce of St. James,
A PEAL OF BEDFORD GURPRISE MANOR, 6024 CHANEEB; Tenor 13 cwt .
Iobn E. Rcotrs ... ... ...Tveble Chrlstopabr W, Wooligy Madice F. R. Hibbrrt ... a Erancis Kira ... ... ... 3 Cecil C. Mayne... - ... 4

Composed by A. Knigass. Fredrricr W. Brimelow ... Ebwin Jznntags ... ... ... 夕 Harold G. Cashmore ...Temor Composed by H. G. Casamore,
The first peal in the method.
SURFLEET, LINCOLNEHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOOESAN GULD.
(Ellof Deanbribs Lranch.)
On Thursday, February 9, 1939, in Throe Howss and Fory Minwts,
At tere Churce of St. Ladrbnce,
A PEAL OF BOB MAIOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt g lb .
Thomas E. Whitb
Miss Etsib LaEl
Mopert Ricgardson ...
...Trebls
Cyble Dobngy .... .... ... 4 Jobm W. Cartrr....
Composed by F. Bennemt. ${ }^{4}$ Conducted by Jobn W, Caribr.
GRIMSBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCRSAN GUITD.
(Norteren Branct.)
On Friday, Februayy 10, 1939, in Ttero Hows and Forly-Five Minules, At the Chorce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEES; Parker's Twblve-Pari ( 7 th observation).

Tenor ig cwt, 2 qu. 25 lb .
Herbert I. Mingay
Mrs. J. Bray .+ ...Tyble "Willine Momby
Stepabn Brompisld ... $\quad . .{ }^{2} \quad 3 \quad$ Jacr Bray ... ...
Cbarly W. Taylor .ne ... 4 Frank Lord .... ........ Temor
Conducted by Jack Bray.
${ }^{*}$ First peal and first attempt.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOUESAN GUTLD.
(Nortrrrn Brance.)
On Satwrday, Febuary 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minwter, At the Ceurch of Sx. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, CA $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{BRIDGE}, \mathrm{SUPERLATIVE}$, LINGOLNSHIRE. PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE, BRISTOL, HORFOLK, \& NEW CLDUEESTER SURPRISE HAJOR, 5120 EHANCE8 Teror 78 cwt .


Frgderick W. Stores ... 4 Jogn A. Freeman ... ...Tetor Composed by A. J. Pitman. Condncted by John A. Fregman.
First peal of Spliced Surpirise Major in ten methods by sll the hand, in the county and by the Guiji. This peal contains 1,440 London, 1,184 Futland, 416 Cambrifge, 3 \& Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, 160 Yorkshire, 320 Bristol, 288 Norlolk and 288 New Gloucester. Rung at the first attempt.

LPTON-ON-SEYERN, WORCESTERSHLRE
THE WOROESTERSHIRE AND DISTRIGTS ASSOCIATION. (Wastern Hrance.)
On Saturday, February 11, 1939, in Three Hows and Two Minntes, At the Ceuece of SS. Petet and Paim,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES; GG40 CHANEE8;

## J. J. Parkbr's Six-fart, No. 6.

 Edwagd Madnd ... ... ...Treble Franz Lawrencb $\quad . .$. Thomas wherms $\quad$ Len Ernest F. Coberrlby ... 6
 Conducted by Cearlrs Camb.

* First peal in the method. The quarterly peal for the branch. WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOIROUGF DIOCESAN GUILD.
D. Saturduy, Felvaray IT, 1939, in Three Hows and Four Minutes, Ax the Chuzch of St. John-tere-Evangeles,
A PEAL OF 8UPERLATIVE SURPRIBE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Tear 15 cwt. I qr. 20 lb.
Harry G. Ridgway ... ...treble Ernest C. Lambert ... ... 5 Jobn A. Grern ... ... ... 2 Joseph Marrs ... ... ... - Reginald H. Howson $\rightarrow 3$ Thomas E. Rozerts ... .... 7 A, Nonneley Wood... ... 4 Albert I. Grern... .... ...Teroy
Composed by J. W. Was日 brook.
Conducted by A.J. GreEn.
4 Firge peal in a Surprise method
HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MTDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturazy, February 11, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifly-Two Minuta, Af the Ceuzce of St. Anderw,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLEs, 5040 CHANEE8,
Heywood's Transposition of Thorsians' Fofr-qart.


 * First peal of Stedman inside, NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX. THE YORRSFTRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwyday, February 11, 1939, in Thee Hows and Twaloe Minwtes At tar Caurca of St, Matigew,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANEE8; Tenor 15 c cwt. in E
William Woodhead...
William Woodhead ... Mise Mary White Jades P. Harver ... $\quad .$. Jabizs F. Haryry ... ... 4 Leslig W. G. Morris ...Tmor Composed by E. Timerere. Conducted by Lesile W. G. Morrib. First peal of Surprise on the bells.


## ERIN TRIPLES IN SCOTLAND.

The first quarter-peal of Erin Triples in Scotland and by all the band was rung ot St. Cathbert's Gharch, Edinburgh, on Sunday, Januarg 29th, for service: Miss A. Whitsun 1, Miss M. Holland 2, D. Holfand 3, Mrs, N Ross 4, Miss F. Hogg 5, w. C. Heathcote 6, J. Marslall (conductor) 7, E. Ruse 8.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thiriten Minates,
At the Priory Cherce of SS, Prter and Padl,
A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEES;
Pabkrr's Twblve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 23 cwt .
-Thosas R. Payne ... ...Treble George R. Hangs ... ... 5
Jobn Boorne ... ... ... 2 Leglie Evans ... ... ... 6
William H. Symonds ... 3 Ernest F. Salmons... ... 7
Ricbard J. Ratilinge ... 4 "Ernest Williams ... ...Jemor
Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.

* First peal an eight bells.

NOR'THCEURCH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNI'Y ASSOCLATION.
On Saluyday, Fubrwayy 11, 1939, in Three Hours and One Miswh. Ax tee Chorce of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF NORTHCHURCH SURPRISE HAJOR, 5083 CHANLES; Tenor 154 cwt.

Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.
The first peal in the methad.
WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LAANCASHITE ASSOCLATION.
On Safurday, February T1, 1939, in Thres Hows and Two Mimutes,
At fex Churce of St. Mare,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6080 CHANQESI
Tenor 24 cwt.
Joserg H. Ridyard.
...Tyebie Pbtrar Crook, jow.
Cbcil Raddos .... ... 2 Ricuard Benson.
-Frane Barraclodge .... 3 Pbirr Croor, sen. .... ... 6

Composed by 1. W. Washbrook, Conducted by P. Crook, sen.

* First peal in the method.

MLNROW, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minates,
At tee Chorge of St. Jamis
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANEES; Tenor 18 owt.
-Alwy Taylor .... ... ..Treble Stepren L. Parry .... ... 5

- Joan Meadowcroft, jun. 2 ЈJohn Butterworth....
-Selwyn Holy Dearden .... 3 Harold Hambr.... ... .... 7
- Harry Byrom an on ....

| Harold Hambr | ... | ... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ivan Kay | 7 |  |  |

Composed by A. Craven.
Conducted by H. Hamer.

* First peal in the method.

STOWRAREET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1939, in Three Houy and Thivtam Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Pbier and Mary,
A PEAL OF double morwich court bob major, 5008 changes;

## Tenor 24 cwt .

Sablaord Sparbow ... ...Troble |Villiam E. Watben... ... g Kbita W, Whitile ... .... 2 Artbor Grjmwood .... ... 6
 Haray D. Listbr ....... 4 Artadr R, Woodard... ...temo
Composed by G. H. Crors. Conducted by Harry D, Lisirr.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday. Febwary 11, 1939, in Three Fows and One Minute,
At the Cadrce of St, Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAvOR, 5056 GHANOES; Tomor 14 owt.
Frbderict Roopr .... ...Trable Nolan Golden .... ... ... 5 Caarles W. Loore .... .... 2 Frbdrice C. Ropbr.... .... 6 Alefri G. Harrison... .... 3 Russell W. Curson .... ... 7 Fredrricr C. Gunion ... 4 Ernest Wgiring... ... ...Tenor

[^9]
## SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODHOUSE EAYES, WORCESTEMSHIRE:

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGIATION

## (Lougeroropge Branct.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minules, At the Cherciof Sy. Padl,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, E040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, three 720 's of Oxford Bob and two 'T20's of Plain Eob.

## Joen V. E. Hont

 Alan JacguesErnest Jacgues
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { fE Roland Stocewbll } & . . . & 4 \\ \text { Henry Hayngs... .... } & . . . & 5 \\ \text { G. Romald Edwardg } & \ldots \text {...tonor }\end{array}$ G. Ronald Ed

## Conducted by

* First peal.

Firirt all exeept conductor

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNEEIIRE
THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Nortgern Branch.)

On Surday, Fobruary 5, 7939, in $I$ wo Howriatud Thirly-Eight Minntes,
At fer Cefrce of St. Micgarl and All Ahgels,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANEES;
Being eevell extents in nime methods: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bols: (2) Cumbridge Surprise: (3) Plain Bob; (4) Double Oxford (5) Orford Bob; (6) St. Clements (7) Double Court and Court Bob.
 Conducted by Jace L. Millbouse.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY AESOCIATION.
On Monday, Februyy 6. 1939, in Two Hours and Fordy-Seven Minutes, At the Choreh of St, Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, GO40 CHANGES; Tarior 141 awt.


* First peal of Minor aud rirst altempt. + First peal 'nnside.' A birthday compliment to M1. A. Y. Good.


## ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMTRSEI.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCTATION.
On Sathrday, Febrway 17, 1939, in Two Howts and Forty-Fowy Minutes,
At the Cherch of Ale Saints,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8;
Four $72{ }^{\prime}$ 's of Orford and threc of Kent, cach called differently. Tenor 12 cwt .


Conducted by James Honr.

- First pea! of Treble Bob. Enry in mendry of Mr. S. Wyatt, who was laid to rest an February 9th.

HOLLOWAY.-At St. Mary Magdalene on Sunday, January 22md, for morning service, a quarter-peal of stedman Triples: E . Charge 1, H. Franks 2, ${ }^{2}$ F. Barker 3, R. Newman (first quarter-peal of Stedman "ingide ") A, G. Charge S, E. Holman 8, A. Turuer (conductor) 7, WA Jobnson 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman.

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## DEVONSFIRE GUILD

## MEETING AT BRIDGERULE.

Bridgerule, where s meeting of the North-West Brazth of the Devon Guidd was recently fold, is a combined parish which, till the Rectification of Boundaries Act in 184t, was one half in Colnwall and the other half in Devon. The Tamar divides West Bridgerule from East Bridgerule, and, even to-day, there are separate ratings and councils for the divisions. In anctent times a court was held on the bridge, whero the jurors of magistrates met. In case of a dispute between the two areas, six men were chosen from either side and then stood facing each other across the midde of the bridge. The side which pushed the other across the bridge won the case. Hence may be ascribed the word Bxidgerale.
The chairman of the branch (the Rev. W, H. Ravenlifl) was supported by the Rev. E. F. Cox. president of the Devan Guitd, with members from Halsworthy, Bradworthy, Marlund, Petrockstowe, Poundstock, Plymoutli and the local bend.

A service iu the ancient church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Kingdon), assisted by the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, who read the lesson.
Tea, prepared by lady frieuds of the local baird, was served in the Parish Hall.
At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. W. H, Ravethill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (hon, secretaryh, Mr. W. J. Shears (treasurer'), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master) and the Kev. W. E. Smale, Mr. A. J. Metters, with Mr. F. Sangwin, were all thanked for their services and re-clected for the ensuing year.
The president made a statement regarding his proposed deletion of Rule 12, "That no member shall take part in any competitive ringing. -After some discussion it. was dected that the branch should eupport the metion.
Petrockstowe was fixed for the aunual mecting of the branch on October 7th.
Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for his serrice and the use of the bells, the organist and the ladies who assisted.

## BRANCH MEETING AT TOTNES.

The ancient borough of Totneg, with its very fne church and peal of belks, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers on February I1th, when an exjoyable time was spent. Ringers attended from Exeter, Bramplord Speke, Petrockstowe, Dawlish, Nawtom Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Torgtay, Paigrton, Collaton St. Mary and Torquay.
After ringing in the afternoon, a service was conducted by the Rev Preb. J. Heywoon Waddington (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. O. L. Willmott (curate). The Rev. Willmott, who is il member of the branch, gave a very able address.
Following tea at the Commercial Hotel, the business moeting was presided over by the Rev. E. $V$. Cox (president of the Guitd) in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairwan,

The secretary reported thet the collection, which was to be devoted to the fund for the provision of a peal of bells at Sl. Aadrew's Chureh, Northampton, incounted to 7s. 6d.
The secretary's report, which was adopted, showed that at three meetings held during the pasto year the attendances lisd not been quite so satisfactory. Four peals had been rung iu the brapel, whilst a number of new members lual been elected and a number withdram.
Tho trassurer's report sitoved that althongh there was still a artisfactory balance in hand there was a decrense of 6 s . 10 d . on the year's working.
The following officery were wanimously elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasure and Finging Master, Mr. A. L. Bennetd; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker three representatives on the General Conmittee, Messrs, C. B. Waker, H. ©. Collyer and R. Whiting.
On the proposition of the chairman, e very bearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Bendett for his past work in the branch.
It was resalved to hold the next meeting et St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, on Juve 10th, subject to the necessary pernission being abiained.
Mr. E. J. Taylor, af Torquay, was traneferred to the list of honorgry members.
Mr. Bensett proposed a very hearty vote of thenks to the Ficar of Totnes for the use of kis bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. O. L. Willmott for his address, to the organist for leer belp, and to the lacal stepplekeeper for having everything in readiness.-The Ficar, in a humorous speech, very suitably replied, and welcomed the visitors to Totnes.

At this juncture the president had to leave the meeting to falfil another engragement, and the chair was occupied by Mr. O. R. Walker another engagement, and the chai

A letier was read from the president. stating. that at the next committee meeting he would nove thet Fule 2, which debars members from taking part in competitive ringing, be deleted from the Guild rules, and after a general dixcussion it was decided to jniorm tha preaident that no objection would be offered by the branch.

The mambers then retarned to the tower for further ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and eveniag were Grandsire Priples and Stedman Doubles and Triples.

## PEAL NOTES.

## SPLICED SURPRESE IN TEN MAJOR METHODS.

The Liccaln ringers have achiered another very fine performatce, by ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods at the first attempt. This is the mare meritorjaus in that they had never hed the opportunity of practising all the methods in one touch. The practices at the Cathedral are always so well attended that there is no opportunity of ringing anytbing of ten method lengtls.
The peal was rung al Metheringham, where the bells, a rather poor old lot, are rung from the ground loor, with a long draught of rope and no guides.

The greatest number of Surprise methods spliced into one peal of Major up to the present is 12, rung by the Middlesex Assocjation under the conductorship of the late RIr. William Pye.
Two more new Surprise Major methods this week by the Bertford shite band. Bedford Surprise, a method published in "The Ringing World' on April 7th, 1911, wag rung for the first time on Thursday week at Bushey; two days later Forthehurch, named after the village in which it was rung.
The peal of Bediord was rung to a Treble Bob composition by Arthur Knights, and the Nortioburcin to a composition which uas been used mang tintes and belongs to no one in partiaular.
The peal at Northchurch was Mr. Firancis Kirlc's 150 th peal and Mr. Edwin Jenaiags" 25 th $^{2}$ Surprise Major method.
By the way, it was said in these notes last weck that the peal of Zotland was rung by the watford band. It is a mistake to call this compang a Watford hand, for, although most of them live not far from Watiord, they are none of then attached to Watford tower. Zelland was rung by fve members of Busbey tower, one cach from Orhey and St. Ajbans, and une unattached.

HSWICE SOCIETY'ת NEW AOHIEVEMFNT.
Meanwhile St. Mary-le-Tower Society have added to theiy harels by ringing yet another method of Surprise Maximus, which is the seventh in which the society has been first to score a peal. This was York Surprise, a method by Mr. Qahriel Lindoff, and was rung on Saturday. Mr. W. F. Garrett has taken part in all seven of the first pealg, the first of which was Cambridge in 1908. The frst plain course of York was rung as recently as 「anuary -25th, aud only five courses have been rung in all, white no bob in the Macimus had been called previous to starting for the peal.
The method can be highly reconamended for its regular extension from Minor upwards, and it is more masical than Cambridge. Care must be exercised in peals of Major, as in this there are five false course-ends. Royal aud Marimus, however, have a clean proof scale, By the peal on Saturday Mr. Charles A. Catchpole brought lis total to 300 , and Mr. Harty R. Huper completed 100 peals for the Suffolk Guild.
Members of the Chester and Ctewe branches of the Chester Diocesan Guitd rang a peal of Eria Caters at Christ Church, Grewe, on Eaturday. It was the first peal in the method for the Guild by a resident band, and the ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Edge, the towetteeper for having everything in rcadiness for the peal attempt.
The composition, a $5,007 \mathrm{by}$ Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of gunderland, is a musical and interesting one:-

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These last five courses 17 times repeated, except in 3rd and 12 th repetitions when the last collrse is called 5.4 only, and in the 8 th repetition when the last courso is cafled \$2.4.5.9.11. I2 to proditce the handstreke position (614253879). The bells come round att the thitd change of the last course.

Six members of the band rang their first peal of Stedman Caters and one his first peal in the method at Shefteld Catledral on Saturdav. It was Mr. John Thorpe's 50th peal on the bells.
His friends in Hereforishire are lookimg forward to Mr. Whinam Symonds' 100th peai. He rang his g9th on Saturday at Lemminster. A peal of Stedman Triples at Worsley, Lancashire, on Saturday, Fung after meeting short for Caters, was a birthdar compliment to Mr. Fred Grundy, of the locnl company, Mr. Arthur Janaes, who rabg the tenor to the peal, and Mr. Dick Newton, of Boton, U.S.A., for merly a well-known Lancashire ringer.

## A PROMISING YODTH.

Alberit Tyler, who calied a peal of Stedman Caters at Bristol on Satiarday, and thits rang his first peal as condactor, is a son of the late Mr. Jesse TYier and a nepliew of Mr. Johu Thomas. Still in his tepus, be is one of the most promising youngsters in the West of England.
Mr. H. F. Dakin, of Tarmwarth, who, Bt Chilvers Cotan, Warwickshire, on Febnary 4th, rang his first peal, has been ringing for the part 25 years, and has made nearly, if not quite, 40 previous aftempta. past a years, and has mede neari, surely is a case of perseverance rewarded, although tardily.

Wrirgtan of the composition of the peal of Boh Royal, runy at Wrirgtan on Satarday, blew in through our office window un Mondsy. It is a very grod comprosition with the siath at bome for the last 24 courses. On the bottom of the slip which reached us is a siling of names from Atracble to Drke and the ingury WThose is it names from Atrable to

Repeat from " calling winstead of M. Well, whose in it?
Since we asked this question we have learned that the ariginal composer was Mr. G. H. Cruss. So there is really mo मeed for the inquiry, but we will let it go.
The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss R. E. A. Knirat, whose father took part in the peal
The composition of the peal of Superlative-a one-part by J. W. Washbrook-rung ab Wicken on February 11th, was frst rung as a 6,048 at Drayton, Berkslive, on July 30th, 1887, and was published in 'The Bel? News' September 10th that year. It was the first composed with the 4 th and 6th their extent in 5-6 and the 4 th, 56h and 6th only in sixth's place at the course-ends.
The quarterify peal of the Westem Branch of the Worcestershire Association was rung at Uptor-on-Eevern on Satulday, Februars 11 th, Mr. Eruest F. Cubberley, a member of the Eempser (six-bell) band, rang lis first peal of Oxford Bob Triples.

Charles Camm, Brameh Ringing Master and conducior of the peal, is in charge at Upton. He crcourages the six-bell ringers to vigit his tower on Fridays for eiglnt-lyell practice, with the result that several who would otherwise still be six-bell ringers can now ring several Triples methods.
As Charlie keeps 'open house' at Jpton, 弦is apen to members of the many six-bell towers in the vicinjty to prowe that they wish to progress. Incidentally, it may he remarked that "Hercules' hark i5 99 times worse than his bite

The first peal of Erith Little Bob Royal on tower bells was rung at Sonthend on Saturday.
Mr. R. Hayes, of Haslemerc, Surrey, and his son Douglas rang their first peal together on Febriary 8th, when they took part it a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guifdord Cathedral. Mr. Dicir Hayes has beor peal ringing ior many years and his son has takea part in seteral, but they bad not hefore this been in the came peal band.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SUCGESSFUL MEETLNG AT WALTHANSTOW

A mecting of the Soutln-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, February 4th, attended by some 35 members and iriends from Leytonstone, Leytor, Wansteed, Woodford, Romford, Brentwood, South Weald, Bentleý, Colchester, Maldon, Sontlogate, Bishopsyate, Wimbledon and the local band.
After a good spell of ringith in the afternoon, a short servico was conducted by the Rev. Watts, at which lee gave the sssociation a hearty welcome to St. Mary's, and expressed the Vicar's disappointment of his imbility to be with them, as he was just recowering from a severe cold.
Tea, kindly arranged by the local brad, was then partaken of, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. Chalk Master. In his opening words, the Master referred to the proposed Benevolest Fund, saying ho was fronkly disappointed with the way in which his proposition bad been received by some members of the Central Committee, and, therefore, intended writing to every tower affiated to the association, elrelosing copy of suggested rules, asking each one to give their own opinion, aud he hoped to havo something further to report at the rext district meeting.

Eight new members were elected, and North Weald was selerted as the place for the next meetins, to be held on Saturday, $\Delta$ pril 29th.
A hearty vote of thanks to the Ficar for allowing nes of tower and bells, to Mr. Watts for couducting the service, to the organist for accompanying the hymns, to Mr. F. C. Maynard and the St. Mary's band for $I$ sking all the necessary armengements, and to the !adies for aerving the tea, was carried with acelamation.
Mr. F. C. Maymard replied aud expreased his pleasure at seaing such a Food number. He hoped the Essex hasaciation would not leave it so long next time before they paid a visit to St. Mary's.
After some handbell ringing, the members returmed to the tower where touches in varjous methads from Grandsire to Gambridge, including a well-struck course of Forkshire, were brought round.

## WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

On Tueskay, January 17 th, it St. Lawremce'a Parish Church, Chorley, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Canon A. Boddington, who was recently inducted. Enit. Fisher 1, wH. Southworth 2 *T. Lucas 3. J. H. Gartside 4, *F. Keareley 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6. Longest lencth of Minor.

## DEATH OF A TAUNTON RINGER.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr . Sydnoy Wyatt, of Taunton, who passed away on Tebruazy 6th at the age of 63 years.
Mr. Wratt had been a ringer and member of the Diocesan Association for 45 years. An excellent striker and saîe ringer, decessed rang about 40 peals, eonducting one. He lad beem in business aboat 45 years as a nurgeryman.
Ha wes laid to rest in Wilton Churchyard on the gth inst. amid many manifestations of regret and respect, After the funeral represankatives of the three churches in Taunton rang haif-muffled touches of Stedman Triples on Wilton bells. Amongst the numerous floral tributes wat one in shape of a bell from liis brother ringers of wiftor and one from St. Mary's band, to which be was attached for a number of years.
Deceased leaves a widow, a son and two daughters, also his father, to monrn their loss.

## RINGERS TRIBUTE TO FRIEND

OLD CHORISTER'S DEATH AT SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD
Oo Tuesday, January 31 st, Mr. Harry Dseroit, a pillar of the church and a chorister for more than 50 years at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, was laid to fest. All who knew Mr. Dseroft were drawn to him by his unique personality. Here was one of nature's gentlemen, a man to whom everyone looked with respect.
A hogiery worker, he had a heart attack about of week before his deaih and died, lapmented hy all who attended St. Mary's and a large circle of other friends. His deatla leaves a gap in the parish which will not easily be filled, and the ringers, who rang a half-muftied quarter-peal in his memory, wish to tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.
Although Mr. Oseroft was not jutimataly connected with ringing, he always had a kind word for the ringers and their ' applied mathematies "as he so ofter termed them.
The quarter-peal was of Mob Minor, and was the first by all the band. it was rung by Wilfred Stocks 1, Colin Ewans 2 Clifford Beebv (conductor) 3, Johm Beehy 4, Frank Bradley 5, Cyril Eeathcote 6 .

## NEARLY ALL UNCLES AND NEPHEWS.

What hiad been jntended as an uncles and nephews' performance at Waltham St, Lawrence on Jantary 19th did not quite materialise. One of the nephews was unable to keep the appointment at the lust minute and his place was filled by Mr. T. Tilley. The following tang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor: $\$$. Darvill (first of Plain Bob) 1, W. Pearson (first 'inside') 2, A. Pearson (first 'inside') 3, R. Dervili (conũuctor) 4, V. Darvill 5, T. Tilley 8 .

MR. NOLAN GOLDEN'S PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Mr. Nolav Golden has an unfortunate habit of making for liis compositions clainas which he would bave great diffeulty in substantiating; his latest are as well rather difficult to understand.
If he means that his 5,216 of Double Norwich is the first to be rung in less than 48 sever lead courses, in which all the courseends with 4-5-6 in 5-6 and those with the 6 h at home appear, may I say that I called a 5,184 with similar qualities, and with no other changes used, on December 2nd, 1936. Having doubts of its originality, I put it dovnn as 'arranged and conducted,' and subsequentiy Mr. C. W. Roberts informed me that it had been published by Edgar Wightman il 1901. Whether it Jad bean ramg in the intervebing period I do not know.
E. A. BARNETT.

## Crayford.

## QUALITIES DTFFCULT TO OBTALN.

Daar Sir, -I wis interested to read in 'Peal Notes ' your description of Mr. Nolen Golden's 5,216 of Double Nonvich Court Bob Major. Although the wording describing the qualities of the peal is rather vague, I imagine that the romposition contains the full combination of $4.5-6$ in $5-6$, with the 6 th the extent at home, and that only 48 course-ends are introduced. If this is so, Mr. Golden is to he congratulated on his production, bui I should like to poini out that the late Edgar Wightman composed a 5,184 with these gnalities, which is the shortest peal yet obtained on these lines. Possibly Mr. Golden's peal contains some additional qualities not present in the 5,184, and this would pirce it in a class by itself, as peais in 48 coursea onfy, with these course-end qualities, are extremely dificult to obtnin. I ana sure that this peal will be weleomed by conductors who apprecinte musical exmpositions.

GHARLES W. RORERTS.

## SOMERSET AND EONDON.

Al atteropt was rasde to ring a quarter-peal in Somerset for morning service and in Landon for evening service on the day after the Bristol Wnited Guild's dinner by two of the London contingent. They sacceeded in the morning ab Bryrow Gurney, but the evening effort at St. Andrew's, Holborn, was not so successful.
At Barrow Gurney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. S. Hawkins (Landon) (conductor) 1, W. Townsead 2, P. E. Cark (Liondon) 3 , W. Tend 4, d. W. Martin $5, \mathrm{~W}$. C. Rose 6, R. G. Gilhert 7, T. Boreham 8 .


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We regret to say that Mr. Arthur Koights, the famous composer, is ill at his home at Chesterfield. We learg that he is suffering from cardiac debilitr and bronclitis and that his condition is very weak. His Eriends tbroughout the Exercise, aad they are legion, will extend thas हympsthy and good wishes to Mr. Knighte in his illness.
There is good news of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. He was able to leave Windsor Hospital on Tuesday after having beep a patient there for more than six weeks. The operation on him has been Huccessful
He thanks the many frionds wha wrote to him for their cympetiy. Their letters have been very helpful to him and reminded him of many a happy day in distant belfries. He regrets that ho has oeen unable to answer them individually, but be is grateful to those who wrote him. The interment of the late Mr. C. S. Burden, at Numbead Cemetery on Monday, is a reminder that another great London ringer of an earlier generation lies buried there. John Cox, who died on January 29th, 1885, was interred at Nunkerd on February 7 th.
One of the longest lengths of Bob Major on record was rung 150 yeary ago yesterday. On February 16th, 1789, St. Martin'e Youths reng a peal of 14,24 at Aston in 8 hours 45 minutes.
Fifty years xgo to-morrow the first peal of College Single Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, and there is still in harness at that tower one who rang in the peal, Mr. Walter Charman.
On Sunday, another interesting anniversary occurs. Henry Haley, one of the most celebrated of a past generation of Londan ringers, wa born at Betlmal Green on February 19th, 1819. Henry Haley rang 182 pesis. of whici he conducted 155 and composed 105.
He conducted at Philadelphia in 1850 the firat peal rung in Ameriob, where he went with a handuell concert party. He was first a member of the Cumberland Youths, but joined the College Youths in 1854 and took part in many bistoric performanees.

We regret we are compelled to hold over geveral letters to the Editor.

## ST, PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-After the publication of my letter in your issue of December ind last, I was astonizhed to see a furkher communication on the l3th inst., still arguing the pojnt, and can only in reply again refer your correspondent to my previous letter. I am also surprised to fud that anyone pins their faith entirely on the book mentioned (I have a copy of it), seeing that, at the time, it was merely zegarded as an overlooked printer's error! Anyhow, I have abundant evidence ins to the sccuracy of my previous sfatements, as the order wis ns to the sccuracy of my previous statements, as the order wiss
defingly given for in ring of 12 bells baving a 5 ton tenor epealing the note D flat.'
Your correspondent is cntirely wrong when ho says that I have quoted words from the book in question. I have never done anything of the kindl By remerks are ford for word from a much more reliable letter I received on the subject from the only gentlemen who know anything at nil of the matter
The late Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., once told me "they let Sir Edmund have kis own way as regards the rings of eight at Burtou, Ossett and Doncaster, but could not under any circumbtances do so in such an important ring of bells as that of St. Paul'g!'
Wokirg.
F. E. DAWE.

WHAT LORD GRIMTHORPE SAID IN 1874.
Dear Sir,-I heve a copy of Lord Grimthorpe's work, 1874 edition, in which, on page 340 , he says: "There is a project for a large peal of ten or twelve bells for St. Paul's Cathedral, and I buwe recommended a $B$ tenor of 3 tons for it.
This seems to settle the question.
Sed bargh.
G. F. HOODHOTFSE.

## DEATH OF MR C.S. BURDEN.

MEMBEA OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAT COMPANY.
We much regret to annoupce the death, which occurred on Wednesday of last week, of Mr. Charles S. Burden, for many years one of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral. For some time past Mr. Burden had been in failing bealth and unable to take part in ringing, but he will be much missed by his colleagues.
He did not aspire to fanciful heights in the art of method ringing, but what he did was done to perfection, and it can be said without exaggeration that he was of fine ringer. Never was there a hindiat or more wassming man, and all who met him realised that in him was one of tature's gentlemen.
Mr. Burden was a gative of Wiitshire and learmed to ring at Potterne well over 50 years ago. He had, however, lived in London for a long period and was a very old member of the College Foutios, in which society he was beld in high esteem. He served as Master for a year, being elected to that ofice in 1509.
Mr. Burder had lived in Bermondsey, and the first part of the funeral service on Monday was held in St. James* Guruch, where once he used to ring. The interment took place at Nunhead Cemetery and many of his Mesonic and ringing frientis were at the gravesido. After the committal, four of his brother ringers of St. Paul's rang a course of Stedman Triples at the graveside: Messra. H. Langdon A. B. Peck, T. H. Taffender and E. G. Fena. Other ringeri present Fere Mesqrs. C. F. Winney, F. M. Butler, H. Hoshins, J. E. Davis, P. F. Darby, G. W. Debenham, etc.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-58.

## JACK BRAY

Anoug the many enthusiastic ringers to be found in the Lincoln Dioceatir Guild is Mr. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, who has for a number of years done a great deal in many directions for ringing in North Lincolnshire. In his owa villuge, for justance, be bas for a number of years been the manstay of the ringing eompany and was largely responsible for getting the bells augmented to eight ebout a yeer ego. But bis interest in the Church has extended beyond the velfify, and for 14 years be has been a member of the Church Council and for nine years he has been a representative on the Rurf-decana Conference
Mr. Bray bas liwed all his life in Burton-on-Stather, where be was born on Jume 30th, 1900. He rang his first peal on March $86 t h, 1904$ a peal of Bob Minor at Barton-an-Humber. Less than two montha later lie rang his first peal es conductor; it consisted Bob Doubles, at Burton-on-Stather. 1t. wis Eung ringens and was the first by all except the conductor.
Largely by Mr. Bray's efrorts the quelity and variety of peal ringing in North Lincolnshire has been grestly extended, and he has given great impetus
to handbell ringing. of the three hondrent peals be has rung, exactly one hundred have been on handbells, and of the tota he lias conducted 152. His peals liave heen rung
in 52 towers witl 190 ringers, and they range from Grandsiva Doubles to Gambridge Surprise Manimus. He lias taken part in peals or Minar up to 53 methods and :n a vumber of Major methods which have been firsts for Lincoln Diocesan Guild, includiug Gainghorough Little Bub, St. Clement's, Lourl borouffl, winchester, Wy and conducted the Gainsborouglz and Winchester. He was also in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by a resident Limuolnshire band Among his Landbell peals hava been peals of Minor up to 19 methods and he conducted the first peal rung in six Major methods in hand. This was a great achievement, for there were no fewer than 378 chenges of method to be called, as well as the 145 bobs and four gingles. Mr. Bray's handbell peals also jaclude peais on all numtrers frome Doubles to Maximus, and he conducted the Lincoln Guild's first handheli peals of Cirques and Maximus. It is, of course, extremely interesting to note flat in many of the peals Mrs. Bray has also taken part.
Mr. Bray hes served the Lincoln Guild in various capacities. He bas been Grimsby District Rivging Master simee 1929, Northeru Branth hon. sccretary gince 1937, and a represemtative on the Central Counci] since 1936.

## BERKSHIRE RING AUGMENTED

The bells of Coleshill. Berkshire, after being silent for many vears Fere reopened on Saturday. February 4 th, after being rehung and augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, installed by the village and friends to the menory of the late Hon. Mrs. D. PleydellBouverie. The work has been very satisfactorily cantied out by ir R. White, of Appleton

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rey. W. S. Porter) and the address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Orford Dincesall Guild.

Tea was kindly given by Miss M. Pleydell-Bonverie in the reading room and was greatly appreciated by 60 ringing friends from Res ding, Twyford, Appletoh, Swindon (Christ Church), Cirencester, Fairford Faingdon, Chillingford, Shrivenham, Iffington, Abjagdon, Buckland Stratton St, Margaret, Blundon, Maiseyhampton, Aldershot. Lech lade, Nether Winchandon, Northmoor, etc. Good use was made of the bells after teu.

## AT SHAKESPEARES CHURCH

At Holy Trinity Church, Stratiord-an-Avon, on Tuesday eveniug, Tanuary 24th, a quarter-peal of Coust Bob Triples was rung for practice A. J. Print 1, F. Lyne 2, the Rev. F. Benson 3, W. Rawlieg 4, H. Price 5, H. Brookes 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, B. Chapman 8.

## PLAYING THE GAME

## Ta the Editor

Dear Sir,-Your leading article in "The Ringing Warld ' of Eebruar 3rd must make a great number of ringers think of the neglect which is evident in many guilds. During the perion wheu I was just mother 'at meetings I noticed these same faces alwuys there to do the rirht thing; and now, in the role of Ritging Master, I sce for Duself those same faces holding the meetings together
Most meetings are lield at eight-bell towers, and the thing wlichz strikes me most is the good work dane by six-bell ringers. I know several of such who have refused the chance ta atand in ten-bell peals, but have been 'playing the game' at ten-bell meetugs.
The $18 \sigma_{0}$ of a register can do a lot in giving facis of atendances, but je is not a methad which 1 am inctined to support
If there are to be any bouquets in association work, hand them to those who do play the game; by this I mean the learner who tales notice of the more experienced jinger, and the latter who is ready to impart knowledge to the "timid follow."
In a recent report on attendances, several names came up for ful] marks; there were also medals for the "runners-up." Crrtainly, the majority were worily of the praise, but lwo things struck me as wery un!air. Several of the rezular attendants luad not rung anything at neetings to warrant their names being montioned, and in one case a ringer hed not rung 1,500 changes throughout the fear's 12 mectings.
In the second instanco no less than six names were forgotten, because they had missed more then two meetings, yee they, in their own associntion, are among those who make their presence felt in the tower.

I do not think that your article will be forgotten in a hurry by a grsat nimber of our fraternity, but until rimgers realise the importance and privilege which is before them by their presence in the church, association work will be held up to ridieule by a few and used by others to satisfy their omu selfish desires.

BOB TRIPLES.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

 FIRST MEEPING AT EBBW VALEEbbw Fale extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Liandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association on Saturdity last on the occasion of the first ringers' mecting ever beld there. Early in the afternoon members arrived by bus, car and railway. To those who had not previously been to the tower it wis a joy to find such a spacious and well-kept ringing chamber and a magaificent ring of bells, with a tenor of 25 cwt., installed by Taylor and Co. $i 7$ months ago.

The local loader, Mr. R. Alsop, cordially welcomed eweryone. Various methods were rung until 4.30 . Service was then condurten by the Ficar (the Rev. Oliver Davies), who also gave the ringers a welcome to Ebbw Vale and delivered an inspiring address.
Tea followed in the adjoining schoolroom. This had been most kindly provided by ledies of the parish, the Vicar chatapioning these ladies as "the very best of all.'

The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the clisir, Instructors' reports, restorations and augmentations were reported upon and several new members were elected.
A proposition put forward by Mr. E. Stitch was unamimously carried that a record be made in the minutes of what recently appeared in "The Ringing World" with regard to the hon. secretary ringing his first and lis 500th peal on the same bell in Carleon tower with a span of 50 years.
The best thanks were accorded the Ficar and his warders for the magnificent effort they made in procuring such a grand aew octave of bells, thus givirg the members of the association anotber ring of eight for their activities.-The Vicar, in reply, gave the history of how he originated the ifea

After the ugual votes of thanks to all concermed, the meeting closed and the bells were afterwards rung in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge. The meeting proved a huge success.

## NORTH STAFES ASSOCIATION

## ETGFT-BELL RINGING MASTER TO RETIRE

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Associntion was held st Longton on Saturday, February 4th, when 44 memhers attended from Burglem, Crowe, Gheadle, Derby, Draycatt, Fenton, Hanley, Kidsgrove, Kiagsley, Lawton, Longtor, Leek, Newcastic, Repton, Stake-on-Trent. Stone, Stafiord, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

A short gersice was beld, at which the Rev. T. H. Brookes (Rector of Longton) officiated. He extended a hearty welcome to Longton, and paid tributes to the former leader and leader of Longton tower.
After tea at the Dorothy Cafe, the Rectar, in welcoming the representative gathering, said a meeting like thet must be of great ralue to ringers. He added that he missed meeting lis friend, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent.
Mr. Ainn D. Steel thanked the Rector and ringers for the way the meeting was prepared and the very ingpiring eddress given by the Rector. He also referred to the advaveemsat of Longton ringers during the past tluree yenre.
This was supported by Mr, Arthur W. Fall, and Mr. Edward Steele, leader of Lougton, expressed his gratitude in having five more roembers present than last year.

The Ringing Master for eighthell towers (Mr. Alnu D. Steel) inti mated that he wished to resign this position after the March meeting.

## AN UNFOUNDED ACCUSATION. <br> CHALLENGE TO THE LONDON COUNTY asSociation. <br> Offending Paragraph to be Withdrawn,

There was a sequel on Saturday, at the annual mecting of the
London County Association, to the letter which appeared in The
 association, and written in reply to a leading article whicla appeared in our issue of December 23rd. Notiee of notion lad been given in the following terms: That tlis association desires cmphatically to dissociate itsalf fromithe insinuation of ith secretary, mir. . Taffender, made aqainst, the Guildiord Diocesar Guild, in his letter
to "The Ringing Worla," publisbed on Jansery 15th last, and calls upon him to withdraw, tlarough the same channel, the expression used in the zame of this associntion.'
The meeting was held in St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall, and was attended by $\begin{gathered}\text { gome } 60 \text { or } 70 \text { members. The Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) }\end{gathered}$ presided, supported by the principal officers of the association. In lhe minutes of the quarterly maceting held on January 2nd, which were read and confirmed, it was stated that tha leading article in - The Ringing World ' relating to the association was considered and a letter in reply wiss put before the meeting. Objection was iaken to some of the contents of the letier and an anocndment maveri that these should bo deleted. The amendment was lost and a resolution carried that the letter, as drafted, should wo sent far publication. A YOINT OF ORDER.
Mr. J. S. Goldsmith propased ihe motion, of which he had given notice, and at once Mr. A. H. Keighley rised a point of order that action at a quarterly neeting and its decision could not bo altered. Several members immediately rose to protest, and Mr. F. E. Hawhorme said there were mainy instances in which minute made at one meeting was altered at a later meting. There was nothirg in the rules Bn d there mere no standing orders that prevented any subject deaft with at a guaterly meeting being broaght up again at the anoual meeting
Mr. N. H. Manning (assistaut sectetary) suid this was not a question of the correctness of a minute, but the reopeting of a inatter that had already been settled.
Mr. Goldsmith appealed to the meeting not to let the subject be sidetracked on a subterfuge. Au injustice had been done to a friendly neighbouring Guild, and they ought to have courage enough to admit the mistake if it was ploved that a mistake dad been made. They came to a conclusion at the guarterly meeting without knowing the facts.
A member shid that the Guildford Guild had semt them from their annual meeting, throrggh Mr, Dawe, message of goodwill, and he thought they should leave it at that.
Mr. Goldemith said it did not come from the annual meeting, but was expressed in an after dimner speech. Members of the Guildford Guild, with whom he had spoken, felt strongly about this matter. Miss E. Bedford said althongh the Guildford Guild had sent their
good wishes, the London Counfy Association had not sent their good wishes back.
The Master said the association wonld be only too plased to do sop they wishod to remain it friendly relations with all societies. It was no rood digging up the hatchet sgan.
Mr. Worboys said it was not a question of digging up the hatchet. The letter, he contended, was not a fair representation of the vjews of the association. Who were they to point the finger of scorn at anybody? It was up to them to withntaw it and to apologise. He asked who was responsible for the letter.

The Master said the letter was approved, after discussion, and the whole general body of members whs responsible.
Mr. Worboys : May I then suggest that as a body they also make an apology?

## SLUR ON THE GUILDFORD DIOGESAN GUILD

After further discussion, Mr. Keighley, who sain that although be was pregent at the grarterly meeting and did not afree with all that the lotter contained, sobgested that the chamman should exercise his preragatire and mile the motion out of order, even though it might be umpopular, or take al vote upor whether it should be proceeded with. The latter might not have represented the views of a mejority of the asociation, but it whes pissed by a majority present at the guarterly meeting. If the other members were not satisfed with what was done at quarterly mectings, they should attend them all. Fventually the Master ruled that Mr. Goldgmith should be allowed to state his case.
Mr. Goldsmith said when lie heard the minutes of the quacterly meoting read he was amazed to learn that i body of men could have been indneed $i^{\circ}$ assent to such a letter as was written in their ame: they conld mot have realised its true import or all its jnputations. He rgaretted that it should be necessary to bring this motion, but he had felt compelled to do so for two reasons. Finst, the paragraph of which ha complained cast an unwarrantable slrir upon the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and it cast an equal slur upou the conduct of the London County Association blat the statement should be pllowed to stand in its name withont a full and complete justification. He pointed out that all he was concerned with on that eceasion was with the reflection upon the Guidford Guild. This was what this rffersive paragraplı sajd:-

This association (the London County Association) has in no way ever ignored its title and now points the finger of scorn to the Editor and the Diocesan Association of which he was the instigator encroaching on the areas already covered by otjer asseciations.
It passed bis comprehension, he said, why the associntion should have gone out of its wey to insult the Guildford Guild, which was neitber concerned nor interested, as a guild, in the affairs of the London County Association or the subject which led to the letter, But whatever the reason the motion would give the association tire opportunity esther of justifying or withdrawng the reference to the Guildford Guild. He propased to give them some facts to assist them First of all there was the accusation that the Edilor of Tha Ringing World " was the instigator of the Guildford Guasd. Nothing Was further liom the fact. Whell, in 1926, it was proposet to split up the flocest of Winmebester, a meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild discussed the formation of z Eeparate ribging Guild for the new diocese. He ( $\mathrm{Mr}^{1}$, Goldgmith) opposed it at that sfage, but a proposition that the Guild be formed was carried. Dut 8 g it was the decision of the majority that a separate Guild be formed, ha did not sulk in a corner because be did not get lis own way. Realising that the Guild, if it were to be a success, must hafe everyone's suppoti, he, like may others, pulled his weight to achieve this end. "here was nothing dishonouruble in that and cerbainly nothirg that justified pointing the finger of scorn (applause)

## ATTITLDE OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

Then with regard to the encroashment upon the arens of other assoniations. 'lhat accusation was equally untrue in the sense in which it was intendod in the letter. The Guildfort Guild took over from the Wiachester Guita only that territory which had been severed from the diocese of Winchester to form the diocese of Guildford. They took over not an inch more, nor had the Guild made any attemptr sigec io do so, and there was no inteution of extending its boundaries. As a matter of fact, the change whes one more of organisation than of lerrttory, and it was prompted by reasons similar to those which led to the division of the dioceste itself
What was the atLitude of the Winuhester Diocesan Guild to it? The Winclester Guild at its annual meeting in 1927 passed several resolutions on the subject. One was: "That, as meelings of both Guildford and Yorktown Districts of this Guild have passed resolutions in fayour of forming a separate organisation for the diocesa of Guildford, as from Januery 1st, 1928, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Guildford, a separate Guila be formed For the diocese of Guiddord and that zintt of Surrey as may be foumd convenient, and that the remainter of the Guild be formed into olle or more diocesan organisations as the resideut members may desire.
It wand be roted, Mr. Goldsmith contimued, that an even Further division of the Winchester Guild was contemplated at that time. At the same meeting another resolution was passed providing for a reciprocal arangement, by which members of one Guild coula become componnding members of the other upon the nominal payment of one slzilling, and, what was more, it was resalved to divide the funds of the Wizchester Guild proportionatelw with the nev Guild: while a fumher resolution was passed specificaty stating that these arrangements were made from a general desire that when the old Wincliestor Diocessn Grild eussed to function it should be in the most friendly and fair way possible.

Doos that," asked Mr. Goldsmitk, "look as if the Guildford Diocesan Guild did anython whicl deserves the tinger of scorn being

## Fointed RFIATEIONS WITEI SURRET ASSOCIATION

He then dealt with the relations with the Surrey Association. He pointed ous that the Winchester Guild was founded in June, 1879, bat that the Surrey Assopiation did mot come on the stene until Ottober, 1890. In so fat as there was any encroachment, therefore, it was on the part of the Surrey Association, but he did not blame them For that. In those days the number of interested ringers was smail, that pait of surroy was a long way from the centre of the diocese and no doubt the Sintey men thought they wowld get mare advantages from their owy connty associntion than froft the Diocesan Guila. But when the Guihford Guild was contemplated there were only six towers in that comer of the dinoese which were really concerned in the overlapping, and iu those sis towers in 1927 the Surrey Aesociation hed 32 memhers. Wlyen the scheme for the Guildford Guild was pute before the Surrey members it whe made plain that there wes no desire that thes should give up their allegiace to the Surrey Association, and he quoted the following from the official statement laid hefore a meeting ab Leatherhead in October, 1927: "The Organising Commitee desire to make it as plain as they possibly can that is coming into that district they did so with no desigas whatever mpon the Sarrey Association. They recognised the loynlty which many towers in that area had given to the County Association, but as they were organising a diocesan Grild and that area was within the diveese, they would be failing in their duty, and they would be unable to claim to be a truly diocesan body, unless they set up their organisation in that district as in the ofter parts of the diocese. Wlatever miglat be the nutcome of future negotiations, the earnest desire of the Guildford Committee was that the two associations, which bad common interests, phould work amicaty side by side

Again I ask you," said Mr. Goldsmith, ${ }^{\text {E }}$ is there anything in that action which merits the pointing of the finger of scorn? He added that the very happiest relatiols fad always existed between the Surray

Arsociation and the Guildford Guild. They held joint meetings and raitg peals together; in fact, there were in tho area in 1927, shirtythree menhers (aut of 39 in Guildford Guild and 36 in the surrey Assariation) who were members of both.
On these facts be acked the meeting to judge whether there was any ground for the ankind remarks made nu the letter with legard to the Guildford Guild, and sard that the least trey could lonourably do was to withdraw them ant to express regret (applause)
Mr. Keighley suid Mr. Goldsmith had put up a convincing case that there had never been any encroachment by the Guildford Guild, but when the letter was sent to him as Editor of The Ruging World," knowing the facts, le thought he should bave returned it to the secretary, puinted out the error and asked for its withdrawal. Instead, ho now come there in his personal capscity and asked the Inssociation to appologise. He thoughi it was inconsistent and that hr. Goldsmith was equally to blame for allowing it to appear.
Mr. Goldsmith said the latter was a reply to an article in 'The Riuging World ' and it was not for him to interfere with it. If be fred done so he would probebly have been accused of acting unfairly.
Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Northern District secretary) seconted the motion and asked what the association would have caid if Mr. Goldsmith had refused to publish the letter. He asked the meeting to talse into account the opinion of tho Northern District meeting Not one of the members present at that meeting was iu favour of the secretery's lotter and he hold they should withdrew it.

## MASTET COUNEELS WITHDTAWTE

## The Master gaid he was sure they would be satisfed with Mr

 Galdsmith's statement-personnlly ho was satisfied and ine thought they would agree that that portion of the letter should be withdrawn hear, hear)Mr. Worboys asked at whose dictation the pharase 'points the
finger of scom 'was put into the letter.
The Master suid lie did not think any ugetul purpose would be served by pursuing tirat point.
Mr. Worboys: It is a reasonable question and I shotid like an日nswer.
The Master said the letter wes approved by the quarterly meeting, ad thoso whe woted for it agreed to it,
Mr. Worboss pressed for an answer.
Mr, Manning said the question had been snswered.
A Toice. We are not in Germany or Russia (laughter)
Tho Master: I am in favour of that portion of the letter belug withdrame. It mast be understood it was mot intended against any association. Wo wish to work with everybody in a friendly sparit.

Hr. Worboys: If it was not directed against any assmation, who was it directed against? There must have beem sometody in mizd. The Eibitor we know, but who was the Diocesars Association to which wre pointed the finger of scomp Yon cannot get away from it, if it was pointed at nnyous it was pointed at the Geildford Guild, Mr. Master, may I hive an answer to my question?
The Master gaid he saw no queful pupose in going on with the discussion. To continue it would only cause bad feelimg.
Mr. Worboys: As a momber of this associstion the writing of that letter puta part of the responsibility on me. Who were we pointing the finger of scorn at: I think I ought to have an answer?
No answer was forthcoming.
Mr. Heazell said if the assaciation liad made a mibstake amd had done something with which the majority of members disagreed, would it rot be well to apolagise? He proposed that that portion of the letter be withdramn and an apology sent

## PRACTICALLY UNANTMOUS VOIE

After further disetission, Mr, Geldarsith agreed, with the consent of his seconder, to withdraw his motion, an condition that the association, through 'The Ringing World,' withdrew the offending paragraph and expressed regret to the Guildford Guild for its publication.

On this being agreed to by a practically unanimons vote, the secretary wes understond to say tbat he declined fo send the withdrawal.
Mr. Worboys said it was the secratary's business to do as be was instructed. He was instructed by the quarteriy meeting to sead the ietter which cansed the tronble, and he did so, and how that it wes the instruction of that meeting that the paragraph should be withdrawn it was the kecretary's job to do it. He should either get on or get out (hear hear').
The Master said this form of discussion did not help the association. The mattor was settled.
Mr. Worboys: The secretary has refused to write the letter-I think that is what he says, That shows personal animosity

The Master: We have other secretaries who can do it
Mr. Worboys: The person who wrote the first letter should send this one, or withdrew from his office.

The Secretary: You are quite welcome to $i t$.
The Master said they must realise he disagreed with the Editor on his article relating to the association, but he agreed with him in a thousend and one of his other leading articles. Only the previous week there was one relating to the work put upan sacretaries. They did not realise the work their secretary pit in. He put in five nights in the previous week. It was volundary wark. Were ther going to kepp caning thoge people who tried to do all they could for the association?

Mr. Workoys continued to press for an answer to his question as to whether the secretary would send the withdrawal, and eventually the Master replied in the affimative and this alosed the debste.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## BENEVOLENT TUNDS FEDF FOR AGED MEMBERS

The quarterly meetigg of the Lcwishafin Distract was lueld at SL Nicholas', Chisleharst, on \$nturdey, February 4th, aud was attended by members from Beckeutam, Bexley, Bromley, Bromley Comnon, Chislehurst (The Anmumeiation) Crayford, Dartford, Depicord, Elliam, Erith, Lee, Lewisham flenge, Woolwich and the local balld, together with several unattached menbers. A welcome visitor was the genefal secretery, Mr. M. M. Mitchell.
Ringiug duriug the ufternach was followed by the association service, read by Line Rector (the Rev. Canon J. R. Lumb), who jucorporated at intcresting addrees

Fifty-seren membere purtook of tex, served in the "'iger"e Hear, the Fector occupying the head of the tuble. At the comelustou of the meal, the handoelle were in denamd. A course of Graudeire Caters rung by G, V. Murpiy, D. Sharp, G. H. Cuoss, F. froombridge and T. Groombridge, jun., and a courge of Double Nowwich by G. Y.
Murphy, D. Saurp, E. A. Barnett and E. Barnett (four members of the Orifford band', received well-merited applause
The business meeting was beld in the belfry. In the unavoikable absence of the Rector, Me. ${ }^{2}$. M. Mitchell was eleated th the chair.
Ten ringers were elected to membership of the Bssociations and ito elections of two members previous to peals were conflrmed
Messrs. F. J. Cullan and E. Barnote presented a report cif proceethings at the committae meeting held at Majasone in Novomher last. This report was adopted, witit a vole of thanks to the anthors for its preparation.

Commenting epon etatemen.s conteiued in the roport, Mr. F. M Mivelell thought it a nather of congratulation that the ergocistions Benevolent Find had been abla to ussist uged members to the bmount of 838 3s. during the year, especially bearing in mind finat ihi expenditure bad been met ont of income except for the odd shillings. Alsj ariaing from the report e resolution was carried to place on the agenda of the annial general weeting a motion to amend the yules thy the nddition of the following: 'Aly member whose coudurt is in the opinion of his or hef distraet, prejudicial to the wall-hems of the astocintion shall be returted to the committee. A member fo reported to be given the oppornunily of attending witen the complaint is investigated. If it is fonud that the charge is justified, the contmittee shall have power to erase the member's hatie from the books. meeting -
Arising from the explathtion by the district secretary as to whe the present meetirg was being held at Chislahurst instend of at the phace nominated, it was decided to ask the bands tendering subseriptions to define theit relations with the ussociation before publizhing the tower as being "in union" in the aumal regort
A cordial vote nl thanks whs acforded to the Rector of Chialelarst for the use of the bells, for the service and address and for his jresenco at tea, to ihe organist, to Mr. T. Grombridge, sen., and Mr. W. R. Ramlings for their kindness in arranging for their towers to be at the disposal of the members, and to Mr. F. M. Mitchell for presiding at the businese meeting.
Further use of the tower luells followed and terminated a successfint meeting. Ringing on this preasion ravged from raunds for novers to Bristol Surprise for the initiated

## ACTIVITY IN TONBRIDGE IOSTDICT.

Thm first quarterly meetiug of the Tonbridge District of the Rent County Association was held at Sevenonks on Saturday, February 4th About 50 ringers attended, the following towers in the district beimb represeated: Brasted, Ldenhridge, Leigly, East Peckbav, Penshurst, Seal Chat, Sevenosks, Tonhoidge, Tunlurime Wells and Westerhan Visitors were also present from Beddington, Leytonstone, Croydon (St. Jolan's). Stepaey and Hayes (Kent).
The bells were put to goan use during the afternoon and evening. under the leadership of the Master (Mr. E. J. Ledd), and service was conducted by the Rectar (the Rev. F. W. Argyle)
The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by Mr E. H. Lewis the president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association. He was supported ly Miss D. Colmate the local eecretary). Mr. T. Sahnders (distriot representative), Mr. E. J. Ladd (Master), Mr. H. J. Ford (waptain of the Sevenoalss band) and the dietriet seerelary, Mr. A. E. Richardson
Nine new members were elected, including three lady ringers.
A short appreciation of the late Mr. J. Heasman, of Edenbridge, was given by the secretiry, and the members stood for a few mownents in silence iss m mark of respect.
A repart from the lanal semetary of the gevenaks bayd to the diatrict secretary showed that duriag bob last year 48.229 clanges were rung by thetn in eight diferent methods, nine of the member taking part in the conducting. A similar report from Brasted showned that in 1938. 46 complete 720's in 37 different methons was rung there. Mr. T. Saunders mave \& hrief report of the Ceniral Committee meeting held al Madisfone in Sovember last. Mr. Ladd also reported on the district's first guarterly peal attempt, which was successfully brought round at Tonlridge, reanlting in one member rimging his first pea] and one his first on a working bell. The next attempt, the Master intimated, would he for Stedman Triples, and asked for uames from which of band cuuth be picked.

A wote of thanks to the Rev. F. W. Argyle, for his warm welcome, ard to the members of the tocal band concluded the meting.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAME DISTRICI'S POSITION.
Encouragement For Beginners.
There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Farnhem Disirict of the Guildrow Dhocesan Guild, held at Fumham on January 28th. Over 60 ringers and frieuds were present, inld riluging hoth in the afternoon and evening was carnied out under the direction of the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted). Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling), aud an interesting address was given by the curate (the Rev. P. W. Wheetdon).
The anmual meeting followed tea, the Rector presilisg, supported by ibe Rev. 1 . W. Wheeldot, Mr. C. W. Denyer (fon. secretary and 1 reasurer), Mr. R. Husted (Ritging Mastcr), Mr, G, 1. Grover (gencral secretary), Mr. J. Corbett (general ticasurer'), Capt. H, J. Cana (Brookwood), Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot) aud Mrs. D. Meadows, Messrg. A. E. Smith, A. J. Stedman, H. Penrose and Mrs, C. Edwards (honorary membere, of Fanliam), Mr. W. J. CoDe (Guildford district sacretary), and Mrs, Cojes.

Towers represcnted were; Seate, Farnhan, Aldershot, Bagshot, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Ash, Bentley, Yorktuwn, Hawley, Portses, Granleigh *ud Claudon?
The Rector welcomed the Guild to Fornhan, and the following offeers were then re-elected : Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. nuditor, Mr. P. Eldridge.

As a resulb of a hallot, Mr, W, Dollimare (Aldershot) was elected a representative of the Executive Committee for three years, Mr. IL Upshall (Faralum) for two years, and Mr. F. Nye (Brgshot) for a year.
The accounts, whinch were adapted, showed a credif balance of E13 7s. 8d, Receipts amourted to e32 8s. 11d. (including balance brought forward $\& 15$ 12s. 8d. and subscriptions 216 6s. 6d.), and expenditure to fic9 1s. 3d. (including experises of meetings 2218 s . 6 d . and donation to the Cathedral bells fund 82 2s.)

## TOWER DLFEICULTIES.

In his report, the secretary said the district olficers looked back over the rear 1938 will mixed fochage. The activities were fully maintained, and in some directions exieaded, but against this has to be set the dificulty experienced in soma vowers of ubtaining the iull support of all lits ringera.
The ringiag memberslip had increased by nine and bolnorary medberghip by five, the total now being 159 ( 127 ringing and 32 honorury), us compared with 145 in 1937. This sounded very satisfactory, he said, but unfortunately success coubl sot be entirely proved by the number of mernbers who pay their subscriptions. If membership were comnted on the regular attendance of ringers at service riagiag, practices and Guitr raectings, the number would be considerably reduced. However, they still hoped for improventent in this direction, and looked forward to the time when a ringing membership of 127 would mean 127 keen, enthesiastic yingers, eacli doing his or lier utmosi to help in the affairs of the Guild.

Financially they were stifl in a sound posision. The balance in hand, although down on the previous year, was substantial, and the increased expenditure was partly accounted for by the donation of 1wo guineas to the Cathedraj Bells Fund. Tle Benevoleat Fund boxes had yielded only es Cs. 2d. and this amount came from six towers. It might be suggeated that several towers were not puiling their weight in this matter. If one member in each tower were to be responsible for bringing the collecting box forward at practices and meetings, and if each ringer would put one bulfpenny or one perny in each week, the result would be very belpful in swelline this worthy fund. The Cathedral Bells liund liad also received varying sums from their towers.
The average attendance at the six districk meetings was 31. As usual, the district contributed their shere in attendances at Guild fuctions, and this thes must keep up. It would be much more encouraging to Guild offinals if more fresh faces were seen at these meetings. At a district committee meeting held at Aldershot towards the end of 1938, nine towers sent represpntatives. These committee meetings appeared vory popular, and the snggestions and criticisms put forward were extremely helpful.

Organised combined practices are not held, but in the future it was thought that considerable assistance would be given if each tower were visited once or twice on its regular practice night. They were asked not to leave it to one or two memhers to visit these belfries. It was everybody's duty to support these efforts.
Peal ringing was not one of their strong features. Four attempts were made, but only one was successful

## WEDNESDAY MEETTNGS.

This was the first year they hat held wedresday gatherings. That at Grordall in May was a remarkable stecess, but the Aldershot midweck meeting was not so well attended. If mid-week meetings were to be continued, those memhers able to attend on Wednesday afterroons must give wholeherrted support. It was not intebded to arrange Wednesday meetings if buccess must depend on the Saturdag supporters, who could onity show up in the last hour in the evening.
The report concluded with words of encouragement to the less erperienced rirgers, who were urged not to get disheartened becanse they did not appear to make much headway and not to be aversensitive when mistakes were corrected. 'Only by coatinually grind
(Continued In next columi,)

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCLATION

## ANNAL WEETING AND HANDBELL COMP1:THTION

The ansual meetimg of the London County, Assaciation was heid on Saturdzy whear members had the opportunity of ringing at several of the city chmrdies as well as at headquarters, St. Clement Danes, where service was leld, conducted by the Rector (lie Rev. W. Penningion Bickford). The address was given by the Hev. J. N. Taylor, who based Lis interesting remarks upon + Ous ministry, The business meating was heh in tile evening at st, Clements Taffender)
Mr. H. J. Hazell, of St. Alhans, and Mr. R. A. Johnson, of Durham, wele elected members of the society.
Tha report, presented by the Master, referred to the loss by death of ten nembers, and those present stood in silence as a mark of Twenty-four peals had been rung during the year, an increase of three over 1957. In these 65 members took part. Practices had boen weil maintained, the number of members attending havitug largely increased, while an advance in the methods rusg had taken place, The bela at St. George's-in-the-East had been restored and a lacal band formed, aud at St. Mary's, Battersea, where there had also been in restoration, the local company were making progress is clange ringing. At St. Joln-the-Divine, Kennington, where nothing luad been done for many years, who Senior Steward had formed a new band, while at Isleworth Miss Ashbrook bad formed a new company, which was making excelleat progress.
The statement of accourts showed that the balance in hand had increased by E4 5s. 6d., the receipts including fid 7s. from hew numbers.
It was decided to transler from the funds in the lands of the reasurer to the P.O. Savings Batk
There was a long discussius and some criticism on some of the details in the balance sheet, which was eventublly adopted.
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The offeers nominated at the previous meeting were elected, including the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), the bon. secratary (Mr. T. W. Taffender), who ware reelected, but some changes were made in the olber appointments.
The discussion on the assomation's recent letter to "The Ringing World ' is reported under a separate heading.
The business closed with vates of thanks to those who had made the arrangements for the meeting, to the Rector of St. Clement's and the Fev. J. N. Taylor, also to the officers and to the Master.

Afterwards the annual handbell competition for the F. E. Dawe cup took place, but it was regrotted there were only two entries, these being two voulle band from Isleworth, who each vand a course of Grandsire Triples. The judges' nward went to No. 2 team.

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it was ared to suopted with congratuations to the hon. sectetary fist the following towors in 1939 ; Hawley (8 bells), sale (6), Bentloy (6), Bayshot (8) and Frensham (6) on Saturdays,
All the retirigg Guild officers were renominated, with the addition of Mr. W. H. Viggerg (Aldershat) a representative on the Gentral Council.
proposition by the District Committee that a Guild bronze badge bs givea to new members on ringing their first quarter-pegl, tho cost to be paid out of the district finds, was umanimously agreed to.
Mr. J. Garduer (Bentley) and Mr. F., Kavanayln (Yorktown) were elected members of the Gilild, and a fetter of congratilation and good Wishes was eent to Mr. E. Clapshaw, the oldest member of the Farnbam band, on celebrating on the previous Thursdry his 94th birthdity. At the elose Mr. J. Corbett proposed a vote of tlianlis to the Rector, the Rev. P. W. Wheeldon, Mr. R. Hasted, the verger, organist, the Iocal tingers and the caterers

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## NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-mernbers are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The pre-Lent meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at West Hartlepool on Saturday, Februazy $18 \mathrm{th}_{j}$ when the bells of St. Oswald's (10) and St. Aidatn's (8) will be available. Committee meeting in St. Oswald's Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge in St. Oswald's Church Hall at 5 p.m.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. The peal of 10 bells will be available from 3 till 5 , and after tea. A special business meeting will take place following the tea at the Old Yalace.-A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting is to take place on Saturday, February 18th, at Arley ( 6 bells), instead of Exhall as arranged. Beils available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.-D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.-A combined meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, February 18th. Belis ready 3. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m.-P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-V.W.H. Branch.The spring meeting will be held at Uffington on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30 .-R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Bishopstoke on Saturday, February 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.-G. Fullınger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newbury Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Shaw-cum-Donnington on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6 d . each. All ringers welcome.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughhorough District.-A meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, February 18th. Belts available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Good bus services from Loughborough, Caalville, etc. Please make an effort to attend, and don't forget a postcard to Mr. C. Durby, Hathern, near Loughborough, Leicester, if you want your tea. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.-A. E. Kowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-I-eicester District.-A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Knighton, Leicester ( 5 bells), on February 18th. Ringing at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 .-\mathrm{H}$. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Landseer Road, Leicester.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bentley (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service in Church at 4.30 , followed by the meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, February 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please notify early for tea,-D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Elloe Deaneries Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 2 p.tm. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meetiag afterwards.-Geo. Ladd, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spaiding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-West Dorset Branch.-The Langford-Beams memorial meeting will be held at Bearminster on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting to foliow.-C. H. Lathey, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Christchurch District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, February r8th, Belis available at Lymington at 3 p.m., Milford at 5.30 .G. Preston, 42 , Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

BUSHEY.-Saturday, February 18 th. Bells ( 8 ) avail. able from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Busbey Cafe $5 \cdot 30$. Business meeting after. Tower open till 8.30. Excellent rail and bus service.-C. H. Horton, 53، Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings, Feb. : St. Giles', Cripplegate, $215 t$; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. *Business meeting afterwards. All at $7 \cdot 30^{\circ}$ except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, i, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CIJMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The monthly practice will be resumed at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, commencing on February 23rd, at 6.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46 , Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 25 th. Bells ( 8 ) from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at St. Nicholas' House at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. But 'Mr. Harwood wants to know ' the names or numbers for tea, so just send a postcard, chums. Address to J. G. W. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-The 51st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 p.m. prompt, Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, B.A., Vicar of Edgbaston, in the chair. The following towers will be open: St. Martin's, Bull Ring (12) and Aston Parish Church (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral Church of St. Philip (10), 4 to 5.30 p.m. ; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 3 to 4 p.m. Tickets will be issued to fully-paid-up ringing members at 2 s . each; to other members and friends at 6 s .6 d . each. Early application is requested, but latest date is 23rd inst.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern Division.The next monthiy practice at Chelrnsford Cathedral will be beld on Sarurday, February 25tb, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal.-H. W. Shadrack, Hob. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division-A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will alt those intending to be present please notify Mr. V. Morley, 10, St. Peter's Road, Coggeshall, Essex, not later than first post, Wednesday, February 22nd? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due. -Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead,

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.-Six-bell meeting at Eyam on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 to $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Those expecting to be present please write me not later than Tuesday, Feb, 21st. -H. L Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, nr. Sheffield.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The annual meeting will be beld at Hawkhurst on Saturday, February 25 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service $4-30$, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea free to neembers who notify me Wednesday previous to meeting. A good attendance hoped for.- J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., I, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.
DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, February 25 th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, 22nd? A good attendance is expected, so please turn up in your dozens and look up your methods.-E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.-The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, near Clock Tower, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Ringing at Leicester Cathedral 4.30 p.m. till 6 p.m. St. Margaret's (r2) and Belgrave ( $\delta$ ) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 3 s . to be obtained from me not later than Wednesday, Fehruary 22nd.-H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.- A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Lower Bebington or Saurday, February 25 th, Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.-Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.North Forest Branch, -Next meeting will be held at Huntley on Saturday, February 251l. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. (Is. each). Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 21st. -A. J. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Westbury Court Cottage, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos.

SEMPRINGHAM ABBEY CHURCH.-The dedication of the two new belis, making a peal of six (work done by Mr. Alfred Bowell, Ipswich) will take place on Saturday, February 25 th, at $30^{\prime}$ clock. Tea will be provided in the school. Will captains of teams who wish to have tea communicate with the Vicar, Rev. L. G. Pilkington, the Vicarage, Sempringhan, or Mr. J. T. Rolt, Pointon, Sleaford, not later than February 22nd? All ringers welcome.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be beld at Liversedge on Saturday, February, 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by February 220d. Business meeting in the tower. H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The next meeting. will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturciay, February 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A six-bell meeting will be held at St. Alhans on Saturday, February 25th. St. Michael's bells, tenor 13 cwt ., from 3 p.m. to 5.30 . Tea and meeting at Nell Gwynn's', St. Michael's Street, to be followed by ringing at St. Stephen's, tenor ${ }^{5} 5 \mathrm{cwt}$. Both are very fine peats-come and enjoy a ring on them.-Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at small charge per head. Special invitation to friends in Wigan Branch. Names for tea to J. F. Wood, 5i, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Braughing ( 8 bell's) on Saturday, February ${ }^{2} 5$ th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Meeting to follow. Ringing for all.-A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Harfield Park, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-Practice at Binfield, near Bracknell, Saturday, February 25th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. - W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice has been arranged at Old Windsor ( 8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.-A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

 LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - A general meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, March 4 th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at $4+5$. Service, with address by the Rector, at 5.30 . The Rector, Rev. P. Gough, invites members of the association to tea, and to the meeting; will all accepting advise me by Tuesday, February 28th? All information and alterations for Annual Report should be sent to me without delay.-C. T. Coles, Gen. Sec., 2 r, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Western Branch.-First meeting of the year will be held at Hallow ( 4 miles north of Worcester) on Sat, March fth. Bells (8, tenor 2IT $\frac{1}{2}$ wt.) recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 . Tea in the Parish Hall 5 (gratis to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28ih). Business meeting afterwards, at which the problem of a new secretary must be solved.-G. E. Large, Brancli Sec., 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Towa, Claines, Worcester.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUIL.D.Southern District. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells (8) availabie 3p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Febrwary 28 th, certain. E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21 , Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Ristron on Saturday, March $4^{\text {th }}$. As there is a commitlee meeting the same day, there will not be any business done by the branch.F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meet. ing will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at The Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, S.E.1, followed by meeting. Please send notifications for tea to me by 28 th inst.-E. G. Talbot, Hon Sec., 53, Birchwood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.-. The tenth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, at 6 p.m. Full details later. Tickets 35 , now obiainable from W . Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lyduey Dock, Lydney, Glos.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price 6s. each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Cornford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. Arrangements for ringing will be announced later.-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.
Mr. T. J. LOCK, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, is now Hon. Sec. of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association. All correspondence relating to that district should be made to him.

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## THE NEED FOR YOUTH.

The question of recruitment for the Exercise is an ever present problem and a correspondent again brings the matter to notice in this issue in amplification of a speech made at the anmual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. There is constant need for bringing in new material to make up inevitable wastage, as well as removals by death, and this state of affairs has existed probably from the beginnings of ringing. With the passage of time prosperous areas-prosperous, that is, in the ringing sense-fall upon evil days, while others get out of the slough of despond, and by their energies and success make up what is lost elsewhere. But on balance it does appear that there is now danger of a setback in numbers, unless a serious and concerted effort is made, in the near future. From time to time associations report net losses on membership, not wholly accounted for by the deaths of members. Numbers lapse through unpaid subscriptions, usually the result of lack of interest, which goes to indicate that there is a weak link somewhere in the organisation of the Exercise. There are, indeed, many factors which show that the majority of ringers are only lukewarm in their love of the art. Association officials know only too well that it is the "faithfu] [ew" who keep the ball rolling at their meetings; that half the towers are undermanned for service ringing, and that, in the majority of belfries, there is little effort made to keep up the strength of the personnel by consistent recruiting.

That determined action, as suggested by our correspondent, is necessary, to safeguard the future, no one will deny; the real difficulty is to prepare an effective plan. One of the obstacles is that, among many ringers, there is a rooted objection to outside interference and suggestions from associations are, if not resented, at least not acted upon. Any improvement that may be effected has to come from inside rather than from without. It would be extremely interesting, as well as enlightening, if associations could arrange to take a census of all towers in their areas, irrespective of their own membership, to ascertain what is the real strength of bands in relation to the number of befls. It is possible that a tactfully worded letter to incumbents would elicit the information, which wotld be invaluable as the basis of a drive to get depleted bands filled up. The difficulty always is to reach the worst cases, because it is these cases which are the most indifferent, and any effort to make an impression is usually wasted. But this does not mean that a great effort to improve the general position, as suggested by our correspondent, is not worth (Coñtinued on page 118.)

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Maker to St. Paul's Cathedral, Westaingter Abbey, Imperial Insti. toto, Ganterbury, Edinburgh, St. Abans, Lineoln, Duriam, Peterborough Melbourne (Augtralia), Rochester, Dublin, St. Patrick's, Manchester, Durban and Worcester Cathedrals, ete., etc.

Muflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc.
while, and the Central Council might well discuss the matter to see what action can be taken. What are needed are practical suggestions for getting a new interest into those places where, for one reason or another, there are complacency and indifference which are leading or have led to decay. The future of everything in our social organisation depends upon the constant stream of youth, and we know of no activity that needs this source of strength and invigoration more than the art and science of ringing.

## TWELVE bell peals.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMEHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Wodinesday, Febyuary 15, 1939, in Three Epurs and Thivty-Nine Minules Ar tex Chorce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB maximes, 5016 CHANGES:
Tenar 3 z cwt .
William I. Nddes ... ...Treble | Gborge W. Steere ... ... 7
Frbd Haybs ... ... ... 2 -William Henley ... ... 8
-Cbarles T. Coles ... ... 3 -Cecil Matterws ... ... 9
-Gborge R. Pye ... ... ... 4 - Harry Wingrovi ... ....
"Jobe S. Goldsmiza ... ... 5 F. Donald Borbaam ... in
Ralph Coless ... ... .... 6 -James C. E. Simpson ....Tmor Conducted by Cbarles T. Coers.

* First peal of Bob Maximus.

> LONDON.

THEE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Suturday, February 18, 1939, in Threc Hours and Forty-Six Minules,
At ieg Catgedral Catree or St. Saviour, Southwarr,
A PEAL OP 8TEDMAB CIMQUE8, BODT CHAROE8; Tenor 50 cwt .
Wilejam J. Nodes ... ...Treble "Maxwell F. Oakserti .... 7
Ggorge R. Pye ... ... ... 2 Lrsiz W, G. Morris ... 8
William H. Hewett... ... 3 Jambs Benkett... ... .... 9
Cbarleg T. Colbs ... ... 4 Grorgr W. Sterre ... ro
Thomas J. Lock ... ... ... 5 而 Jambs H. Riding ... .... it Ernest C. S. Torner ... 6 Retben Sanders *. ...Tomoy Conducted by C. W. Robrris. Conducted by L. W. G. Morris.
First parl on twelve belis.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH,
THE NORWICH DIOGESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Tuesday, Febrary 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, At tar Cerrce of St. Prier Mancrofy,
A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOE ROYAL, BOHO CHANCES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. I 5 bl. in C.
Nolan Golden ... ... ...Trebli Albert G. Warnes ... .... 6 Miss G, E. M. Tonnadine 2 Gborge Sayrr .... ... ... 7 George Mayers ... ... ... 3 Rev. A. G. G. Thorlow ...
Cebric Corson ... .... ... 4 Henry Toarr ... ... ... 9
Bertir J. Homcein ... ... 5 William Clover... ... ... Ttmor Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal by all in the method except by conductor. First peal in the metbod in the diocesa on ten belle. WORSLEE, LANCASHIRE,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
 At tar Cadrce of St. Mare,
A PEAL OF GRAMD8IRE CATERS, 5039 CHAMDE8।
Tenor 24 cwt.
Percy H. Derbyshire
Miss G. Annir Croor
...Treble
-ARTEDR JAMES … ...
Frane Barraclodge
...
$\cdots$
... 4 Josepr H, Ridyard ... ... 9
Composed by A. Kmigats (No. [6i). Conducted by J. H, Ridyarn * First peal of Caters.

MANGHESTER.
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Safurday, Februayy 18, 1939, in Three Howps and T wenty Rimwtes. Av the Cathedral

## A PEAL OF ERIN CATER8, 6007 CHANEES!

Ralph Edwarda
...Treble
Teos, B, Worseey Jobn Grifalitis .* Thos. R. Boterr... Jabes Swindlery... Composed by J. W. Parke Conducted by Sameri Jones, jen, First peal in the method on the bells and by the Lanoakhire Assuciation.

## DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Febryary 18, 1939, in Three Howys, Ai the Parish Chuech of St. Mary

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANEE8!

 Tenor 22 cwt , in E flat.- Vrinon Forseaw
+William F. Forsbaw
Thomar Turarr
Frank Forseaw
- Joen Aserw

Composed by E. Jenkins
...Tveble Miceagl G. Werat... * First peal. + First peal of Bob Roya]. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the now Vicar, the Rev. Michaci Roy Linker who whs inducted the prerious evening

> LONDON:

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOGIATION AND NORTH SOUPTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, February 18, 1939, in Threa Hours and Tan Mombtes, At ter Cefreh of St. Magnos-ter-Martyr, City,
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATER8, 5025 CHANPES! Tenor 20 cwt .


Ciarlrs A, Hygers ... ... 4 F, Donald Boreham ... 9 Noratan H. Manning.+* +.. 5 Fredrrice W. Wicks ...Tenot Composed by F. Dence, Conducted by Taomas H. Taffinder.

* Firat peal on ten bells. Rang to commemorate the first peal rung by Mr. James George on February 16th, 1889, at St. George's, Cambarwell, with this association.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SELLLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
IHE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(Norterrn Brance.)
On Saturday, Febrnary 17, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy-Two Minules, At ter Ceqrch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF RRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, gom CHANPE
Pafkra's Twhlyk-pari (7th observation).
Tenor 12 cwt I qr. 17 lb .

- Victor W. Fones

James I. Boycin Edward Large..
Edward Holt ...
C. Howard Syancity ..

Norman J. Goodman ...
$\begin{array}{ll} \\ \cdots & 5 \\ . . . & 6\end{array}$

Conducted by wit

- First peal.

CLAYBROOK, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GULLD.
On Saturday, Febrmayy 17, 1939, in Three Howrs and One Minuls, At the Chuech of St. Perez.
A PEAL DF BTEDMAN TRTPLES, 5040 CHANGEB!
Dexter's Variation of Tbdrstans' Four-pari. Teanor if cwt. Josbre B. Femton ... ...Tveble Henry W. F. Franklik ... 5 Jos C. Henry Wers... E. Henest W, Tipler Leseie G. Wateins

| $\ldots .$. | ...$T v e b l e$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\ldots$ | .. | 2 |
| $\ldots$ | ... | 3 | Wilprid H. J. Hooton ... 6 Leslie G. Waterns ....... 4 Kennete W. Ginger

[^10]SaNDBACH, CHESHTRE THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Febrwary 11, 1939, in Three Howrs and T wenty Minwtes, At the Parisa Chogch of St. Mary
A PEAL OF BRI8TOL 8URPRI8E MAJOR, BO24 GHANPEs; Tenor I6 cwt, (approx.)


William Fbriley ..* ... 4 Jobin Worte ... ... ... .... Thor
Composed by J. S. Wicar. Conducted by Joun Worra.
GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday, Febrary I7, 1939, is Thre Howy and Two Minwers, At rex Ceupciz or All Sainif.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5OF CHANEES;
Tenor 5 cwt. 10 lb . in F starp.
Urban W. Wildney ... ...Trable William J. Nevard ... ... 5
Grorgr M. Rasebroox ... 2 Ggorgr Watgrman ... ... 6


Arranged by Mr. W. J. Nevard in celebration of his 83 rd birthday. DORCHESTER, OXTORDSHIRE. THE OXFOKD DIOCESAN GUILD.
Un Monday, February 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, At ter Abrey Cegreg of SS. Peter and Patl,

## A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, EOEG CHAHEES;

Tenor 17 owt.
Aleget E. Lock...
Mns. A. E. Loce
Mariek. Cross
...Trablo
... 2 Framcis E. Tayloz
ramels E. Taylor ... .... 6

- Bernard S. Nicbols
... 3
Composed by G. H, Caoss. Rev. C. Elliot Wigg ... 7

Composed by G. H, Canss. Conducted by Alan R. Pine.
*Firgt peal in the method. Rupg in connection with the establinhment at Dorchester of a See for Bishops Sufragan,

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLE.
THE NORWIOH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wedtedday, Februafy 15, 1539, in Thres Howrs and Twonty Minusen, Ay ter Abrey Chorch of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury, A PERL DF PERSMORE BOB MAJOR, 5088 PHANEES; Tenor 25 cwt in D .
Walter R. Fagrow
Troble Nolan Gozden
Ggorge Maybrs ... ... ... 2 Tbomas E. Spigrt .... ...
Pgilif W. J. Fryer ... ... 3 Henry Tookb ... ... ... 7
Rev. A. G. G. Tedrlow ... 4 Williak Clovrr... .... ...Teray
Composed and Conducted by Nolan Goeden.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the sasocistion. WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKGELRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, February 18, 1939, in Two Howys and Fifly-Eight Minulas, At the Ceupce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 GNANEEA; Tenor 13 cwt.


Arteur Panther .... ... 4 Aleert Nase ..." ... ...Thay
Conducted by Gabribl Lindoff Conducted by A. Nase.
First peal in the method on the balls. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Nash.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
FHEE DURHAM AND NEWOASTLE DIOGESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 18, 1939, in Two Houss and Fifty-Three Misures,

At the Watch Tower,

## A PEAL OF 8TEDBAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE事;

Tburstans' Foor-part. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx, ) in F sharp

William J. Davidson ... 3 Adam Deas... +*+ ...
-Cerisiopeer Heterrimgton4 "John Hedley ...- ... ...Tenor Coneacted by W. J. Davidsom.

[^11]EWEL1, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Safwrday, Febrwary 18, 1939, in Three Howrs and Seven Minutas At fere Chorce of Sx, Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEDL OF YORK8HIRE SURPRISE MANOR, 5088 EHANGES

Jobn Bbasa
J. ... ... ... Jrebls $^{\prime}$

Alpred H. Wince.

- Fredrrick G. Woodise ... 3

Albert J. Adams ... ... 4
Composed by N. J. Pirstow.
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { George Marringr } & \text {... } & . . & 5 \\ \text { Albert Cherbeman } & \text {... } & \text {.... } & 5\end{array}$ WILLIAM G. NEWBERRy ... 7 Albbrt Harman ... ... ...Tenor
Conducted by Alerri Harman.

* Frist peal in the method.

FOBBING, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATHON.
On Satus day, Febreary 18, 1939, in Three Howrs and Seten Minwter, At ter Ceruece of Sx. Miceakl,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, soss CHANEES;



WHITWORTE, LANOS
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCIATION
On 5aturday, Febrwary 18, 1939,in Two Howy and Fifty-Seton Minutes, At ter Cbercb of St. Barzbolongw

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANPEA

 Tenor 15 ert.| Harold Hamgr ... | ...Treble | Selwym Holt Deamden |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strpara Lloyd Paray | ... 2 | Jobn Meadowchofx, jon. ... 6 |
|  |  |  |

Demnis Hollos ... ... ... 3 Ivan Kay ... ... ... ... 7
Harry Byrom ... ... ... 4 Algisrt Bucriey... ... ... Thor
Composed by J. W. Wasbsroox. Conducted by Ivan Kay.
NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sutmrday, February 78, 1939. in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Chugch or Sx. Axdrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, BOL CHANEE8; Tunor 13 cwt.
Reginald Ceance
Reginald Ceance
Thomas Towngend
...Treble FHarold Saecx ..
Brenard Lawton $\ldots T$

Harry Hobble....
... 2
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Composed by F. Dence.
...
... 5 Thomas Hemming ... ... $\quad 7$

Conducted by C. Skinmore,
prai in the metwod as conductor LUTTERWORTH, LEIOESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTTES ABSOOLATION.
(Hincrley Digrifet.)
On Saturday, Fobruary 18, 1939, in Two Howys and Fifty-Sis Minetes, At tez Wyclipfe Cevrce of St, Mary,

## A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, EO40 EHANRES|

Dextbr s Variation of Thorgtans' Foor-gart. Tenor ryit cwt.
Grongz A. Nrwion ... .. Treble Alfred Ballard... ... ... 5
Eqnbst W. Tipler ... .... 2 Wileiam A, Wood ... ... 5
A. Jorn Timson ... $\ldots$... $\quad$.h 3 Frank K. Measureg ... Cecil E. Carr ... .... ... 4 Fred Perry ... ... ... ... ... Temor Conducted by Frany K. Mrasures.
First peal in the method by wembers of the Hinckley District. Rung os a welcome to the Rev. A. W. Wallace, who was instituted Rector of Luttarworth in November Inst.

## KORTIMER, BERKS

THE OKFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sathrday, February 18, 1939, in Three Howy,
Aitere Chbreg of St. Mary-tee-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GRANロ8IRE TRIPLE8, 5010 CHANBEA

Taylor's Six-part.
Tenor II 롱 cwt.
-Leglig F. Busbngll ...Trbbie Richard T. Hibrbrt... ... 5 Artaur Wiggias ... Acberi Ham ... ... ... 3 William Hibbert ... ... 7 James E, Sulte ... .... ... 4 Wilciam Ford ... ... ....Tenay Conducted by R. T, Hibquat.
F First attempt for a peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. Whitmilt, who was inducted to the liping on the previous Sunday.

OLD HILL, STAFMORDSHIRE
THE DUDLEY AND DIBTRICT GUILD.
On Satuyday, Febrway 18, 1939, in Two Hovys and Fifhy-Thre Mi*mes, At the Chuech of the Holy terinisy,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE8;

Parker's Twreve-part (7th observation),

Benjamin Grjcz
... ...Trebld
Frederick V, Nicholles.
darice V, Niceolls ... 2 | Harry Wood ... ...

- Eric Flbicbir ... ... ... 3 Jobn Gcodman ... ... ... ... 7 Wacter Farlby .an .... a Gborge Flbiceir ... ... Tenor Condacted by lonn Goodman.
* Firsl peal 'inside.' A birthdag peal for W. Farley.

NEWIORT PAGNELL, BUCKLVGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Santday, Fobuary 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minuter, At tee Chozce of SS. Prita and Pall.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANRE8;
Tenor 2 E ewt. 2 qr . 16 lb . is D .
Cbarles W. Claber ... ...Treble|Jobn A. Grbra
A. Nunneley Wood ... ... 2 Reginald H. Howson .... 6

Herbert C. Edwards ... 3 Teomas E, Roberts ... ... 7 Erngst C. Lambert .... ... a Albert J. Gregen . ... .... Tenar Composed by J. A. Grern, Conducted by A. J. Grezn. TWTETON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, On Satwrady, Febrwary 18, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fow Minmes, At tas Chorch of St. Miczarl.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE8ן
Tegrstams' Fodr-part.
Mrs. A. Evans ... ... ... Treble
Thomas F. King ... ... ... 2
Horacy D. Tayzor ... ... 3
Gborge Baatz
Conducted by Wileamm !. Frescoty

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday complimeat to Mr. Theo Grant.

BASDNGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND POETSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Fobrway 18, 1939, in Thee Howss and Tvaloc Mimutes, At the Ceuree of Si. Micharz and All Angrlb

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 GHANQE8J
Tenor $I_{4}$ cwt. I qr. so lb, in F .
Harry E. Balaam ... ...Tyeble | F. Gordon Cooper ... ... 5
Jobn Cerstarman ... ... 2 Donald W. Nash ... ... 6
Egnist P.Austin .a* :.* 3 Cearges W. Monday .. 7
Ronald F. Kingbay :... 4 †Fridbrice A. Monday ...Temey
Composed by H. Hoerard. Conducted by Crarlrs W. Monday.

* Frrt peal of Major. F First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the belle since their restoration by Mesars. Joha Taylor and Co. HATLSHAM, STISSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOOLATION.
On Satwrday, Fibruary 18, 7939, in There Hours and Half a Minufe,
At ter Caurch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEES!
Pizstow's Transposition oil Tborsians' Four-part. Tenor $10 \frac{1}{6}$ cwt.

Williak A. Kitcerneide 2 Fredrrick H. Dallaway ... 6 Frane A. Hices... ... ... 3 James H. Sarpierd .*. ... 7 Grorge Bbbnby ... ... 4 Wilpred Bootr ... ... ... Tenor Condacted by Fhane Benabig.
First peal of Stedman. HOTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
TEE PETERBOROUGE DTOORSAN GULLD.
On Satwriay, February 18, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fifteen Msmates,
Ax ter Caugch of the Holt Tannity,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, EOSB CHANGE8! Tenor 21 cwt .
G. Dennes Deigeton ...I reble Walter Pereins ... ... 5

Matrbias Hobbs... ... ... 2 "Gborgaby E. Watson ... 6
Gborge Ette ... ... ... 3 Bbrnard J. Saddingtos ... 7 Ceristopher G. Hendry ... 4 Burley P. Morris ... ...Temor Composed by J. R. Pritcharn. Conducted by Borley P. Morris.

* Firse peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

BIRMLNGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OP BIRMINGHAM.
On Salurday, Febrnary 18, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty-Eight Minutes, At the Cegrce or Bishop Ryber,

## A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANQES,

Heywomd's Transposition of Thurstans' Fodr-part. Tenor ry cwt.
Thomas H. Rrbyrs .
 Ernest T. Allaway ...
Frank E. Pervin... ...
Conducted by Franre. Hayngs.
\&pecielly arranged and rung to celphrate the fifticth anniversary of Mr. James George's first pual.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

EISHAM LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Noribrrn Brance.)
On Satwyduy, February 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Thiviy-Five Minutes, Ay the Cadrca of All Saints.
A PEAL OF MINOR, $\operatorname{bOAD}$ CHANGES;
Being Iwo extents pach of SL. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Troble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
George Blanceard
Ronald Bowness
Gaorge E. Firirn
... ...Trgbis $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Martim Walkrr } \\ \text { Groger } \\ \text { La }\end{gathered}\right.$ ... ... 3 Gzorge L. Hall Tenor 79 cwi.

Conducted by G. E. Feirn.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Sir Francis Astley. Corbett, former Equise of this village.

WEEKLEY NORTHANTE,
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GULLD
Om Monday, February 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Sevex Minutes, Ai fhe Cgerch of St. Mary-the-Vipgin.

- A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, EO4O CHANGES;

Sevcu difierent extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 Jb .
George W. Claree...
...Tydit Geopragy E. Watson
Luonid Corsur .... 2 Berley P. Morais ... ... ${ }^{5}$
Leomard G. Tobrlahd ...t by Bermard J. Sadingion ...Tenot

* First peal of Minor 'inside.

HINTLTSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFTOEK GUILD.

At tar Cevrch or St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 50dO CHANQES;
Tenor 9 cwt . in A flat.

- Dorothy F, Whoolston Treble Syzia R. E. Bowybr ... 4

William J. G. Brown .... 3 iCecil W. Pipa ... ... ... Tamoy Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.

* First attempt for a peal. + First peal of Minor. \& First peal of Boh Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

EAST BUDLEEGE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Twesday, Februayy 74. 1939, in I wo Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutas, At the Cherge of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven $700^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ called differently.
-Jobr Derm ... ... ... ...Treble |"Edward Spragoz
Briar Pidgeon
-Josn L. Glanvili .... .... ${ }^{2}$... Condacted by Rev. E. V. Cox.

* First peal of Minor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Twesday, Fubruary 14, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty-One Minwss At tee Bell Fodndry,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Saven different extents.
Tenor 6
-Mise Irere C. Deanyord Trible

 Conducted by Czarerg Allsop.

WONSTON, HANTS.
THE WINGHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Friagy, Febrvary 17, 1939, in Troo Howrs and Thiby-Five Minwtos, At ter Caerch of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGE8; Tenor 时 ewt.
Mas Negxa Smite .... ...Troble Ricgard Smita ... ... ... 4
Wililam R. Melville ... 2 William Maris ... ... ... 5
Reginald A. Rzed ... ... 3 Leslie A. Tremeer .... ... Tenor Concucted by Lesliz A. Trzabrr.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WENDOVER, BUTORS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Dn Saturday, Februaty 18, 1939, an Two Hours and Fifity-Eight Minutes, Af tag Cborch of Sx. Mary-tae-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven diferently called $720^{\circ}$ s.
Tenor 14 cwt.
Ronald Woolmbr

James W. Wileins
... ... ... 4
Harry C. Jones ... Conducted by Roland Biges.
Rung as a [arewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the paribh,
BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE ANGIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHR.
On Satmeday, February 18, 1939, in Two Howrs and One Minute,
At ter Church of Sy. Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANOES:
Scven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt . Frederick W. Bodgen arthor S. Richards... Grorge W. Fogden ... .... $\quad 3$ Jobn O, Whller... Conducted by A. Patricr Canmon.

FRIESTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUTLD.
(Eabtren Branch,)
On Saturday, February 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minntes,
Ax tab Cacrch of St. James,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, BO40 CHANGES;

Beiag sever extents in 21 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne; (2) Sandal, Capal, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, Londoy Scholors' Pleasure; (3) Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV. Newdigate; (4) Lardon and Wells; (5) Kent Trable Bob; (6) Double and Suygle Court; (7) P!ain Eob.

 Cosducted by Jore R. Yoong.
First pea! in 21 methuds by all except ringer of the 3rd. First peal as conductor in wore than seven methods. There were 71 changes of method.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, OHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thwrsday, Fobrwary 16. 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 20, Aberdere Crbeczny.
A PEAL OF ORAND8IRE CATERS, SO21 CHANOES; Tener size 17 in $B$ flat.


Composed by J. W. Wasseraor. Conducted by A. F. Bailey. Witnesp-Mrs. A. F. Bailey.
LIOHFIELD, STAFPORDSHRE.
On Smiday, Fobruary 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minwter, At the Tegological Colegei.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, sesf CHAREES; Being 42 sis-scores, 10 cs1lings.
Riceard A, C. Brodribe ...* I-z Malcoln C. C. Melville 3-4 "Micgatl M. K. Warren... 5
Conducted by Malcolm C. C. Melville.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor and on baudbells. (Meny othor peal reports are onavoidatly held ovar.)
* First peal.


## PEAL NOTES.

QURCKEST PEAL ON CHURCH BELLS.
The quickest peal on church bells was rung on Saturday on the light ring of six at Buckland, Surcey. The seven 720's of Bob Minor occupied only 2 hours 1 minute. The only place where a quicker peal on tower bells has bean rung is Loughborough Bell Foundry. the tenor is $6 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. and at Buckland the tenor is given as 6 cwt . Tho peal st Buckland was rung for the Ancient Society of Coliege Youths, whose records now include the guickest and the longest peals on church bells: 2 hours 1 minute at Bucklaud; 12 hours o s minutes at Appleton in 1922.
Nesta Smith, who rang her first penl (at tha fourth attempt) at Wonston, \#ants, on Fridey, is orily 14 years of age. She must be one of the youngest, if not the youngest, girls to ring a peal for the Wincheater and Port amouth L'iocesan Guild.
There must be a yood deal of enthusiasm for ringing at Wonston Lionel Marks, anothar young beginner, and son of Mr. W. Marks, who rang in the peal, sat in the tower all through the performance. Perbaps he was there to keep dad right?

Three peals to welcome new incumbents are recorded this week. The Rev. A. W. Wallace, formerly of West Ham, was instituted Rector of Latterworth, Leicestershire, last November, and a pea! of Stedman Triples was rung at the Wyclife Church of St. Mary on Saturdey, the first oceasion upon which a hand could be obtained.
To welcome the new incumbent of Mortimer, Berks (the Rev, L Whitmill), a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church on Saturday. It was Mr. Percy J. Dyke's 50th peal.

The new Ficar of Dalton-in-Furness, Lancs, was aiso welcomed with a peal on Snturday, after induction on the previous day. The peal of Bob Royal was the first peal by five of the ringers. Fight of the band belong to Dalton. They were suppleraented by Mr. N. M. Nowby, hon. gecretary of the Furness and Lake District Branch, and Mr. A. Capstick, of Ambleside.
Mr. Walter Farley's birthday was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Old Hill, Staffordshire, on Saturday. It was elso the quarterlf peal for the Dadley and District Guild.

The porl of Grandsire Triples at Selly Oak on Saturday week was rung by the Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's Church, exeept Mr E. W. Blake, who kindly filed a gap at the last moment and rang the tenor.

## ESSEX VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Essex veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, has recently celobrated his 83 rd thirthday, and in honour of the event he arranged a peal at Great Holland on' Febraary 1ith, choosing a band representative of eight parishes.
They were U. W. Wilduney, Kirby-le-Soken; G. M. Rashbrook, Colchester; 3Irs. W. A. Rouse, Great Holland; D. Eliott, Sudbury ; W.J. Nevard, Great Bentley; G. Waterman, Harwich: H. A. Wright, Clactoa-on-Sea; and E. E. Davey Little Clacton. Messrs. Rekhbrook, Elliott and Wright first rang with Mr. Nevard 50 years, 48 years and 40 years ago respectively.
Tea was kindly provided by Mr. Nevard after the peal, whichs was Elso a farewell to the Rector of Great Holland (the IEv. G. A. Barstey), who is leaving for Cromer.
It was rather strange that while the first peat of Erith Little Bob Royal on tawer bells sloould have been rung at Prittlewell on Saturday, February IIth, another peal in the same method should have been rung at Norwich only three days Iater. This secoud peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden and contains the 72 course-ends with the extent of 4,5 and 6 in 6 th's.
On the following day Mr. Golden conducted the first peal of Pershore Bob Major for the Norwich Association and the first by all the bard. This was rung at Wymondham.
Seven 'stars " were awarded in a peal of Bob Maximus, rung at High Wyeombe, Bucks, on Wednesday week, amony those so decorated being at least, two men, each of whose peals of Surprise Maximus number aver eighty.
It was Mr. J. C. E. Simpson's 300 th peal and was a birthday compliment to Mr. James Beznett, of London, who, unfortunately, was unable to take part.
A peal of Grandsire Caters (No. 161) by Mr. Arthur Kigighta mas ruag for the first time on February 14th at Worsley, Lancs. It has all the $5-6^{\prime}$ 's and $6-5^{\prime}$ gin the tittums and handstroke positions.
Mr. Burlev P. Morris, of Warkton, Tang his Thth peal when he took part in a 5,040 of Bob Minor at Weekieg, Northants, on February $13 t h$,
A half-navfled peal of Minor, es a token of respect to Sir Prancis Astley-Corbett, former squire of the village, was rung at Elsham, Lincs, on Febrnary 11th The third bell, which bears Sir Francis name, was given by him when the befls were jncreased from three to six in 1924.
A penl of Bristol Surprise Major at Sandbach, Cheshire, on February 11th, was rung on the eleyenth anniversary of Mr. Ernest Beanett's first' peal.
Minor ringing of the more advanced tupe is going alhead by leaps and bounds in Lincolnshire. A band in the Eastern Branch has now ruig a peal in 21 methods. Splicing was used in oniy five of the extents, bat there were 71 changes of method. Only one member of the band had previously rang a pea! in 21 methods. He is Mr. Arthry Young, and this was his 60th peal. The peal was rung at Freidon on February 18tl).

Morpebl, in Northumberlati, possesses one of the few "secular" ringt of bells in the country, and it is nat often a peal is rumg on them. Last Saturday, however, a peal of stedman Triples was brought round there. In the tinging chamber is a slab bearing the following quaint couplet:

## Have you heard the Morpeth Wonder ${ }^{\text {Ch}}$ <br> Church and steeple a mile asunder.

Other places in England where there are peals of bells not attuched to © church are Manchoster Town Hall and Quex Parik, Kent, whero there are rings of twelve; the Imperial Institute, London, and the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, with rings of ten; the Curfew tower, Windsor Castie, with a ring of eight, and the Carfar tower, Oxford, with siz bells.
The first peal of Erin Calers by the Lancashire Association hns followed close upon the heels of the first for the Chester Guild. It was rung on Saturday at Manchester Cathedral. The band wisle to thank Mr. W. C. Bridgford, of the Cathedral company, for making wrcangements for the attempt, and they also wisle to couple with the peal the names of Messrs. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, and R. Sperring, of Chester, who wers prevented from takiag part in the peal through illpess. They wish them a speedy recovery.
A peai of Stedman Triples was rung at Twerton-on-A von, Bath, on Saturday, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Theo Grant, the esteemed local secretary of the Eath and Wells Diocessan Association.
The Arat peal on the hells at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Basingstoke, since the recent restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was rung on Saturdey. Four of the band rang their first peal of Major.
Three twelve-bell peals in eight days is not bad going. Messire, G. R. Pye, C. T. Coles and G. W. Steere, having stored a peal of Cambridge Maximas, as recorded last week, at Croydon on February 11th, and rung in the peal of Bob Maximus at Higl Wycombe on the 15th, completed the week with a pral of Sterman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday. Mr. Leslie Morris came from Leede to call this peal, and Mr. Jim Riding came from Crewo to take part. A NEW SUFFRAGAN SEE.
An Order in Council creating the Suffragan See of Dorclester in the Diacese of Oxford revives one of the oldest episcapal tities in Eagland after neerly 900 years' disuse. The Rt. Rev. Gerald Buztors Allien, Archdeacon of Oxiord aud Asyistant Bishop, has hean appointed to the office. He has interested himself in the woxk of the Oxford Diocesan Guild sitree he returned to live in Oxford in 1936.
In honour of the establishment of the Sufragan See, a peal of Boh Major was rung at Dorchester Albhey Cburch on Febramry 13 th.
Nome of the ringers except the conductor in the perl at Easf Budleigh, Devon, on February 14th, had ever before ring a 720 of Bob Minor. Despite this fact, the striking was good throughout. The ringer of the treble belongs to Litilebiam (Exnoutb), the second to East Budleigh, the third, fourth and fifth to Withycombe Raleigh, and the tenor to Brampford Speke.
To celebrate the jubiler of Mr. James George's first peal, rung at St, George's, Camberwell, on February 16th, 1889, a peal of Stedman Triplas was rung on Saturday at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, where, at the age of 86, he is still Ringing Master.
The peal of 50 years ago was Grandsive Triples, and Mr. Georre, whose peal total is now 1,277 , is the only survivor of the band.
After the peal at Bjshop Ryder's. Mr. George entertained the ringers to tea. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Williams) was also present and expressed appreciation of Mr. George's services, while all the luand wished him a speedy return to health, hoping that be may shortly be once more ringing in a peal, instead of listening, as on Saturday.
Members of the London County Associetion also commemorated the jubilee of Mr. George's first peat, with a peali of Stedman Caters at
St. Magnus", Lordon Bridge, on Saturday. It was with the old St. James' Society, out of which the London County Association sprang, that Mr. George rang his firsi pebl.
Three students of Lichfield Theological Collego rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells on Sunday. It whe a memorahle performance, becanse it marks a new stage in the efforts to get these future clergy interested in the art of ringing.
The peal was conducted by Mr. Malcoin Melville, formerly hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, and was his esth peal, but the other two ringers were making their first attempt.
Mr. Melville's peals, which range from Doubles to Marimus, and inclade one in four Spliced Surprise Major methodk, have heen rung in 19 towers, in seven counties, for nine guilds and associations and with 116 different ringers.
Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, who is amang the leading conductors of Surprise Maximus methods, called his first peal of Bob Minor on February 13th at Hintlesliam, Suffolk.
Woodhouse Eaves is in Leicestershire, not Worcestershire as printed in a peal report last week. Our eyestght must be getting a little wenk.

## STEPNEY SCHOLARS

The progress of the Stepney Scholars is bgain marked by the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters rang by the Guild. The average age of the band is only $23:$ H. Groves 1, L. Fox (conductar) $2, \mathrm{~A}$. Strachey 3, H. Thompson 4. T. Fox 5, T. Burns 6, J. Boomsma 7, H. Pinchbeck 8, A. Jarvis 9, C. Audus 10. It was rung for evening service on Jamary 15th.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Mr. Dawe in your issue of the 17th inst, now tells us that he is "garprised to fini that anyone pins their faith entirely on the book mentioned.... seeing that, at the time, it was merely regarden as an overlooked printar's error' ! This is truly amazing mows. I have never yet heard of a whole book being regarded as a printer's error. Still, it is astonisbing what information can be gaited if a point is argued. However, if Mr. Dawe means (although He does not say so) that the ' $\mathrm{B}_{r}$ ' in the reference to \& B tenor for a peal of twelve bells, is a printer's error, then my only comment is that there must be an uncommonly large number of printer's errors in the book.

I note Mr. Dawa denies having quoted words from the book in question ('Clocks, Watchas and Bells'). The quotation appears on page 780 of your issue of December 2nd tust in what purports to the the substance of a letter from Mr. Dawe.

I do not intend to bore you further on the subject.
H. WALKER.

## Monkseaton.

## DEATH OF YOUNG NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.

 LOES TO BURTON-ON-STATHER.Ringers in the nortlera part of Lincolnshire were shocked to searn of the death on Monday, February 13 th, of Mr. Bernard Gillatt, jur., st his home at Burton-on-Stather, at the early age of 77 . He succumbed, after only a few days' illness, to pheumonia which developed from a chill. His family bave a long convection with church life in the parisl, and it was notural that young Bernard, as he was nffectionately known, should join his father as a ringer at St. Andrew's Church. He was also in the choir aud wes a member of the Church Council. A keen cricketer, he kept wicket several times for his county.

He rang his first peal on June $13 \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{h}}, 1929$, and weat on to ring 68 peals, all for the Lineoln Diocesan Guild, in a variety of methods. Ho rang in soversl Efirsts for the Guitd, including Gainsborough Little Rob and Loughborough Bob on tower Jetls, Spliced Major, Spliced Royal and the first of Maximas rung on handbells.

Under the shadow of the cld church tower je was laid to rest on Wednesday whek, four ringers acting as besrers. A number of ringing Friends from Burton-on-Stather and Scunthorpe, also Mr. and Mrs. O. McGuiness, of Lincoln, were among the mourgers. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsive Triples was lung with the bells half-muffed bJ J. Bray (conductor) I, Frank Lard 2, Enest Brittnin 3. A. Tomliven 4, H. Judd 5, G. Hobbins 6, P. Barnes 7, F. Jeffery 8.

## DEATH OF MRS. E. M. TAYLOR.

YOUNG FAMLLY BEREAVED.
We regret to record the death, at the early age of 39 years, of Mra, Evelyn M. Taylor, of Maidenhead, a warzn supporter of St. Peter'a Society, Burnham, sud a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Ladies' Guild and the Royel Cumberland Youtbs.
Tragedy lies behind this aunonncement. Only three jears ago bar husband, Mr. William E. Taylor (then foreman ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill) đied, leaving Mrs. Taylor with a family of three children. Since then she bed had a hard strugyte to bring up her family. On February 3rd she was admitted to Maidealiead Hospital, suffering From pheumonia and in a serious condition. She passed away only two and a guarter hours later. The home has had to be broken up and the chiddren scattered.
Mrs. Taylar was a regular service ringer at St. Peter's, Burnham, and had rung one peal at this church, a peal of Grandsire Triples. Her smiling face, which covered a load of sorrow (ahe hat never properly got ofer the loss of her husband), will be sadly missed on Sundays in the belfry.
Of the three children who ate left, the eldest is a ringer at Burwbim, and Hilda (aged 8) is a member both of the Royal Gumberland Youths and the Ladies' Guild The youngest child is Cemil, aged three. The two latter have been taken for the present ander the guardianship of Mrs. Taylor's brother, Mr. J. Cox, of 60, Royal Road, Ramsgate, Kent, who, although be has a family of his owa, has taken the orphans umder his root.
The funeral took place at Maidenhead Cemetery on Tuesday, Fobruary 7th, when 4 rs. Taylor was laid to rest with her husbagd in the preseace of relatives and ringing friends, amove them Mrs. A. Sinith, of Thateham, memhers of the Sit. Peter's Seciety, Mr. Thomas J. Fowler, Rivging Master, East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocessan Guild, etc.

A recquest was made that no flowers should be sent, but, owing to the ghraitened circumstances in which the orphans were left, it was asked that the money be forwarded to the guardian of the two younger children to aid in their support.
The sad oircumstances in which these childran have been loft should eppeal to the hearts of ringers, who aro alweys generous in cases of distress, and this is an instance in which belp is really needed. Mrs. Taylor's ringing friends can have any information they msy require from Mr George Gilbert, c/o Roberts' Stores, 40, St. Luke's Road (North), Maidenhearl. We are asked to say that should any ringers write to Hilda they are requested to remember that she does not yet know of her mother's death. The news will be broken to her leter on,


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## LEADING CONDUCTORS-59.

## ALAN R. PINK.

A conductor of initiative and enthusiasm, Aian 录, Pink, who has reently gone to live in Oxford, has had a considerable slare in the rimging of new Surprise methods. He has called the first peals in 13 of them aud has earabled anmber of associations to record their first peals in mayy more. New methods and fresh compositions have been his nobby, but, despite thik, be is at rimger who does yot mind haw humble the methad, as logg as someone benefits.
Mr. Pink, who was born at Ripley Surrey, on December 5th, 1805. is a member of the staft of the Westminster Ballk, which he joined at Pulborougli. It wass while living in this Sussex collntry town that he Jearned to liapile a hell, and rage his first peal (Granisire Triples) in December, 1926. His first, peal as conduclor was one of Bub Minor at Perranarwartliat, in 1929, while on a holiday in Cormwall.
Wheu he was translerred to Dorking, Surrey, he rang a goni deal with the Leatherhead District, and it was there that he really laid the foundations of what was to follow. Ineidentally he became hor. secreDistrict of the Guildford Diocesan Guild aud did some excellent work in the eurly days of that or gantsetion. Whels, later, found man enger and capable band in the district, and, backed by the genins of Mr. A. G. Driver, they had a long series of successes. Among other things they rage peals in 25 Sur. prise Majol methots, and Mr. Pink conducted a least one of each, including the 13 which rere the 'first ever.' It is notewortlly that, very nearly all these peals were mans out eny previous practice.
The first peals in the method vilich Mr. Pink has called have been Painewick, Windsur, : Chilterı, Berkshire, Truro, Eumbymele, Bovenef, Belvedere, Melbotrne, Sandringham, Lutterwortli, Cranbourne and Pyrford Surprise,

and Pyrtord Surprise, MR. ALAN R, PINK. shire, Superlative and Cambrifge Surprise, and Ashbourne Coilege Bob. He rang in the first peals by the Guildford Diocesan Guila of Bob Mnjor, Stedman Triples, Ganterbury Pleasure Major, Now Cambridger Kent, Inswich, Ashteati, Chilem, Pyrford and Hoveney Surprise, and conducted the last tiliree. He also called the first peals of Kent, Ipewich and Ashtead Surprise for the Surrey Association and took part in their first peal of Yorkshire Surprise.
For the Kent Assomiation he called their first peal of Painswici Surprise, and for tire Middlesex Association their hirat peals of Ash tead, Painswick, Truro, Belvedere aud Crabbourae Surprise, as wel as Splited Pinin Tob and Double Norwich and Asbbourne College Boh, this last being the moly peal yet rung in the method.

His contribution to Oxford Guild records hag been to call their first peale in twelve Surprise methods, including eight rung for the firsf time; their first of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, and the first ever rugg with Painswick, Yorkghire, Superiative end Cambridge spliced into one peat. He also calied their first peal in which Donble Oxford, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were spliced together

Anong other interesting performances tave been a 'colour' peal of Superlative at Erith in 183I, which the conducted and in which the names of the ringers fore all different colours; and the firse pesl by members of the Banking prafession, a peal of Bob Major at Sit. Olave"s, Hart street, Landon. Ont May 6th, 1935, Mr. Pink rang the tenor to a peal of Bob Major in the Curfew tower at Windsor Castle in honour of the Silver Jubilee of King George V. This was the first peal of Major on the bells and only the founth peal rugg on them

Altogether Mr. Pink has rung 228 peala in 100 towers for ten asso ciations, and has conducted 115 of them.

## BROADCAST RINGERS.

In answer to many inquiries as to the names of the ringers who tonk part in the broadeast ringing at St. Leonard's, Strestham, on Tanuary 22nd lost, here they gre: C. A. Button 1. H. Mance 2. E. L. Miles 3, C. Pothecsry 4, T' W. Wetbourne 6, L. G. Pranfs 6, J. W. Chapman (conductory 7. H. Tourle B. The tonch was 252 Stedman Triplen taken From the 'Bingers' Direchary, third edition. The full five minutes was allowed on the air.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## To the Natitor

Dear Sir, -In accordance with the instruction of the annual meeting of this association held on Saturday last, lebrualy 12th, it is their wish now to withdraw from the letter of January zud lasi to the Editor of "The Ringing World," and to express vegret for 1 ts juclusion, thie following sentence: " and now points the finger of scorn to the Editor and the Diocesma Assomation of which he was the instlgator encrosching on the areas already covered by other assoriations.
T. $\mathbf{h}^{+}$. TATFENDER, Hon. Secretary.

February 13 tli, 1939.

## AN UNSATISFACTORY POSITLON."

Dear Sir, I read the report of the last atumal meeting of the Loydon County Association. as puiblished in jour issue ol the 17 h ingt, with intense disappointment and disergt. It appears that resentment, truculebeg and personal animosity followed each other in rapid buccession; the net result of the mecting being that an apology, entirely dewoid of repentance or any real renret, is to be sent to the Guildford Diocesan Guild im vindication of honour. That was all. $\Delta$ pparently nothiag was done wilh regatd to the move smportant question of overlapping, and no assurance given by the officers us to the conduct of the ectivities of the association in the future, A most unsatisfaclory position, which gives rige to certain misgevings in the mind of the ordinary Sunday gervite riuger.
It geoms that we are now left with oniy ond remedy for this kind of thing, and that is the removal of all temptation to trespass or muscle-n at any tower by sny assaciation, guid, society or clique, This could be echieved by the formation, uader the auspices of the Contral Council, of a Nationa! Association possessing wide executive powers for the parcelling out of the conntry into regions and districts; the regions electing-represantatives to the Central Conneil, on the basis of membership, as at present, It would not then he possible for some ringers to be represented two or taree times over, and ragers from one region or distrjet should not twe permitted to interfere in the mangeracht of another. Sueh are a fea reffections of
F. G. WOODIS

## Sutton, Surrey.

P.S.-I want to make it quite clear that these are my peraosal iews and have nothing to do with the Surrey Absociation, of whineln 1 am one of the district secretaries.

## STANDARD METHODS

## To the Edithr

Sir-There is still in use among ringers tha term 'Standerd' methods, applied to the methods which once were almosh exclusively rung and even now are extensively practised, because they are the foundations upon which ringers generally build. But the teryn docs not always mean quite the amme growp of methods. One reads from time to thime of "the four Standard methods," menning Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, but manar ringars also induda Douhle Norwich as a 'Standard" method. Can myone imform your veaders Whence came the term "Stauderd" in this connection? Was it introduced by Snowdion, when he purblighed "Standard Jechods," becanse in that case it is by no means limited to the methods mientioned? His wort, as everyone knows, covers on ruch wider lield and ineluded, im addition to many Minar methods, three Surprise Major methots. It would be interesting to khow how and when this expression came into use, and what purpose, excapt ns the tible of Snowdon's usefu? book, it now servos.

INQUIRER

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## CANTERBURT DISTHICT

The Canterbury District of the Kent Cownty Associafion held ins frat meeting of the year at Walmer on Seturday, February 11 th. This meeting is more usually called 'the spring moetiog,' and, though a triffe early for epring, it was in warm sumshine that members gathered during the afternumn for ringing apon the pal of eight bells at this clurch. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Hev. Canon C. F". Tonks), who also gave an eddress. Presiding at tle organ, as is usual, was Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac.
Tea was held in the "Upper Room' of the Parish Hall, and, more members turning up than was anticipated, things were o trifle warm towarts the close of tea. Therefore, for greater comfort, the meeting was held in the hall Itself.
Mr. H. Whitehead occupied the chair and presented a report of the asscciation's centra] comaitiee meeting, held in November
Sir naw members were elected, and for the next by-meeting three towers were propord, viz., Teyham, Elham and Chilham, the latter tower being selected.
A votu of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the sarvice and for his address, and the membera then rettirned to the tower for further ringing.
An attendance of 44 Was recordan, representizg 14 towerg in the district.

## RINGING IN NORFOLK. <br> <br> THE HILP OF UNATTACHED MEMBERS

 <br> <br> THE HILP OF UNATTACHED MEMBERS}Dear Sir, -It looks as if juur correspondent, "Norfolk Dumpling," and I are rather at cross purposes. He las gone to a great deal of trouble to say over again what I have said, since, when lie states that every member of the Norfolk Assaciation rang . 3 of a peal-that is formed about otte-third of a peal band-it is the same thing as saying that the members twok part on the average in 2.3 peals exch duning the year, except that it is stated in a somewhat different way. His figures and mins agree, as they were bound to do, being calculated from the same original-the 1.537 report, so that I feel justafed in taking exception to his statement that I have drawn apon my imagmation.

The point of his analyeis of the peals into districts is very elusive If he wishes to draw attention to the fact that some districts rang no peals it is all the more credit to the members who, in spite of that slackuess elsewhere, contrived to amass their splendid total That two-thinds of the members did nat help seems to a plain, unimaginative person like myself to emphasise the energy of the ather one-third. In no way whatever can it be considered to derogate from the performance of the latier

Moreover, I am sorry that in his anxiety to remove the impression my letter is supposed to have conveyed-the term ' ringer's paradise was his, however, not mine-your correspondent should so pointed deay to the present generation of ribgers any credit for the 5,000. It cannot possibly be truc that ilue 'peal of peals' was rung in the heyday of the association, when Noriolk and Suffolk were one, so lont as the rimgers of 1937 and 1938 wero able on their own account to scote more than 100 peals it jear.

May I remind your carrespondent (1) that I was writing to you upon ope specific matter-ilie 5,000 peals, and (2) that I ram cot a Noriolk ringer, hougl I wis one for five very pleasant montlas at Norwicl and Yarmouth: It was not for me to enter into a getreral discussion upon the position of Norfolk ringing to-day (though "Norfolk Dumpling ' may be cualified to do so), and it would have been an ill-return for the spontaivens welcome I met with everywhere in East Anglia if I turned to criticise my hosts.

Nevertheless, as he has brought up the subject, I car only agree with your carrespondent about the dereliet areas of his hame county not alone from the rimging standpoint, but from the agriunltural shandpoint as well-the connection between the two is intimate. When all the young people go off the land they leave the village towers. I was also saddened by the thought of those moribund rings to which Nerfolk Dumpling refers. every day of the five months I saw the fine tower of St. Andrew's in the very heart of the city, and thonght of that ten rotting or its frame; and it is only one silent ring in the city of Norwick. It is to be remembered that, chicfly owing to the egricultural depression, Norfalk is one of the poorest associations in money, however wealthy she may be in other ways, and reatoration work suffers in consequence. But it must be confessed that there is not much paint in restoring rings, that cannot be manned, and there are few enough to go round as it is with the present arailable towers.
The chief item of ofience in my letter sppears to bave been my etatement about unatfached ringers. Here I have to admit that I did not make my noint elear; I should have been mare careful to say that 1 referred to mattached peals-peals by bands of ringers attached to no towers anywhere who go round snatohing peals where they can. I bave no particular feeling on this question, pit many other Jingers have, and, as I said, they write about it from time to time. Unattached ringers, however, are or may be in quite a different category. There are many rensons why a man romains unattached, thaugh that need not and often does not mean that he does no ringing. Of this class there are many in Norwich, and during my stay there a never on a single occasion rang anywhere, for service or practice when there were not some of these technically unattached ringers in the band. Soms of them attend twice every Sunday and every Tuesuay night at St. Feter Marneroft; one of them in addition rms another tower in the city and keeps the bells going there; athers attend as often as busimess mamits. aty association tort har a hundred or two of such unattached members would be very fortunate indeet

With these facts in my mind I feel that on this matter Norfolk Dumpling "has mot been quite fair to bis fellow countymen. Fe must know as well as I do that practically all the unattached ringers to whom he refers in his letter as taking part in a number of the peals rung during 1837 were of this class. They are technieally unattached certajaly, but much more assiduous in their service ringing and attendancs at practice than many of the attached. As a matter of fect, they take so active a part in the ringing life of the association that when I was looking over the report befove writing my previous letter I did not realise thev were unattached. It is only now, in seeking to identify the unatached ringers mentioned by your correspondent, that I find they are the people with whom I rang regularly week by weet.

There is one ather thing that must be said. and it is suggested by the fact that for to apparent reasan "Norfolk Dumpling " chooses to write urder a nom-de-plume. The inevitable conclusion wonld be, of course, that your correspondent is not quite sure that his own services to bis comnty association are ssmiduous or regular enough to justify him in criticising others. I hope that is not the case, for (Continued in next column.)

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.

## SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH

The anuual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held on Saturday. February 4th, at Saxlingham Nethergate. Tho eight bells of the Parisht Cburch were rumy during the afternoon and evening to various methods, from Bob Major to London Surprise Major, and the special method, Checkendou Major, was also practised. Sorvice was held in St Marw's Church, conducted by the Fev. A. St J Ferrd (Rector of Bergh Apton), wio also gave an eloquent address based on the wards 'Come, for all things are ready.
Forty-five members and friends sat down to tea in the Church Room, and at the busivess meeting which followed Mr. W. L. Duffeld (Saxlingham) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (an hon. member), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secrotary), Messzs. E. G. Bennett and E Whiting (memberg of cammittee), and ringers from Attleborough, Alburgh, Barsham, Buxton, Bergh Apton, Beccles, Caston, Diss, Gressenhall, Garboldisham, Mulbarton, Norton Subcourse, Norwicin, Pulham, Shelfanger, Saxlingham, Stoke Ash, Winfarthing, Wymond ham and Yaxley.
The chairman and branch secretary wero re-elected, Messra. E. G. Bennett, E. Whiting, C. Lonme, C. E. G. Banham and R. H. Drane were elected on the District Committee, and the Rev. A. St. J. Eeard and E. G. Benuett on the Central Committee
Five new members, Messrs, B. Barber, G. F. Woolmer, H. G. Lake, H. Nielsols and F. Pearsan were elected,

It was decided to wisit Buuwell on Saturday, May 6th, for the next meeting.

Mr. Nolan Golden laid great stress on the value of 'The Ringing World 'and appeated for moze membera to support it.
Votes of tianks wero accorded to the Rector (the Rev. - Deuchar) for use of the bells, to the Rev. A. St. J. Heard for conducting the service, to Mr. W. L. Dulfield for providing the tea, and to the organist and blower

## DEATH OF CIRENCESTER RINGER

## FIFTY YEARS AT THE PARISH CHURCH

The death took place, on Janury 30th, fiter a tery brief illness, of Mr. F. W. Band. Deceased had been a ringer at Cirencester Parislt Church for ahout 50 Tears. He had rumg petls of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, and was very proficient on the treble in rising and falling in peal.

The ringers sent a wreath, and several attended the funeral service on February 2nd, but a very oid friend, Mr. John Austia, was unabla to be prosent owing to illiness.

In the eroning, as a last tribute to the memory of Mr. Bond, members of the band rang if Guarter-penl of Grandsire Triplef with the bells half-mufled: A. W, Baldwin 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cumductor) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, H. S. Parsons 4, H. L. Cooke 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H Havxard 7, F. T. Bloxham 8. Tnmidentally Mr, Bond introduced tha conductor to ribging.

## CELEBRATIONS IN TASMANIA

## HORART RINGERS KEEP UP ANNEVERSARIFS.

Each year the anniversary of the wisit of the English ringers to Tasmanja in 1934 is celebrated at Hobert, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the members of Holy Invity Associntion when they met for the purpose on an evening last Nowember. Interest was added to the proceedines by an exhibition of lantern pietures conceming bells and ringing, which had been kindly seat by Messtr. Gillett and Johnaton and Mesprs. Taylor and Co.
The second anaiversary of the dedication of the fower and bells at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart liss also heen duly celehrated. On December 6th the Precentor entertained the Cathedral and Holv Trimity rigeers and ringing was done on the Cathedral bells. Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, wha recently gave a clock to the Cathedral helfry, were pregent as honoured guests. Mr. Wilgnn is brother of Mr. Ray Wilson, the enthusiastie hon. secretary of Holy Trinity Association.

A recent visitor to Holy Trinity has been Mr. W. G. Hall, secretary of St. Patls Cathedral Society, Melbourne, who took part in Tinging Grandsirs Doubles with the lacal men. Afterwards Mr. avd Mre. Hall were entertained to supper.

A photograph of the English members of the Holy Trinity Associstion, taker on the occasion of the Anstralian tourists reunion at Snrficet last Octaber, now occupies an hopoured place in Holy Trinity belfry.
(Continued from provious columa.)
those who do nothing themsefves have no right to express any opinion about the activities of othere a very sound principle that sa many of our self-appointed critics forget. But I am quite sure that I Bm wronging 'Norfolk Dumpling' in this respect, thongh I should have preferred to know whom I was addressing.

But I commend to the Exercise his remarik about lack of recruits. There is mo question more jmportant than this. The bands and associations all over the country are simply wasting slowly nway, yeh we never seem to care. That is, however, far too big a qurstion to be dragged in at the end of a letter that is already too long. Bristol.
3. J. CORRIGAN

## RECRUITMENT AND INSTRUCTION. <br> SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE SHOULD BE POOLED

## To the Editor

Datr Sir, It is becoming increasingly evident that the number of those coming forward to learn the art of ringing is dimuishing. Aution on the part of the Central Conacil and the diocesan guilds sceprs to be needed to stimulate recruiting. The day has gone by when all that was necessary was to let youngsters wander into our belfries, jmpelled by curiosity or some other reason. We mast oow go out after recruts. Direct co-operation between associations and incumbents, to rope in youths who have served as choirboys or boy scouts, should yield is goodly tumber of suitable subjects for instruction.
It is very sad to mote that a large mumber of those who have been recruited are lost through varjous reabons, some of which, I believe, could ba removed. One hears of many cases where youngsters get so far as to be able to handle a bell and then give it all up. This is wasted effort for both learner and teacher.
[ wish to make a suggestion trat the Central Counci] appoint a sumall panel of qualified ringers, and request them to get out a small book of inatructions for anstructors, whereby those who have to teach learners might be helped to success. Clear cut instructions, in present day language, pointing out not only how to teach the technical part of ringing, but also dealing with the various known reactions of different typeg of learners, might heip the ingtructor to keep the pupil's interest.
[ am not suggesting that we have out already got a large number of proved atd skilled instructors up aud down the country-I know many such, and I am quite sure that the type of instructor I am thinking of would welcome any hints from any reliable quarter whereby his work coutd be made easier. What 1 have in mind is that we should pool tho skill and knowledge which we already possess in our ranks and use it to greater advantage. Unless we get right down to this problem of making the period of instruction more positive and attractive, our mumbers will so diminish that the position will
become very serious. become very serious.
The question may be asked-who will pay for the production of the book? Well, $8 D$ far as 1 rma ablo to observe, there is no marised shortage of fuads-either in the Council or in the Guilds. We should do well to got rid of this "savings socioties" idea, and, instend of hoarding up money in investments, spend it now, and so make an pffort to ensure the continuance and strengthening of our art.
38, Pelin Lea Road, Bath.

## NORTHERN ASSOCIATIONS MEET

## A. PRE-LENT GATHERING AT WEST HARTLEPOOT

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held as a joint meeting with the Cleveland and North Forkshire Association at West Hartlepooh on Saturday. The ring of ten bells of St. Oswald's Church, with a 21 cowt. tenor, by Warner, and the ring of tight of St. Aidn'm, with a 15 cwt , tenor, by Taylor, were placed at the ringers' dispossl, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cater's, Treble Bub Royal, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Steximan Triples and Bob Major were
Tea was partaken of in St. Oswald's Parish Hall, where upwards of 40 persons sat down. The president of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. M. D. Oubridge, of Gosforth) welcomed the members of the Cleveinat and Nortla Korkshire Association, but said he would have liked to have seen more of their members present.
Responding, Mr. F. E. Pollard, puesident of the Cleveland and North Torkshro Association, sad lie believed that all the Cleveland men present were also life members of the Durham and Nowctstle Association, which placed them in a zather invidious position, but, nevertheless, they were pleased to be present

Mr. C. L. Routledge thanked the church zuthorities for the use of the bells
The Rev. Rowlandson, curate at St. Aidan's, replied. Fe said that the clergy appreciated the work of the ringers, and they were pleased to grant the use of the bells.
Mr. J. T. Titt proposed a vote of thank to the ladies who had ministered to tho needs of the "juner man."
Mr. Oubridge appealed to the ringers to endeavour to improve their striking, a comment which did not appear to be too popular in some yuarters, but it is to be hoped that the appeal may not have been wasted.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Stortincton on Saturday, Febriary 11th, when ten towers were represented by 28 members, Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Canbridge Minor.

The service whe conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. H. Faithfoll! the address being given by the Rev. W. Bramwell (Rector af Wiginholt).
After tea the members atood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. Teist, of Billiggshurst.
At the business meeting two new members were elected, viz., Messre. F. Short, of Goring, and H. Bentinck, of Lyminster.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Storrington for the use of the hells and for presiding at Ehe business meeting.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE VILLAGE WANTS MORE BELLS.

## HAMPTON HOPES TO HAVE SIX.

The willage of Rampton, Cambridgeshire, has just completed somé importants work of restaration to the church. The tower, belfry, porch and south-west wall have been restored and the bolls increased to four, as the preliminary, it is hoped, to raising them to a ring of sir, a frame for this number having been provided. The new treble has been given by the Rev. C. H. Evelyn White, who was Rector of the parish from 1894 to 1928, and a new third bell has also been sdded. The present second was cast by Thomas Newman in 1713 , and the Pourth, a pre-Reformation belf, weighing 4 cwt .2 gr .23 lb, bears the inscription, "Sancte Osmalde Ora Pro Nobis inte four bells have been hung with new fittings in a new teak wood frame, the work having been cartied out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.
The dedication of the work took place on February and, the Bishop of Ely (Dr. B. O. F. Heywood) pertormikg the caremony, The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. L. Havers), and Bishop Price read the lesson.
The Bishop, in his address, congratulated all who bad been concerned in the enterprise, and in the course of his address upon Christinn worship said the question, "Wly do people go to churchp. was a more usefui subject for discussiou than the question, 'Why don't cortsin people go to cburch?
Although the work of restoration, which has cost about e700, has been completed, some $£ 330$ has still to be raised, and donations will be gladly welconed by the Rector.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOLTH AND WEST DESTRICT WANTS MORE RECRUITS.
The annual meeting of the Soulh and West District of tho Middlesex Combty Associnlion and Loudon Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, Februn'T $4 t h$. Ringers were present from Brautiond, Camberwel] (St, Eiles), Ealing (Charist Church, St. Mary's snd St. Stephen's), Heston, Hillingdon (Sto Andrew's and St. John's), Isleworth, Kingstou-on-Thames, Leighton Buzzard, Norwood Green, Tuislip, Twickenlam and Westminster (St. Margaret's). Ringang included touches of 'Triples and Catera.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Canoli Wright, the lesson being read by the wice-president, Mr. J, A. Trollope.
Tea in the Churcy Jnll was followed by the business nreetirg, with Mr. J. A. Tratlope in the chair.
The annual report was presented by the sccretary, in the course of whicin it was slated there had been an average atteadance of 42 at the six districk meetings. It was better than in the previous year, but it wess still capabie of improvement. T'ower secretalies Were urged to try and arrange for at lenst two or three of their bands to attend each meetiug, especially alsy learners, who would receive avery help and encouragement. 部ree joint meetings with otwer associations were held, and they were insebted to these associations for armaging these successful gatherings. He thought further such meetings shond be arranyed. Gratitude was expressed to the Heston band for their efficient and stocessful efforts in arrangirg the annual supper. Eigintecn pesls had been rung in 12 towers and 35 guarter-peals. Service ringing ind been Kept ath about the same level as last year, but it was regrettable that there were fow bands who could muster their full strength legularly For Sunday ringing, The position with regard to rectuits was unsatisfactory, only live ringily and one bonorary life menber and two hife riuging members having been elected 3 1938. He made a strong appeal to towers ant to indiwidual members to find recruits.
The financial position was bettor than last year owing to the more prompt payment of subscriptions, but he conld not see this improvement continaing unless the menbership increased. They started fhe year under the reorganisation scheme, and with their very offecent general secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, in general charge of the associathon, it whs up to every member to give him support and holp to make the association second to nome. In concirsion, the report tharked the vatious district officers for their ready help.
The financial statement by Mr, T. Collins (treasurer), which was alsa adopted, showed a rather better pasition than the prerious year. Mr. H. C. Cbandles presented the report of the Supper Committee, who were thanked for all that they had done, and the comnitiea was zeconstituted as before.
Mr. W. H. Coles (Hillingdon) was elected Ringing Master and Mr. G. M. Kilby (Ruislip) depufy

It was regretted that Mr. W. H. Ellingham (Heston), last year'a deputs, was too it to accept office, and it was decided to send him a letter of sympathy.
Mr. J. F. Lewis Cockey (Faling) was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. W. G. Wilson (Ealing) assistant secretary. Messrs. T. Colling (Tuislip) and C. H. Chandler and C. S. Bird (Heston) were eleched to the Central Committee; and Messrs, E. C. S. Turner (Ealing) and C. S. Bird (Heston) were appointed auditors.

Two new members, Messra. M. W. Norman (Heston) and W. Wigginton (Twickenham) were elected.

It was decided to hold the nest annual meeting at Twickenham, and the usual joint meetjors during the year with wearby kocieties.
a heartr vote of thanks to the Vicar of Isleworth, to Canon Wright, to the lady helpers at the tea and to the Iocal company closed the proceedings.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GULLDFORD DISTHICT'S POSITION

Thers was matendance of over 60 ringers at the andual meeting of the Guifforà Distriet of the Guithford Dincesma Guikd on Februery 4tin at Gufidfori. Ringing iook place hoth at the Cathedral and is. Nicolas' Church, avd in ervice, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Hepher, at S. Nieolas

At the subsequent tuecting, which followed tea, Major J. H. 1 . Hesse (Master of the Gnild) presided, fund was supported hy Mr. W. F. J. Cope (hon. distriet secretury) nnd Mr. C. E. Smith (Ringing Master of the district). Among othelk preseut were the Rev. L. Starey \{Rector of Merrow), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president), Mr. G. L. Grover (general sectetary) and Mr. F. Corbett (Guild hon. treasurer:

The following efficers were elected: Han. secretary, ut. W. F. J. Cope: Ringing Master, Mi, O. E. Sntith: hon. wuditor, Mr, C. Tezelden: members of the Executive
F. Cherryman fud $R$. Whittington.

Tine balance sheet showed a ctedit lalance of 225 Bs. 3d., an increase of E 3 Os . 3d. Subserjptions froni ringing mewhers realised sl5 11s., honorary members paid El, and 22 2s. was subscribed by life ment bers. Fippenditare totalied 81510 s .92. , atd included 510145 . Gd which was vemitted to the Guild treasurer.
The secretary sumgester that thes shoult donote f5 to the New Cathedral Bells Funt. It was possible that two lowers in the distriet, Merrow and Bramley, might have their bells seen to, and they should also suhscribe to surl vestorytinns as were fortheoming.
The Clairman thonght they should give money to places like Tiramey and Merrow rather than to the Cabliedral Fells Find.
Mr. T. W. White supported the seeretary's proposition that as be given to the Cathedral Bells Fund
Mr. A. H. Pulling thournt that the motey should be given to the luilding rather than to the helils.
It was eventually decided to ahtain mantion from the Guid anmul meeting to donate 85 to tho new Cathedral bells, and that money should be subscribed to the restarations when they occur.

PAST AND FUTER:
Mr. C. E. Smith (Ringing Master) stuled that 1938 was not. an eventful year far the disirict. He lan paid a number of visits to towers, and in noost inslances promress in service and practice ringing had lyeen maintained. He bad lone adrucated the idea of towers in proximity to eaclo other amalgamating for practices, and stated that Godalming and Witley aud Haslemere and Cliddingfold regularly oxehanged visits. He aproualed lo members to maintain practices,
which was the only way to kpep up ine slandard of Sundyy sorvice Which was the only way to kep up lie slaudard of Sunday sorvice
rinaing. Steady prowress had heen made at Eramley, who had rejoined tho Guild, and the Witley bsurl had heen revived owimg to the radegvons of Sergt. Hagley. In Tals, Fwharet bells were nug mented from six to eight, and Major Hesse liad played a proninent part in Hat work. He would jike to see mare local ringers atlending mectings at their tower. Eleven peals were rung in Elie district during the year, which was eight less than the previons year.
In presenting his first report, the sectetary (Mir. W. F. J. Cope) thanked all those who had supported tima, especially the gemeras secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover. He was sorry that there was not the hapedfor increase in "new faces." Tha average attendance at the five district meetings was 37 . Althorghin that might be considered satisfretory, the arearage attendrace of Guildford district membera was only 21. When it was considered that there were 157 ringing members in the district there was roand for improvement. Tile fact thet the flistrict meetings were fairly well attended was due to the support given by the Farminan district ringers. He appealed to the tower ameretaries to see that their towers were represented at meetings,

Tho district memberslip was 157 ringing and eight honotary me hers, compared with 153 and 10 in the previous Year.
They welcomed back Bramley into the Guild, and the mewlw-Formed hand there was taking an active interest in district and Guild affairs. Their secretary, Mr. Martin, laad recruited six honorary members. 'Tlie drive for fonoriry members had been fairly successful, two life and eiglit new lonoraty members heing secmed.

The accounts, said the sectetery, showed a balance in hand of $£ 25$ is. 3 d. . and he thouglit they might with advantage consider spending a little of the surplus during the year. The New Cathedral Eells Find shonld receive attention.

Athough the general oullook appeared bright there remained a lot to he done before they could feel properly satisfied. The merious dncline in the humber of ringing nembers bad for the present been arcested. On the other hand, they were not represented at Grayshott, Hascombe, Merrow, Oekham, Puttenham and Shere. If during 1839 they conld bring at least one of these towers back into the fold, strp in the right direction would have heen made.

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It was decided to hold district meetinge this year at Worplesdon, Putterham, Ewhurst and Hasiemere.
New members elected wore: Life member, the Prusost the Fery Rev. Eric Soutlam): hoth. memhers, Mra. T. Treffry Cuckill, Miss H. M. Wright, Mrs. M. Broome, Capt. L. C. W. Phillipa, and Messrs . Roe, H P Lavesul and E. H Roumsor funior ringing members Messrs. L. H. Hazeldene (Holy Trinity, Guidford) and E. Mackett (Wonersh); ringing members, the Rev. L. Starey (Rector of Merrow), Messrs. J. Feather and R. Jackson (Bramleg), A. J. Mitehell (Dunsfold), L. Wallis (Olandon) and L. Hill (Old Wohing).
Mr. J. Mackman urged the practice of lamblueli riuging ia connection with district meetiuss where possible. In these days, when the art was up against so much autaje attraction, the practice of doublelanded rimgmg would help considerably to kee! bands together and interest keen.
The secretary approved Mr. Mackman's suggestion, renurking that sucli an arrangement would relieve congestion at the tower.-At Mr. C. E. Smith's suggestion, the matter was left to him and the secrefary

Mr C Hazelden proposen a vafe of thanks to the Rector on S Nicolas' far the ure of the bells and the clumedh, and the Rev. W. A Mepher for addressing them, He thonght they should send congratulatsong to the Ven. E. de G. Lucas on his appointment to the Atrhdeaconty of Durham, as he had beer a grood friend to gilyers, and this was rgreed to

BOOM IN LIONORARY MEMBEITS.
One of the results of the drive far lonarary members in the Guild ford Diocesan cuia was revealed at tite annusl moeting of the Leather head Dintrict held at Lentharlead on Saturduy, Fehruary 11th, when 31 were elected. Ringing commencod soon after 3 a'clack will grandsire Doubles. Later the Vicur (the Rev. G. H. If. Coleridged, sup ported by the organist and choirhoys, couducted the Guild's form of service, and gave a pointed address on the challenging message of the bells.
Tea was served in the club roon of the Duke's Head, but although 29 notitications Jad been sent ju, only 25 sat down to tho meal, so the secretary lias been wondering if others besides the Guild's treasurer had beeu struck dowri with * flus. The Vicar presided over the business Decting. The first act was fo observe a silence upon the rocent death of Mr. Jesse Beama, of Ewell.
The fistrict's reply to the appeal for mare Lonorners mewhers made in last year's reparb bronglit $\mathrm{in}^{4}$ honorary and seven life memhers, Mr. James, of Cobhan, being responsible for securing 29 of bhese. Four ringing menibers were also elected.
The balance sheet slowed un increased balance of $10 s_{\text {s }}$, it now beang as 19s. 6d., and the report matked a gteady progress in ringllag and including the first over of Pajaswick Surprise 退oyal, which nisde a total of 25 firsta in a new method. The report concladed with ant append to monbers to majntain the inctessed attendances at mentings, rewinding them of the wide rialuge of methods the meelings offered them, and also of the fact thet the officers also had to leave jobs in homes and gardcens to attend the meetings.-Entls balamee sheet and report were arcepted wilhout camment.
The retiving district officers were re-elected, viz., Messrs. A. Harman, Ringing Master: A. F. Smith, hon. seceretary ; and W. J. Whiting hon. auditor, The Rev. Coleridge, Mr, G. Marriner and Mr. A. I Adams wete elected representatives on the Geweral Executiva Committee, no other apainations having been made, and with their consent o draw resulted in their serving A. J. Adams one year, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge two years, and G. Marriner three years. Al the retiriad gevemal offeera were renominated, Mr, R. Whittington being added to the list nominated for Central Council reprePlates selected for meeting during the year were Newdigate, Ranmore, Cobham, Epsog and Dorking, with Letatherhead for the next annual meeting
Mr. Grover reminded the meeting of the waning interest in the Benevolent Fund boxes, the lacts of subscriptions towards the New Cathedral Bells Fhnd and the towers' affiliation fees.
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the organist and choirboys, and to the Vicar for his continued interest and his varied setrices that day.
Ringing was then resumed intil 9 o'clock, methods ranging from the aforementionod Grandsire Doubles to Triples. Major, Caters. Plain Bab, Treble Bob and Sirprise Royel. Members were present from Ashtead, Banstead, Cobhan, Ewell and Leatherlead, with wisitorb including the geners 1 secretary, from \&uildford. Bagshot, Hounslow and Kingston, and an old nember of the district in the peraon of Miss I. L. Hastie.
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## NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). The 51 st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the imperial Hotel, Ternple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 p.m. prompt, Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, B.A., Vicar of Edgbaston, in the chair. The following towers will be open: St. Martin's, Bull Ring (12) and Aston Parish Church (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral Church of St. Philip (10), 4 to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 3 to 4 P.m.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Rd., Sparkhill, Birminglam, II

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch. The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 25 th . Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at St. Nicholas' House at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. But 'Mr. Harwood wants to know ' the names or numbers for tea, so just send a postcard, chums. Address to J. G. W. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern Division.The next monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal.--H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division. -A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, February 25 th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1939 ate now due.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, February ${ }^{25}$ th. Bells ( 6 ) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is expected, so please turn up in your dozens and look up your methods.-E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.North Forest Branch.-Next meeting will be held at Huntley on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. (Is. each).-A. J. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Westbury Court Cottage, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A six-bell meeting will be held at St . Albans on Saturday, February 25th. St. Michael's bells, tenor 13 cwt ., from 3 p.m. to 5.30 . Tea and meeting at 'Nell Gwynn's', St. Michael's Street, to be followed by ringing at St. Stephen's, tenor 15 cwt . Both are very fine peals-come and enjoy a ring on them.-Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be beld at St. Peter's, Haliiwell, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at small charge per head. Special invitation to friends in Wigan Branch. Names for tea to J. F. Wood, 5 r, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Braughing ( 8 beils) on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Meeting to follow. Ringing for all.-A. Lawfence, Dis. Sec., Harfield Park, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice has been arranged at Old Windsor (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.-A. D. Earker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637 ).-Meetings: *St. Paul's Cathedral, Fel. 28th; St. Magnus the Martyr, March 2nd. *Business meeting afterwards. At 7.30 - A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Practices will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, S.E.I, on the first Wednesday in every nonth, commencing on Wednesday, March 1st, at $7 \cdot 30$. All ringers welcome, but, ladies, this is mannly addressed to you, so please turn up in good numbers. Also, kindly book the dates for future practices, as this notice will not appear again. Rounds to Spliced Surprise (we hope !), so tell your friends.-I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A combined practice will be held at Hatfield (ro bells) on Wednesday, March rst, at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. -Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. - The annual lunch of the society will be held on Thursday, March 2nd, at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, at r.15 p.m. All those intending to be present must notify Mr. M. (i. Hayter, Christ Church, Oxford, not later than Feb. ${ }^{2} / 1 \mathrm{~h}$. Tickets, ${ }^{3}$ s. 6d., exclusive of wines-R. D. St. John Smith, Master.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

 LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - A general meeting will be held at Acton on Sat., March 4 th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Rector $4 \cdot 45$. Tea $5 \cdot 30$, Rector, Rev. P. Gough, invites members of the association to tea, and to the meeting, will all accepting advise me by Tues., Feb. 28th. All information and alterations for Annual Report should be sent to me without delay.-C. T. Coles, Gen. Sec., 2 r, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Western Branch.-First meeting of the year will be held at Hallow ( 4 miles north of Worcester) on Sat., March 4 th. Bells ( 8 , tenor $2 \mathrm{I} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.) recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 (gratis to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28ih). Business meeting afterwards, at which the problem of a new secretary must be solved.-G. E. Large, Branch Sec., I, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.
SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.Soutbern District.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4-30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, February 28th, certain. E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2I, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Rishtor on Saturday, March 4 th . As there is a committee meeting the same day, there will not be any business done by the branch.F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

## PETERBOROLGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guils-

 borough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne ( 5 bells) on Saturday, March 4th. Usual ar-rangements.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec.OXFORD DIOCESAN GUIED. - North Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 4th. Beils (8) available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Those requiring tea please send names in grod time. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.-Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.3 . Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All arrears of subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Old and new members cordially invited.Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 17, Grange Road, Dudley.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m Tea (1s. per head) at The Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, S.E.1, followed by meeting. Please send notifcations for tea to me by 28th inst.-E. G. Talbot, Hon Sec., 53 , Birchwood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford Dis-trict-A meeting of this district will be beld at Bromham on Saturday, March $4^{\text {th }}$. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome. All members please attend. Inportant business. - Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., io, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Luton District. -Annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells ( 8 ) available from 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. All welcome.-F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March $4^{\text {th }}$. Usual arrangements. A card for tea would oblige-W. W. West, Hon. Sec., ${ }^{8} 8_{4}$, Semington Road, Melksham.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells available from 2.30 . Service 4.30 . Tea, which will be free, in School at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. -F. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Brancli.-A special meeting will be held at Cranford ( 6 bells) on Saturday, March 4 th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 28th, if you require tea.-H. Baxter, 25, Charles Street, Rothweil, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. S. Dutton, Gramerci, Grove Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., not later than March ist? Tea at 5 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37 , Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

APPLETON, BERKS. - The rarst anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March $4^{\text {th }}$. Bells available alk day. Dinner at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Liverpool Branch. -The monthly meeting will be beld at St Helens Parish Church (ro bells) on Saturday, March 4th. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at $50^{\circ}$ clock, followed by tea and meeting. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. Piease send word for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 6 , Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on March ${ }_{1 r}$ th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting $5 \cdot 30$ All ringers welcomed.-C. Shatples, Branch Sec., Fylde.
LADIES' GUILD.-Northern District. - A meeting will be held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, near Stockport, on Saturday, March inth. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Fearnley, 7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. All ringers welcome. - E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Penewortham on Saturday, March itth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Bells (8). A good attendance is requested.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western Division. -A joint meeting of the Western Division and Huddersfield District Association will be held at St. Mary's, Elland, on Saturday, March sth. Bells (8) available from $20^{\prime}$ clock. Service 4.30 . Tea (Is.) 5.55 p.m., followed by business meeting - election of officers, etc. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, 2, Turnpike Street, Eliand, by Thursday, March gth. All welcome.-Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price 6s. each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Cornford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. Arrangements for ringing will be announced later.-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, March 18th, at 3.15 p.rn., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street.-Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading

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## AN INTERESTING QUEST.

The letter which appeared in our last issue, asking for information with regard to past performances of Grandsire Caters, is a reminder that, although a great deal has been done to recover and collate the peals of distant years, there is still much that might be done to enlarge our knowledge. The history of methods is not made up entirely of the records of ringing performances; there is a good deal that might be learned about the development of the art if it were possible to discover the compositions that were rung, showing the advances that have been made in peal construction. This has been possible at any rate in regard to such methods as Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in which the researches of Jasper Snowden brought to light a great deal of most interesting material; and there can be little left in this direction that is not now well known. Treble Bob Major, too, has been investigated. The Surprise methods are for the most part too modern a development to provide much field for research. Nearly all is known about them that can be known, and already Mr. J. A. Trollope has written a fairly exhaustive history of early Surprise ringing, that is waiting publication with the book on Surprise methods which the Council hopes eventually to print. But because the text books on ringing which have been published deal little with methods on more than eight bells, there still seems to be scope for investigation into the development of ten and twelve bell ringing, such as that which Mr. Edgar Shepherd is conducting into Grandsire Caters.

What little we know of the past we owe mostly to the peal boards that have been preserved in the towers up and down the country and to the records of the old societies, where they have been preserved. But while these have saved for us some account of peals that were rung, and the names of the men who rang them, there are very few instances where, except perhaps in the case of Holt's peals of Grandsire Triples, there is any record of what was rung. There are a few examples to be found where the course-ends of the peals are painted on the boards, and thus preserved to us; but, generally speaking, there is nothing to tell us what compositions were used when those old peals were rung.
Our forefathers did not set the store upon these details that we do to-day, when many societies go to the expense of printing compositions in their annual reports, and there is little hope that much can now be found to heip us. But it is worth while making an effort to get together such material as is available and building up into a more or less cohesive whole what fragments bave been spared to us. Mr. Shepherd has embarked upon the (Continned on page 134.)

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interesting quest in connection with Grandsire Caters, and, despite all that has been done in various directions, there are other similar fields which could occupy the attention of the studious and interested ringer. Too much of the history of ringing is buried in the limbo of the forgotten past, and such morsels as can be salvaged for the benefit of the present and future generations will be well worth the labour of collecting. No one, we believe, has yet written a comprehensive history of the Plain Bob method. It may not be so interesting a task as some of the rest, but it is all part of the history of ringing, and something that needs doing. If it is done well it will be much more than a mere collection of records of early peals.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

 LONDON.THE ANGIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Suturday, February 25, 1939, in Thred Howrs and Fifty-Five Minutes,
Ait ter Church of St. Micharl, Cornbill,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGE8; Tenor 41 cwt .
Ernesc G. Ernn... ... ...Treble| Wilijam H. Passmore ... 7 William Hibbert .... ... 2 Henky G. Mileg... ... .... 8 Henry R. Newion ....... 3 Kaymond G. Cousins... ... 9 Herbert Langdon ... ... 4 Jace A. Wadge ... 4 ..* .+* Io Ricbarit T. Hibbert ... ... 5 Alprrd B. Prck ... ... ... $\operatorname{II}$ R. Congreve Pridgeon ... 6 नRicgard F. Deal ... ...Tmop Composed by C. W. Roberts, Conducted by Herbert Langdon. Rung as a birthday compliment to 角essrs. S. E. Andrews, R. T. Hiblert, F. ㄱ. Newtan and A. B. Peck.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, February 18, 1939, in Three Howes and Seventen Minutas,
At the Cerizch of All Sainte,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGE8;

Egazst W, Pye...
Ernest E. HoLman
-Mis. J. H. Crampion
*Aidan J. Boyace ...
Frank C. Newhan. Composed by G. H. Cross,

* First peal of Royal.

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 Mrs. F. W. Hodsden ... 3 才Reginald W, Darvill ... 8 Frane B, Lofain ... .t. 4 Fredrrick W. Hodsden - 9 Wieliam Cyark .... ... 5 Alerert E. Norte .... ...Tenor Composed by Rev. H. Law James, Conducted by Frane B. Lofrin
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On Moxday, February 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly-Eight Minstet, At tee Ceurce of St. Mary Magdarene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGE8; Tenor 12 c 面
William Aley ... ... ...Tyeble | Edward Rochestrr ... ... 5
 Ben Coppin ... $. . . \quad . . . \quad . . . \quad 3 \quad$ Stanley Clark ... $\quad . .$. Edwin Larter ... ... ... 4 Wileham Wereesr ... ...Tenor
Rong as a birtiday compliment to Mr. George Dent (Master of the band) and to Mr. F. Olark, churchwarden of the above cburch.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SUREEY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 78, 1939, in Threr Hous and Thres Mimutes,
At the Chtrce of Sx. Mary.

## A PEAL OF gTEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANQE8:

Heywood's Transposizion of Therstang' Fodr-part. Tenor 181 cwt . in Effat.
"Joan S. Pink ..* ... ...Treble |Miss Gwendoline Kippin
Herebrt J. Skelt ... ... 2 Frank E. Mitceell ... ... 6
Cbarles Potbecary... ... 3 Cearlbs H. Kippin ... ... 7
Grorge H. Hompariss
Eqward G. Talbot ..n ...T Thor
Conducted by Cearees H. Kippin.

* First peal.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE
THE FORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday. Febrwayy 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minntaf, At the Church of St. Osward,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 GHANGES;

Tenor 自 cwt
Ronald H. Dove
Ernest Lindley.n
Cgarles Parier... Ieonard Drake ...

Composed by Yorkz Grzen. Conducted by Enward Bradley.
HERNEILL, KENT.
CANTEREURY CATHEDRAL COMPANY AND KENF COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
20n Saturday, Fobruary 18, 1939, in Two Hows anc Fift-One Miwntes, At thr Ceprch of St. Micgabl.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, s02 CHANEESI


Reginald H. Walyon
Frederice G. Bpret
W. ... 2 Jör W. UNWIN ... 6
 Composed and Conducted by Frederick R. Welerr,

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WOODFORD, ESEEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATLON.
On Monday, Febrwary 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly Minufes, Ax the Churce of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MASOR, GO24 CHANEES
Mrs. J. H. Crawfion Teror 11 cwiv.

- Jonn C. Perty ...
...Twbl| tAlfred G. Bass... ... ... 5
Grancis W Corney ... .n 2 TCBarles R. Morss ... ...
Stanley wibzi $\quad 3 \quad$ Raymond G. Codsins .... 7
Stanley Wbeb wn ***
Composed by F. Dence.
John H. CRampion *** *...tath Conducted by J. H. Canmpion.
* First peal in the methout. + First peal of Major. DISS, NORFOLE.
THE NORWICE DIOOESAN ASSOCLATION.
(St. Mary-reg-Virgin Socirty.)
On Twesday, Febrwary 37, 7939, in Thre Howys and Twenty Minetes. At the Parise Cherch of St. Mary-teg-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 GHANOE8:
Tenor 23 cwt 2 qr .26 bb ? in D .
David Whiting... ... ...Trubla "W. Anceie Lock
Clement I. More ... ... 2 Albert G. Harricon
Grorge Arcber .... ... 3 Frbdrrick C. Ropgr ... 6
- Leonard H. Lock ... ... 4 William Sthggale. ... ....Temor

Composed by C. Charge.

* First peal in the method. Fong for the wedding of Miss Elizabetz Gage, of Diss, and Mr. Philip E. Rackham, of Stanfield Fall, Wymoncham

NEWOASTLEDPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOOESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Februtry 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minwles, At ther Catgrdral Chorca of St. Nichoras,
A PEAL OF ETEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8!

Thorstans' Four-part.
Roland Parx
..Treble
W. Norman Pare ....

Wilefam J. Davidson .... 3
Joan Anderson .
Conducted by W. J. Davidson.
Rung in celebration of the wisit of their Majesties the King and Queen to the city.

BUSHEY, HEFTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thuysday, Febrayy 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Forby-Two Minules, As ter Chumce of St. James,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDDN, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE \& CAMBRIDRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt .
William G. Whitegrad Tyable Francis Kirk .... ... ... g
Henry Hodgetis *. $+\mathrm{H}^{2}$ Frgderice W. Brinelow... 6

- Edwin Jennings ... ... 3 Matricr F. R. Hibetrt ... 7

Cecil C. Mayng ** 4 Harold G. Casbmore ....Tmor
Composed by A. J. Pizman, Conducted by H. G. Caspmore.

* 200th peal. The peal cousisted of 2,496 London, 960 Bristol, 800 Superlative and 768 Cambridge, with 98 changes of method.

> EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thuysday, Febrwary 23, 1939, in Three Howrs, At fag Ceurch of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor is dwt.
Drnnis G. Brown ... ...Trebla Georbrry V, Morpay
Dodglas G. Brown ... ... 2 Pgilip A. Comey +.. ... $\ldots$... 6
Drrex M. Searp ... ... 3 George W. Fogdra ... ... 7
*Albert G. Gravett... ... 4 Artbur S. Ricbards ... ... Temoy
Composed by J. R. Pritcrard. Condincled by Grorge W. Fogden

* First attempt for a peal. First attempt for a peal as conductor.


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Norting iam.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Thurday, February 23, 7939, in Three Hours and Eignten Minstos, At the Churct of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCE8; Tenor 21 awt. in E.
Ralph Narberodga ... ...Trebit E. Frbderice Gobey Jacr Bailegy ... ... ... .... 2
Whan … $\cdot$... Willian Lakchstbr .... Alex Hotcgegon ... ... 4 Frbderick A. Salter ...Tenor Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by F. A. Salter.

* First peal in the mothod and first attempt. CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSEIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Westexn Brance.)
On Saturday, February 25, 7939, in Three Howrs,
At the Chiech of St. Join-the-Baftist,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Priscrard's Foerr-part.
Horace Hodge... ... ...Trable Allin Morgan Tenor if cont.

Grorge E. Large....
Williay Ranyord ... ... 4 Reginald Woodyatt... ....Temop Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* Firsb peal. First pend of Major as conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Saburday, February 25, 1939, in Three Fowrs and Five Minutas, Ay tee Parish Cedrce of St. Mary and All Saints, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, sOLO CHANEES;

Teurstans' Four-part.
Kataleen E. Fleicaer....Treble
-Ricbard A. Smitb ... ... a
†Alerrt C. Bridgrs ... ... 3
 Conducted by H. Wingrove.

* First penil of Stedman Triples. $\dagger$ First peal. LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARE DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Febrwary 25, 1939, in Threa Howes and Twenty Minutes.
At the Churce of St. Donsian-jn-the-East, E.C.,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE HORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHAMEE;
Dodglas G. Brown ...
Tenor
-Lodonard J. Fox . ...Trebla
Edwin A. Barmett ... .... ${ }^{2}$
- Gbarge W. Cacil ... ...

Composed by A. Kmigers (No. 195). Conducted by P. A. Corrby

* First attempt for a peal in the method.

THATCHAME, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANOENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUMTBS. On Safwrday, Febuary 25, 1939, in There Howrs, At the Churce of Sx. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, E040 CHANGE ©
Parker's Twisve-pari ( 7 th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 22 lbs.
Alabrt Smith ... ... ...Ttrble Harry W. Smitb ... ... 5
Edgar Homprgy $. . . \quad . . .2$ Febdbrici A. Monday ... 6
alban R. Poynyz ... ... 3 Cbarles W. Munday ... 7
*Donald W. Nasb .... ...t 4 †Artaur H. Byown ... ...Tenor Conducted by Cuarles W. Mompay.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. + First attempt for a peal.

BUNGAY, SUFROLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Suturday, Fabruagy 25, 1939, in Thee Howrs and Twelve Mixwics, At tai Churce of Sy. Mark,

## A PEAL OF gUPERLATIYE GURPRIBE MAJOR, 5152 GHANGEE;

 Troor 161 evt. Composed by E. Wigrtmar. Conducted by Ernest Whiting. Rung on the ere of the Wingfield memorial service.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Febynay 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minntes, Ar fae Parisb Ceurce.
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, $\operatorname{mots}$ CHANEESI Tanor 14 cwt .

 -R. Thomas Holdimg ... 4 Ghorgr A, Pacrer .... ....Tenoy Composed by J. R. Prisceard. Conducted by Grorge A. Packrr.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

CHURCH, LaNCASHIRE.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sahwday, February 25, 1939, in I wo Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, At tag Ceurch of St. Jambs,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cert.
Anthony Chadwick
...Treble Lestra L. Williams
Sydney Brown ...


Composed by T. B. Worsliy. Conducted by J. Clege.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conduchor. THORNE, YORESATRE.
THE TORESHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Saturday. Febryary 25. 1939, in Three Howrs and Ten Minutes, At tag Cburce of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB HAJOR, sO24 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt. I qr. if lb . in F .
Edward Bandley ... ...Tyoble

Horace S. Morley .... ... ${ }^{2}$ Ronald h. Dove... ... ... 6
Mrs. Edfard Bradley ... 3 Abtbitr Gill ... ..... .7 William Hawley $. . . \quad . . . ~ 4$ Dasiel Smitb ... ... ....Thor Composed by G. Lewis. Condscted by D. Smita.
First peal in the method on the bells.
NORBURY (HAZFL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULGD.
On Satwday, Febrwaty 25, 1939, in Threo Howrs,
At tbe Choreb of St. Tbomas,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES; Tenor $1_{4} \mathrm{cwt}, 3 \mathrm{qr}, 2 \mathrm{Ifb}$.


Rev. Franz Bonmer ... ... 4 Jobn Worty ... ... ... ...Tenor
Composed by Frank Bennaty. Condacted by Jobn Worte.
LONDON
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOGESAN GULLD.
On Sainrday, February 25, 7939, in Two Houys ard Forty-Seven Minetes, At tae Ceprce of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, s05G CHANGES; Temor 14 owt
Thomas H. Colver ... ...Tyeble Tbomas H. Francis ... ... 5
Norman H. Manning ... 2 Bertig W. Aldridge ...

$\begin{array}{llll}\text { "Alrred E. Bareer .... .... } & 4 & \text { Drrbe M. Sharp... ... ...Texor } \\ \text { Composed by J. R. Pritceard, }\end{array}$ * First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, Februay 25. 1939, in Thyee Hours and Eleven Minates.

At the Church of St. Nicolas.
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt .26 lb.


| Gborger Williams | ... | ..- | 3 | William R. Meivilie | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cgarles J. Fray | ... | ... | 3 | Reginald A, Regd | ... |
| ... | 7 |  |  |  |  |

 Composed by H. Jobnson. Conducted by Reginald A. Rbed.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS．

MartLe，oHeshire．
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD．
On Satuyday，February 18，1939，in Three Hours axd Ten Minntes，
Ai tae Cbirce of All Saints．
A PEAL OF MIMOR，FO4O CHANGES；
Being three exteats of Keut Treble Roly，three of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob
－Franr Waytrrs
$\begin{array}{cc}\ldots T i e b l a \\ \ldots & 2\end{array}$
Algert T．Bancrofy
C．Kennete Lewis Condacted by C．Kensera Lewis．
5 First peal，and fust attemp at Kprl． COTGRAVE，NOTHIS．
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCTATION．
Os Salurday，Fobruay 78，1939，in Two Fiours and Fi／ly－Sevew Minules， At thit church of All Saints，
A PEAL OF MINOR， 5040 CHANGES；
Being 720 of Oxfird Bof and two 720 s each of Oxford Treble Bob，
Kent Treble Bab and Plain Bob．
Grompray．Harrison ．．．．．．Treble
Colin Harrison ．．．．．．．．．$\quad 2 \quad$ ARTEDR＇J．CEamberlais ．．． 4
 Conducted by J．F．Milner．
Specislly rung as a compliment to Mrs．W．E．White（wife of the hon．treasurev of the Midlame Gonntiea Association）on attaining the age ol 70 years．

STISTED，ESSEX．
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION．
On Sunday，Fubrwary 19，1939，in Ter Howrs and Tkirly－Two Minmias， At the Ceurce of All Samis，
A PEAL OF ANRABLE＇S LOMDON SURPTIBE MNOR， 5040 EHANEES Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ in A
Kenneta G．Smitg ．．．．．．．Treble Aeec M．Gembry $\quad . .$.
Victor Morlry．．．．．．．．．．． 2 ＊RALph Bird ．．．．．．．．． 5
－RgGinald G．Simmonds ．．． 3 Ronald Suckling ．．．．．．Tender
Conducted by Kalf⿴囗十，Eird．
50th peal．Thisk－fifth neal as conductor．First peal if the method by all，in the country and for the association．

> BLRLESCOMBE, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DYOCESAN ASSOCIATION． Os Swndey，February 19，1939，in Two Howrs and Forty－Eight Minudes． At tge Chorch of St．Mary，
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES，5040 CHANGES； Forty－two six－scores，ten callings．Tenor 17 cwt （approx．） ＂William C．Newberry mTrebie

Whater Stevens ．．．．．． 4 Grorgr Aldrrman ．．．．．． 2 Ceadde W．J．Tarr ．．．．．．． 5 Friderick Aldrrman ．．． 3 ｜D．Cearles Enicott ．．．Temor Conducted by Frabrrick Ax．dermas．
＊First peal away from temor．＋First peal．First peal og the Gells． BARYBY－IN－THE－WДLOWS，NOTTS．
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCLATION．
On Tussday，Febrwary 21，1939，in Two Hours and Twbity－Two dainutes
At the Cetrce of All Saints．

## A PEAL OF MINOR，G040 CHANGES？

Being one extent eacly of Oxford Treble Bob，Kent Treble Bab，St
Clement＇s，Double Gxiord，Plain Bob，Oxford Bob and Coxri Bob． Tenor 6 ewt． 1 qr． 7 lb ，in C ．
＂Kenheta M．Willcock ．．．Tybble｜Frederick G．Hooper ．．．a
 R．Tbomas Vessey ．．．．．． 3 ｜Jogn C．Vessey ．．．．．．．．．．．Tenor Conducted by Jack L．Milemodse，
＊First pes］and first attempt．＋First peal＂inside＂and first attempt．

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## MLTON REGIS，KENT．

THE KENT COONTY ASSOCLATION．
On Wedmeday，February 22，1939，in 7hred Fowrs，
Ax the Churce or the Hole Temity，
A PEAL OF GRANDSJRE DOUBLES， 6040 CHANGES；
Forty－two sir－scores，ten different callings．Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr .13 lb ．
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Gegrge A，Naylor } & \text { ．．．．} & \text { ．．．} \\ \text { Leslie D，Dobbir } & \text { ．．．} & \text { ．．．}\end{array}$ Conducted by Geokge A，Naymor．
First peal and frast athempt．A alst birthdgy compliment to Thomas W．Baker，jun．

MURSLWY，BUCKS．
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，February 25，7939，in Two Hours and Twenty Minutrs， At abe Churca oy St Mary，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DDUBLES， 5040 CHANEES，
Forty－two extents，ten callings．
Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ ．

W．Saybre
$\ldots \quad . .$.
＊E Fercam
．．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{5}$ mor
Conducted by C．Kiniger．
＊First peal and first athempt．† First preal＂inside．＂Rung as a welcome to the new Rector（the Rev．G．E．Oliver）．

IWST BEDFONT，MDDDLESEX．
THE MIDDLESEX CODNTT ASEOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，Fobruary 25，1939，in Two Fiows and Forty－Four Minules， At the Cherce of St．Mary．
A PEAL OF MINOR， 5040 CHANGE8；
Ifeing one axteut each of Double Court，St．Clement＇s，Dosble Oxford， Plain Bob，Gumbridge Surprige，Kelt Trable Bob and Oxford Treble Boh．Tenor $7 \mathrm{cwt} .1 \mathrm{~g}^{\mathrm{r} .} 14 \mathrm{lb}$. 1．Abmiger Trollgpe ．．．Tyeble Ernest C．S．Turngr ．．． 4 Wilpaid G．Wilson ．．．．．．． 2 Harry Kiley ．．． 2 ．．．．．．． 5 Gborge M．Kilgy ．．．．．． 3 Cbcil C．Mayne．．．．．．．．．Tamor Conducted by Ernest C．S．Tarner， KERESLEY，WARWICKSHIRE． THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD．
On Saturday，Fobuary 25，1939，in Two Hours and Fifly－Three Minwles， AI ifr Ceboce of St，Thomas，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES，EO40 CHANGES；
Being 42 sir－scores with different callizge．
Tenor 6 6 cwt ．
－Walter Enger．．．．．．．．．Trable C．Henry Whet
Sidney J．Orgeton．．．．．． 2 tAlbert Briscog．．．．．．．.. .4 Jack Qtabion ．．．．．．．．．Thor Conducted by Jacr Ofgrion．
＊First peal．†．First peal＇insido．＇First pens as conductor． WLL，ESIOOROLGH，KENT．
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION．
Ow Sadurday，Febrwaty 25，1939，in Three Fowrs and Four Minutes， AI tur Ceupch of St．Mary，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR， 6040 OHANEEB；
Being seven different ono－part axtents，with 56 the right wsy．

Percy Pagr ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Tyeble Frbdirick Whastall ．．． 4 | Albert J．Lancerield | ... | 2 | William J．Lancrpirld | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cbarles L．Smitr | ．．． | ... | 3 | Edward S．Rock．．． | Conducted by Edward S．Ruck．

First peal of Kent Minor by all the band and the first peal of Kent Minor by the Ashford District．

## HANDBELL PEAL．

OXHEY，HERTS．
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
Om Friday，February 24，1939，in Two Hows and Eiffen Minwtes， At 28，Fibid Road．
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR， 5120 CHANEES；
Henry Hodgrits
．．．－＊1－2 Harold G．Casumori ．．．-6

Composed by w．Harrison．Conducted by H．G．Cashmore．
Umpire－Edwin Jonnings．
（Other peal reports are unavoidably held over）．

## PEAL NOTES.

COLLDGE YOUTHS FONOURED.
Four old members of the College Youths were honoured on Saturday whon, th celebrate their respective birthdays, a peal of Stedman Cinques wha rung at Cornhill. They were Messrs. S. E. Andrews R. T. Hibbert, H. R. Newton and A. B. Peck (the hon. secretary of the socioty). The three last named, who rang in the peal, hewe passed through the chair, Mr. Newton for the first tinue as long ago as 1898. The Acting Master (Mr. E. G. Fenn) and another past Master (Mr. W. H. Pesmare) also took part in the peal.

Mr. Ernest Whiting rang his 70th peal of Superlative Surprise on Saturday, whea he called a composition by Edgar Wightman at Buagay, Sufolk
Mr. Sydney Brown 'completed the circle' of the tower at Church, Lancushire, when he rang the second to a peal of Bob Major on Saturday.

As a birtiday compliment to Mr. Gearge Dent, the esteemed Master of the company at Harlow Common, Essex, and also to Mr. F. Clark, churchwarden, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at this church on February 13th.
In konour of the visit of H.M. the King and Queen to Newcastle, a peal of Stedman Triples was gung on the Dizon eight at the Cathedral on February 21 st. The extre bell provides an octave with a tenor of 17 cwt . in G flat.
The 25th anniversary of the consecration of the first Bishop of Chelmsford was marked by a peal of Bob Royal at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday.

The first peal by a local band on the bells at Mursley, Bucks, was rung on Saturday. It consisted of 42 extents of Grandsire Doubles snd was the first attempt for a peal by four of the barid. It was rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. G. E. Oliver).
Another place where, on Saturday, the first peal by a local band was rung was Keresley, Warwickshire. This, too, was Grandsire Dotables. Thomas W. Beker, jun., tang his first peel at the first attempt for his 2lst birthday on February 22nd at Milton Regis, Kent.
The Bishop of Winchester tast week returaed irom a tour in Indin, and on Sunday consecrated an extension of North Stoneham burial ground. In honour of these events a peal of Bob Major was rung on Saturday
Miss Alice Scott, who rang tho treble, made her first attempt for a peal. She is one of the 'Guides' who bave recently been enlisted into the band at St. Mary's, Southampton, and has been ringing for six months only.

Another composition of Treble Bob Major by Mr. George Lewis was rumg on Saturday at Thorne, near Doncnster, for the firat time. It contains the 6th its extent in 5th's and the 4, 5 and 6 their extent in 6 bh's. It was the first peal of Kent rung on the bells.
The peal of Grandsire Catere at Worsley on February 14th took 3 hours 33 minutes, not 2 hours 33 minutes as printed.

## BRISTOL SURPRTSE ' IN HAND.

Aftor Spliced Surprise peals ¿ouble-handed, a peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells may yot sound extravaraut, but it is a notable performance ell the same. The Hertiordshire celebritieg rang a peal of it 'in hend' ' last Fridey.
On the previous day the tower-bell party had rumg a peal in four Surprise Major methads, and Mr. Edwir Jennings scored his 200 h peat.
The peal of Grandsire Triples rung by members of the College Youths at Thatcham, Berks, on Saturday, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur H. Brown, who made his first attempt for a peal and afterwards kindy ontertained the band to tea.
The fret peal of Kent 'Freble Bob Minor by members of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was rung on Saturday at Willesborough. It consisted of seven one-part extents with $5-6$ the right way throughout and it was the first peal of Kent Minor by alt the band.
Mr. Horacs Hough. late of Melbourne, Derbyshire, and now residipg in Worcester, rang his first peal last Saturday at Claines. It is not so very long since he returned from Canada, where ha worked for severel years. He was able to too a little change ringing before ha went out to the Dominion, and las made rapid strides since his return. Reg. Woodyatt, who is a member of the Chaines band, calied his first peal of Major and at the same time completed tha circle in his own tower,
Sunday service ringers at Beaconsfield, including their Rector the Rev. B. F. R. Routh), rang a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday, the first in the method at this church by a local band.

## AN OLD SURPRISE MINOR METHOD.

A peal of seven 720's of Annable's London Surprise Minor was rung at Stisted, Essex, on February 19th, the first peal in the method by all, in the caunty and for the Essex Association. This method, one of the earliest Surprise Minor methods (if its name goes for brythingl has beldom, if ever before been rung exclusively in a peal
Thas Was the 50th peal for two of the bund, Messrs. R. G. Simmonds and Ralph Bird, and it was the latter's 35th as conductor. Comparatively few ringers can have called so targe a proporion of their first half-century of peals:
(Continned in next column.)

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE BELLS OF ST. ANDIEW'S, GEIMSBY.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was keld et St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby. After very nearly six years of silence, the bells did not go badty, especiailly in view of the fect that they have been in the tower 51 years without being rehung. Members attended the meeting from Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Scuntiorpe, Burtoll-on-Stather, Barrow-on-Humber, Ulceby Killingholme, Mablerhorpe, Louth, Waltham, Old Clec, and Mr, nad and Mrs. Bramwell, of goxhiln, and some of the local members were alse present. The bells wene rung to various methods during the afternoon and evening, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Howard), who gave an interesting address. Mr. L. Mingay presided at the organ.
Forty mambers lad tea in the Church Hall. The president (Archdeacon, Parry) presided, supported by Canon Marsden (Vicar of St. $^{\text {James }}$ James') snd the Rev. A. H. Howard (Vicar of St. Andrew's).
The reports of the secretary and Ringing Master were read, and both were thanked for the reports and their services.
All the officers were re-elected. Mr. N. Dale, of Old Clee, was reelented a ringing member, and Mr. F. Cook, of Mablethorpe, and Mr. S. Neave, of Goxhill, were also elected.

The collection for the bell fund of the district amounted to 12s,, and it was decided to give it to St . Andrew's to start a beil restoraton furd.

The District Bell Fund accounts were presented end accepted, Future meetings were arranged as follows: May 13th, Mablethorpe; June 10th, Bigby; June 22nd, Elsham; Scptember 16th, Ulceby; October 28th, Scunthorpe; and combined practices as follows: Thebruary 25th, Thornton Curtis; March IAth, St. James', Grimaby ; April Ist, Barton-on-Humber.
It Wrs with deep regret the secretary reported the death of Mr. Fred Overton, sffectionately known amongst his fellow-ringers ss "Little Fred." He was taken suddenly ill on January J2th and passed away in the Grimsby and Diatrict Hospital on January 16ith, at the aga of 56 years. Ee was an ald member of St. Andrew's company and for the last six years a member of St. James'. He will be greaty missed by all who kuew bim.

The secretary also reforred to the passing of Mrs. Eushby, wife of Mr. Harold Rushby, the district organist, after Foars of suffering. To show their deepest respect, members stood in silence.
A vote of thanks was accorded from the chair to the Vicar for conducting the service and for his excellent address. Archdeacon Parry hoped that when possible the rimgers would sally round him and get the bells going again. The Chairman then thanked Caron Marsden for his presence at the mecting, also Mrs. H. Mingay for giving them splendid tea at such amall cost. He also thanked the organisu.
The Vicar, in reply, said how glad he was to welcome the Guild at St. Ardrew's. Now that he had settled down he hoped that they wrould soon get a band torether sgain. He thanked the secretary and Mrs. Bromfield, who had done so much to get the bells and belfy in order again.
After a vote of thanks to the president for presiding, members returned to the tower for further ringing.

## (Continued from previous colume.)

The first peal on the bells at Burlescombe, Devon, was rany on February 19th. The bells ere now a ring of six with a tenor of about 17 cwt.
St. Durstan's College, at Catford, S.E., owes its origin to the historic City Church of st. Dunstan-in-the-East, Mr. Dougias Brown, who rang the treble to the pueal of Double Norwich it St, Dunsern' on Saturday, is ant old boy of the college and is almost certaiuly the only old boy of the school tan ring a peal at the church
At Barn by-in-the-Willows, Notts, on February 21st, Messrs. Jack L Millhouse and John C. Fessey rang their 25th peal logather, uad F, ( Hooper rang his 25th jueal. It consisted of seven different Minor methods, but what makes the performance more noteworthy is that the brothers Kenneth and Eric Willoock scored their frat poal and their first peal 'inside" respectively at the first atterapt.

Until a short time ago they were members of a sfoney luad at the five-bell tower at Balderton, near Barnby. They are to be congratulated upon their rapid progress in change rioging. Prior to this peal Eric had never previously struck a blow in either Orford Bob or St. Clement's.
Mr. J. H. Crampion, who bad the gratification of calling Lif wife's first peal of Royal on February 18 th at West Ham, conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major et Woodford on February 00 th to cele5rate his own birtiaday.
Mrr. E. E. Trendel! has been elected presideat of the Canterbury Cathedral company, and as a compliment to him a peal of Bob Major was rung by members, at Hermluill, Kent, on Saturdny. It mas the Cathedral company's Brit peal since 1933. It was also bindtay complinert to Mr. F. G. Brett.

The 70th birthday of Mrs. W. E. White, wife of the popular hoo. treasurer of the didland Counties Association, was celebrated by a peal of Minor reag at Cotgrave, Notta, on Saturday, and afterwerda Mr. and Mrs. White entertained the ringers.

## DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS.

NEW EDITPION OF TEE OENTRAL COUNCLL'S COLLECTION.
A new edition of thet invaluable book published by the Central Council, the "Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods," which has done 60 much to encourage the devclopment of six-bell rimging, has been completed and is on sale this week. Tbe work has been thoroughly revised, and, although it covers the whole field of Doubies and Minor in a thoroughly eficient way, the elimination of unnecessary material, the rearrangement of the methods and compos!tions and the inclusion of a selection only of Alliance methods, bas reduced the size and, consequently, the ptice of the book, which is now issured at 2s. Moreover, the economising of space in these directions has made it possible to include a much expanded section on spliced extents, with numerous compositions, which will be welcomed by that rapidly growing seetion of six-bell ringers who find a new intarest in multi-method ringing. There are also larger number of othar compositions, and compressed into the ninety or so pages ringers will find a nost comprehengive work, the outcome of long oxperience and painstaking and patient labour. The Methods Committee have carried out their task well, and ringers, whether they possess the previolls editions or not, will find this new book essential to them if they are interested in any degree in five or six-bell ringing. Even those who seldom concern themselves with Doubles or Minor should add it to their library, for it is just one of those books that may be unerpectedly peeded at some odd moment,

## A DISCLAIMER.

## Fo the Editor.

Dear Sir-I understand that recently an application was made in my name for permission to use the bells of St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, Leicester, for a peal attempt, the application being mede by telephone on Sunday for the following Thursday.
As I had mo knowledge of this at all, I most strongly deprecate sach liberfies being taker, and as it is possible that similar applications may be made elsewhere in the future, I wish to state that any bona-file application from me will be made either personally or by letter on the printed notepaper of the association.

Any incumbent or towerkeeper receiving an applicetion by 'phone purporting to come from me is respectfully asked to withhold the necessary permission.

HERETRT W. PERKINS,
Hon. Sec., Leicester District, M.C.A.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUBLLEE CELEBRATION.
The Februgry meeting of the Leeds and District Saciety was beld at Liversedge on Saturday. To a visitor who does not know the district very well, this church is swoward to find, and a few members had dificuly in discovering the road to the church, but all's well that ends well and the meeting whs worth a little frouble in arriving. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued antil 5 a'clodk when those present aid 'ample justice ' to a splendid tea provided by the local company, Ringigg was then furger indulged in and later the business meeting was hald in the tower.
The presidens \{the Rev. J. F. B. Andrews\} took the chair, and members were preseat from Armley, Bathey Burstall, Bradfard Cathe dral, Burley, Cafverley, Drighington, Headingley (St, Chad's, Huddersfield Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley and the local company,
Two new members, Messrs. H. Bradley and J. Bradley, of Sher巨urn, were slected.
A compresensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, ehurchowardens and the local company was proposed by the president (the Rev. J. Andrews), who thanked all concerned and espectally the local company for arranging the tea.-This was seconded by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who said that he was pleased that lae had been able to ring at Liversedgo once argain. When lie visited Liverscage he was reminded of the time when (as a curate at a nearby church) be was learning to ring end often wis able to practise at Liversedge. Mr. Fernie (now Vicar of Liversedge) was the curate who succeeded lim when he left the district.

Mr. F. Fodgson acknowledged tho vote and promised to pess on tho thanks to all concerned.
The nert meeting will be the socieby's juhilee gatherjng. Tickete (1. 9d. each) are now ready and can be obtained from the secretary or at various towers
It was decided to dispense with the business meeting on that ocesgion, and members are asked to noto that nominations and election of officers for the year 1939-40 will take place at the April meeting. The arrangements for the jubilee gathering are ringing from 2.30 p.m., service 4.45 p.m., lot pot supper and entertaiment 6 p.m.

## A LANCASHIRE VETERAN.

At Ponwortham, Lanes, after a Confimation service, on February 25th, end also as a T9th birthday compliment to Mr. J. R. Taylor of the local band, 720 Keat Treble Bob Minor was rumg after meeting short for Bob Major: K. Martin 1. H. Hall Q. E. R. Martin 3, J. R. Tayler 4, W. Lozham 5, K. Hall E, J. Gornall 7.
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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Lancashire Association ere usked to mote that ibe meeting of the Liverpool District at St. Helens is to be Leld on March 11 th and not Mareh 4th as advertised last weak.
Mr. A. Waddington has resigned the post of Maidstone District eecratary of the Kent. Association, and Mr. R. G, Rayfield, Downs Viep, 25, Spring Lane, Ightham, has been elected to the vacaney, All datrict subscriptions and communications should be gent to him. A Jundred and sixty years ago: 'On Shrove Tuesday a complete peal of 10,260 crandsire Caters wes rung upon the deep melodious peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Chureh in Nottingham, being tize first and only attempt mate for the same. The above performanee continued 7 hours and 20 minutea and was periormed by eleven of the Notitingham Saciety. The tenor, as customary with bells of that weight, was rung by two men and the other nine single-handed. St, Mary's beils are the leaviest penl of ten bells within 100 miles of the place, York Minster excepted.' Thus the "Cambridge Chronicle ' of March 7tla, 1778
Slirove Tuesday in that year whs on Mrich Srd and tho peal mas called by W. D. Grofts.
The two peris of Erith Little Rob Royal four days apart bring to miad os similar coincidence 47 years ago this month, in which the graudiather of the conductor of the Prittlewell peal was concerned. On the Thesdey the late Mr. E. Burnott, gen. called the first peal of Double Norwich Por the Kcat Counly Association and on the Kollowing Thursday Mr. Lindoff called a peal of it at Gillingbam. Neither conductor knew of the ather's intention.

Tis a sinall world after all. When the Englisls ringers were in Austratia in 1934 they visited St. Augustine's Ohureh, at Juley, Adelaide, a new and imposing builaing, and were presented with souveair buttons bearing a miniature picture of the chureh.
The Vicar of St. Aagustine's at that time is now Vicar of Liversedge, Yorkshire, where a meeting of the Lewds and District Soctety was held on Saturday. Mr. Joe Hardeastle produced his souvenir button, to the amazement of the Ficar-and then fongues wagged. At St. Augustine's the Fiear raised 816,000 for the new church, and allhough he saw the building faished, he left before they gat a bopedfor perl of bells.

## DEATH OE MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

We deeply rogret to record the death on Wednesday morning of Mr. Arthur Knights, the weil-known timger and composer, of Chesterfiold. He wes 79 years of ege.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

## To the Editor

Sitr-I never can understand why so few of our bells al's rung on Good Friday. It seems to nae to be the special accasion wheu good mulfied ringint would have a direct appeal.
Mny ringers, I imagine, lave not heard the solemn effect of doable muflad ripging, with the tonor open at back-stroke.
I venture to recommend this method. WILLIAM STORY.

## QUICKEST PEAL ON CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.
Sir, I note with interest in "Peal Notes" the peal of Minor Tung at Buckland, Surrey, in 2 hours 1 minute, and reference made to a quicker poll having been rung ah the Beli Foundry, Loughborough. If my memory gerves me aright, the Loughborough peal wrs rung on the front six of the ten. It is ingeresting to note on the game page in 'The Ringing World ' as the Buckland peal a peal of Minor rung on the back six at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, tenor $6 \frac{1}{} \mathrm{cwt}_{\text {. }}$ in 2 hours 21 mimutes. The Buckland peal would laze looked much better with another 720 tacked on to it. C. H. WEPB.

## NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

Newesstle Cathedral Guild have lost ano of their ariginal members by the death of Mr. John Foreman, who passed away on February 13th. He had been steeplekeeper for many years, during which time be carried out his duties most efficiently and always bad everything in perfect order for ringing on all occasions.
As a Sunday aervice ringer be was one of the keenest, and many will also remenlier him ringing peals, which totalled 55 . Most of them were rume for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, which he joineá in I901. Unfortunately, indifferent bealth kept him out of peal ringing recsntly. At the gravedide atter the inneral service the handbells were rugg as a last token of respect br C. L. Routledge (Ringing Master, Newrastle Gathedra! Guidd) 1-2, Murray Oubridge (president, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) 3-4, W, J. Davidson 5-6, Adam Deas 78.

## A DUBLIN QUARTER-PEAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), tea different callings, was rumg at St. Patrick's National Cathedral, Dublin, by D. Megregor 1, G. Lindoff 2, F. E. Dukes (conductor) 3, O. H. Jones 4, H. W. Jones 5, M. Doalan 6. It was the first guerter-peal by all (except 2nd ringer) in the method. F. E. Duke's first quarter-peal as conductor. Ringers of 2,4 and 5 members of St. Patrick's, remainder conductor. Gingers of 2 , 4

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-60.

## WALTER P. WHITEHEAD

Lejegter has produced many very able ringere, but few of them have begun their ringing career at so early mo age as Mr. Walter P. Whitehead. Born on Devember 804 1907, in the parish of All Saints' Leivester, the youmgest of the three brothers, he was taught to handle a bell by bis eldest brother, Edward, al the age of 13.

With the gid of push bikes, Walter (who later was to be nick+ named by the Leicester leading lights, Mossrs. W, Wilsom, F. H. Dexter mad E. Morris, as Tich' beiug only 4it. Zin. in height) and lis brother Edward would tour the villages round the district for experience.

After twelve montlas of practice, "Tiels 'scored his first peal on the trebte to Stedmen Triples at All Saints', Thumeastow. This was on Febrtary 241 b , years only two montlis previously. In tho simme yoar ha accomplished peals of Supariative, Cambridgo and London Surprike Fajor on an inside bent Hnxious to go ahead, 7ich began conducting under the tuition of Mr. Willism Wilson, tand witile blill a mere lad of 15 called at the first atiempt Tolt's Original and was the youngest to call the oaepart.

Six montils later he composed and couducted penis of Hob Major and SuperIntive Surprise.
One peal which? "Tich specialty cherislues is a peal
 of Steduan Caters 'm

## MR. WALTER P. WHITEHEAD,

 hand ' on $1-2$, three montlrs after his $15 t \mathrm{l}$, birthday. This was the forst peal 'in land ' by all and tho first of Stedman Catexs as conductor.Alogether M1. Whitehend las rung 266 peals and conducted 161. Of these 21 have been juag on hamdbelis, 15 of which he has conducted. Amongst the total mre 104 peals of Stedman Triples, 81 of which tue has concueted (six "in liand '), rumg in 53 towers for three associations with 236 ringers.
Mr. Whitehead is a member of St. Saviour's, Leicester, where his brothers, L. F. and E. A. Whitehead (towerkecper) are also riagers.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the North Forest Braneh of the Gloucester and Bristal Diocesan Association was held ath Huntley on Saturday. Six towers of the branch were represented and there wore visitote from Gloucester, Cheltenhara and Coventry. The service was conducted by the Rector of Huntley (the Rev. Thectweld)

After tea the members stood in silence as a merk of respect to the Inte Mr. G. Grosvellor, captain of Longhope fower, who had always taken a great interest, in the branch amd was always to be found at tha branch meetings.
At the business meeting it was decided to hold the pext meetiug al Corse.
A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Funtley for the use of the bells and for taking the service.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

NORTHERN DISTRFCT AT BRECON.
The annual meeting of the Northera District of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild took place at Brecun on Saturday, Febraary 18th. The bells were made good use of until service time, when the Bishop's Hessenger conducted the Guild's special form, also presided at the organ and geve the sddress, the Vicar (Canon Roberts) Seing in the congregation. Tea was partaken of at the Church House, 31 sitting down ass the guests of the Vicar. Yisitors aitended from Fbbw サale and Tredegar, and the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. J. Hoare) and the general secretary (MLr. D. F. Williams) were also present.
The Vicar presided orer the business meeting, at which the officers were all re-elected with the exception of the district auditor, who will be lenving duting the summer. The Rev. J. C. Hill was elected in his place.
The usual yotes of thanks concluded the meeting and the ringers returned to the tower.

## RECRUITMENT.

## AN ANNVUAL CAMPAIGN SUGGESTED.

## To the Faitor

Dear Sir,-Your leading article ard the letter of your corfespondent in last week's inste of "The Ringing World' on 'Recruitment are timely, for I think that wnless something energetic is done to fill the deplewed bunds of ringers all over the country, the Exercise will be faced with a most serious prospeci of decadence in the near futare!
The instruction of beginmers is a most diffieult and disappointing task, and even sfrilied ringing ingtrnctors admit that. the percentage of successes is low. However, this would be of small import if recruits came formard in large enouga mumbers. In this respect I feel that recery rimper could help a lot more llam be does, and sliould not just leave the maiter to the captain of lis band.
It seema to me that it canmot be beyond any ringer's capscity to introduce at least one new perion to the beliry each year, nad to gecure his interest sufficienly for lim to commence learning. If every ringer were to do this each Jcur and even if only 10 per cent. of the recruits so obtained became successful ringerg, in nine years our numberg would be doubled, rings of bells now silent would ve pealigg, and, emongst other things, the circulation of "rhe Ringivg World would increase!
Nay I sugrent that au annual campaign should be launched through the medium of Yuun valuable paper in any agreed month, reminding ringers that it is time they brought their recruit to the tower. This campaign coutd be followed by a series of articles giving insinnctions to instructors at the various siages of the leatuer'g phayress. Enywards Heatb. Sussex.

## AN OPTORTUNITY AND A BONDS

At Clent, Worcestershire, the seeking after reertuils is helped by the Ficar Iu last month's isate of the Parisly blagazine was the following paragriph

The tutque opportunty-whiclt eannot be extended indefinitelyis for lads who have time on their labuds and need as hobby. The chance of being tanght to ring now loy our old friend William Short, who koows everjeling abotit it and much more than many ringers do : tie reward-a small bouns when proficient, offered liy the Vicar. Bore ringers are needed-Lerm now while Mr. Short is still able to teacli you.
They also interest the patishioners of Clent in the bells by varions metivition, For the past fow years b belluingers" sociul has annually raised funds for a wariety of bellry inprovements.

## DEARTH OF RINGERS AT ADWICK.

REGTOR'S REGRET AT SILENGF, OF EELLS
A meeting of the Doncasler and District Society wis held at Adwick-le-Strect on Saturdey, Feloruary 25th, and the peal of six bells was rumg to a large varielf of methods during the aftermoon aud evening. Sevanteen members and frends sat down to tea in the Ohd Schnool.
The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector of Adwich, the Rev. S. A. Thylor.

Tho Rector welcomed the somiety 'from selfish motives.' Adwiek bells, he eaid, had been silent for a long time, aud hie thought perhajis when the bells were once more heard ringing out, enfficient interest might be aronsed among the people of Adwick to keep them going and the preaent state of affairs brought to an end, it was no fault of his own ringers that this had come abouts "Ihey had brought leamers in, taught them and then for one rewson or abothen they had dropped out, and the band had heen gradially depleted till it hiad fimished altogether. For the first time since ibey were jnstalled the bells failed to ring out the old year and welcome the new year. A number of the reaidents, he said, were continually asking the reason the bells were not rung, and he gssured tho meetivg that, despite tho criticism they got sometimes, the bells were sadly nissed when they were silent.
Mr. Lloyd said it was a peculinr fact that winle Adwick had the hells nul no ringers, Doncester had the ringens and no bells. In addition to a first-class company, they bad a band of Learners comiug on very well. who were being taurlat on handbells till the tower bolls ghould be put, in order. Among these were a number of young ladies, and Mr. Lloyd pointed out to the Rector that if lie could not get young men lie must get young pomell.
Mr. Clark endorsed Mr. Lloyd's remarks. He ssid in many places they lad ank old-fashioncd prejudice against girls and women in the helfry, but in his experience he found that they were treated with extreme courtesy. He mentioned the fact that there wis such a thing es a Ladics' Guild with a large membership, and that Donemster digtrict towers bad quite a number of lady tingers. He advised the Hector to try this remedy. He went on to say that gince be first canse to the district he knew there bad been a struggle to keep thingr going at Adwick. Then for a short time they had a first rato band capable of ringing, and striking, a large number of methois, and now they had none. Ho hoped that tiis position would soon be altered.
Tickhill was decided upon the vedue of the next meeting, to be beld on Saturday, March 25 tig.
Fotes of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the belle anil to the ladies for providing tea brought the metiag to a clobe, and the handbetts and tower bells were set going once more.

## JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

## REPRESENTAI'IVE GATHERING AT

 BIRMINGHAM.
## Lord Mayor's Appeal tor Cathedral Worthy of the City.

The memory of Henry Johnsan, most famous of all Birmingham ringers, who was horn 130 years ago and died nearly 50 years ago, was honoured ayain ast saturday, when tive city, under the auspices of St. Martin's Guild. Those who knew or rang with Henry Johnson are a fast dwinding band, but there were seven annong last Saturday's company who had met him in life.
The dinner, which is the chief event in the commemorative proceedings, was altended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, and apart from the fact that the Lord Mayor sprang a Eutprise by revealing that he was the son of a former wel-known pull a bell, he made a notable speech urging the building in Birmingham of a cethedral worthy of so great a city.
Ringing took place at St, Martin's, the Cableedral and Aston in the afteruoon, and a company of nearly 140 gathered at the Imperasi Hotel in the evening under the genial chairmanship of Canon 5 . Blofeld, Ficar of Edghaston. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blofeld and was supported by the Lord Mayor (Alderman James Crump) and tine Lady Mayoress, Councillor A. Paddon Smith (vice-president of the Guild), Mr. T. H. Recves (hon. secretary), Mr. F. E. Haymes (Ringing Masler), the Provost of Birmingham (the Very Rev. J, H. Whichards), the Archdeacon of Aston and Mrs. McGowan, the Rey, W. S. Power (Vicar of Erdington), Col. J. W. Danielsen (church: warden of Erdiggton), Messts. F. W. Stevens and E. B. Tomlinson (churchwardens of Edghaston), Mr, and Mrs. F. B. Yates (King's president) Bn Mrs. Walker. The visitors inctuded Mr. W. Shor (Ringing Masier of the Worcestershire Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers hon. searetary, Winchester and Portamouth Diocegan Guid) and Mr. R. Plilpot (Porismouth), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guidd, Mrs. and Miss Richardson, Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary, Archdeaconry of Stafiord Society), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary Bristal United Guilds) and Mrs. Guise, Mrs, Wilkins, Mr. Williams and others from Bristal, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr.
 (Gloucester), Mt. J. Williams (Newent), Mr. W. Sauiders (Coalbrookdile) Mr. T. P. Fider (Laughborough), Mr. F. W. Porrens and Mr. Whd Mrs, F. E. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. snd Misk Griftin (Walsall), Mr.
E. Nash (Mells, Somerset). Mr. S. Holt (Warcester), 3r. Bishop (Ruardean, Glos.), Mr. W. Viggers and Miss E. Pascoe (Aldershot), etc. There was also a representative company from nearly all the tower in the diacese.
Aftar an excellent repast, the toast of 'THe King' w'as given by the chairman.

## BIIMENGHAM'S CONTRYBUTION TO HISTORY

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed the combined toast of 'Charch and state and 'The City of Eirminglam. He said opinion had been growjes in recent years that the terms Church and State should have a universal applieation. When they talked of the State thoy meant 4, World Stater and when they talked of the Chureb they mernt a Church that would embrace the whole world, but for himself he found that wide application of the words was very unsatisfying and diffeult to understand. When he spake of Church and State he thought, and he believed most of those present also thought, of the Church as it more strictly concerned themselves and of the State as mors matrictly concerning the British Isles. He thousht it would he a pity if they allowed their jdeas of Church and State to become less definite, because much of the progress of the word that had been made in every aspect had been due to the rivalry between nations and the feeling of each
ane of them was that their own State and their own Church was the best. If they took that as their idea of Church and State, they mast admit that iney owed a debt both to the Church and to the state, but whereas they were compelled to perform in some degree their duty to the Siste, the Church made no such compulsion upon them. If, therefore, the church and State were to exist side by side, and prosper as they would wish them to, it was obvious that they depended upon them as individuals to make them successful. It was in that connection that they welcomed the sddition of the words " City of Birmingham" to the toast that night. It was added in appreci\&tion of the great honour they felt had been bestowed upon them by the risit of the Lord Mayor (applause). When they looked back through the history of the country the City of Birmingham hed played no mean part, both in regard to the State and the Church. Many men conmected wish Birmingham were among the famous churchmen, statesmen, inventors, artists and so on of the past, and at no time had the City of Birningham ever deserved better of the State than at the present moment. They were all proud to think that it was a citigen of Birningham who was now piloting the Ship of State (applause). IThe Lord Mayor, who first responded, thanked Mr. Haynes for his references to the City of Birmingham and expressed his great pleasure at being. present at the dimner as the guest of the Guild. Birminghsm was a city that had helped to make the country famous throughout the world, and that week they were bolding in Birmingham part of
the British Industries Fuir. There was no prouder man than he was on Tuesday morning when he was presented to Queen Mary, on her visit to the fair, ane she said to kim, 'I want to congratulate you on the Birmiogbam exhibits at the fair this year. I am pleased to see that they have got such a fine exhibition.' That, said the Lord Mayor, was a great compliment, abd he was delighted to pass it on to the peopls of Birminghom (applause).

## LORD MAYOR SPRINGS SURPRISE.

Proceeding, the Lord Mayor surprised the company by informing them that he was once gssociated with their calling. When my secretary sajd to me that I had an invitation to the bellringers dinner and added, "You cannot do it. You are booked at tine British Industries Fair for lunch, again for ters at 4.30 and anotber ore at 5 ," I wold him,' said the Lord Mayor, 'that I was going to the bellringers' dinger and that if they wanted me at the B.I.F. they must bring their time table forwerd (laughter and applause). They did that," said the Lord Mayor, "and candidly if they hadn't I ghould have missed those teas, because I wanted to be here " (applause)

I go back,' he continued, "\& long number of years, 55 or more, when I uged to go regularly with my dear old dad to St. John's Church, Bromsgrove, whero he was a ringer. I heve been with him bere in Birmingham to meeticgs at St, Martin's Church, and accompanied him to many other churches in the Midlands where there are bells. I think I can say I took an interested part in ringing, because my father was treasurer of the society; but he was treasurer in name only, because I did the book-keeping (laughter). I still have in my possession an interesting emblem whicli commemarates a record in bellringiag. This is what it says, "The Worcester Diocesan Association of Change Ripgers. On Saturdey, February 2nd, 1884, was Tung in the tower of St. Jalm's Church, Bromsgrove, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5,040 changes in three loan's seven minutes, conducted by Elijah Crump," One of the rimgers was Jimer Hinton, who was stone deaf, and Mr. Allautt stood by the side of him and gave thim two taps when a bob was called and one for a single (hawgliter). I did that many times myself,' said the Lord Mayor, "but that was for ordinary ringry and not for a penl. Now I crn't tap tham even once for a bob (loud taughter). That peal was unigue and it states on the bottom of tha card that it was a record for ringing at that time (applause). At a leter date they tried for a peal at Eanbury with Mr. Hinton, who was deaf and Mr. Hughes, who had only one arm, but near the end the conductor forgot to call bob and what would have been a further record was lost, Once," continued the Lord Mayor "I hed to walk to Stoke Prior, where they had just got a new bell, and I remember going to the schoolroom to have tea. Afterwasds my father used to go to Stoke Prior to teach the roung men how to ring, and I bad to accompany him, hail, rain or snow (laghtar). I Was not much of a ringer myself, said the Lord Mapor, "but I used occasionally to help ring the peopfe into church and tell them it was church time (applause).
We used to kep the handbells at our house nad they were humg on a brommatick across a wooden bedstead so that we could tap them (laughter).

## A WORTHY CATHEDRAL WANTED.

'It is this far off connection with your bellinging, said the Lord Mayor, that mede me tell my secretary that I was going along to Four dinner (laughter), Both the Lady Mayoress and myedf are delighted to be lere with you, and we shall watch your progress with interest and, I hope, listen to many peals. My only regret is that We do not posaess is cathedral worthy of our great ciby. There is plenty of money in the country and they could do it if only the wauld get down to it (applause). Braninglam is worthy of it. While we
 Birmingham to say, "That is our Cathedral" (applauge). Why cannot we do as other places have doke, make a bold bid to build a cathedral? If there is ansthing I ean do to help in that direction I shail be only too delighted to do it (loud applause). I don't profesa to be a goad man, becanse I sanould be a hypocrite if I did, for I've been a lad in my time (loud lauginter), but 1 am quite serious when I say that anyone who has lived any length of time in Birmingham must agree that we ollghi to have a cathedral wortby of our great city ${ }^{2}$ (applause).
The Chairman, who also replied, said he hoped the order of the toast would always be preserved. It should be the toast of 'Churcin and State, for thint was how best they could mark the walue that the Church could be to the Stata. He was grateful to the Lord Mayor for what he said about the Cathedral (applause). He was not going to dwell upon it, but it must be at the heart of lots of people in Birmingham that they should have a cathedral worthy of their great
city.
The Chairman went on to cay how proud they were in Edgbaston to have such a fine peal of bells, the finest in Birmingham, he added, and such a devoted leader and team of ballringers. He spoke of the co-operation necessary in ringing; it was necessary for each one to do his bit and to face the correction of mistalkes. The niessage of the bellis, of harmony and mot discord, was a message for the whole of life. He referred to the introduction of machinery in rearly every depertment of life, but ing lhaped it would be long before the human element was removed from bellringing and the sound of the bells reproduced by machinery (applanse). They could not put the clack back and wachinery was necessary where a lot of hands were not available, but in the case of bells he hoped the human element would ever
remaic, because bellringers were fellow-workers with God. They were not in the belfry simply doing a job; they were sharing in the kind of work that maby of them were called upon to do, work for God and His purpose He concluded by remarking that he walued the privilege of bein , in the chair on that occasion, and he hoped the
Guild would go on always with that end fn front of it, which was Guild would go
God's hatmony.

## HENRY JOHNSON'S LETTERS.

Mr. F. Dawe, who was one of the seven in the room who kacw Henry Johnsan in the ferb, proposed the toast to the mamory of the famous old Birmingham ringer. He said he liad been present ato nearly all these dinnerg, which had bean held during more lasn 50 years, and attended the first one on Henry dohnson's goth birthday. Hwenty-seven years age he had the honour of being chairmar. He would never forget, on the oxcasion of the first dimer, the touch of five courses of Stedman Cinques rung on harabells. It was the most perfect handbeil ringing be had heard, but to-day there was only one of those six ringers lett, and that was their ald friend Ton Miller,
who was with them that night (applausc). Mr. Dawo went on to sey that he knew Henry Johnsou personally for about 11 years. Athough there was so much difference in their age, they wero real chums and zo one ever knew the reason except that he had a matvellous respect for such a wanferful old man, who even in his ater
ygars was clear in intellect, very vergatile, with a fund of anecdote and ygars was ceear in intelect, very versatite, with a fund of anecdote and
as sharp as a neede. He wns a wonderful personality. He went to work before lie was nine years of age, so be got no college education, but he had great natural gifts and was a botr mathematician. The problems which came before him the could solve in lisa owti peculiar way. At onc of those early dinners Professor Thompson produced an instrument which was called a decadaliedron, by which he could prove any peal af Treble Bob Major up to 8,000 odd. On
this ocension he spent several minutes proving a peal, which was known to bo false, and showing where it was wrong. Henry Johnson boakod at it and told them in 30 seconds where it was false.
Continuing, Mr. Dawe said that. for some years he had had it in mind to hatd aver to ringers of the present day some of the leteers he had received from famous men of the past, He had bronght with him that day some hwenty or so of Johason's letters writfen to him, and some of various other individuals, who were shining lights of
those distant drys, together with several of Jolmsom's original compositions. He wanted to hand them over to the esteemed secretary of St. Martin's Guild for prespryation in the sotiety's records (applause). He regretted that he had been unable to find for the moment a packet of loters that he had recejved many yenrs ago from their secretarr's father, Mr. Sam Reepes, who was a friend of his 60 years ago and was Master of the College Youths when lic was clecled a member of that socicty. He zisn now regretted that many years ago he madn thres gifts from among his lothers. Some, contaning some of Johnson's proof scales, lie passed on to Jasper Snowdon and whers he gave to Sir Arthur Heywood, but there weve included among the letters he had brought a peal of Grandsire Caters which Johnson composed in 1886 on a somewhat new plan and whici he (Mr. Dawe) called at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinhargh, in Augast of the same Frar-hbe frgt ter-bell peal exer rung in Scotiand. Another letter was one inviting him to call the last peal on the famous bells at St. Michael's, Coventry. Unfortunately he was unable to leave London on the date selected and the peal was called by Harry Bastable. Among the letters were two or three from Fenry Johnson's son, one dated January 8th, 2890, telling him of his fatler's deatl: on the previous day. He (Mr. Dawe) was the first ringer in London who had the mews, and le arranged a munfled peal of Double Norwich Major, which was rugg in memory of this grand old patriarcla of ringing. He was perfectly certain Johneon mever had an enemy and he aften felt his motto must have been " $A$ soft answer turneth away wrath." Men like Fenry Johnson, concluded Mr. Dawe. Were the bachbone of the Frercise in their day, and it was onty fiting they should do honour their memory.
The toast was drunk in silence, and afterwards a conrse of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbeils by membefs of the Guild,

## THE GUILD'S LONG HISTORY.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' They all regretted, he said, the absence of the heloved Master. Alderman Pritchett, who for many years nad proposed that tons, in the course of which be had given them a resume of the activities of the Grill. For the benefit of the non-ringing friecds who were present, Mr. Walker pointed out that the Guild was formed as long ago as 1755, when the society was called St. Martin's Youths, and rang their first peal at Et. Philip's Church. From that time the society had been prominent in ringing circles, not only in Birmingham and district, but further afeld. In 1814, for instance, they opened the new peal of bells at St. Nicholas' Chirch, Liverpool, and were awarded a silver cup for ringing 3.000 Grandsire Cingtes. In the reass which followed they had among them many celebrated ringers, including such men as Thurstans and Cooper, and, later, Henry Johnson. The pame of the society was, some time durity that period, changed to St. Martin's Society and later St. Martin's Guild was formed, its fnnctions having chiefly to do with the ringing at St. Mertin's, St. Plailip's and Aston. Then, after the formation of the Diocese of Birmingham, tha society bectame the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The society Lad cristed since 1755, with all its old traditions and histary, and when it came to the forma-
tion of a diocessn guild, they could not leave out St. Martin', which they at that time and still thought was the proper title. St. Martin's Soctety existed as long ago an 1755 , where䢸 the djocse of Birmingham was aot formed until 1905.

The Guild, he continued, had been fortunate in finding very capable mes to carry on its affairs, In the early days they were national heroes; to-day they had some very efficient men who deserved every help and support that could be given them. During the past year the Guild ramg 31 peals and 80 ringers took part in them. A most gradifyigg thing was the youth that wes now in their ranks, and in this they were particularly fortunate at Aston, which now had a very capable band, induding a namber of young zingers. They had rumg a twelve-bell peal with their own band, and their outsfanding performances Lad been peals of Stedman Triples and Caters "in hand (applange). Among the tower-beli peals by the Guild lua been one rung at fanchester Town Hall. It had been a featare of the Guild that they liad in the past been able to eo to many palts of the British Isles and ring peals. Anoher notable peal wes a peal of Spliced Surprise tung by a mixed company of that Guild and Worcestersiure armbers. They wece fortunate in 孔aving round them territoria! associations like the Worcestershire, the Warwickshire atd the Archdeaconry of Stafford, with all of whom they lived in perfect harmony and friendly zivalry (applause). In this connection Mr. Walker referred to a fetter which appearen in'The Ringire World on the previous day suggesting a National Association. Ha thought such an ascocintion individuality would be lost. and it was much bettor that they should hare sepazate diocesan or territorial associntions and live in harmany with one another (beer, hear). In conclusion, Mr. Walker referred to tho work of the secretary, Mr. Rebves. They greatly appreciated his work, ho said, and hoped he would live for many years to he their segretary (applause

HIGH STANDARD OF STRIKING.
Mr. T. H. Reeves, who replied, first thanked Mr. Dawe for the gift of Heury folmson's letters to the Guild. They would valuo them very mach; they woulh road thom with interest and they would be taken great care of in the archives of the Guild. He permonally would afso be very happy to hrve the letters written by his father." Having next thanked tise artistes for their contribution to the programme, Mr. Reeves went on to say that he would like to sece more member at their quartarly metings, and Mr. Haynes would be very glad to see more members af the bi-quarterly meotings, which were beld for the improvement of the art of change ringing. In spite of that, however, their good old Ginild was going on; it was making progress and was held in Lighar esteem to-day than ever before (applause). They could go about the country ringing in verious towers and were respected. Othar people expected somethins rood from thems and he thought he could truthfully say they gave jt. It was one of the traditions of tho Guild lhat they did give good striking (hear, hear). In spite of what they sometimes heard gbout the good old ruen who used to ring at St. Martin's, he believed thoy were still getting equally gond stuking in the Bull Fialg on Staday mornings (applause). Ho believed that the spirit which permeated the Guild would maintain the standard of rimging expected of it. They had a happy band of offcers and the members gelierally gave them wholeliearted support. While he sometimes felf that the work of secretary was becoming a little bit irksome, yet he did get a lot of pleasure in carrying on the daties, and le appreciaced the honour of being the secretary of such a Guild (bear, bear)
Mr. A. Paddon Smith snbmitted "The Visitors" and welcomed on behalf of the Guild the first citizen and chief macistrate of the second largest city in England and the sirth largest in the British Empire. They were vory pleased that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had been able to find time, among their many uctivities, to grace those proceedinge, altd when in future in the Council Chamber he looken at the Lord Mayor, where he sat in majesty in the seats of the mighty, he would remember that he was a very fumaz man (applause) and that he had associationg with bellringerg, which doubtless explained what a mellow nian lie was (langhter and applause). Mr. Smith extended a welcome to the many other visitors, whom he mentioned by mame, sayimg they included their old friend Mr . John Austin, of Giocuaester, who, at 76 years of ape, had been abla to mase the journey because Sergt. Joseph Williams, aged 66, had promised to come to take eare of him (latghter and applause)

## BTRMINGHAM'S ATMRACTION FOR RINGERS.

Responding to the tonst, Mr. C. F. Johnston expressed the visitors' thanks for the cordiality of their welcome, and said thay were delighted to come to Birmingham beoase of its famons ringore, its frst-class ringing and goad bells. Those of them who had also been able to visit the Brijkh Industries Fair had seen whet an astonishing exposition that whs aydi what British engineers could do. Altogether he thought Birmingham must he a rood place to live in, for on his way from Aston be hed noticed a great placard which said, "We dou't etst prices, we murder them ' (laughter)
ME. J. F. Suallwood nlso replied, but sail he did not feel that he was a visitor, for he was bred and ham in Birmingham and learned his ringing there. Unfortunately he had been exiled for many years, but he was always very pleased to come back year after year to that
gathering. E. Fearn, in proposing the toast of "Tho Ringing Worid.' spoke of its indispensability to the Txercise. Without it he said, it would be almost impossible to arrange successfully such in gathering
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## LADIES GUILD

## LONEDON DISTRICT TO FOLD MONTHLT PRACTICES

A very successful meeting of the London District of the Ladies Guild was held at Leyton Perish Church on Februry 11th, when 35 ringers were present, of whom 16 were members of the Guild, The handy ring of eight, just perfect in weight and "go " for a dadies; meating, were rung to a weriety of methods, iuchiuding Forksinire Surprise Major.
The short service was conducted by the Yicar (the Rev. Robert Brea), who extended a warm welcome to the Guild. The legson was read by the general secretary (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher)
At the conclusion of the service the Fiesr invited everybady present to look round the ancient charelt, which possesses a number of $1111-$ uaual treasures, amongst them a very worderinl old hour-tass, an even finer example than the one in the Victoria and Alberk Muscum. Tho illuminated monument of a former Vicar, reposivg under a glass cover at the foot of the chancol, was also revealed to the risitors.
Tea, by kind invitation of the Ficar, was held in the Old Vicarage, now used as a Church Hall, but actually the residence of the Wicars of Leyton in former daye. In a short speech, the vice-president (Mrs, H. F. Dealj thanked the Vicar and Mrs, Bren, Mr. C. A. Hughes, the organist and everybody else who lud beiped to make the meeling a success

At the business meeting which followed three new members wiele olected : Miss L. G. Grayling, of Limonton, and the Mkstes E. Bridge and C. Clinnery, of Orsett, Essex
Beaconsfield was chosen as the place of the next meetimg to be lield on May 6th. It will be remembered that this tower was io hare been risited last October, but the meeting was cancelled at the Rector's request owing to the crisis.
The nnnual meeting of the district is to be held at Et. Gcorge's-in-the-Borouglh on Saturday July lst.

A surgastion was made that the Guild should hold a monthis practice it St. George's (which is the lueadquarters of the Ladies' Gnild) on the first Wednesuay in every month.
The proposition having been enthusiastically received, wednesday, March 1st, was chosen for the first practice, commencimg at 7.30 13.13. The members weve asked to bear in mind that the annual general necting of the Guild would be held at Ipswieh on Saturday, July 81 h.
Furtier finging took place after, the meting, an outstandug iten being nn exceilent course of Cambuidge Major rung entirely by ladies.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On January esth, at the Parish Clurch, Whitbourte, Hercfordshire the wedding took place of Mr. E. C. Devis and Miss Eleanor dokes. Mr. Davis is a member of the local band, and a quarter-peal of Doubles in three methods, Flatin Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire, was rang in 44 minutes by J. H, Grimiths 1, Fred Davis 2, E. Jones 3, G. Tones 4, R, F. Caswell 5, W. Morkis 6. The conductok was G. Soley, who was unable to talte a rope. Afterwards the riagers were enter aived by the bridal pair.

## THE JOHNSON DINNER

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as that. They wore, lie said, sometimes inelined to forget some of the services rendered week by week by varioss men in the Fxeteses. for the very reason that they went on so regularly that they gob insed to them. The success of a newspaper depended entirely tupon fts editor, and in that respeet they were fortunate in haviag a man such as Mr, Galdsmit]s as Editor at "The Ringing World.' He liad been rarrying on for nearly 28 years, and during that time he had written tretween 1,400 and 1,500 leading articles. They must realise that it was a colossat task to find something fresh to talk about every week concerning one gubject over to loug a period. Ther hoped Mr. Goldsmith mould continua as aditor for al. least anoller 28 vears (laughter and applause)
Mr. Goldsmith acknowleaged the kint receplion given to the toast, and Mr. W. C. Dowding then subraitited "The Chairmsn' in a felfotous speech. He spoke of the pleasure it gave them all to see Canon Blofeld in the chair on that occasion; it was not only a compliment to lim, but it was a compliment to the Guild to have him in that position, As their chairman he brd upheld the traditions of nany distinguished predecessers (applanso). Mr. Dowding spake nf tho hospitelity' which the Guild glways received when they visited Fdgbaston and of the homely addresses which they receired an those occasions from Canon Blofeld. He hoped he would be spared tor many years to carry on lis good work at Edgbaston Parish Church and to join them af that amual dinner (applause).
The toast was drunk with musical honours, and the Chairman laving briefly replied, the proceedings terminated with the National Antliem.
The musical items of the evening were provided by the Catbedral Quartet, whose singing was greatly enjoyed and warmiy applauded.
Many of the wisitors who stayed the night took part in ringing at various charches on Sunday, and there was at mid-day a gathering of the clans" at the headquarters, the Tamworth Arma, where St, Marifu's Guita were the hasts. Altogether the week-ent furgished another of tho bappy reunions claracteristic of this anmual commemoration.

## NOTICES.

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

 LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-A general meeting will be held at Acton on Sat., March 4th, Ringing from 3 p.rn. Service, with address by the Rector $4 \cdot+5$. Tea $5 \cdot 30$. All information and alterations for Annual Report should be sent to me without delay.-C. 1. Coles, Gen. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Rishon on Saturday, March 4th. As there is a commitiee meetiog the same day, there will not be any business done by the branch. F. Hiadle, Branch Sec

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.rn. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send names in good time. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.-Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea (Is. per head) at The Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, S.E.1, followed by meeting.-E. G. Talbot, Hon, Sec., 53, Birchwood Aventue, Wallington, Surrey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedlord Dis-trict.-A meeting of this district will be held at Bromhan on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome. All members please attend. Important business. - Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10 , Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Luton District. - Annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday,
 business at 5 p.m. All welcome. F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 4 th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, which will be free, in School at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. -S. Forshaw, 53. Poolstock, Wigan.
REWE CHURCH, NEAR EXETER.-Ring of five, tenor $9 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Bells rehung with new gudgeons and ball bearings and framework strengthened by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. Re-dedication by the Lord Bishop of Crediton, Saturday, March 4 th, at 3 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, March 5th, io a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, March 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 28th, at 8 p.m.T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings for March: Southwark Catheklral, 7th; St. Clement Dares, 9th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 14th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 16th and 30th; St. Giles', Crippiegate, 21st; St. Andrew's, Holbom, 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. * Business meeting afterwards. All at 7.30, except St. Andrew's, 8.-A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversficld Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The monthly meeting will be beld at St Helens Parish Church ( 10 bells) on Saturday, Mar, 11th. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. Please send word for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 6, Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on March inth. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. All ringers welcomed.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

LADIES' GUILD.-Northern District. - A meeting will be held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, near Stockport, on Saturday, March inth. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Fearnley, 7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. All ringers welcome. - E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Penewortham on Saturday, March irth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Bells (8). A good attendance is requested.-A Blogg, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western Division. - A joint meeting of the Western Division and Huddersfield District Association witl be held at St. Mary's, Elland, on Saturday, March inth. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea (is.) 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting - election of officers, etc. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, 2, Turnpike Street, Flland, by Thursday, March gth. All welcome.-Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LADIES' GUILD.-Western District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 11 th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4,30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by March 8 th? -N. G. Wiliams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. -A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Satarday, March 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'jock. Committee meeting at 5.45. Please send numbers reçuiring tea to me by Thursday, March 9th.J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting at Lathbury (5 bells) on Saturday, March 11th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Ardingly ( 6 bells) on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.nn. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the Wednesday previous if tea is required.-B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Swindon Branch.-Quarterly meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, March 11th. Light six. Usual arrangements.-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. - The branch will meet at Watlington on Saturday. March 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers weicome.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.
'TATER PIE AND BELLRINGING for all those who Wke it at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Mecting during the evening. Send your names by Thurstay, March 9th, to Mr. A. Mils, 1, Stanley Mount, Lane Head, Bacup. A good turn-up re-quested.-J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., Lancs. Association.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting is at Barnby-in-the-Willows, near Newark (6 bells, tenor $6 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), on Saturday, March 11th. Look up your methods and then come and ring them, but send a postcard for tea before March 9th to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington on Saturday, March i1th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by 9th inst. Note, catering limited.-J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54 , Newlands Road, Darlington.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, March 11 th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Riley, 12, Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe, not later than Wednesday, March 8th. Buses, Wakefield to Normanton, pass the church. All are welcome.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, or, Barnsley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual genera! meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by the church. All welcome-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION-Hinckley District.-The next ringing meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 11th. Usual times for ringing. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea at 5. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Roar, Barwell, not later than Friday, March 10th. Subscriptions for 1939 are due.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on March 11th. Beils (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5 p.m.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate; Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Thrapston Branch.-A practice meeting will be held at Titchmarsh ( 8 bells) on Saturday, March 11th, at 6 p.m. All welcome.-W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The half-yearly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, on Saturday, March inth. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, will demonstrate his change-ringing machine in the Parish Hall from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. L. Towney, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, for tea by Wednesday, March 8th. Meeting in the Parish Hall after tea. All visitors welcome.-N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held, at Northill, on Saturday, March f1th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District-A meeting will be held at Berkhampstead on Saturday, March ifth. Belis available 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than Thursciav next, gth inst. Walter Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Central Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Quainton (s bells) on Saturday, March itth. Usual arrange-ments.-F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March inth. Usual arrangements.-W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Dorset Branch.- Quarterly meeting at Shillingstone, Sat., March Isth. Visitors welcome. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Bells avail. able at Childe Okeford and Okeford Fitzpaine.-W. Uphill, Hon, Sec., Stour Provost Rectory.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rocidale Branclı. -Next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on March 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome-Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, Manchester, on Satuzday afternoon, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 - 15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street.-Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at 1s. per head, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr . S. Briggs, Clinton, Gerard Road, Rotherham. Please maks an effort to attend this, the most important meeting of the year, and so make it a success. A hearty welcome is extended to all.-J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price 6 s . each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Cornford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radiley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. Arrangements for ringing will be announced later-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - North and East District. A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify me by March 13th. The method for special attention is Double Court Minor; other methods will be rung as required. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Hotloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

YORFSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clack. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, in Hockforth's Cafe. Names, please, to Mr. T. J. Twivey Wild, 38 , Hilda Street, Goole, by previous Thursday. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, All weicome.-H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, March 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please do not fail to send numbers for tea to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.-The new ring of eight bells, installed by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, March 18 th , at 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea provided at 4.30 for those notifying Mr. A. D. Howell, 6, Copland Terrace, Stanford-le-Hope, not later than March 14th. Bells available tntil 7.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday next. Service in the Parish Church of St. John at noon, followed by Iuncheon (free to practising members, 2s. others). Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). Nominations must reach me by March 27th. New rule to be suhmitted. Further particulars later.-Fred M. Mitchel!, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

EGHAM, SURREF.-On Sunday, February 26th, for evenjag service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Clarle 1 , F. B. Hesser 2 , F. Armstrong 3, L. E. Scammoll 4. E. Morey (first quarter-peal of Grandsire as conductor) 5, H. G. Andrews 6, W. Peck 7, J. Greenough 8.

## COLCHESTER BELLS RESTORED.

The Bichop of Chelmsford (the Rt. Rev. H. A. Wilson) performed the rededication ceremony of the bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, after restoration, on Tuesdey evening, February 21st. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Bertin), assisted by the Rev. J. H. Hickinbotham.

After tlre dedication, the heils were rungs previous to the address, by the Bishop, who comgratulated the parish in having raised the neeessary falt for the renovation. Thanks were, he seid, also due to another member of the congregation for having the belfry and approach cleaned up and painted.
The bells have been eatirely refitted with iton stocks amd loung on ball bearings. After the ceremony, touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich. Cambridge and Superlative were rung by the local carnpany: Mesars. F. L. Burmpstead, G. Boyden, G. Birch. R. Cadamy, W. Chalk, E. P. Duffield, V. Kerridge, H. T. Pye and G. Rashbrook, assisited by the following visitors: W. J. Nevard, E. E. Jahnson, 0. Snowden and Miss Hilda Snowden (secretary of the Northern Divigion of the Essex Association\}. Messry. Bumpsteade, Birch. Cbalk, Pye and Neverd were present 25 years 昭o when the new bells were instailed.

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Yet another veteran has passed on in the person of Mr. John Sumpter, captain and steeplekeepar at Baraet Parish Church for 40 years, and a number of the Parish Church Guild for over 50 yeare. Prior to this ho was a member of the Hadley Church band.
Mr. Sumpter was one of the originsi members of the old NorthEast Middiesex Society. which afterwards formed part of the Midplesex County Association. He was also a member of the Hertiord County Asnociation and Royal Camberland Youtha.
Of a very genial disposition, he was well known to many of the older generation of ringers.
The funeral, which took place at Barmet on Mondsy, February 6th, was attended by many ringing friends, including Mr. G. Lucas, who is also ore of the original Middlesex members, and past and present members of the Hadles and Bamet bands, also Mr. and Mrs. Normen Tomlinson, of Southgate
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Speaking at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, at which he presided on Saturday, the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) put in a word for the parsons, about whom ringers so frequently complain that they seldom visit the belfry. Mr. Birt has had a recent opportunity of addressing a Ruri-decanal Chapter with a view to enlisting the clergy of the district in the work of the ringers, and one result has been that the parsons, in their turn, had the chance of putting their side of the case. There was no lack among them of sympathetic interest for the ringers, but when they went into the belfry they feel themselves, as it were, strangers in a strange land. Mr. Birt made an appeal to ringers to add to the welcome given to the clergy a spice of ealightenment, so that they may know at least a little about what they see and hear in the belfry.

That is a reasonable request. It is difficult to become interested in something one does not understand, and if ringers want the clergy to do more than come among them and tell them what jolly good fellows they are, then it is certainly necessary that their visitors should be given some idea, not only of the ringers' difficulties about which they do not hesitate to unburden themselves when opportunity occurs, but of the rudiments of the art, and the many things which go to make up its attractiveness for those who share in it. A little helpful explanation of what is going on while ringing is in progress, given by the ringer best qualified for the purpose, might be the means of implanting a deeper interest in at least some of the clergy. Where, for propaganda purposes, members of the public have at some places been invited to the belfry to see the bells and the ringers in action, interest thus created has led to useful results in obtaining recruits. A proportion, at least, of the clergy who are similarly brought to the belfry might be expected eventually to take a practical part in the ringing. That would indeed be a valuable gain, but if it only leads to a greater sympathy with the ringers' activities and ambitions it would be something worth doing. Without some personal acquaintance with all that the art and the practice of ringing involves, however, no complete understanding is possible. As one simple illustration of the ignorance that exists among non-ringing parsons about the technical side of ringing, it can be asserted with some assurance, we think, that not one in ten has actually seen a bell while it is being rung, and the rest possibly have little more idea than the lay public of the mechanical side of bells in movement.

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operation between the east end and the west end of the church, which we so often hear of, is not always all the fault of one side. There is a great deal in the point made by Mr. Birt, and when the clergy come into the belfry for anything longer than a 'flying' visit, every effort should be made to interest and instruct them if their knowledge of ringing, as so many of them often confess, is nil. Indeed, would it not be a good plan for the ringers at every church to invite their clergy to spend a practice night with them-a carefully planned practice night, when perhaps the whole gamut of a ringer's education could be explained and demonstrated? Such an evening, we are sure, would be well spent both by the ringers and the parson.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.) On Saturday, Mavch 4, 7939, in Threa Hours and Thirty-Five Minstes,

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. TFE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 4. 1939, in Three Howys and Tusnly-Four Minwts, At fei Cafrce of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANEE Tenor 13 cwt . 6 lb . in $\mathbf{F}$ sharp.
Artbor J. Bartlett ...Tieble William J. Robinson ... 6
Alfred H. Filling ... ... 2 Rev, Joan P. Prleor.n ... 7

- Frederice Bowden ... .... 3 | Madaice Smitber ... ... 8 Douglas R. Hayes ... ... 4 Jobn H. B. Hesse ... ... 9 Ernest J. Aylifyr ... ... 5 Harry Mullard... ... ... Temoy Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by A. H. Pdening.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

QUEX PARK, BIRCEINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saluriay, March 4, 1939, in 2 hrea Howrs and Thiply Minutes, Az tee Warerloo Tower,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANEE8;
Alebrt E. Jarman ... ...Treble Frederici R. Weller
Josepr Wagbors ... ... 2 Stancey J. Gge ... ... ... 7
Jabrz Walter ... ... ... 3 Horace Whitenead ... .... 8
Leslif A. Porrity ... ... 4 Walyen H. Dobbir ... ... 9
Thomar Cuelingwoash .... . Bertram J. Lock... .... ....Tenor
Composed by w, H. Bargek. Conducted by Josepp Wagrorn.
First peal of Bob Hoyal by all the band except W. E. Dobbie. First peal of Royal es conductor.

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On Sulurday, Jfarch 4, 7939, in Twa Howrs and Fifly-Five Minutes, At tee Chorer of St. Ladrence,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, BO3B CHANGES;
Prederice S. Waiti ...Treble Artbra H. Wbite ... ... 6 - Francis A. White ... ... 2 Cutbbrat G. Waliz... ... 7 Frgerricz C. Wbitz ‥ 3 |Ggorge Holimard ... ... 8 HBary C. Whitr ... ... 4 Rigeard Whire ... James W. Wilhing ... ... 5 Frad Wgite... ... ... ...T Thoy Composed by the late G. Holsfigld. Conducted by G. Holifirld

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.
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## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

 Tenor 15 cwt.Ernest S. Brisyow .Tveble Edward F. Spickety ... ... 5 Lasile A. Forrity ... ... 2 William J. Falrbeard ... 6 Stanley J. Ger ... $\quad$.... .3 Albert E. Jarman ... 3 ... 7 Josspa Wagborn ...... 4 Thomas Cileingworta ...Tgino
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
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Mrs. J. E. Turley ... ...Treble Joan H, Brotewrll ... ... 5
Harold Ceany ... ... ... 2 Tom Brotbwell... ... ... 6
*Mise Elsig Brotawelc ... 3 John E. Torley ...

+ First peal.
WILLESDEN, MDDLEGEX
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUHD.
On Twesday, Fobruary 28, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Two Minuths, At ter Churcg of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 GHANGESI
Pisstow's Transposimion gf Trurstans' Foer-fart. Tenor 10 ewt.

 Conducted by ]. Bennery.
天 First peal of Stedman Triples. + First peal in the method. NUNEATON, WARWICESHIRE. TEE WARWICKE日TRE GUIID.
On Thuraday, March 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly-Six Minates, At the Parige Cedreb of Sx. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEES! Wasberook's Vamiation of Thursian's Four-Part.

Tenor Ifl cwt, in E.
Ronald W. Swann ... ...Tyeble James Draycori .... ... .... 5
Benjamin Begbe... $+\ldots$... 2 Alfred Ballard... ... ... 6
Thomas W. Cbapman... ... 3 Frana K. Measuzzs ... ... 7
W. Artaur Riddington ... 4 Edward R. Weiteagad ...Temoy Conducted by Frank K. Meaberes.

GAWSWORTH, CEESHIRE.
THE GHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Maccesbricid Brances)
On Thursday, March 2, 1939, in Three Hows and Three Miwwtes,
AT the Cburch of Sx. James,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOE MAJOR, EO88 GHANGEB;

 Tenor $12 t$ cwh.Willay Gayeb... ... ...Treble Jace Tipper *** .** ...* 5
Josipa Weityazre ... ... 2 *T. Bradsgaw Knigex ... 6
-Harry Farrer ... ... ... 3 Jobe Wortb ... 3 ... .... 7
-Erngst Hagce ... ... ... 4 Jack Wadmsley... ... ...Tenoy
Composed by J. Reryes. Conducted by Joen Worth.

* First peal in the method at first atfempt. BUSEET, HEETS.
THE HERTEORD COUNTT ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Marh 2, 7939, in Two Howrs and Foriy-Three Minwto, At the Ceurch of St. James,
A PEAL DF BRIBTOL SURPRIEE HAJOR, 5O58 CHANGE8; Tunor $13 \mathrm{cw} t$.
Henry Hodgrty 5 ... ...Truble| Frederica W. Brinkiow ... 5
-Mrs. Jobn Tronar .... ... 2 Edwin Jennings ...
Jobe Telomas n+1 *.... 3 Harold G. Casbmore ... 7
 Composed by F. Dence. Conducted by H. G. Casbmori.
* Jisat peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSFIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCPSAN GUMLD.
On Saturday, Marbh 4, 7939, in 7 hree Howrs ana Six. Mimwtes.
At the Ceurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5I84 CHANEE8I Tenor $17 \frac{1}{4}$ cwt.
Williag J. Cerstar ... ....Trobif |George A. Packer .... ... 5 Frederick Price... ... ... 2 Riceard D. Langrord ... 6


Composed by A. Knigats. Condacted by Ariadr Pritceard.
An ' In memoriam 'peal for the composer.
더TTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,
THE MIDLAFD COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Three Minwles, As tei Cenger of Alt Sainig,
A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGESI

Mas Kate Borchancl ...Trebla Edward Foster ... ... ... 5 Miss Grace Borcymall ... 2 Ralpa Nabboroder .... Gborge E. Fosier .... ... 3 J. Fredrricr Milener... ...* 7 Artbur J. Cbamberlain ... 4 Harold Demman... ... .... Temoy

Composed by Josbrat W, Parerr. Conducted by J. F. Milner.
First peal in the method by all, and firgt in the county, and first in
the method for the association. BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKERTRE ABGOCIATION.
(Ligrds and District Amalganatign Socibty.)
On Saturdav, March 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy-Stodn Minutas.
At feis Chutch of All Santi,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE BURPRIBE MAJOR, SOLG CHANEEB;
Tenor 15 cwt .3 qr .24 lb . in $F$.


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BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIEIY On Satwrday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hows and Five Minstes, Ay ter Parise Cadrce,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANEES; Tenor 7 cut.

## Stdney Barron, Vice-Presidedt

.Treble
Prrcy J. Jobnson, Ex-Ptesident
Thomas W. Strangeway, Vice-President
William H. Senior, Vice-President and Ex-President
Williad Barton, Ex-Secretary
Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, President Harry Lorthousb, Secretary $\qquad$

Composed by Tom Locewood (first President of the Associalion). Conducted by Williay Barton.
Specially arranged and ritng wy past and presont offecrs to celebrate the jubilee of the Leeds and District Society, which was founded in Harch, 1889. This peal was also rung under the auspices of the Yorkshise Agzociation.

BROADCLYST, DEFON.
THE DEVONSHRE GULLD.
On Saturday, Maych 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirten Minutes,
At the Cevect of St. Joinn-ter-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOM CHANDEII

Holt's Tem-part.
Adbrey L. benneyx ... ...Tveble
EDWARD W, BIFER
Henay C. Collybra $. . . \quad . . .{ }^{2}$
Thomas G. Myers

Tenor 21 cwt . Ernest ]. Taslor Alared G. Bztrs … ... 5 Christopher R. Whlebr... 7 Alpred W. Myers ... ...Tmat
Conducted by Thomas G. MyRrs,

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE ANCLENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHES
Or Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty- 7 hree Minules, At ter Cacref of St, Padlinds,
A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE TRIPLE8, 6040 CHANOESI

Parker's Twelve-part.
-Kennete B. Jones ... ...Tyeblo
Tbomas Groombridge, jun. 2
Fgederice M, Miscerli 3
Harry Hoskins... ... ... 4 Thomas Groombridge, skn. 7 Conducted by Thomas Groombrider, jos.

* First attempt for a peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Ow Setwrday, March 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifily-Six Minktes, At the Chorch of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF cam treble bob masor, 5120 chamees ;



 Composed by H. Hobeard. Conincted by F. B. Lefkin.

Tenor 124 cwt ,
Gboffrey V. Morpay ... 5 ERRESTH. OXENBAM ... ... 6 Tromas Groombridie. sem. ${ }^{7}$ Derex M, Sharp... ... ...Tthot

## SIX BELL PEALS.

 RIDDENHAM, BEDS.THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Sulurday, Febrwary 18, 1939, in Two Howrsand Fifity-Two Minstes
Ax tere Cguter or Sy. Jansa.
A PEAL OF MIROR, BOHO CHANOE
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.


Conducted by Pearl Inseip.


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ROCLSTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
TEE NORTH STAFFORDSHIEE ASSOCLATION.
On Satarday, Februay 25, 1939, in Thees Hours and One Minule,
At tex Churce of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF MIMOR, 8040 CHANEEB!
Being three 720 's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor $13 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.


jobn G. Cartlidge .... .... 3 William Carnwell ... ... 6
Wifliam Parias ... ...Tenor
Conducted by William Carnwell.
STANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MDLAND COUNTHES ASSOCIATION.
On Suturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifity-One Minktes,
At the Cherch of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Double Bob, two of Plain Bob, one of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor $11 \frac{1}{4}$ cwt. -A. Sueppard
$\dagger$ P. L. Parroti
 $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Conducted by H. Terner.
4. First peal, at first attempt. † First penl in five methods. $\ddagger$ First peal as cozductor.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.
THE JLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Satwrday, February 25, 1939, in Two Howri and Forty-One Minules,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF EOB HINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt
-Edward Thomas ... ...Tyeble Ernist Stizce ... ... ... \&

Trevor M, Ronerick ... 3 Jobe Peillips ... ... ...Temot Conducted by Joan Prizilfs.

* First peal of Bob Minar.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOOTATION.

## On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minntes,

 At the Finish Chunch.
## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 3040 CHANBES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Graudsire (ten callirgs).
Cbarles A. Bassets ...Treble Frane A. Hicte.
-Grorge Berney
...Treble
Frane A. Hicas...
Arthor F. Lowry ... .... 3 | IErnest A. Bargr ... ...Temif Conducted by W. A. Kitceenside.

* First peal in two methods. + First peal.

ASHBRITTLEE, SOMTERSET.
THE BATE AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Febr vary 25, 1939, in Two Jowrs and Thiryy-Nine Difhutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DDUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores and one Pitman's 240 ( 11 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
Cyril J. Sizverg ... ...Tyeble Stanley N. Brigtow... ... 4

Conducted by F. Alderyan.

## KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Lougbeorodge Disirict.)
On Saturday, Febrtary 25, 1939, in Tyo Hows and Forty-Fisa Minumes.
Artar Ceonce or St. Winifred,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHAHGES;

Being two extente of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
-Sidney Adars ... ... ...Trable tWilliam T. Goadey ... 4
Frlix J. Sution ... ... 2 'Cgarlas Towers ... ... 5
Jobn W. Bdotb... ... ... 3 Abther E. Rowley ... ....Texoy

> Conducted by Artbor E. Rowley.

* First peal of Minor. + First peal including Treble Bob methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Booth.


## COLESHILL, BERES. <br> TGE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD <br> On Saturduy, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minktes, At tex Paziz日 Chuech, <br> A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Forty-two हix-seorcs, ten callings. <br> C. J. Gardiner ... ... ...Treble <br> J. V. Jones .. <br> enor 6 cwt (approx.). F. Wbrblbr... H. A. EDwards … ... H. E. Taylor

Conducted by C. J. Gardingr.

* First peal on an 'inside. hell. Mirst known peal on the bells. Burg in memory of the late Hon. Mrs. Pleydell Bouteric.


## CHADGROVE OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Febrkary 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Eight Minsites,
Ait the Ceurch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St, Clement's, Siagle Oxford, Oxford and Keut Treble Bob und Plein Bob. Tenor 164 cwl . in F .
 Conducted by Tony Pricr. ells.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Wednestay, March 1, 1939, in Two Hoxps and Forty-Five Minstes, At the Cherch of Sy. Petzr,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor $9 \frac{7}{8} \mathrm{cw}$.
"Jobn Rear...
 Conducted by C. H. Harding.

* First peat. Rung on St. David's Day as a compliment to the new Rector, the Rev. A. Jones Philtips.
batton stacey, hants.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GULLD.
Un Thursdiy, March 2, 1939, in 7 wo Hows and Fifts-Fow Minntes,
Al the Church of All Samets,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.
Tenor 9 cwl .
- Crorge Brown...

Cbarlas Ball ... ... ...T Tyeble

- Frank Tongb

Conducted by

- Jobn Holloway Jambs Holloway … Leblie Thicbey ... ...Tanoy Con Leslie Tacrey.
*Finst peal in the method. First uttempt as conductor, Eung as a fifth anrivershry for the restoration of the bells.


## HLLLFARRENCE, TAUSTON, SOMERSET.

THE Bath and wells diocesan association.
in Saturday, March 4. 1939, in 7 ton Howrs and Fifty-Six Minutes.
At tae Caurch of the Holy Crose,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

Forts-two six-scures, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

Conducteá by C. W. J. Tarr,

* First pead. t First peal on an 'inside' bell. BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, March 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Minxtes, At tee Cejrch of St. Mary,


## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGESI

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr , 22 lb .
 Conducted by Joan Wonta.

* First peal in the mothod awsy from treble. + First pesl in the method.

HORBURY, YORES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
AND THE BARNELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Sathrday, March 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly-Nime Minules,
At the Cherch of SS. Peter and Legomad,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Capel, Loudon Echolars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent.
Tear 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 ib. in $F$ sharp.
Roland Hilx ... ... ...Tyebls Ernest Brookbs
Garold Ceant....
j. William Moxon
…… 3 Danibl Smize
..... Conducted by D. Smize,
BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTEES (St. Andrew's Guilu, Earls Colne.)
On Swday, March 5, 1939, in Iwo Hokrs and Forty-Five Minxtes,
At xer Caurch of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Seven extents in 30 methods: (2) Cumberiand, Einerdele, Forbmonden and Killarney; (2) Windermere and Prodshan ; (3) London Bols, Lythan Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall ard St. Clemeut's; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Raverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (5) Court Bob, Oxiord Boh; Hereward and Double Cautt: (6) Capel, Sandal, Lonion Sclaplars Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.
Ronald Suckline

...
Reginald G. Simmonds ... 3 Ralpa Bird ... ... ... ... 7 enor Conducted by Ralpa Bird.

* First peal in 30 melthods. Rung half-quulled as a mark of respect to five parishiouers who have died recently.


## HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HFIRTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Friday, March 3, 1939, in T wo Howes and Twenty Misutes,
At ter Royal Masonic Junior Sceol,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANOES; Tenor. size 18 in $G$.
Henzy Hodgbits ... ... r-2 $\mid$ Harold G. Casemorr ... 5-6 Cbistorbsr W. Woollity $\quad$ 3-4 4 Frederick W. Brinklow ... 7 7-8 Composed by J. W. Parrbr, Conducted by H. G. Cashmorb. Umpire-Edwin Jeanings.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. <br> DINNER TO BE HELD.

A meeting of the North Staffordshite Association was held at Fenton on Saturday, March 4 th, when a company of 35 were present from Eurslem, Cheadle, Drajcolt, Kingslef, Longton, Leek, Fenton, Nowerstle, Stokeon-Trent, Stone, Stafford and Wolstanton. The riagers wera welcomed to Fenton by the Rev. N. Turner (curate) on behali of tine Ficar (tise Rev. J. Howse), who ntitonded later.
Mr. A. W. Fall proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar aud ringers of Fentou for tiair welcome and hospitnlity. This was supported by Mr. A. D. Steel and eccorded unanimously.
A letter of apology was received from Mr. E. A. Sherratt (leader of Fenton ringers), who is ill in the North Staffordshire, Royal Infirmary. He stated that May 4 th would be the 40 h anniversaty of the opening of the bells at Fonton, and this was ile first time he had missed a meeting there.
It was decided to write to Mr. Sherratt wishing bim a speedy resovery.
The meeting that showld have taken place at Wolstanton on April I5th has been cancelled.
A committee meeting was held after tes, with Mr. A. W. Hall in tha chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary).
A report of the Dinner Committee was read by the recretary and unanimoully adopted. As a result the dinner will be beld at the Geprge Hotel ox Saturday, April 15th, at 6.30 .
It was decided that a grant ise made to the restoration fund at Cheadle R.C. Church, where the bells are being rehung and two more being added. The sam of three guiness was roted.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At St. Thomas' Church, Eseter, on Sunday, February 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Arthur E. Hall 1. Johm Hosgood 2, Stuart Telford 3. Clifford A. Vessey 4, Arthur 1. Truman 5. Reginald Truman 6, Fidward W. Bifin (conductor) 7 , Frank wils 8 . Firat quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 3 , who, together with Mr. Vesser, are from St. Luke's College.

## CORNWALL'S HEAVIEST SIX INCREASED TO EIGHT

 PROBUS BELLS RESTORED.A complete restoration scheme liss been carried out in the tower of Probus Parish Church. For many years this fine tower, the highest in Cornwall (apart from the Cathedral spires) and the most magaificent, could boast of possessing the heaviest ring of six in the county. The tenor weighed $20 \mathrm{cwt}, 3 \mathrm{qr} .10 \mathrm{Ib}$., but also for many yeara the ringing conditions were bad. Things got gradually worse, and eventrally it became dangerous to ring et least one of the beliss. Soven years $\mathrm{agO}_{3}$ in 1932 , \& meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Probus, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Fammond) promised then that something would eventually be done to the bells, but with other things needed in the church it was a big undertaking to set out to raise nearly 8800 . But this promise has now been kept ard within seven months fi780 has heen raised and only about $£ 80$ is still needed. The Ficar himsel leas given a generous lead for the new treble bas been given by lim and the two churchwardens, and the new second in memory of Mr. F. Burnard-Lewman, a jate headmaster of Probus Echool, by old boys of the schoal to increase the peal to eight. Unfortunately the old fifth was found ta be cracked and had to be"recust, but the whole of the work bas been carried out by Messers. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborouglz, in their usisal effient mancer. They have hung the bells in a complete new metal frame with entirely new fittings.
The worls was acelicated to the glory of God on Saturday, February 25th, by the Bishop of Truro (the Rt: Rev. J. W. Hunkin), who, in luis sermon, pointed ous that bolls were g purt of the equipment of God's house. In Probus, he said, they had a great heritage in their parish churet, and every clurech of this preatness should have a very fine peal of bells.
The particulars of the bells are as follows:-
Treble.-Taylor, 1938, 5 cwt. Ad majorem Dei gloriam. T. G. Hammond Vicar, and W. Mitchell and IL Iresawna, Charchwardeng.

2nd.-Taslor, 1938, 7 cwt
In memorjan F. Burnard-Lewman. At quondam alumbig scholae Probif.
3rd.-Ruahall, 1721, 8 ewt. Mr. Wm. Smith, Vicer, 1721.
4th-Rudhall, 1721, 9 cwt. Peace and good neighbourhood
5th. -Rudhal, $1721,11 \mathrm{cwt}$. Abr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us ali, 6th.-Pennioglon, $1783,12 \mathrm{cwt}$. Samuel Seccombe, Vicar, Joseph Seccombe, Winliam Kessell, C.W., 1.P., C.P., 1783
7th- Rudhall, 1721, 16 cwt. God save the Church and Kine. Recast by John Taylor and Co., 1938.
Tellor.-Rudball, 1721, 21 cw . Mr. Stephen Earris, Mr. Edwerd Kemp, Churchwardens.
It is interesting to note that Probus Church is dedicated to SS. Probus and Grace, and the ninth belj at Truro Cathedral, only about four momes distant, is also dedicated snd inscribed to these two saints, May Probus bells rizg long, far and wide, and may God's bleasing rest upon the parish. A noble work has been completed. A.S.R.

## PROGRESS FROM CO-OPERATION

The first quarter-peal of Triples on the bells at Ewhurst, Burrey, was rung on March 1st, The ring was augmented to eight about a year ago, and this quarter-peal of Grandaire was rung ag the result of the co-oparation between the Ewhurgt and Cranleigh bands, who practise together, four members of each tasing part: Ming Dorotey Denyer 1, T. W. Denyer 2, W. Beeson, sen. 3, H. Tidy 4, L. Waraer 5, F. Whitington 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Hatherhall 8. It was the first quarter-peal by Miss Denyer and H. Hatherhall. The members of the Ewhurst band rang the treble, 2ad, 5th and tenor.

## PEAL NOTES.

## A BUSY BAND

With less than nine weeks of this year of grace gone by, fye peals have been rung in Bushey tower. They include the first peals of Queensbury, Zetiand and Bedford Surprise, a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods and now a peal of Bristol. Thit's good gaing.
This is not ail that members of this Fertfordshire band bave done this year either. They have rung the first peal of Pinner Surprise at Pinnes, and four of them liave just rung a couple of bandbell peals of Bristol Surprise within a week.

A peal of Bob Royal wrs ruag at Quex Park, Kent, on Saturdey. It is the first time a peal has been rung on these bells for a considerable period. There has been a ring of twelve bells in this tower, the private property of the owner of Quex Park, for over 100 years.
Mr. B. J. Luck, hon. secretary of the Canterbary Distriet, who took part in the peal, bas nove rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. Eight others of the band also reng their first peal of Bob Royal.
The six ringers in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hillfaryence, Somerset, on Saturday, belong to six different parishes, and four of the band, the riggers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor, are captains in their respective towers.
St. Devid's Day was colcbrated by a peal of Minor at Tempaliord, Bedfordshire, as a compliment to the new Rector, the Rev. A. Jones Phillips, who is a native of Wales. With the exception of Mr. A. C. Sinfield, who belongs to Maulden, all the band are Sunday gervice ringers at Tempsford, It was Mr, Binfield's $25 t h$ peal.

## FIRST PRAL IN 210 YEA 角S

The gix bells at Clalgrove, Oxon, have hung in the tower for 210 yeary, and it was not until February 25th that a peal was rung on them. They were made into six by Tudhall in 1729 .
The first peal of Minor on the bells at Kingston-on-Soar, Notts, which were asgmented to six in commemoration of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. and Queen Plizabeth, was ruag on Febtuary 25 th as a birtbday compliment to Mr. J. W. Booth.
Another peal was rung on Saturday at Broadelyst, Devou, where the bells were recast and rchung just over twelve months ago. Tho of the band were drawn from the Exeter District and the remajeder Werg from South Devon, and they were congratalated on their eacellent striking by various people after the peal was finished
It was unortunate that at the last minute Mr. Walter P. Whitehead was prevented flrough business reasons from taking part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Numeaton on Mar, 2nd. However, thanks to Mr. Ronald Swazn for flling the gap, a good peal was brought into rounds just in time for the Leicester party to catch their last frain home. It was ot Noneaton that the conductor, Mr. Frank K. Measures, home. his was at Noneaton that
At Bartan Stacey, Hantg, on March 2nd, four members of the band of Longparish rane their first peal of Minor. Their previous achievements have been limited to Doubles.
One of these ringers, Mr. F. Tonge, deserves an extra sized "star." Leaving work at 6 p.m., be cycled seven miles to the tower and rang in the peal minus his teal Some of the panpered ones might take a. lesson from this.

The bells at Barton Stacey were restorcd and a treble added on March 3rd, 1934, and this peal was rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary.
March the fourth is Appleton's $\operatorname{\text {Freetday}}$ and on Saturday before the dinuer, which always marks the occasion, \& peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in which no fewer than eight members of the White family took part. It was the anniversary of the opecing of the lyells, Which took place 121 years ago, and there bave been Whites among the singers ever since.

## LEEDS SOCIETY'S JUBILEE.

The Leeds and Diatrict Society is this month celebrating its golden jubilee, and on Saturday two peais were rung in honour of the event. A peal of Bob Major ab Burlep was rung by past and present oflicers of the soriety, and Mr. Willinm Barton, a former secretery, called a peal composed by the finst president of the society, the lete Mr. Tom Leckwooi.
The gecond peal was rung at Bingley, Yorkshire, where the zecretary of the Yorkshire Associntion called a peal of 5,024 Superlative ( musical compasition by Mr. A. J. Pitman), which contains 21678 -8 a backstroke, the greatest number yet obtaned in a peal of this lengtb.
The composition has only once before been rugg and that was in 1924 when Mr. Ernest Morris called it at Lougbborough Bell Foundry.
Bingley, where the peal has now been reperted, was the first Yorkshire tower in which Mr, Leslie Morris ramg, and this was his 50th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association and the first perl of Superlative on the bells.
The first peal of Erin Triplea in Nottinghamskire and by the Midland Commies Association, as well es by all the band, was rung at Sutton-gn-Trent on Saturday. Composed by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, it contained 300 bobs and $\overline{270}$ singles and was Ting as E compliment to Mr. and Mre. G. W. Chamberlain, of Aghletgh, Maidstone, whose birthdays occur on March 2nd and 4th respectively.

The Rev. John P. Pelloe, who has recently come to Loudon from Sunderland, took part on Saturday in a peal at Haslemere, Surroy, and all the band were very delighted to meet him for the first time since he took Holy Ordere, Mr. Pelloe's father wis formerly Rector of the neiglabouring parish of Chideingfold.
A peal in 30 Minor methods was rung at Belchamp St. Pasi's, Essex on Sunday. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to five pariehioners who have recently died. Messrs. F Morley sand R. G. Simmonds rang their 25th peal together.
Mr. H. Rowley, a ringer at Horbury, Yorkshire, for nearly 50 years, has been chairman of the local Urban District Council for the Last twelve months, and a peal of Treble Rob Minor was rung in his honour on Saturday and aiso as a compliment to Mr. R. Thickett, who has aiso been a ringer at Horbury for nearly half a century. The peat wes D. Smith's and R. Hill's 25th together.
The pesl of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on February 25th, was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes, not 2 hours 47 minutes as published.
The peal at Broadstairs, Kent, on Tebruary 25 th, wes a compliment to Mr. William J. Fairbeard on his retirement from the police, and to Mr. E. F. Spickett upon his joining the Force.
After having met shart for a peal of Steduan Caters at Notingham on Saturday weak, cight of the party rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. Another wand that assembled for a peal of Treble Bob Major at Hocester, Staffordghire, on the same day, also found themselves shorthanded and mang a peal of Minor in three methods instend. It was Mr. A. W. Hell's 50th peal.
The Gunday eervice band at the neighburing church at Sandiacre rang a peal of Minor in five methods at Starton, Derbyshire, on Satırday week.
Mr. John Brotbwell on Fob. 25th rang his first peal with his two sons. This was at Whiston, Yorkshire. By a coincidence Miss Fasie Brothwell made her first attempt for a peal on this occasion, but she is no relation to her namesakes. Slie has been ringing only six months and is \& pupil of the conduetor, Mr. Norman Chaddock, and Mr. John Brothwell.
A peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was mang at Chiddingly (called by Sussex people Chiddin'lye) on Baturdny week. It was the frst peal on the hellg for 19 years and a local man rang the tenor and his first peal. The dedication of the church is unkeown.

The first known peal on the bells at Coleshill, Berks, is recorded this week. It was rung on Feb. 25 th in memory of the late Hon. Mrs. Pleydell Bouveric. The bells were augmented to six by Mr. $\mathbf{R}$. White, of Appleton.
The quickest peal on the bells at Asmbrittic, Somerset, was ring on Feb, 25 th when 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles was hrought round in 2 hours 39 minutes. The tenor is 9 ewt.

## A VILLAGE RINGING FESTIVAL.

THE 'FOURTH OF MARCE' AT APPLETON.
The pictoresque old village of Appleton, Berks, was a lively placa on Saturday, March 4th, when the 1218st anviversary of the bells was celebrated. A good peal of Grandsire Catars was rung in the morning by rine of the Jocal band, only ane visitor, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wyconbe, being there in time to take a rope. The tower was, as usual, open all day, or, at least, until 4.30 p.m., when dinner way served in the Thatched Tavern. \& compary of forty-four sat dowa to an eajoyable masi, after which, the tables having been cleared, hendbell ringing and harmony prevailed. The tune ringing by the seven brothers White was, as usual, muci appreciated by the visitore, and it would be a difficult thing to say whether these items aro enjoyed most by the old 'stagers' or by the people who virit Appleton for the firgt time. The great diFerence probably lies in the fact that the "old 'uns" fonow they will bs pleased and the newcomers are more or less filled with amazement that the source of auch an entertainment can be kept alive in such a small place. Then some of the old Berkshire folk songs, aever heard anywhere else, are not easily forgotten.
The Deputy Mester of the Oxiord Guild (the Rev. C. Eliot Wigig) proved a graat success as chairman, helping the evening, as his predecessor, the tate Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyu, used to Ro, by singing his song and telling soms nice little yarns.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasta were druale, and "The Appleton Society' was, as usual, a popular toest, and ably responded to by Mr. Richard White, who said he was pleased to say things were going on the right why, as threo of a younger generation had scored their first peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters within the last fow weeks. They מow had a band in the village who were beginniag to ring Etedman Covers again, and it was hoped that it woukd be only a short time before peals uf Stedman Caters were rung at Appleton agein by the village ringers of the same quality as the Grandsire Caters of that morning.

On Sunday morning, just to slow that all the ringing is not done on Marcls 4th, a quarter peal of Crandsire Caters was called by tha vetcran, J. W. Wilkins, and for evensong anothar quarter-peal was called by $G$. Holifeld, and a comment on the bells by one of the Fisitors was, "Well, the more I lyear them the better I like them." One great pleasure to the writer was to ring two quarter-peals with Mr. \&. F. White, who toak part in his (the writer's) first peal of Etedman Caters 51 years ayo, and who is now a young man of 78 and also to include in the band two of the coming members of the family aged 19 years. May the Whited and Holifields never fadel

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Fioundry EEtalbilsised A.D. 1670
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of reign of
Elizabeth).
Riagers who bave erjoyed the tours organiged in past years by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will welcome the announcement in our notice columns, that another week is being erranged for August 14th to 19th next.
1t was stated in our report of the Henry Johnson Commemaration Danner that Mr. William Short war Master of the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Short relinquislsed office at the fast annual meeting of the association, and Mr. Sidney T. Holt is now Mastar and was
present at the dinner int Birniagham.
Wil] all those who wiah to attend tles dinner of the Royat Cumberland Yonths on March 18th, and who have not jet taken cheir tickelf, kindty do so at the earliest opportunity? It should be noted that aftar March 13th all applicetions for tickets should be made only to the secretary, Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sntton, surrey.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING

To the Editor.
Sir,-I was very interested is the letter of your cotrespondent, Mr. Stary, on the subject of ringing on Good Fridey. I would like to say that his letter shows a deplorable lack of knowledge of the litargicel traditions of the Church.
If he will turn to any of the medinval sarvice books-the Sarum, Horeford or York Misasis, etc.-he will find the following yubric after the 'Gloria in Excelsis' et the Mass of Maundy Thursday: "During the Gloria, the bolls are zung, and that being done they ara ailent until Holy Saturday, as is there noted, while a aimilar rubric at tha Holy Saturday Masz gives instructions for the bells to be rung gegun, (I quote from my copy of the Sarum Missal).
From the foregoing, it will be seen thet any athempt to introduco Good Friday ringing would be to break one of the fow remanning ancient traditions of the Anglican Churcla, and in my humble opinion the sound of bells on such a saicied day would completely mar its solemnity.
In the case of my own tower-St. Chares (R.C.) Calhedral, Birming-ham-the bells are completely silent affer ringing for Vespers (evening service) an Palm Sumday untif the morning of Easter Day

While on the aubject of bells in the ascieat liturgies, a further note [rom the above quoted Sarum Missa! may be of interest. At the Masg of Easter Dry the rubric ruus: "Before the Msas, let all the bells be rung togetber in a clash, then shall the choir begin the Ohrigt being raised, etc. These three places are, I believe, the only ones where belle are specifically mentioned in the Church's Liturgy.

## Harborne, Birmingham.

WHITRED E. BOX

## AFTER MANY YEARS

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT LEIOESTER.
Prior to the usual practice on Friday evening, February 24th, at St. Margayet's, Leicester, a memorial peal tablet was dedicated by the Ficar (the Rof. E. N. Ducker M.A.). This records the first peal of Maximus on the belle, first by alil the band, in the diocesa and by the Midand Counties Association. Althorgh the preal wits rung so long ago as 1922, and wes a memorial to the late T. Henry Hardy, a chorister and ringer of this church, the tablet is a worthy record. It was unreiled by Ronald Harey, the deceased's son, and nitre of the original band were present. Aflerwards touclues of stedman and Grandsire Cinques pere futg called by the conductor of the peal, Emiest Morris.
The tablet, supplied by Messrs. Caspar and Co., is a bandsoma addition to the ringing room. Beantifully executed in opalites, it bears the following record; The Midland Counties Association of Change Rincrers. On Saturdny, April 2 nd. 1922 , in 4 hours 6 minutes, a peal of 5,088 changes, Kent Treble Boh Maximis. F. Edward Norman treble, Harole J. Poole 2, John Oldian 3, Shirley Burton 4, Frnest Marris 5, Pryce Taylor 6, Arthur Cattell 7. A. James Harris 8, Harry Broughton 9. Josiah Marris 10, William Willson 11, Frederick F. Dexter tenor. Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Ernest Merris. First peal of JTaximus on these bells, by all the tingers, in this diocese, and by this association. Runp muffled to the memory of T. Henry Hardy, chorigter and ringer of this church."

Beneath the title of the asscciation, which curves actoss the top of tho tablet, are three belts suspended from the scroll, and the Christisn symbol of the Gross.

## AISINFORMED

To the Editor
Dear ctir, In seply to the letter that was publisled in last week's issue, may I tase this opportunity of informing Mr. Perkins that the application to use the belis at St. Peter's, Belgrave, was made by zine to the Rev. Llewellyn himself and in my name.

Hed Mr. Perkins communicated with any one of the band that stood in the peal, instead of listening to people who were annoyed because they were not asked to ring in the peal, he would have received more truthful information.
The telephone call whe made on the Friday previours and not on the Sunday; in addition, ove cannot understand why the name of the district secretary was ever mentioned in the metter.

From my end the subject is now closed.
sed.
W. AtTHUR RTDDINGTON.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-6I.

## JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

Burn at Wallasey, Clreshire, on Auguss 14th, 1908, Mr. Jemes C. E. simpson begati his rimping career at an early age and rang lis first peal when he was only 17 years old. The promise which be then showed has begn more than borne out by subsequent achieversents, and, despite the exacting requirements of, at, first, his university studies and his present appointment at the Univeraity of Londov. together with two years" absenca in America, Mr. Simpson has now rung 300 peals, from Minor to Maximus, and has conducted 117 of them

His first peal was one ol Grandsire Triples, rung at Bebington, Cheshire, on Feb. 30th, 1926, and his tirst as conductor a paal of Fent Treble Boh Major at. Liseayd, Cheshire, orz July $30 t h, 1927$. He took part in the first peal of Catibridge Sirprise Marimus is the North of England (at Liverpond in 1928), in the first peal of London ralog in Elverpool, and in the first peal of Combridge Maximus rung in Irelaud. He called the first pegl at Spliced Surprise Major rumg in Lamashere for the Isancashire Association and also the first peal ring of Lourgborourlt Bob Major. He shared in the first peals rung of Isleworth Boh Floyaj, st, Clenent's Bnh Royal and Nortlichurch Surgarise Major, and has been in mumerous first peala by ansocintions. Mr- Simpson is a fine theary belj ringer, called a peal of Cansmidg Mujor from the tenoz (39)


MR. JAMES C. E. SIMPSON
chty at St. Nicholas, Lirerpool, which still stands as the heaviest efuht rung to Surprise Major in the North of Eagland. Fe has also rung Durham Gathedral tenor to Cambridge Major, and Ambleside teror to Double Norvicls. Ela peals, for 20 mssociations and guilds, lave been rung in 174 towers, and among the bells be has rung bave bew 104 different tenors.
In 1929 Mr . Simpson was electer hon. secretary of the Chester Digeesan Guild, fut he had to give up the office owing to lis work at Liverpool Dniveraits

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The anmual general meeting of the Fudderefield and District Assoctation was held at Longwood. There was a good attendance, also sotne gond ringing, and some not so good, and the meeting was much
 enjoyed. A short service was held before tea, nt whica tio Vicar
After tea the Rer. A. K. Minns proposed a vote of thaniss to the Finur, the ringers, the onganist and the ladies for making the meeting surli a success. to which the Vicar and Mr. A. Rothety, of the local ringers, replied.

The business meeting followed, and there was a slight change in the officers of the association, riz. : President, the Rev. H. W. Hodgson, Firar of Cross Stones; vice-presidenta, the Rev. A. L. Minns (Birkby) and the Rev. T. Mathieson (Elland). The secretary (Mr. F. Linfoot), the treasurer (Mr. W, Spencer), the Ringing Mester (Mr. F. Rhodes) and Assistant Ringing MIaster were all re-efected.

## FRIEND OF KINGSTON RINGERS

## SAW BELL RESTORATION CARRIED THROUGH

Mr. $\mathrm{R}_{\text {. T. Hesketh, for the past } 13 \text { yenrs an earnest worker and }}$ churchwarden at Al] Saints" Farisls Church, Kirgston-on-Thames, died at his home, 47, Duriston Read, Kingston, on February 28th, after a comparatively' brief illness. Fe wha an hon. member of the Surrey Association.
He was particularly interested in the restoration of the ring of ten bells at Kingston, nid was enabled to see the work carried through to completion and the heavy outlny discharged.

Mr. Hesketh has been a fery great friend of the Kingston ringers, and he will be missed. In spite of the fact that he was pearly 80 yenrs of age, he velT often climbed up to the ringing chamber to see them and give them those few words of encouragement wlich go a long way to help make thinge move amienbly.
The funeral service was held on Saturday, and at noon the bells were rung half-mumed by eight members of the company as a last thkerl of jemembrance and respect.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Tle protest of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith against it paragraph in a letter publiched in your paper on January 13th was, in my opinion, well justified, and he has my siacero congratulations on haring obtained a withdrawal of an attack which was an outrage on all sense of decency.

The letter reforreul to, however, calls for further comment. Thero is a reference to \& person, unnamed, who is stated to lape jed the Editor into his so-called interferonce with the intermal aflaiss of the London Courty Association. As the Editor gave a categorjcal denial of having received any such assiatance, or any such prompting, this unfounded charge should also be withdrawn.
The letter also states: "This association bas in no way ever ignored its title, etc.' In 'The Ringug World' of April lat Iast a letter appeared, signad by an official of the association, statine that the operation and infuence of the association embraces the whole of the administrative county of London within a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes, Strand. The lother went on to state iliat tho Morthern District comprises the N.W. N. E.C. and E. postal districts, and the Southern District the S.E., S.W., W. and W.C. postal districis. In view of this clam, how can any menber of that nssociation make the nbsurd statement that "this association has in no Was ever iguored its titlo'? Most of the postal districts referted to extend fer beyond the administratjve county of London (the London Couvty) into the geographical nud adminigirative counties of Fissex, Kent, Middlesex snd Surrey.

I witl not at this stage trouble you with any further illustracinns of how this association consistantly ignores its title, but will ead with the expression of a hope that the whole of tho latter published on Jenuary 13 th will be withnrawn.
P.B.-Following the example set by Mr. F. G. Woodiss, I will add that the riews expressed above are entirely my own, and not necessarily thase of any other member of the association of which 1 am secretary-

## RECRUITMENT <br> SUCCESSFUL PLAN IN DUTHLIN. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-I was particularly interested in your " Leader " in "Tlse Ringing World, No. 1,457, on 'Recruitment.' We in St. George's Parish, Dublin, experienced similar iroubles ten yeurg ago.

With ouly a faithlit] few lefi nine years ago, we saught the permission of the then conductor to teacli somo of onr friends to ring the bellis. Having abtained thei permission, we proceeded to collect somo poung ladies and young mon, taught thom to ring until, about six months later, we lad the eight bolls ringing regularly for Sundey service, and in the years 1931, 1932 , and 1933 wo laad 100 per cent. of eight's, We started athiking club, a cycling club and a concert party in 1931. These were supported by cur non-riuging friends, and bise fotal number of members during these years byeraged 22 ringers and 14 friends. I had to go to Corl on business in 1934, 1935 and 1936. Some members died; some married, and othors changed residence, with the result that there was again only a few left. I retumed late in 1936 and ret the whole thing going again. This time We formed, in addition to the above clubs, f swimming elub and a Christmas caral party. These were again well supported by our nonringirg fiende, and at the present timo our ringivg members total 23 and aetive friends 22
The Christmas Garol Parth were out for ten nights at Chrishone tide, and collected i2g 10s. Gid. in fairly poor quarters. The Cancart Tasty made 525 (clear) in three concerts, and also entertained patients in one of the larerest city hospitals. The zingers also took a practical part in the parsh missionary salo of work, at which over E2SO was made.
In St, George's parish, Dablin, there aro sixteen organisations. You can assume that it should be hard to collect a team of ringers for practice on a suitable wrek-night, yet, in spite of all these calls and so much amusement in the city (there is a cinema seat for every one in ten of the population) we have an averrge of twelve ringers for our eight bells each practica night
I attribute the flourishing state of St. George's to the other irstercsts of our society, and I strongly recommend towers that are in a bad say to experiment on the same lines. I have no doubt as to the probable results.

FRED E, DUKES,

## Hon, Conductor, St, George's, Dublin.

GIRL GDDDEA TAKE DP RTMGING
When Sorthampton Girl Guides attended Gt. Mary's Church, Southempton, recent], for the annual 'Thinking Day ' gervice, which is held to celebrate the joint birthiags of the Chief Guide and the Chiof Scout, five of them were among the bollringers who rang before the servire. It is hoped, in the near future, to have a complete team of Guide ringers. An sppeal is being mate by fhe Divisional Commissioner, Miss Willis Flemizg, for more Guides to take part, and rolunters are asked to apply to the Guide Shop in Cranbury Terrace.
Assisted by mombers of the St. Mary's team, the lerder of whom in training the Guides, the fiva enterprining heginuers made a remarkably good job of their bellringing.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## CLOSER RELATIONS WITH GUILDFORD GUILD PROPOSED.

## The Question of Young Ringers.

As an carnest of the good relations existing between the Sarrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, in the eres where they overlap, it was suggested at the annual meating of the Surrey Association on Eaturday at Southurark that each society thould elect a representative to the general committee of the ather, and the pro posal is to be considered by the respective execotives.
The mecting was attended by about 60 membera, who were present from Ashtead, Battersea, Balham, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton Buckland, Camberwell, Croydou (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom Ewell, Göalning, Leatherhead, Reigate, etc., and there were other тingers from Eagware, Hampstead, Hilingdon, Isfeworth, London, Lewisham, Leytonstone, Maidstone, etc
A layge part of Surrey is in the diocese of Southwark, and on this occesion the association retirned to the mother church of the diocese. Finging was enjoyed upon the glorious peal of twelve at St. Sariour's Cathedral. Where the members attended the evensong, snd were wel comed, on behalf of the Provost and Chapter, by the Vice-Provost Canou N. C. Christopherson,

The Master Mr. D. K. O. Birt, presided at the business meeting held in thr Chspter House, and was supported by the hon, secretary (Mr. E, G. Taloot) and othor officers.
At the outset a letter was read from Mr. W. Massey, announcing the death of Mr. R. T. Fesketh, people's churchwarden of Kingston-on-Thames and on hon. member of the association. \&r. Fegketh had been instrumental in havine the bells at Kingston rehang, was a great friend of the ringers and his loss would be deeply felt. The fureral mas trking place that aftemmon, end the local company were ringing the bells hali-mufled as m mark of respect.
The Master expressed the associakion's regret at the death of Mr Hesketh and tho members stood in silence for a short time.

The hon. secretary prescated the balance shect. which showed receipts for the year amounting to n25 9s, 4d., including s16 19s. 4d. from the North-Western District, 561 s . 6 d . from the Sonthern District, \& 210 s . from compounding members and 8 s . 6 d . interest The expenditure was £53 14s, leaving a balance in hand of $£ 2345$. 3d., compared with 930 18s. 11d. at the beginning of the gear, but tho reduction, the gecretnry explained, was dhe to certain non-recurring expenditure.-The accounts were adopted.

## PQSITION NOT TNTIRELY SATESFACTORY.

The committer, in their ennus? report, said that the past year could not be said to have produced any outstanding features, but \& peruan of the records showed that the membership of the association was on the increase and the standerd of ringing in the towers was heing fairly muintained. In making this statement, however, the committed had been made iy some caspg it could not be demied that in some instances lack of interest lad been diaplayed. It was hoped, therefore, that those members who had the responsibility of furthering the interests of the association would make special eforts in the present yonr, where necessary, to arouse the enthusiasm of the mem bers to take a more retive part in the affains of the association. The committee strongly recommended that members who did not do so should risit neighbouring towers" on their respective practice nights, and, wherever possible, quarter-peals shosid be attempted at frequent intervals lys local bands. If these were attempted on Sundsys, especially in the eveninge, it was unlikely that exception would be taken either by the incumbent, or by the parishioners. This practice Fould be found to be of grent help in keeping a band togother and the canducting was shared. In those cases where a local band wes nat strong enough to attempt, a quarter-peal on its own account it Whas sumgested that on oceasion ringers from a reighbouring tower be allowed to complete the necessary number. In ather words. the时ronger tower, When opportunity permitted, shonld assist the woalser. five in the Southern pistrict, and in this connection the committee would like to see greater support given by the members, as it was by this means that interest int the art and in the association was mitrengthened. Twenty-four penls weve rung for the essociation during the rear, an increase of one over those of the previous year, and, whilst the nimber was not high, it had to he remembered there was not the particular incentive as in the pear of the Coronation.
An analysis of the peals showed that eight had been rung at Beddington, $\operatorname{nid}$ special mention was made of the peal of Bob Mivor ruge at Limpafield Chart, wherein the average arge of the rimgers of the front five was 17 years and the peal was their first rung at the frst attempt. The association extended congratulations to these ringers and to their conductor, Mr. L. A. Tidy.
Fefering to the anoual dimer hold last October, at which the hon, mecreanry was presented with an oak wall clock, to mark the occasion of his marriage, the report sain that although the international situation which immediately preceded the event was not conducive to a suecessiul fincition, it had to be admitted that the support was tather disappointing. Of the 56 tickets sold, orly 15 were disposed of outside the Crovdon area. There was a small deficit of 7s. 9d.. and jt would appenz that the function was one which did not appeni to the majority
of the members. The membership of the associatiou showed a fair incresse, and the number of annual subscribing members now stoad at 297, as egainst 277 in 1937. The commithee, in conclusion, extended then very warm thanks to the many members who bad given their support during the pest jear

## MASTER'S TALK WITH CLERGY

Commenting on the report, the Master said one of the thinga that ringing was apt to suffer from was sedility. They were apt to get too old and to go on in their towers with very excellent people ringing for many years and not getting young members. Then somathing happened and the ringing went nop in the tower. The moral of that was, surely, that what they wanted was jouth and they wanted to encourage the young ringers in every way they could. Young ringers were encouraged at the district meetimgs, and, provided they onme, they gab just the thing they wanted, and the ringing mastara made a point of trying to find out whet sujted each ringer. He hoped the older members woald also try to bring forward young cor ductors. That was another important point upon which ringing was apt to stick. He welconed the recommendation in the report about the ringing of quarter-peals; he thoumht they would help promising young ningers who did not get much chance of ringing peals.
During the year, continued the Master, he laad been in touch pith the parsons of the Rural Deazery of Reigate. He was asked by the Bouthern District to speak to them at their Ruri-decanal Chapter about what they could do to help ringing, and it was a very jnteresting mecting thet they had. What he found himself up ayainst was that the parsons themselves were spt to feel strwngers in their own belfries. They, came into the belfry with the bestintentions in the world, but they knew nothing about ringing, and, when they gat down to watch the proceedings, they wondered what it was all about. The ato of ringing was a closed book to so many people among them the parsons. If they could find a way to lielp thera out of that and get them to understrnd a fittle bit of what was gonge on it wauld be m.great help. They had all herrd of parsons not laking an interest in ringing, but when the poor men went into their own belfries there was nobody to explain in uutechnical langunge which they could understand what was going on and they went ont of the belfy saying, 'Yes, that is all right, but it is not for me." Then the ringers complained that their purson did not take aum interest in their ringing. He sppealad particularly to captains of towers to try to help the parsons ta understand what was eoing on when the bells wer being rang, because there were accasions when the pareons could be of immense help to the ringers. He assured them that the parsons as that Ruri-decanal Chapter went away intending to do what they could (applause)

Mr. A. A. Hughes, referring to the recruiting of young ringors, quoted from his own experience at St. Lawrence Jewry, where he started a band a few years ago from members of the choir with most esccessful results. It was, perlzaps, not always possible to do this, he said, but there were many choirs where they could interest the boys in ringing when they lost their voices. If they could attract them to the tower and interost them in rimging st was an advantage not only to the belfry, but to the charch \&s well, by keeping their interest is charch work
The Hon. Secretary said one useful suggestion for remniting was contrined in a letter from Mr. Overy in "The Ringing World ' on the preceding day. It was suggested that every ringer should abtain one new member every year. Even if they did not all continue their interast, he was sure it would bring in more members than tho haphazard way in which most towers were recrujted at present.
Tha repart was adopted
Mr. B. F. Baker, of Maidstone, was elected a non-resident memher of the association, and Croydon was chosen for the next anhual meeting, the other places suggested being Leatherhead and it. Matin's, Epsomiz,

## SUGGESTED 'LTALSON' WITH GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUTLD,

 The gemeral officers of the association were elected as iollows, there being no other nomimations: President, the Bishop of Soutbrark; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; her. freasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis: hon, saretary, Mr. A. G. Talbat; assistant secretary, Mr, A, J. Cook; aurlitor, Mr. G. W. Steere.The Mester thenked the members and said the offcers and committee wonld do then best to make the association useful in accortance with its objecte to foster ringing in each district. They would continue to do that and also to cultivate the most friendly relations with all the othor ringing associstions and guilds in their neighbourhood (hear, hear). They were, he added, sofry to loge the services, as assishant secretary, of Nr. Holden, but they welcomed Mr. Cook in hits place.
The Bishop of Croydon and Mr. Arthur Dean, of Leatlerhead, were elected vice-presidents, the latter in recognition of his long services to the association. He is now incapacitated from ringing and is ftest one short of a total of 200 peals rung for the assomiation.
Messrs. D. Cooper, W. Claydon and C. F. Kippin were re-elected representatives of the associazion on the Central Coutacil.
Mr. Kippin said in view of the good feeling existing between the association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which he trusted would ever continue, he would sitgest that the committee consider the possibility of asking the Guildford Guild whether they would agree to a mutual arrangement by which the Guild should elect a member (Continued on page 163.)

## DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## A GREAT COMPOSER

One of the best known men for something like two generations is lost to the Exercise by the death of Mr. Arthur Enights, of Chesterfield, who, as briefly recorded last week, passed away on March lst at the advanced age of 79 years. Mr. Knights, not marely as an enthusiastic ringer throughout his long life, but as one of the most talented composers of our time, has earned a lasting place in ringing history, for his contribution to the science in the realm of fugures has been a colossal one. He was widely known in the Midlands and Yorkshire and held in the lighest esteem among ringers, not only for his gifts, but for his kindly and genial disposition. His death leaves a gap which will be diffeult to fill.
Arthar Knights was a great composer and few men can claim the authorship of more peals than he has produced. He composed peals in many methods, but Treble Bob was his particular interest. He first produced peals in this method nearly 60 years ago, bri, strange as it may seeno, it is only within the legt two or three years that some of his early composifions have begn rung. In the meantime he comprosed literally humdreds of peals. and his work has been emong tho most popular of any ringer's and in great denand among the conductors. He composed about 430 original purts of Treble Bub Major and over 300 of Treble Boh Royal. But he hed a great many peals of both Grmndsire and Stedman Oaters and Dinques, andi in other methods, too. Iedeed, therg luave been nerrly 1,200 of his peal compositions rung, includ ing some of the reverse variations of peale of Treble Bob.
Mr- Knirnts had a lifelong internst in bells, for he was not. yet nine years old when he learneid to chime the bells at the church of his native village of Brome, near Eye, in Suffolk, where he wes born on December 17th, 1859. As he grew up it wes ouly natural that clange ringing should attract bim, and be rang Firs first peal on May 196 h , 1879 . It wes at Diss, Norfolk, and was the first peal of Kert Treble Bob Mnjor by the Norwich Diocesan Associstion.
Soon after this he removed to Chesterlield, where he had lived ever since. From tho first lee was associated with ringing at the Parish Church, with its famous crooked spire, and for many years was lender of the hamd there, until the condition of the tower and bells caused ringing to be stopped. He made preat efforts to secure a restoration, but for years, to his great disappointmeat, the bells have remnined silent

It was in this tower that Mr. Knights rang his first peal ag eonductor on July 15th, 1882, when he called one of his own compositions of Kent Trehie Boh Major. Mr. Knights had rung well over 60 peals and had conducted considerably more than 200 . Of this total some 390 have been peals which he compoged, nearly all of which were rung for the first time. With the exception of Holt's Original and Davis' ter-part peals of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Knights never called the same peal twice, and very rerely lias he even rung the same compusttion more than once.
Fis peals included Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Orford Treble Bob Major, Royr] and Mazimus, Doubla Norwicl Major, Caters and Royal, Camhridge and Forkshire Major and Royal, Superlative, London and other Surprise Major methods.
Although living in Derbyshire and being a member of the Midland Counties Associntion since 1890 , Mr. Kniphts rang a large number of peals for the Yorkghire Association, which he joined in 1880. He had rung over 300 peals for each of these associations. He rang in the flrst peals for the Yarkshire Associstion of New Cambridge. Bristol, Peterborongh and Norfolk Surprise Major, Demble Norwich Caters and Royal. Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the first and only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on tower bells in York-
 Treble Bob Major, Tung on May $19 \mathrm{th}, 1900$, to celebrate the relief of Ladrgmith.
(Continned in next column.)

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## EAST NORFOLE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Aesociation was held on Saturday, February 2sth, at St. Margaret'e Church, Lowestoft. Ringing in the aftermoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Rector (Canon R. L. Whytehead). The lesson was lead by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Rector of Bergh Apton). Tea was served at St. Nicholas' House, 49 members sitting down (seven more then sent postcards),
The busimess meeting followed, and, at the invitation of Mr. W, J, Lee (branch chairman), Canon R. L. Whytehead presided, supported by Mr. W. J. Lee (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary), Mr. W. S. Duffield (chairman of Sonth Norfolk Branch) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary to North Norfolk Branch)
Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected cheirman and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood secretary, Messrs. R. Woodley, C. Parnell, S. Gall R. W. Barber and A. May were appointed on the Brancil Committee, and Messrs. A. King and R. W. Barber elected representatives to the Association Standing Commithec.
Seven new members wero elected, viz., the Rer. Canon R. L. Whytehead, Messrs. A. E. Crow (Gorleston), Allen White (Lowestoft), Kenneth Haymes (Luwestolt), Pearl F. Grapes, Timothy G. Bugden (Ragworth) and Gcorge T. Bussey (Haddiscoe).
The date of the next meetirg was fixed for May 20 th at Acle, if the tower is available.
The general secretary thanked the offeers and committee of the branch for their assistance to him during the past year. Thanks were also eccorded to the acting matron of the home for the excellent tea that was served, and to the Rector for the use of the bells and his assistance in making the meeting a fuccess.
Ringers attended from Norwich, London (St, Martin-iu-the-Fiedds), Yarmonts, Lowestoft, Beccles, Gorieston, Wymondham, Reerinam, Acle, Barsham, Kessingland, Sexingham, Ranworth, Mulbarton, Haddismo, Chediston, Bergh Apton and Norton. Ringing was resewod in the evening, and methofs rung duting the day ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

## STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

## Th the Editar.

Dear Sir,-Having studied Fabien Stedman's Prizciple on and off for some ycal's, and beimg desirous of furtherjog my jorestigations, I Whould he creatly obliged if any of your readers can inform me if Stedmen's System lins ever heen applied to "even-bell ringing other than Duffield lyy the late Sir A. P. Hepwood and Shipway's Principle, both of whelt I understand aro based on Stedman's Principle.

## Bromley, Kent

## RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

(Continued from previous column.)
Some time ago Mr. and Mrs, Knights celebrated their golden wedding, and his wife survives hin. His two talented sons, Mr. Bon Knighta, of Preston, and Mr. A. Percival Kniglits, of Sheffield, are left to carry on the family conllection with the Exercise.
A composition of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major by the late Mr. Knights was rumg at Market Drayton, Shropshire, as an in memorinm' peal.
At Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturdey, half-muffled peat of Little Rob Major was unfortuately lost only sia courses from home after 2g loure' ringing. Those who took hart were J. H. Brothwell 1, J. H. Haywood 2, Jack Brothwell 3, G. Gordon Graliam 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (conductor) $5, \mathbb{N}$. Chaddock 6 . J. E, Turley 7, T. Brothwell 8. THE FUNTRAL
The funergl took place at Spital Cemetery, Chesterfeld, on Siaturday, and was aitended by a representative gathering of zingers, in addition to the family mourners and a number of friends. Among those present were Messrs. G. Ievis (vice-president of the Yorkshire Asspeciation). G. Heymes (president of the Sheffield District Society), H. Warbueton (secretary of Peak District Society), A. H. Ward and X. Pnoth (Derlay) and J, 日. Swinfteld (Burton-on-Trent), representing Micland Counties Association, W. Biggin (Norton), W. T. Palmer S. Scattergood, W. Allwood. W. J. Thymg and T. Gore (Chesterfield), P J. Fervis (Eclington), N. J. Moss (Bolsover), H, Stentom Scutb Arston), F. Koott (Stavelev), T. E. Lee (Sheffield), G. M. Thorps (Dore), etc. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Triples was rurg over the open grave by Messrs, J. Pagett, G. Lewis A. H. Ward and W. Allwood.

Mrs. Kntghts and family desire to express their gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy which were received from frjends far and near during Mr. Knights illness, and for the condolences extended to them in their bereavement.

## A FALUED FTRFADSHIP Fo the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Thie paksing of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, must have been received with profound regret fhroughout the Exercise. He leaves behind the nemory of a most ralued friendship and the wark of a wery great composer.

Paddock Wood, Kent.
T. E. SONE.

## BEDFORD SURPRISE.

## To the Editor.

Sir-My method of Bedford Surprise rung by the talented baad at lushey and published in your assue of February 18tb is one of a few methods with e perfect extension to Royal and Maximus. There is only one false course-end for Major, viz., 24365 , therefole all peals of Troble Bols on all numbers cay be used, with bob made in 4lh. If the bob is made on the three back lolls, pests with the 6th its extent tall be had.
It may now be noted why the method whs called "Bedford. While 1 was a member of St. Stephen's Sociely, Rochester Fow, Westminster, Mr. A. B. Peck, the present secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was also i mpmber, A few years before he ha coms to London from Bediord. The method niw appears to have heers dedicated to the secretary of the College Foutios.

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## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

FELKIRK VICAR'S WFLCOME.
Tharaley and District Saciety held their Febraary meeting at Fefkirk (the Churcl in the fields). The five westher was no doubt a great holp in making the meeting highly successful, 37 members heing present from Arksey, Barnsley, Budsworth, Bolsterstone, Burghwallis, Cawthorne, Coniabrongh, Doncaster, Horbury, Penistone, Rothcrham, Snndal, Shelley, South Kirkbe and the local company
Previous to tea those present assembled in front of the Old Schoolrom within the churchrerd for a photograplh to be taken at the special request of the Vicar, Bishop Dickinson. Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom.

At the bugimess meeting the Vicar, who presided, expressed his pleasurs in meeting the ringers. It was, he said, the first tume he had had the opportanity of meeting ringers, hnving been working overseas previous to being appointed Vicar of Felkirk. He had always haped that the first church he got in England worlil possess a peal of bells, nud he wes pleased his wish was fulfilled.

The Fregident (Mr. C. D. Potter), in his ususl jocular and homely manner, thanked the Vicar for all he had done and the ledien for the teas and all who had helped to make the meeting a success
The Vicar was elected a ringing member, and Kirkthorpe wes chasen Hs the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday. March 11th.

Ringing. which had been enjoyed in the afternoon, wes continued in the evening in good variety of methods.

## LICHFIELD BROADCAST.

Tire ringers who took part in the broadcast from Lichfield Catheital on Sunday, March 5th, were: S. Cope 1, A. Sedgwick 2, A. Fowler 3, F. Hayes 4, A. Bowler, gen., 5, F. Cope (conductor) B, W. 7. Cope 7, F. Winter 8, A. Cartmale 9, A. Smith 10. A touch of 168 Granusire Triples was rang with 9.8 .10 covering

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MEETING CANCELLED.-The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at Kendal tomorrow (Saturday), has been cancelled.-N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The monthly meeting will be held at St Helens Parish Church ( 10 bells) on Saturday, Mar, 11th. The tower will be open at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 50 clock, followed by tea and meeting. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. Please send word for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 6 , Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A mesting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on March 11 th. Bells ready $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting $5 \cdot 30$. All ringers welcomed.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

LADIES' GUILD.-Northern District. - A meeting will be held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, near Stockpore, on Saturday, March inth. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Fearnley, 7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. All ringers welcome. - E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The annual meeting of the branch wili be held at Penewortham on Saturday, March irth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Bells (8). A good attendance is requested.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.
'TATER PIE AND BELLRINGING for all those who like it at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Meeting during the evening. A yood turn-up requested.-J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., Lancs Association.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting is at Barnby-in-the-Willows, near Newark ( 6 bells, tenor $6 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), on Saturday, March 11th. Look up your methods and then come and ring them.-R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. - The branch will meet at Watlington on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Ardingly ( 6 bells) on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.-B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD.-Western District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.-N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Northill, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.-C. J. Ball, 2 ${ }^{5}$, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Kow, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by the church. All welcome.-M. E. Wiison, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western Division. -A joint meeting of the Western Division and Huddersfeld District Association will be held at St. Mary's, Elland, on Saturday, Marcli inth. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30 . Tea (is.) 5.15 p.m., foltowed by business meeting - election of officers, etc. All welcome.-Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION-Hinckley District.-The next ringing meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 11th. Usual times for ringing. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea at 5 . Subscriptions for 1989 are due.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District-A meeting will be held at Berkhampstead on Saturday, March IIth. Bells available 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Walter Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on March 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meeting $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers and friends welcome.-Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 th. G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for March : "St. Mary-le-Bow, 14th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 56 th and 30th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. *Business meeting afterwards. All at 7.30, except St. Andrew's, 8.-A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.-The new ring of eight bells, installed by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea provided at 4.30 for those notifying Mr. A. D. Howell, 6, Copland Terrace, Stanford-le-Hope, not later than March 14th. Bells available until 7.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service, $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, March 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please do not fail to send numbers for tea to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, March I8th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street.-Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Southern District.The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.rn. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. S. Briggs, Clinton, Gerard Road, Rotherham. Please make an effort to attend this, the most important meeting of the year, and so make it a success. A hearty welcome is extended to all.-J. I. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. - The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price 6s. each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Cornford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4 to 5.30 p.m. ; St. Clement Danes, 3.30 to 5 p.m. ; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 4.30 to 6 p.m.-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify me by March 13th. The method for special attention is Double Court Minor; other methods will be rung as required. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District. The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, in Hockforth's Cafe. Names, please, to Mr. T. J. Twivey Wild, 38, Hilda Street, Goole, by previous Thursday. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., alter tea. All welcome.-H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.-Eye District.-A meeting of this district wili be held at Yaxley on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Also Thornham (8) and Stoke Ash (5) and Brome (5). Service 4.30, conducted by the Rev. MacGee, followed by tea and meeting at b́p.m. in the Village Hall. All requiring tea please inform me by 15th. All are welcome-R. J. D. Nelthorpe, Dis. Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfeld, near Diss.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A mecting will be held at Wilburton on Saturday, March 18 th. Beils (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at Royal Oak, 5 p.m. Service if arranged.-F. Warrington, Station Road, Swavesey, Cambs. (Please note new address.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The tenth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 18 th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. The Rev. N. E. Hope, Master of the association, will preside, supported by other gentlemen. The following towers will be open: Cathedral (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 ; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45 ; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 . Dinner tickets 3s., obtainable from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3c. per head). St. Saviour's from $7.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know Wennesday previous to meeting?-A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUII.D.-Crewe Branch. The next meeting of the Crewe Brancls will be held at Church Lawton ( 8 bells) on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card on or before the 15 th inst ? -Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch See., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting will take place at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening, Tea provided at 1s. a head.-D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District.-A meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available Irom 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Hurst Cafe (1s. each) at 5 p.m. Please send me word by Wednesday, March $\$ 5$ th, if you intend to be present. All ringers and friends cordially invited. -A. E. Rowlcy, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street (opposite Borough Underground Station). Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.-N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting of the Wireal Branch will be held at West Kirby ( 8 bells) on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance to indace the local ringers to rejoin the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.-Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Eastern and Western Districts.-A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Sat., March 181 h . Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers who require tea please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, T, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. Will ringers please rally round? All are welcome.-I. A. Brown, and F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey District. The next mecting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart. The Vicar is anxious to meet the diocesan ringers, so a hearty
welcome is extended to the neighbouring districts and others. A postcard to me, stating number, by Wednes= day, the 22nd, will ensure a good tea.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The golden jubilee will be celebrated on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at Leeds Parish Church from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Hot pot supper and entertainment in Sherwin's Restaurant 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 9d. each. Please book your ticket before March 20th.-H. Lofithouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-Book this date, March 25th, for Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. The above district will hoid its next meeting there, and a hearty invitation awails all ringers. Excellent bus service from all parts. Usual tea arrangements for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th.-I. W. Cotton, Hon, Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. -P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Elham (Chilham unavailable) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30 , followed by tea, 1s. per head. Please send your names in to Mr. F. Verney, Briar Bank, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, March 23rd. Usual methods, but special attention to Double Norwich, please.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The anumal general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday next. Service in the Parish Church of St. John at noon, followed by luncheon (free to practising members, 2s. 6d, others). Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). Nominations must reach me by March 27th. New rule to be submitted. Further particulars Iater.-Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The annual general meeting will be held at Stroud, Glos, on Easter Monday, April 10th, Full details in these columns later. Notice of motions concerning rules, etc., should be handed in on or before March 13th.-Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

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SUREEY ASSOCIATION.
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to the Executive Committee of the Surrey Association and the Surrey Association should elect a merpber of the Executive Committee of the Guildford Guild, with the object of keeping the two bodies in close touch. The two associntions were so bound together that it would always be ureful for one association to know what the other was doing.

The Master said the rolationg between the two societies had been and he hoped always would be close and cordial, and any arrangemeat whicta would draw them closer would be welcome. Whether it could be done in the form suggested by Mr. Kippin le did not know, but the committec would be glad to consider it.

Mr. C. E. Smith (Ringing Master of the Guildiond District of the Guildford Guild) said, personally, he welcomed the suggestion. A menting of the Guidford Guild Committee was to be held on the following Wednesday and he would raise the matter there. He thouglt Mr. Kippin's suggestion was a good one.

Mr. W. Hewetit: It seems to me that in the future wa shall have a Surtey Association with a Guildford Diocesan branch and a Southwark Diacesan branch.
In repiy to Mrs. Kippin, the Master said the committee would consider the quegtion of holding another association dianer.

It was resolved to anthorise the committee to make a contribution to the expenses of entertaining members of the Central Council when they meet in Landon at Whiteun.
The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements, and particularly to Vice-Provost Christopherson for his welcome in the Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers concluded the business and further rimging took place at the Cathedral.

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## YORKSHIRE AND THE DISTRICT SOCIETIES

The vast area of Yorkshire presents its special difficulties to the County Association, difficulties which, in some ways, have not been entirely overcome. There are at least two hundred and fifty rings of bells in Yorkshire, the majority, of course, in the crowded industrial areas of the south and west; but no insignificant number, also, in the widely scattered districts north and east. They have their own differing problems. In the first instance no one organisation can hold meetings at all the churches in either of the populous districts with that degree of frequency which, in ordinary circumstances, keeps' a tower in close touch with its association. In the case of the scattered towers there are all the handicaps of isolation and distance, magnified in Yorkshire beyond most areas. In this territory, another association exists, but few of the sixty or so towers show anything like a full membership of either.

This apart, the Yorkshire Association retains among its members an entlusiasm unexcelled anywhere in the country, and it occupies a position both in nurabers and finance that is a hallmark of successful administration. Part of this success, we think, has been due to the smaller societies which have long been working within the area and which, while attempting in no way to sap the allegiance of members of the Yorkshire Association, have in fact proved a recruiting ground and have kept local interest alive when the task might have been beyond the power of the county organisation. If at any time this overlapping has produced friction, it has been only trivial and personal. Officially the relations between the smaller societies, like the Leeds, the Sheffield and the Barnsley District Societies and the big brother have been cordial and helpful.

Recently a new society has come into the field in the Huddersfield area, and it is gratifying to read of the cordiality that was evinced at a joint mecting with the Yorkshire Association on Saturday. Indeed, a vice-president of the Halifax Society spoke of his organisation as a "nursery' for the larger association, and if this spirit prevails the existence of the one within the other can have no result but good. The local societies can help the cause of ringing not only by expending their energies in their own particular areas, but by encouraging loyalty to the county association which brings them all together in one larger brotherhood. There are many ringers who are inclined to take too narrow an outlook. They cannot see beyond their own tower, or their own district, or their own association. This restricted vision hampers their own activities, and is a drag upon the (Contitued on page 166.)

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wheels of progress throughout the whole Exercise. In Yorkshire, however, the smaller societies do not look upon themselves as rivals to the county association. They act almost as self-contained branches which, in the long run, bring support to the parent organisation. That the new Huddersfield District Society will follow this line seems assured after last Saturday's meeting, and will, we hope, prove a source of strength rather than of disintegration, as some may have feared.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN AESOCTATION On Saturday, Maych 4, 1939, in Threa Howfs and Thirty Monules, At fae Chorce of St. Nicholas wifb St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN GATERS, $\operatorname{gOOT}$ CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt .
Edwin J. Brown ... ...Treble William H. Parxer... ... 6

- Mise Bertba jordan ... 2 Albert L. Gale ... ... 7

Richard Clarr... ... ... 3 'Lbonard Derrics ... ... 8
Gilerri Pearce
Alfrbd Pyarce... .... ... 5 George h. Bercher... ...Temor
Composed by H. W. Harey. Conducted by Edwin !. Brown.

* First peal on ten bells. Rune as a compliment to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' the Rer: J. M. D. Stancoubl, and his bride, Miss Mebel Margaret Wicks, on the occasion of their marriage, which took place at St. Nieholns' Church.

LOUGHBOROUGE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGIATION
On Saturalay, March 11. 1939, in Thres Howrs and Thiriy-Four 14 inktes, At the Parish Chitech,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER8, 50日1 GHANEE8। Tenor 30ly cwl.
Jobn H. B. Hesse ... ...Treble Fredericy H. Dextbr $_{\text {... }} 6$ Gbofprey Harrison ... ... 2 Colin Harbison ... ... ... 7 William J. Robinson... ... 3 Leslie Stevens ... ... ... 8 Eznest J. Aflifys ... ... 4 Alfred H. Pilling ... ... 9 Jobn Grdndy ... ... ... 5 Harry Brodgbton ... ...Temoy - Composed by Edgar Bennetr. Condacted by A. F. Polling. WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
Un Satuyday, March 11. 1939, in Thyed Fower and Nineten Minutes, At the Cerprce or St. Mark,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

| Tenor 24 cwt . |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Hoge Reymolds |  | ...Trebls | Stanley Harrisor |  |  |
| Artbur Jambs ... | ... | 2 | Percy H. Dereyshiar |  |  |
| Frank Reynolds |  |  | Ricgard Benson... |  |  |
| Harry Paribr | ** | ... 4 | Josrat h. Ridyard |  |  |
| - Norman Berry |  |  | Cyril Raddon ... |  |  |
| Composed by A. K |  | No. | Conducted by J. H |  |  |

* First peal of Caters.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Thyrsday, March 2, 1939, in Thret Howys and Tm MInutes,
At yhe Chorch of St. Miceahl-at Coslany.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.
Bertig J. Howchin ... ...Treble
tow Georgr Saybr
Miss G. E. M. Tonmadisy 3 Grorge Balley ...
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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, B040 GHANPE8ן

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C. Goulding
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J. W. Davis

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TUNBRIDGE WELIS, KENT.
THE KENF COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, March 4, 1939، in Three Howrs and Throe Minmbes,
At feg Cgurce of St. Pgezr,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 50 G CHANPES Tenor 14 cwt.
Donald M. Swimbley
Alagrt W. Strelz

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Composed by C. Midderion. Conducted by O. Sirperis.
EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWIGE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Satwday, Maych 4, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Seventeon Minulas, At ine Cahpanile of thb Cegrce of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF CHECKENDON MANOR, EO2O CHANGES;
Tenor $23 \mathrm{cwt}$.2 qr. 17 Jb , in $E$ flat.
John A. GODPREY ... ...Treble

Miss G. E. M. Tunnadinz $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Noran Goldran } & . . . & \cdots & . . . & 5 \\ \text { Gborge Saybr } & \ldots & \cdots & . . & 6 \\ \text { Brrtir J. Howcein } & \cdots & \cdots & 7\end{array}$ | Grorgr Mayres ... | ... | ..- | 3 | Bertir J. Howcein | ... |
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| Henry Tooze | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  |
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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saiurday, March 4, 1939, in Thre Howrs and One Minute, At tere Chdrce of Sx. James,

## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, 040 GHAMOE

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 Jack Bray .... ... ... ... 3 Gedrge E. Fgirn ... .... 7 Cgarles W. Taylor ... \& Hergert J. Mingay .q ...Tonor Conducted by J. Bray.
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At the Cebrce of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGE8;
Tenor zoin cwt.
Derer M. Starp
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Whlter Hent ... .+* $+{ }^{*} \quad 2$ Pbilip A. Corby ...

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by P. A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

EASHROUMNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 6, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fowr Minutes, At Chrisz Chutce,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANQE8;
Hgywoad's Transposirion of Therstans' Fode-part. Tenor 83 cwt.
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 Harold S. Hogdsn ... .... 4 Louis Farlearr ... ...Temor Conducted by Frane Bennett.

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ERTTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION,
On Twesday, Maych 7, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty Minwles, At tee Ceurce of St. Joen-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF A8HTEAD \&URPRIEE MANOR, 5024 CHANCES
Tenar 15 cwt.
Herbert A. Holden ... ...Tyeble | Derga M. Saarp... .|. ... 5
Ferbert E. AddSLEy ... 2 Ariser S. Riciards ...
Harry Hovbrd ... ... ... 3 Gerge J. Botcher ...
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Firgt peal in the method by all the band, on the bella and for the mesociation.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASEIRE.
THE LANCASHITRE ASSOCLATION.
On Tmasday, March 7, 1939, in Thres Hours and One Minuto,
At Cerist Churce,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGEAJ Tenor 10 cwt.
Jamgs Marse ... ... ...Tyeble Jotin Brown ...
Thomas S. Horridge ... ... 2 Jambs W, Grodnds ... ... 6
Grorge R. Newton ... ... 3 Ernest F. Bennett ... ...
Joan Boota ... ... ... ... 4 Josepr Ridyard ... .... .... Temar
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Rung with the bells half-muniled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Knights. Firsl peal in a Surprise method on the bells. NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Mafch 9, 1939, is Thyo Howrs and Twenty-Eight Minutes, At tag Cgurce of St. Nicgolas,
A PEAL DF AgHTEAD 8URPRIBE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGE ; Tenor 10 荅 cwt. in $F$ sharp.
Waltar Elsgy ... ... ...Tveble Cecil V. Ebberson ... ... 5
Bertie J. Howcain ... ... a Frederick C. Ropra ... ... 6
Eric G. Benhett ... ... 3 Albert G. Harrison ... ... 7 Nolan Golden ... ... ... 4 William Clover... ... ...Temor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, in the diocese and for the association. ENDERBY, LEIOESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASBOUIATION.
On Thuyday, March 9, 1939, in Two Howrs and Foriy-Eight Minutas,
AT the Chunce of St. Jobn-twe-Baptist,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOR MAJOR, EORA CHAMEEE;
Walter P. Whitergad ...Tyable |
Ariapr Catrebt
Leonard H. Weitrarad... 2 Artior Cattrll ** ... 6
CECIL E. CaRr ... ... ... 3 EdWard R, Waitergad ... 7
"Ronald W, Swaran ... ... 4 Artbor Dzbrniam ... ...Tenar
Composed by H. Dans. Conducted by Wazter P. Weitragad

* First peal in the method.

LEYTON
Essex.
THE FSSEX ASEOCIATION
On Satryday, March 17, 1939, in Two Howr and Fifty-Five Minmfos, At tee Ceorch of St. Mary
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE BURPRISE HAJOR, 5050 CHANPE I Temor 8\% cwis

Ernest W. Forbank... .... 2 Mrs. F. W. HoosDen +** ${ }^{4}$... 6
Ernest W. Pye ..* ** ... 3 Frederice W. Hogeden ...* 7
Crarles A. Hagris ... *n* 4 Josn H. Crangion .... ...tomor
Composed by C. Midderion. Conducted by J. H. Crampion.
Rung as a birthay compliment to Mrs. John E. Crampion, wife of the conductor.

## BAREING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Dareh 11,1939 , in Thret Hower and Sepentam Ifinutes, At the Crurct of St. MagGarit,
A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJDR, 5i20 CHANGES; Tenor equ cwt.
Agtrur S. Richards

- Warter Beard


| ...Trobif | Grorge W, Fogden ... |
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Compoged by A, Knigers (Na, z22) Pailip A, Cogsy on atilomot

* First penl of Treble Bob.

MATSHAM, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sautday, Mapch 1f, 1939, in Tuo Hows and Fifty-Eight Minutes, Ar the Cedrce of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF NORTHREPPS MAJOR, $\mathbf{s 0 6 0}$ CHANEES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat
 Composed and Condacted by Nolan Golden.
Presumably the first peal in the method and rung without previous practice.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MJDDLESEX CODNTY AgSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satuyday, March 11, 1939, in Tue Howrs and Forty-Eight Minutes, Ar ine Caurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE HORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANEEs; Tenor 10 owt.

| Mrs, J. H. Botgam | . T rable | Alick Cutler |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Ammiger Trollope... | 2 | Jonn H, Botram... |  |  |  |
| Eric B. Haptiry | 3 | Harry Kilmy |  |  | 7 |
| Grorge R. Pye | 4 | Jambs Bennets |  |  |  |
| Composed by Edgar | ghtma | Conducted by |  |  |  |

BOOKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Maych 11, 1939, 䋩Three Howrs and Nine Mimwtos, At tag Dranery Ceorce,
A PEAL OF gPLIGED LONDON, BRISTOL. CAMBRIDEE \& SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 GHANEES: Tenor $18{ }^{8} \mathrm{c}$ cwt, in E .

| Clade Snowden |  | rebls | R |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| x Cla |  | . 2 | Basil Redawbll..- |  |  |
| Reginazd Ma |  |  | Lewis W. Witren |  |  |
| Hilda G. Snowden |  | 4 | Alsert Wipre |  |  | Hilda G. Snowden ... ... 4 Acbert Wifrgn ... ... ... Teno Composed by J. Topr. Conducted by Lewis W. Wiffen.

Firat peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band. The peal consisted of 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 512 SuperJative, with 120 changes of method.

DEBENHAM. SUFFOLK.
TEE BUFFOLK GUILD.
On Safurday, March 11, 1939, in Thret Howrs and Saven Minwtes, At the Ceurce of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANBEE; Brook $\operatorname{s}$ Varlation of Teurstan's Fodr-Part, Tenor $2 \mathrm{I}_{\frac{1}{3}} \mathrm{cwt}$. in E Gat.
Czctl W. Pipe ... ... ...Treble| Frxdrrice J. Smita ... *** 5 Sylvia R. E Bowyer .** 2 Cbarles J. Sadeley ... ... 6
 Conducted by Cearles j. Sadgeey.

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Maveh 77, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Ont Minutes,
At ter Cgurch of St. Paulimes,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLEB, BO40 CHANEEB!

Carter's Odd bob.
Edwin Barneti ... *.. ...Treble Edward Lanyester (... 2 Harry Hoverd... $\operatorname{lon}_{\text {He }}$... 3 HErbert E. ADDELEY... ... 4 ERNESTH. OXRNHAM... ....Tomor Conducted by Ernest C. S. Torner.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SPRLNGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Twesday, March 7. 1939, in Two Hours and Forly-Eight Minwtes,
Ax teit Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Bcing two 720's aach of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720 's of Plain Bob.
Jobn Myeill
 EDWARDA. KBap Conducted by H. W. Seadrack.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. FELKIRK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIEE ASSOCLATTON
AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Thusday, Harch 9, 1939, in Two Howy and Fifty-Five Minutes, At the Chuect of St. Petre.
A PEAL OF SPLIGED TRE日LE BDE MINOR, 5040 CHANEES forme Seven extents as follows: (1) Oxford and Kont; (2) st, Abbans and Charlwood Delight; (3) Neasden and Wragby Delight; (4) College Frercise and Ockley; (5) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel; (7) Sandal and Kingsion. Tenor $10 \mathrm{cwt}$. - Pater Woodward ... ...Ttable Clifpord Robinson ... ... 4 †J. Tbomas White ... .... 2 Harozd Cbant ... ... ... ... Rotand Hill ... ....... 3 Daniec Smitr ... ... ....Timoy Conducted by H. CBans.
* First peal and first attempt. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ First peat in 14 methods. Rung with the bells half-moffled as a token of respect to the mermory of Arthur Knights, the well-known ringer and composer.

SUNNINGWFILL, BERKSHIRE.
TEE OXFORD DIOCRSAN GUHLD.
On Thwrsday, March 9, 1939, in Two Howes and Fifty Minwtrs,
At the Cegrcr of Sx. Leoward,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGE8,
Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Eeb, and thrce extents of Plain Boh, each called differenty. Tenor 8 ck cit.
 Marie R. Cross ... ... 3 Alan R. Ping ... ... ...Tenop Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Minor and in three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HEATHFIELD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1939, in Two Howrsand Thirdy-One Minutes,
At the Church or Sr. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rorty-two aiz-seores, ten callinga.
Temor 10 cwt.

"Cyril J. Steyens .... .... 2 Cladde W. J. Tarr
-Harry Cbercbill ... ...Tentoy
Conducted by Harry Cerrceile.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WLLTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, March IT, 1939, in Three Fowrs and Four Mimutes,
At thi Chqece or SS. Perte and Paut,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 EHANGE8;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.
"W. Mandocz ... ... ...Tieble
W. Nandocz "* ** *...Tecble A. WocDs ...
R. Gaild...
P. Merrett ... ... ... 3 H. Troleope
*..
Conducted by W. A. Avery,
n First peal and first aftempl.

## SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE <br> THE MIDLAND COLNTIES ASSOGIATION. <br> On Saturday, March 11, 1939, in Three Howrs, <br> Ay tee Ceurch of St, Giles, <br> A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8!

liseing one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob and Oxford Trelile Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob.

*A. Sehprard<br>*P. L. Parrott<br>*W. Varneazr

...Treble

Tenor 164 cwt.

Conducted by H. Turner.

* First peal in six methods.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Salwrdas, Bavch 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Foyby-Seven Minutes, Ax ine Detacerd Tower of iak Chofcr of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5O4D GHANGES;

Being four 120's of Plain Bab, eight of Canterbury Plessure, ten
240 s of Pitman's and five of Morris' arrangements of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.
-Grabam Evans... ... ...Tveble Jambs P. Hyett .... .... .... 3
Wililan J. Praecgan ..... 2 A. Bryan Elsmore Leslie Evans ........... ${ }^{2}$ Tmor

Conducted by J. P. Hyert.

* First peal in three methods.

AYMESTRET, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
Din Sunday, March 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly Minutes,
At ter Cerree of SS. John-tge-Baptisy hnd Alkadond,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 50n0 CHANGES;

Being foul 120 's each of London, Plnin Rob, Centerbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, three 240's of Pitnan's and five each of Lindoff's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsice. Tenor 10 cwt




Conducted by J. P. Hyery,

* First peaj in Jue methols. Also the first in five methods on the belle.


## handbell peals.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fwiday, Marin 3, 1939 , in Two IJonys and Twewty-Nine Miswies, Im ter Belfay of ter Churce of St. Padindes, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Frederick W, Budgrin ... I-2 Gbofprey V. Mtrfay Dbrer M. Sbarp +.. Composed by C. H. Maryin. Conducted by D. M. Searr.

* First peal of Majar "in hand.'


## DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOGLATION.
On Swaday, March 5, 1939, in Two Flows and Twaty-Eight Minules, As 20, Swaisiand Read,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGE8!

 Composed by J. E. Buaron. Conducted by D. M. Seatr. Witnesses-Mrs. James E. Bailey and John Wheadon.
Firat pea! "in hand " eway from the tenore. + First peal "in hand.'

MACOLESFIELD, OHESEHRE.
THE CHESTER DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Wedterday, Malos 8,1939 , in Teo Howysard Twomfy-Sevem Minutes,
At Ash Moont, Parer Street.

## A PEAL OF BO日 MAJOR, 5152 CHANRES;

Tenor, sige 12 in F .
Harky Farrer +.* .+* ...

Composted by C.K. Lewis, Condacted by Jonn Wonxa.

# STOCKPORT, OHESHIRE. <br> THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD. <br> On Thursday, March 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Ninetem Minstes, At 20, Aberdern Crrscrent. <br> A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANRE8; Tenor, vize 12 in $F$. <br>  Harold Jackson .... <br> Haray Aseron <br> Conducted by A. F. Bailay. <br> Composed by G. R. Newion. ${ }_{\text {Witness-Mrs. A. F. Bailey }}$ 

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. Hiram Meakin, Master of St. George's company, Stockport.

BEXLEY KFNT,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Sumday, Marh 12, 1939, im I wo Hours and Fifter Minufes,
Ay Werchrord, Horsi Road,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, $\operatorname{DO} \%$ CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings).

- Kennete B. Jongs ... ... $1-2$ | Derbk M. Sbabp... ... .... 3-4
$\dagger$ Geoffrey V. Morpay ... 5-6
Conducted by Derer M. Searp.
Whitress: Mrs. K. B. Jones. First attempt for a peal "ip hard. ${ }^{1}$ + First peal of Doubles "in band.' First peal of Doubles 'in hand ' in tro metiods as conducter.


## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. <br> ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEF.

The anmusl meeting of the Dudiey and District Guild was held at Dadley oa Saturiey, March 4 th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, was well attended The bells were kept merrily going in various methods prior to the service, which was conductedi by the Vea. A. P. Shepherd, D.D., Archdeacen and Ficar of Dudiey and preaident of the Guild. The Rev. W. H. Waring (curate) gave a very interesting address.
A substantisl tea, provided out of fands collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) From promirent members of St. Thomad congretation and other friends, wos gerved in tha school Hall. It Was prepared and served by ringers' wives, daughters and other friends. Upwards of 90 members gat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacan presided, supported by Mr. W. R. Edwards (people's warder), the Rev. W. H. Waring, Messrs. Herbert Steppard (aecretary), Johm Godiman (tresaurer) and W. E. Barry (ex-warden).

The President gave the members a heaty welcome to Dudley and said how pleased he was to be with them geain.
The hon. treasurer preaented the balance shect, which showed total receipts of 119 Os . 7d., which included the balance of 813 11s. 1 d . From last year. The expenses had been E6 gs. gd., leaving a balance of f10 10 s .10 d . iv the treasurer's bands, which was considered very gatisfactory.
The following were again elected wice-presidents: The Rev. E. L. Warren (Vicar of Nethertob), the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones (Vicar of Weanessury), the Rev. 工. Wilson (Vicar of Old Hill), Dr. P. S. Biaker, Mesary, J. W. Nayler, C. E. Llovd, A. E. Meredith. Arthur Spittle, A. Winbow, W. E. Barry, J. McDougal Tait and Arthur Spittle,
W. R. Edwards. Walter Farley, of Stourbridge, was unanimously elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard secretary. Mr. John Goodmen was re-elected treasurer, ard Messrs. G. T. Guest and T. H. Justice auditors and thanled for their services. Mr. T. Colelaugh was reelected representative on the Central Council.
Several new members were added ta the moll and it was decided to hold the next guarterly meeting at Gfent, subject to the usual permission being mbtained. It mas proposed to attempt the annual peal at Dudley, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Mester.

A ter eome discrasion it was decided to continue the monthy practices at Dudlep Parish Church (ten bells) on the firgt Monday in eqch month at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{mm}$.
Mr. Sheppard proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Archdeacon, to the Rev. W. H. Waring, to the organint, to the donors of the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables and prepared and served the tea, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one. The Archdeacon briefy replied on behalf of all concerned and then closed the proceedings with prayer.
Furtior ringing took place in the evening and brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

## QUICKEST PEAL AT ASHBRITTLE.

## To the gatitor.

Sir, The last peragraph of 'Peal Notes' in your last issue etates that the quickest peal on Ashbritile bells was rung in 2 hours 39 minutes on Febrnary 25th. This is incorrect, as a peal was rung on the same bells in 2 hours 32 mituter on Apri] 18th, 1920.
Milferton. Bomerset.
A. TOU'E

## PEAL NOTES.

## METHODS ON A NEW PLAN.

A band wuder the conductatship of Mr. Nolan Golden, the indefatigable hon. sectetary of the Formich Diocesan Association, has just geored the first peal in two new Major methods, which are a combimation of Little and Alliance. The treble is a dodging bell in $1-2$ and $3-4$ and a plain hunt bell in $5-6$. When it reaches 6 th's it turns round sind goes dowh so that it is never in 7-8. The leagth of a course is 140 changes and both methods bave a Gth's place bob.

The flrst of the two methods was Ohechendon, $a$ peal of which was rung at East Dercham on March $4 t h$, and the second Nothrepps, rung ot Marsliam last Saturday. Both pealg were composed and conducted by 3 . Golden, and s.e another interesting departure from the beaten track which seems to offer exteasive variety.
Here is half a lead of each method:-

| Checkendon. |
| :--- |
| 12345678 |
| 2143568 |
| 12346578 |
| 21436587 |
| 24163857 |
| 42613875 |
| 24168357 |
| 42618375 |
| 48281735 |
| 64827153 |
| 68472135 |
| $\ldots \ldots .26$ |
| 17583624 |
| 15738264 |

Bab 15738642
Bob 18674235
Another band has broken into Spliced Surprise Major ringing. Ringers from Earls Colne, Halstead and Jraintree Jinve been practising together, and last Saturday at the third attempt a peal in four methods wns accomphished, inder the couductorship of Mr, Lewty Wiffen, at Bocking

The successful band wish to associate with the peal the names of Mr. F. Felton, of Braintree, who stood in a previous attempt, Miss pr. Pettit and Mr. W. Arnold, who have attended the practices. The fret attempt for a peal was lost after 2 hours 30 minutes, and in the second the ringing lasted two hours.
The peal on Saturday was the fiftieth which Mies Bilda Snowden and her brother, Clande, hove rung together

The peal of Stedman Priples rung at Christ Clatch, Eustbourne, on March 6th, was a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Betty Rayfield, who scored her first peal. It was afterwards dibcovered to be a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and tenor (Messrs. Pankhurat and Faulkner), whoge birthdays are March 7th and 8 th regpectively, there being exactly half a century between the ages of -ntes Rnyfield and Mr. Faulkner. The peal was also rulle almost on the 80th anniversary of Mr. Frank Beanctt's first peal-Grandsire Triples at S. Nicotas', Guildford, on March 2nd, 1800.

TWO BANDS RING FHER FIRST PEAL OF ASETEAD.
sll the wand who took part at Erith, Kent, on March 7th, ramg their first penl of Ashtead Snrprise without previous practice. It was the first peal in the method on the bells and for the Kent Caunty Association. The comporition by Mr. A. G. Driver was also rung for the first time, and has the 4, 5 and 6 their extent in 56 at course ends.

Another band last week also rang their first peal of Ashtead Surfrise at the first attempt withost baving rung the method before. This wes at North Lopham, Norfolk, on March $94 h$, and was the first in the method in the diacese and for the Norwich Diocesan Association

At North Lopham the tenor is $10 \%$ cwt., but the peal did take 3 hours 28 minutes (as recorded in our peal columns) and it djd contain only 5,088 changes. Ringing on the ground floor makeg it diftieult to hear the bells a very fine-toned ring by Mears and Stainbank. which 'tell a fine tale' when rung slowly-without opening the trap door-and nobody thought of that on this occasion. However, the record time for the slowest 5,088 in this tower was when the redoubtable Joha Sonter called a 5,088 of Oxford Treble Bob Major and rang the tenor for 3 houra 34 minutes thirteen years ago. Incidentally, the conductor of the peal last Thursday week rang the lenor to seven extents of Miror in 2 hours 22 minutes on October 25th. 1930.

The peal et St, Nicholas', Deptiord, on March 6th, was a birthiay compliment to Mr. J. Dafters, of Lewisham, the ringer of the 7th. It was a compliment well earned and the reward of mach perseverance. The go ${ }^{3}$ of the bells is not good and the 7th is about the worst. Mr. Dafters' attempts for a peal at 'St. Nick's' have been spread over 16 years, and this is his firt success.
In the game peal, Mr. Walter Hunt, who recently rang Superlative is his frat peal, rang the 2nd, mn oddstruck snd mwlward-going bell, sery well to score his first peal of Bob Major.

Some of the young men in the Crayford district aro filling up their odd momenta with handbell ringigg, and we record this week three peals conducted by Derek Share. One of them, rulig on Mareh 3rd, was his 150th perl.
Four members of the Guidlord Diecenan Guild (Mengrs. A. H. Pulling and W. J. Robinson, from Guildord, anil Hessrs. J. H. B. Hesse and E. J. Ayliffe, from Haslemere) made the long journey to L-oughborough and back on Saturday and enjoyed a peal of Stedman Caters on the glorious bells of the Parish Church. Messrs. Fred Dexter and Harry Broughton, of Leicester, who alsa took part, both finished the "circle" of the tower.
The peal at Barking, Essex, on Saturday, was the first there for six years. The excellent "go" of the bells testifies to the care mond attention they receive at the hauds of Mr. Galeb Femn. The ringers of 2,6 and 7 are of the local company and two of then rang their first peal of Treble Bob. The reat of the band were from North Kent. The composition, by the late Mr. Arthur Knights, was luug for the first time
Barking is the 50hl tower in which Mr. Avkur Richards, of West Wickham, Kent, has rung a peal. The fact that it was his 99th perl shows that he lias gone in gearch of ringing rather than allow hmself to stegnate in one district.

## A JUBILEE PEAT.

The first peal of Triples at St. James' Ohurch, GEimsby, was rung on Eaturdiay, Marcl 4 th, 1889, and among those who took part was Mr. A. B. Sheppard, who rang his first peal. Mr. Sheppard is still a. member of the loral band. und the Grimsby District ringers offer their best wishes to those still living who were in that peal of 50 years ago. On Saturday, March 4th, 1939, a peal of Grandsice Triples was rung to celebrate the jubilee.
There are some people-and some quite good ringers, too-who do mot like Stedman, but on occasion they have to come to it, if they want to ring. Last Eafurday a band went to Debeaham for a peal of Major (in the best East Agglian tradition), but, meeting one short, they fornd a tenorman in ifr, William Last and rans a peal of Stedman Triples. Stedman Cinques last weck and Stedman Triples this week-I don't know what we cre coming to,' writes one of these Stedmanophobes.
As a compliment to Mr. Hiram Meakin, Master of St. George's company, Stockport, for his 72nd birtuday, a peal of Oxford Treble Boh Royed was rung an handbells by Stockport company on March Sth. The five ringers who took part in the peal of Stedman Doubles at Eeathield, Som., were from five different towers. Saturday's pes! was rung as a welcance to the rew Rector (the Rev. J. H. Davies), who has recently been inducted to the living of Halse with Heathfield.
As a last tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung with the bells halfmuifled at Southport Lancrshire, on March 7th.
Enderby was the spot chosen by the Leicester "Thursday-ites ' on March 9th. and in their 'lucky' tower were bappy to record anothar success when they rang a pent of Kent Treble Bob Major under the couductorship of Mr. Walter P. Whitehead.
St. Mary's Church, Pembridge. Herefordshire, has a detached tower. The quickest peal on the bells, which have a 16 cmt . tenor, was rung on Marcls 1Ith, 5 , 040 of Doubles in three methods being brought round in 2 hours 47 minutes.

Two of the local ringers at Aymesircy, Hereforashire, James Owen and William Marsh, wers so inherested in seeing how a peal whs rugg that they gat in the tower for nearly three hours on Sunday while members of the Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Doubles in five methous. Wo hope next time a peal is rung at Aymestrey their interest will have carried them far enough to onable them to take part, in it instead of being merely spectators. This peal was Mr. 3. P. Hyetto $150 t h$ as conductar for the Hereford Guid.
A peal of Minor rung at Springfield, Eesex, on March 7 th, wes a birthday compliment to Rosamond Lavia, youngest dsurghter of the Rev. and Mrg. R. C. Collwyn Margresves, and to Mr. R. TuTner, a member of the locr! company.
The first balf-mufled peal on the belis at Felkirk, Yorke, was rung on Merch 9th in memory of Mr. Arthur Knighte. It consisted of seven epliced extents of Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

## MEMBERS MEET AT LUNCH.

The annual Tubch of the Oxiord Tniversity Saciety was held at the Randolols Hotel, Oxford, on March 2nd. The president, the Rev. O. F. Widy (Kolle), presided and 21 members wete present. The guests of the society were Alderman C. H. Brown (president, Oxford Society), Mr. V. Benmett (secrebary, Oxford Socicty) and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Cambridge University Guild).

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the president, Alderman Erown proposed the taast of "The Oxiord Unirervity Society." The treasurer of the society, Mr. Mr. C. G. Heyter (Christ "Cburch) tesponded
'The Visitors and Kindred Socjeties" wes proposed hy the Master, Mr. R. D. St. Jt. Mmith (Jestrs), and to which the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow responded.

After lumch, members of the saciety, accompanied by Mr. Bennett, went on to New College. where, by kind permission of the Warden, the bells were rang during the afternoon. Gremisire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were zung, in addition to rounds on the ten bells.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DIVTSION DISOUSSES PROPOSED BENEVOLENT

 FUND.4 meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Coggeshail on February 25th, when 40 ringers atterded from 18 parishes, inciading the local company.

A short gervice was conducted by the Rev. F. N. Brown (Vicar), who, in the course of his address, gave the ringers a hearty welcome.

Tea was afterwards servad in the Co-operative Hall, Heving been micely prepared by lady churchworkers.

At the business naceting which followed, with the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) in the chair, four uew ringing memberg were elected, and it wos decided to hold the mext meeting ont Stisted on April 1st.

The District Master reporled the proceedings of the recent Central Commithes meeting, and much discussion ensued on the question of the proposed Renevolent Fund.

Mr. Ridgwell briefly explained the suggested rules that Mr. Chafk hed undertaken to send out for conkideration.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Wicar, the organist and the ladies for preparing the tea was proposed by the Master, and, in reply, the Vicar said lie hoped the ringers would visit Cogigeniall mary more times during his ministry there. The ringers then zeturged to the tower for further ringing.

## THE BELGRAVE INCIDENT.

## Tu the Editor.

Dear Sir, With reference to the letter under the heading "Misinformed' in your last issue, how very convenient for Mr. Riddington to consider the matter closed after making an aceusation which was unfounded. Who the disappointed ringers are I have not the faintest idca or ever intereat in.
The information that I had applied for the bells for the peat referred to anmo from tho Vicar humself, who very definitely wes under the impression that the partjcular application was from mybelf as secretary of the Leicester Branch, otherwise permission would not beye been given at such short notice. This transpired during a convergation in which $I$ wBs making arrangement for a ring meeting at Belprave. Of course, having made no such application, I informed the ticar accordingly and apologised to him for someone having taken such liberties without my knowledge. The Vicar has ance informed me that the application was mede on Sunday evening as stated in my previons letter.

HERBERT W. PFREINS.

## LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRIOT'S GOOD MFETING IN CHESHIRE.
In spite of poor weather, there was a very good abtendauce at tha querterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) at Norbury, near Stockport, on Marcli lith, There was a satisfactory number of mambera, representing towers is far spart 8.8 Ashtog, Manchester, Hazel Grove, Todmorten, Leeds (Sth. Chad'g and Amme⿹) Sherburn-in-Fimet, Macelesfield and Stoke-on-Trent.

Rivging in the aftermoon was followed by a shart service, conducted by the Vicar of Norbary (the Rev. A. J. Humplireys), assisted by the Rov. Frank Bommer, After the splendid tea which was served in the schools, a very liearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his words of welcome and his very interesting address, to the ladies who so kindty prepared tea, and others who belped to meke such a successful meeting.
In fis reply, Mr, Humphreys admitted that he had only recently learned of the existence of the Ladies Guild but hoped that it would not be long before another such meeting was held at Norbury.

At the short business meeting which followed there wera many expressions of regret at the iliness of Mra. Kelly and of hope that she will soon be well enough ggain to ring.

Twa new members were alected, and everyone was asked to males a note of the annual meeting of the district, to be held on June 10tut at St. Chad's, Tar Headingley, Leeds.

Mrs. Wolstencroft proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for bis kinduess, to Mrs. Fernley and other ladies who land done so much in praviding tea, and to Mr. Fernlay for his heip as organist at the service.-This was carried unanimously and Mrs. Fernley replied,

Further ringing, botk on lazdbells and in the tower, comeluded a most enjoyable meeting.

## DEATH OF A YORK MINSTER RINGER.

For 27 yenrs a member of Yors Minster company, Mr. Charlea William Fountain has pessed away at the age of 87 years, to the deep regret of all his calleagues, among wham his conscientious discharge of his duties made him zighly valued,
Two years ago Mr. Fountain, who was a bress finisher at the Carriage and Wagon Works, York, retised from the gervice of the L. and N.E. Railway.

He began his ringing at St. Mary's Church, Birhophill Senior, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1906.
The Minater bells were rung muffed after the funeral.
The deceased leaves a widow, two sons and two datighters in berearvement.

## APPRECIATION

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Probus,
Cornwall.
8th March, 1939.
Messrs. J. Taylor \& Co.

## Dear Sirs,

The dedication of the bells took place on February 25th. About 20 towers were present, and we bad ringing for about 7 bours. All expressed extreme pleasure both at the tone and quality of our restored peal and at the ease in ringing, and were loud in praise of the work you bad done and the way in which it was carried out. I should like to add my own appreciation, which is quite unqualified. We are all extremely grateful to you for enabling us to bave what must be one of the finest peals in the country.

Yours most gratefully,
(Signed) T. G. HAMMOND.
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## BELERY GOSSIP.

One of the longest continuou bell broadcastis was that made from the Cathedral of the Eoly Rosary Vamcouver, ou New Year's right, when the bells were on the air for 27 minutes 17 seconds. In this time well-struck ghort touches of Grandisire Triples were rullg conducted by Mr. George Roberts, who formerly Eved in Bristol and Who saw the bells, now in the tower at the Cathedral, before they left the Bristol foundry of Llewellin and James.

After several years of valuable work as joint hon. sedretaries of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Noice and Miss Noice have retired and their place is being taken oy Mr. W. G. Goodchild, of 139, Stanmore Lane, Winclester.
The sannal meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has been fixed for April $29 t h$ and witl be held, es usual, in Guildford.
Mr. George Horner, the popular secretary of York Minster Society, who reentiy uaderwent an serious operation, is, we are pleased to Bay, making a good recovery and is now at home convalescing.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Yates, of King's Norton, are being entertajned to dinner by some of their Birmingham ringing frients on Saturday at the Crown Hotel, Corporation Street.
To-day that old London worthy, Chailis F. Winney, a member of St. Pau!'s Cathedral Society, celebrates his Blot birthiay. His friends everywhere will extend their learty congratulations to him,

Yesterday one of Mr. Winney's oldest ringing frieuds, Mr. Francis E. Dawe, celebrased his 77th birthday and attempted a peal at his birthplace, West Meon, Hants. We hope he was successful. Mr. Dawe is the only man who has been five times Master of the College Youths. He was first elected in 1888.

## "RINGING UP.'

## INEXPERLENGED BAND SEEKS ADVICE.

## To the EXAtor

Dear gir, We ring up badly in our tower, and are not likely to make much improrement, because we cannot agree among ourcelves as to what is tive cause.
The peal is a recently rebung ais, tenor 17 cwt , My own feeling is that the treble does not get ahead fast enough at the atart, after the frat dozen pulls so that tho back bells have to pull down again from their normal swing. I base this contention on the reverged position when ringing down, for in this case when the bsek bells are almost down to cuiming position the front bells are still well up in comparison. The other mportant point I consider to be that the bells should be really close together in the eatly stages.

Another point bearing on this is thet ane member says the tenor does not atart chiming aud ringing up soon enough. 1, who usually ring it up. heve always been taught that the bells should chime round by degrees, firat the treble and 2nd, then 1,2 and 3 , with the other belis heing added at approximately each whole pull. This allows the front bels to get up a jittle before the teror starts, which, in my opinion, is the correct position for a good 'up,' so long as the trebles keep up.

As none of us in the tower is an expert, and each backs his own opinion, could we have some guidance-not necessarily from an expert change ringer, but from someole who knows what is wrong and can help us put it right.

IOKEL

## CLTRGY IN THE TOWER

## A YORESHITE YICAR'S VIEWE

The March meeting of the Barasley and District Society was held at Kirkthorpe, neвr Wakefield, on Saturday. The attendance wat very poor, as only about a dozen members were present representing Barnsley, Felfirk, Sandal and the locel company. No doubt the wet weather was to blame.
The bells were rung in the afterncon antil 5 p.m., when those present adjourned to the Parigh Room for an excellent tea.
The busimess meeting took place, with the Vicer (the Rev. J. Willoughby) in the chair.
The prasident of the association (Mr. C. D. Potter) opened a discussion on the editorial erticle in "The Ringing World" of March loth on the subject of educating the clergy, and it was the genersl feeling of the meeting tbat the ringers in the various towers should invite the clergy to join them on prectice nights and do all in their power to mate them understand what the art really is, and enable them to feel at home.
The Vicar said while he agreed with the principle of the suggestions, he thought a Vicar was too busy to take part in actral ringing on Sunday. Even if be could, he thought it was not possible for him to come out of the belfry after some mistake had been made or something had upset the mind, and to conduct the servics with the same reverence. He fully agreed with co-aperation of fingers and clergy, and pointed out that although the bells wers the freehold property of the Vicar, he thought where tbere was harmony it wad best not to interfere.
Horbury was chosen for the next meeting, to be befid on saturiay, April 8th.
The Vicar offered the bells of Kirkthorpe for the society's annos? shield content, to he held in July, and this was accepted with thenks. After the usual wote of thanle, further ringing followed.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-62.

## ALBERT NASH.

It is not always the number of peals that a man has rung and called that pats hins in the forefrom among ringerb, bat his ability in the tower as a leader and his skill as a conductor, Measured by totals, the record of Mr. Albert Nash, Ringing Master at Rotberbsm F'arish Church, is modest one compared with some, but his capacity and versatility as a conductor lave placed him in e position with few equals in the County of Broad Acres, where, during the more than 60 years of tho Yorkshire Association's existence, there has been a wider tendency than in most areas to share the calling of peals. Although the association peal records now reach a total well over four thousand, the present resident members who have called over a lundred peala could, we believe, be numbered upon the fingere of ore hand. Mr. Nash's total of 84 peals conducted, most which Association, show him, therefore to be among the most actire of the conductors in the county.
He prss born ot Wath-onDearne on April 27th, 1885, and in 5904 concucted the first peal he rang-a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methode. He slso con ducted his first peal of Major Treble Bob rung iu 1905. Al though bis peals range from Minor to Cinques, he has alway had a keen baterest in six-mel ringing, and has rung at one time or another every Minor metilod in the Central Corncil's collection, and scores besides, which are now looked upon as unorthodex.

Mr. Nash's peals total 188, o Which 36 have been on haniduells,
 four. He took part in 1906 in the

## MR. ALBERT NASH.

11,232 Kent Treble Bob Major, Jung at Wortley, the longest peal ruag in Yorkshire. He conducted a peal in ten Surprise Minor extents at Crofton in 1930, and at AlI Sajnts", Fotherbam, in Jenuary of the next year, conducted another Yarkshire record of 10,800 of Surprise Minor, made up of 15 extents in different methode But Mr. Naslis activities as a conductor have by no means been limited to Minor, and he has called penls of, mong otier methods, Bristol, London, Pudsey, Rutland, zud Superlative Surprise Major and Cambridge Major and Royal.

Fis record would doubtless have bean a longer one had it not bean that business kept him out of ringing from 1912 to 1916 , and then he was blown up and seriously incapacitated for forther arven years, in the first four veats of which he underwent many operations. Indeed, the marpel is that he was ever able to return to ringing and avlheve such a measuro of fresh euccess.

## THE POPE'S CORONATION

In honour of the Goronation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII., the following ringing was done at the Church of St. Francis Xevier, Liverpool, on Sunday, March 12th, before evening getwice: 656 Bol Major: T. W. Hammond 1, G. R. Newton (conduetor) 2, T, Egan 3 , C. S. Benwelt 4, J. W. Meldrum 5, T. W. Gilmour 6, F. Caunce 7 P. W. Cave 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman
 J. W. Meidrum 5, T. W. Gilmour 6, T. W. Hammond (conductor) 7, H. Roberts 8.

After morning service at St, Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Shetield, to mark the occasion of the crowning of Hes Holiness the Pope, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by George Holmes (canductor) 1. J. Osyuthorpe 2, F. Brightmore 3, M. E. Wilson 4, IH. Chaddock 5, R. Herrison 6, E. Thorpe 7, P. Lowe (first quarter-peal) 8, By a coincidence, it was also the 60 h anniversary of tne couductor's membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of his first perl.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. <br> To the Bditor.

Dear Sir-It was with regret that I read the letter in your issue of March loth from the pen of Mr. C. T. Coles re the London County Association.
I should have thought that any thinking person wonld realise the bitterness and ill-feeling which will be caused if this matter is allowed to go any futther
$T$ could eay much, if I expressed my own personal feelings, but I do feel that the interests of both guilds concerned and of the Exercise generally will be better served if the matter is speedily forgotten. W. SMMMONDS

Member of Guildford Diacesan Guild and London Connty Association

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

Fo the Editor
Sir, With refereace to Mr. Box's letter on the above subject, I, in common with probably 98 per cent, of your readers, plead guilty to his charge of ignorance of the liturgical traditions of the Church.

Whether adhereace to these traditions is applicable or advisable coder present conditions is a mather of opinion. It may be possible that they have become obsolete, like many ather ancient usages, owing to the cannge and progress of hamen thought aud ideales.
My suggestion as to ringing on Good Friday is, I think, is definite accord with the Archbishop's appoal for a nationat *Reball to Religion. The only order with regard to exiling the people to the services of the Church I can fiod in the Book of Common Prayer is in ise Preface, as Eoltows: "The curate ... shall cause a bell to be tolled thereanto a convenient time before he begin that the people miny come to hnto a conveniett time before he begin
The mode of ringing on certan special occasions is, I presume, ander the direction of the Yicar of the parish, where I am conteat to leave it.

## Bournemouth.

MISSALS DO NOT PROHIBIT MUFELED RTNGING
Sir, -The letter from Mr. Box on the subject of Gued Friday is most interesting, but the rubrics of the ancient Missels cannot be regarded as prohibiting muffled ringing. The "silence" enjomed obviously refers only to open ringing, es mutiled ringing was then unkロown

For ing own part, I strongly advocate a maffled peal on Gond Friday, to mark the solemaity of the day. One of the most impressive effects that I have ever heard was that of eight balls at Bath Abbey rung muffed at a late hour on Good Friday and again on Easter Eve. It is interesting to find that St. Chad's, Birmingham, has adopted the modern Anglican eustam of refraining fram opel ringing all through Holy Week, as well as on the two days named in Mr. Box's letter.

The 24 bells of Sevile Cathedral are still rung at the Gloria on Easter Even.
F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kingtou Magna

## TRADTTIONG MUST SOMETMMTS T3E BROKFN

Dear Sir,-How prone we are to try to convince the "other' fellow thes he knows little or nothing or that je 'shows deplorable lnck of knowledge' should he make a suggestion. That word eradilion too, how often is it misused es a birgun to blow in constructive scheme to atoms. It usually means, "Weve never done it befores or "We always used to do-
Mr. William Stary is at presant in Bournemouth and we enjoy bis assistance at the Parish Cburch tower, but curiouly enough he was not amaxe that we had adopted his suggested practice of full mumod ringing on Good Friday eevaral yesra ago.
The 'traditional " methor at St. Peter's was to tolit tho tenor 33 times at the close of the three hours devotion. The muffled ringing was adoptea to remind the general public in this holiday resort of the solemnity of Good Fridey. From the apprecintive comments we lave heard concerning the practice I thinle we can say it has gained its objective.
To move with the times, ancient traditions and eustoms must sametimes be broken, and no institution has found this to be so more than the Cbursh. That is why Mr. Box is forced to refer to the few remaining ancient traditions ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ A few years ago Bournemouth was mainly a residential iown, to-day it is a very popular holiday resort; demanding a very different administration from its citizena.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

## Bournemoath.

## A CHURCF OCCASION FOR MUFFLED RINGING.

Dear Sir,-I agree with Mr. Story that Goad Friday is the special oscasion for muffed ringing and, indeed, the only dayy in the Chrirch's year. The muffles are used for nationat and personal occasions, but bever, I believe, for a church occasion.
In some churches, to emplasise Easter, the bells are only ohimed during Lent, but if they were rung fully mutited on Good Friday this would have the same (it not greater) effect and may save the ringers the monotony, etc., of chiming. As Mr. Box, in your issue last week, does not mention muffled ringing, I canclude te is referring to open ringing, which, I think, would be out of place on Good Fridey
St. Mary Bourne.
J. HOLLGWAY.

## MUFFLED BELLS ADD SOLEMNITY

Sir,May I remind Mr. Wiffred E. Box that this is the reign of George VI.-not George I. In the days when the books be referg to were written, muffled ringing was something unheard of; but to-day few things stir the feeling of colemnity among the poople more than do manted bells, particularly filly muffled. From the day I took up ringing 18 years ago to the present time I have only heard bells rung fully mufled once, on the der of the death of H.M. King George V., and on that occesion I heard more outside commente of appreciation of bells than ever before or syer since. The King's passing was a memorable event in itself, but there was something about hearing the bells rung fully monfled which added to the (Continued on next page.)

## DIBTRICT ASSOCIATIONS IN YORKSHIRE

## HELPFUL TO COUNTY ORGANISATION. <br> Smaller Societies' Useful Work.

Another page in the history of the Forkshire Association was commenced when the Westera District held a jojnt meeting with the aewly-formed Hudferslield and Dishrict Association at the Ohurch of St. Mewy, Ellawd, on Saturduy; March 11 th. In spite of Ebe vary unsuitable weather, for it was bitterly wold and rained incessantly throughont the aftermoon and eveling, there was a very good attendance ard a representative gethering of between 60 and 80 was present.

The bells, a fne peal of eight with e tenor 153 cwt., are really in remarkable condition when it in remembered that they are consderably over 100 years ald and comparatively little has been spent on thom for a mumber of years. They are repufed to be one of the fast peals cash by Dobson, of Downham Markct. The bells were raised in pual about 2.30, and during the day a large variofy of methods was rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge rend Superlative Sumpise, At fimes the capacity of the bower was tamed, to jbs utwost, but good feeling prevailed and touches were kept as short as possible.

A short service was beld, condereted lyy the Rev. T. Mathieson and the Rev. A. L. Minns, both vjee-prosideats of the Huddersfield and District Asociation, and this was greatly appreciated by the large gathering plesent. Afterwards a splendud tea was served in the Parociaial Hall, abollt 60 members sitting down.
A rafter lenethy but important business meeting of the Western District was lucld in the Church Soliools, at which itre vice-president, Mu". P. I. Jahnson, occupied tha chair, supported by the rssociation presideut, Ganon G. C. Marshall, N. A. One rew member, the Rev. A. L. Minns, of bt. John's, Dirkby, was elected.

As this was the enmual meeting of the district, varions olicers were due for re-election. On the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. I. G. Sherwood, the viam-president, Mr. $P$. J. Johnsom, was unamimously re-elected for a further period of three years, and tribute of his unfiring efforts and eficiency in conducting the meetinga were endorsed.
In answering a question regarding the attendances of the reting memberg of the committes, the secretary pointed out that he was not jugtified in putting one member's name forward for ro-clection, as only 25 per cent. of tho meetimers liad been ettended. It was pointed out that when offeers were elected, it was expected thet the fullegt suppout would be civen in uttending the neetimgs.
Mr. W. H. Senior and Mr. E. Armitage were sccoringly re-elected for a furthar period, and Mr. Is. Drake, of Burley wag elected to fill the remaining vacincy. Mr. Armitage was alwo re-elected to berve on the Generel Committee.
Oring to pressire of other business, it whas intimeted that, Mr $\mathbf{R}^{\prime}$ Bottomey, of Keighley, had been compalled to zeaign his office, and Mr, John Cooper, if Silsien, mas thereupon elected to fill the racamey and complete the period of affice.

## BELL KFSTORAHION FLND APPROWED.

The Chairman brought forward the quegtion of a Bell Repsires Find, a proposal which had been made by a member from another district. At the previous meeting no definite decision was made, and the matter bad been left open for further cousideration until the present meakigg. He explained that the committee bad given this careful thowght. and lad put forward a propossi that the selueme be aereptex in mrinciple, but thas the coltections be confmed to the anntal ajatrjet meebings and the $\quad$ aeneral meetings only.

Congiderable disenssjoa arose. Mr. Barton thought the eollections slould be takers at all meetíngs, for as with no ather hobby, bells costing anything between 5500 and 21,200 were provided free of charge for ther enjoyment. He rsked the members to あe honest with thomselves and ask if they really ring tha balls golely bacause of their love for the ©hurch? W hatever lrobby one took up, the fees and conth wrare preatly in excesg of that of ringers.

The President gaid that, in his opinjon, the geheme was sound in primeiple, and he hoped it, would be adopted. They were perlaps wreparing something for the next generation, as it would undoulbtedly toke sereral jears before the fund could be ased, but be was sure that when ouce it was started, they would find otmes wiys and means of extending it if $\quad$ ecessary.

Various other views were ventilated, but, on a rote bejng telen, the recommendation of the committee was passed by an oferwhelming majority.
The Ohairman, in puting this to the meeting, emphosised the fact that aithough the matter was now agreed in principle, the whole question would be reviewed together with the reportg fram the other districts, and the General Commitise would no datibt report more fally at a later general meeting.

As no invitation had been received for the Tune meeting, it was proposed thet the meating be taken to Gargrare if possible, and be held on the last Saturday in Jane, so as not to clash with other meet ings which were being arranged.

A hedrty rote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for kindly gravting the uee of the belis, and also to the local company for their aplendid arrangements, and to the organist who kiadly geve his Eervices dirims the sar rice, was proposed by Canon Morshall, who snoke appreciatively of the lieart welcome they had all received. Thais was becolded by ifr. W. H. Senior and carried.

The Rev. T. Mathieson, in replying, said how very pleased they were to welcome the association, and expressed his regret tuat the Rector was uadble to bo with fhem, owing to another engagenont which had clashed. He was extremely sorry tlaat the weather was not very kind, and kindly offered the use of the Institute in the Parochia! Hall for those whe were unable to find room in the cowar. He hoped that everyone wotld thoroughly evjoy themselves und thet they would come again at some future time.

## NEW DISTRIOT ASSOCLATION WELCOAIED.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the arrangementa for the joint meeting with the Huddersheld sud District Arsociation, and pointed out that such meetings were all to the good of change ringing. He wa particularly pleaged with the attendance from the surrounding district and also with the fact that the two vice-presidents were present. He thought that any differences of opinion there were between the two associations were more imaginary than real, and hoped that the members would como along to the other meetings more frefuently, 50 that they could all understand one another berter. He thought the Church wes passing through a difficult period owing to shortages of ringers, but when one remembered that during the wir a whole generation of ringers was swept away, it was easily understood. He concratulated the two vice-presidents for the interest they were taking in looking after the young ringers, and was sure that success w attend their efforts.
Canon Marshall also spoke of the very amicable relations which existed between the Yorkshire Associntion and the many district societies, and was plasged to extend a welcome to the newly-formed Fuddersfield and District Association. Their county was very large, and it was sometimes very diffcult to give the attention needed to ElI the areas. This wes where the smaller socictics coutd do the most useful work, and he promised them evety support. Their existence Was really necessary to maintain the progress required by ringers, and he hoped they would continue to be a help to the larger county assaciation. As their president lae wighed the association every success and hoped that this first joint meeting would be the first of many
The Rev. A. L. Minns, in replying said he felt this to be a great day, when their County Association had come with such great pleasure to give their blessing fo the newly-formed association. Although they were ay infont socioty, they were erowing, and ho fele that ther numbers now were really encouragigg. He hoped the Yorksinire Asso-
ciation would look upon them as a uergery preparing the young ringers for the larger County Association. By theil meetings, which Were arranged frequantly, they were trying to give that encouragement and opportunity to the younger ringers. Fe thanked the president for his words of welcame and encouragement, and assured him of their unswerving logalty.
Mr. Barton mentioned the great regret which they all felt at the passing of Mr. Arthur Knights, who, althougly mot a Forkshireman, in the work of the assaciation, and when it was remembered that some 460 alifferent compositions of his had been rung in the county, they would realise what beneft this must have treen to them. The members then stood in silence es a last token of yespect.
This comeluded the husiness of the meeting, and after bandbells had been erjoved the tower was agsin visited and further ringing took place until about 9 oclock. A plessing feature was the presance of so many young rimgers, and this augurs well for the continuance and promress of the tuewly-formed assaciation
The following towers were represented during the dny: Addingham, Arroley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Brighouse, Burley, Filand, Halifax. Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Tale, Kirkburton, Leeds, Lindley, Liverredge, Longwond, Mytholmroyd. Nothowrim, Meltbam, Pudsey, Queensbury, Ripponren, Tothwell, Silsden and sowerby

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING. <br> (Continued from previous page.)

soiemnity of the day. I ventare to say the effect would be the eame on that dey wher the Church aunually commemorates the deatla of the King of Kings.
Until I heard fully mumled bells I must confess I had no ider that fully muefled ringing could have such a soothing and beautiful effect more so, to my mind, than half-muffled (though I like to hear belle mong in that way); and far more so than fully muthled with tenor open at back stroke, which Mr. Story advocates. The latter, I contend, sounds neitier one thing nor the other. If we are going to have single bells tolled, let us liave them as such, not mix the two things and spoil good music by one hell banging out above all the others. Fully muffled ringing is generally considered a symbol of extra sorrowfulness, and open ringing a sytubol of rejoicing. What, then, can be mare in keeping with the two great davs then to hear the former ou Good Friday and the later on Easter Sunday?
Northamptor.
P. AMOS.

## WEDDING BELLS

In honour of the werding of Mr. Stanley Stapleton, of the jocal company, and Mise Elizabeth Whitmore, on March 4 th, a quarterpeal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Charch of Our Lady: Keysoe, Beds: A. Stapleton 1, E. Asque 2, G. Seth 3, F. Stwepston \&, D. Cockings (canductor) 5 .

## A VANCOUVER VETERAN.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWIN CASHMORE

## Helped to Build Carter's First Ringing Hachine.

There has reccntly passed away in Vancouver, B.C., an old ringer who was an interesting liak. with ringing in the Birminguam district more than 70 years ago. Edwin James Cashmore, who, with lits wife and young family, emigrated to Canada about 50 years ago, has died at the advanced age of 87. He was the eldest son of Paul Cashmorer of West Bromwich, gunsmith, and leader of the ringers ab West Bromwich Parish Chureh.
Edwin Cashmore, who as the age of eight became a chorister at West Bromwich, and afterwards developed a fino tenor voice, weat first to Toronto and about 30 years aro went furtber west to Vanconver, where he established a successful sports business. In his youth in Eggland it was, of course, only patural that, as soou as he was abie, be should lemrn to ring, and bis tutors were his father und his uncles, Edwia Cashmore, Samuel Marsh and Simson Marsh. In Tolouto thet'e was no church bell ringing to be had and he turned his ettention co handibells, end he aud a pariy which he tanghe became celobrated for their tune ringing skill with over 50 hells.
In Vancouver be became an active member of the band at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, and continued until age and rheumathm prevented further participation, but only $s$ few montha rgo, when visited by four of his former ringing collengues, he was able to ring 1-2.3-4 to a course of Grandsira Iriples, a tuing which very few ringers, even in constant praclice, are able to do.

Edwin James C'nshnore, however, had another interesting association with ringigg. Wlen be worked in lis father's gun and pistol factory, there were, among the employes, two other youths, one of them named John Carter, and John Carter, like the rest of the peoplo who worked for Haul Cabmore, learned to xing. He also, being a born mechanical genius, turned his attention to constructimg a ringing machiue, and it was in Panl Cashmore's workshop that the invention bort in Jolm Carter's mind first took practical shape. Paul Cashmore was interested in it and enconraged Carter ; and Edwin James Cashmore and Sidney Smith, the other of the two youtlis mentroned above helped him in the work, which was oiten done, with full approval, In theit mastor's time as well as in their own. The macline which they built, however, is not the ane now housed in the Sauth Keusiagton Museum, Carter scrapped the original, after maining from it much knowledge and experience, which he incorporated in the later model

Edwin Cashmole eraigrated to Canada; Sidney Smith married his master's daughter, and one of their sons is Mr, A. Paddon Snailin, who whs yon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for 20 years and is now one of the vice-presidents.

Paut Cashmore, who died in 1894, and is buried in the 'Cashmore Cornes' where generations of the family lie in the beatiful churchyard attached to West Bromwich Parish Church, was, of course, cor temporary with Fenry Johnson, and many letters written by the later to Paul are still in possession of a member of the fanily.
It the time when John Carter was working for Paul Casbmore, abont 60 years ago, the letter omployed in his Fest Bromwich factory, amongst others, a band suficient to man the ropes at the old Chirch, mod, when the "old man" felt like it, he would call the band togeluer luring working hours and adjoutn to the belfry, which was only a few minuteg away, for the purpose of riaging some farourite touch or other. The Vicar at that time had no objection to the bells being so rung, provided no services or funezals wefe taking place, and there were very few houses with the exception of the vicarage itself and one or two old cottages in the imanediate ricinity of the church. One of the nearest houses was the hanse of refreshment known then, as uow, as the Ring o' Bella, where it is still bumprously clamed they sell beer by the pound. This is, of course, quite true es one of the old-fashioned 'pounds' (an onclosure for straying horaes or cattle) gtill standis in front of the house.

Mr. Edwin Cnslmore last visited Figiand in the summer of 1928 and bsd a pull at West Bromwich, although the bells there or ary are not thoge he knew in his youth, for they wore recast about row years ago. He was an excellent striker in such methods as he could ring.

Wherever he settled Edwin Ceshmore heome a chorister, for he was an ardent as well as an excellent wocalist, aum in Vancouver was a member of the choir at St. Baviour's Angliean Church, in connection with which he was aleo a lep reader. He was an netive Fremason, past master of his lodre in Toronto, a Ropal Azch Mason, past illustrious master of the Gryptic Rite and a member of other lodet.

Mr. Casimore ant his wife, who predeceased him, celebrated their diamond weddigg anciversary in 1936, had surviving him are four danghters and three sons.

## BIRTH.

GOODFELLOW. - At Colwyn Nursing Home, Hayes, on March 13th, to Grace, wife of F. W. Goodfellow, of Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, a sonPeter Herbert.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

COUNTY TODR TO ENCOURAGE PEAL RINGING.
It was suggested at the annual meeting of the Trura Diocesan Guild, held at Truro, that a peal ringing tour in Cornwall, to last a week or ten days in June, slould be organised among the members of the Gnild. Although the past year bad beer, in some respecte, a disappointing one, there is still a great doal of onthusiasm for ringing in CornwaII, in the view of Dr, J. Symons, president of the Guild, wllo welcomed the members.
The hon secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Truro, reported that Landewadnack and Wendron both joined the Guild duriug the year
The Rirging Master, Mr, W, E. Southeard, Truro, said they bud brd a disapponting year at Prizance, but he felt sure that the branch wauld again come bakk to full strength. Five ringers had been awarded the $M$ class medal, and four the $B$ class medal. A ringiug tour in the county proved very successiul. 15 peals ant of 17 being rung. Some of the visitore had rung peals in Corawall before, and savera! local ringers were invited to stand in. He would like to sed more ringers brought into touch with visiting parties. This year he was going to try to arrange a tour in Carnwall rmongst themselves, to last a weok or ten days in June. There would be zinging to suit all ringers, and it would give them a chance to learn something from each other.

## DEPLETED FONDS

Tho lon, treasurer, Mr, H. Dunstan, St. Ives, reparted a balance of $8 \mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{~d}$. , as against 5412 s .9 d . Fast year. They were not, he saind recaiving the full amount in fees from the branches, one branch not having paid maything for two years.

Mr. Cyril E. Lsmxon, Truro, pasls secretary, reported an increase in the mumber of peals, but it was not due, ne said, to the work of the Guild. Fifteen peals were rung by wisitors. Since the formation of the Guild 125 peals had been Fung.
Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram said titey were indebted to the visitors tor allowing local riugers to take part in their peals because it gave them an opportulity of doing something different
The reports were adopted.
There was a discussion ns to the provision of medals for ringers. It was stated that owing to the depleted funds of the Guild the cost of providing medals ought yot to fall upon the Guild, but ahould be borre by the recipients.
It was decided that a suggestion be made to branches that in futura the eost of mednle should be met by the towers of which the recipients of medals are members.
It was decided to hold the annual festiva] at Helston, and an invitation by the Rev. F. F. Gilbert to hold tho next annual meeting at sit. Stepnen-iu-Brannel whs accepted.
The officers elected were: Patron, the Bishop of Truro; president, Dr. J. Symons, Penance; Col. Jertam was added to the vicepresidents Ringing Master. Mr. W. H. Southeard, Trura; Assistant Finging Mastor, 3M. W. J. Gamand, Lezant; loon. secretary, tine Rev. W. H. R. Trewlel!a, Truwo: hon, treasurer, Mr. F. Dunstan, St. Ives; peals secretary, Mr. C. E. Lanxon, Trura; representative to the Central Council, Mr. Lanxon; committee, the Rev. J. H. Moysey, the Rev. J. S.Jcakin, the Rev. W, A. Kneebone, Miss Angwin, 日ud Messre Taylor and W. J. Sanders.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. <br> ALTON AND PELERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Yortsmouth Guila was hold at Peterbfield. Those present included Rev. E. C. A. Kent (Vicar of Petersfield), Rep. F. G. Eyreas (district chairman), and ringing members from Alton, Blacknoor, Hawkloy. Lisa, New Alreaford, Petersfield, Portsea, Ryde and SteepThe bells were rung in the aftermon and evening to the statadard methads. The Guild's servieb was conducted by the Rev. E. G. A. Kent, who offered a warm welcome and gave a ghort and encouragiag address. Tea in St. Peters Fall was followed by the business meetitty presided over by the district chairman. The how, secretary read his report and also the balance sheet, which showed a balance jn hand of E 1114 s .
Mr. George Hall, jun., and Mr, Reginald Thorrett, both of Blackmnor, were elected ringing members. Mr, A. H. Fisher, late of Petersfild, was elected a compounding member, The meetiog learned with regret that the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairmen) was reagning His oftice, and also that the vice-fhairman (the Rev. C. Minton Senhouse) was rasigning as he had left the district. Votes of tionks were accorded in each case.
The oficers were then elected as follows: District cheirman, the Rev. E. C. A. Kent; hon. secretary, Mr. C. E. Bassett, Ioon. auditor, the Rev. T. N. Rethbone-Griffn; district representatives on commitiee, Mr. W. Read and Mr. A. Fardiman. The next anmual meeting at Alton was fixed for Jenuary 27th, 1940, and the next quarterly meeting on April 15th, 1939, at Blackmoor.
The usual votes of thanks were accorded at the close of the meeting.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## WDSTERN BRANCH SECRETARIAL PROBLEM SOLVED

To everyone's satisfaction, a solution was found to a problem that had become acute, namely, that of finding a successor to the retiriag secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), when the Westerr Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its first meeting of the year at Hallow on Saturday weak.

The parigh of Hallow lies on tine west bantr of the River Severn, some three miles from Worcester, and the Church of SS. Philip and James possesses a fine octave (tenor 21童 cwt.) installed by Taylors in 1900 and rehung in 1937 by Mears and Staiabanit. Eighteen of the 26 towers affilated were represented, and there were visitors from the Northern and Sauthern Branches, as well as from the neighbouring county of Herefordshire.
Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a well-attended service. The Ficar (the Rev. C. M. Stickiners), in his address, welcomed the members, and said in all his 35 years in the ministry, at home and abroad, he had never addressed a gathering of ringers before. He admired their constancy to each Sunday's duties, and asked them not to be discournged ir their efforts faifed to bring mu increase in the attendance at church. He felt sure those who beard the bells were reminded of their duty to come and worship, and could not ignore the message entirely.

An excellent tea, served in the Parish Hall, had been generously provided and served by a band of ledies, which included tlie Vieer's, churehwardens ${ }^{\text {a }}$ and lockl ringers' wives. Some 71 members and friends sat down to the repast, but even this number failed to put away afl that was provided. The Vicar presided and was sapported by his churchwarden (Mr. G. H. Loak), who is en hon. member, Mr. L. Clay (leader of the local band) and the branch officers.
Mr. T. G. Green was proposed as the conductor of the quarterly peal to be rung at Hallow. Mr. Green is a talented member of the local band, but infortunately his work provents him from taking an active part in ringing apert frow his own tower.

## NEW SECRETARY ELBCTED.

Mr. G. E. Large (retiring secrelary) proposed the election of Mr Ernest $F$. Cubberley, of Kempsey, as secretery and treasurer of the branch.-This was seconded by Mr. E. Wilson, wherenpon Mr. R. G. Knowles sprang a surprise by proposing Mr. Edgar O. Barber, of Malvern Link, but as the intter found ino seconder the first mamed was elected.
Mr. Cubberley acknowledged his election azd said he would do his best to serve the branch.
Mr. S. T. Holt (Master) said they could not iet the occasion pass without thanking Mr. Large for his services duriug his term of olfice. It was, ho said, almost entirely due to him that the branch had now a membership never before obtained. Not only that, but Mr. Large had given valuable halp in tatoring bands at soveral towers and they were sorry he had to give up.
At a later atage Mesgrs. R. G. Knowles (vice-prestident) and H. F. Martin also spoke in eulogistic teras of the retiring secretary
In his reply, Mr. Large said lie was thankful his services had been acceptable, and acknowledged the support he bad received from members. He hoped they would give the new secretary thet same support, and more; and at the end of three, five or twenty yenrs, if Mr . Cubberley wished to resign, he trusted he would not have the same difficulty over a successol as he himself had had.

Seven new performing members were electer-four from Onbersley, two from Shelsley Beauchamp and one unattached.
The chairman was proposed as an hon, member by Mr. Clay, and this wres eatried with rpplanse.
Int riew of the recent affiliation of the Slelsley Beauchemp band, Who now muster eleyen members, it wes not surptising that tho summer meeting was proposed to be held there-a popular and unanimous vote.

A recommendation from the Central Committee regarding a new minute relating to the Belfry Repairs Fund was debated. Mr. J. D. Tohnson (general secretary) explained that now the Southern Branch had come into line with the other two branches it was thought desirable to bave the Eame mimute on the three branch books. The new minute stated: That collections be taken at the quarterly meetings at the discrelion of the incumbent and branch officers, and that such we given to the Belfry Repairs Fund.

Mr. Holt, eaid he woadered how that would affect them if they at Eome time desired to heve a collection for a member afflieted by illness. Would it allow them to have a becond collection?

This point was discussed further by Mr. Johnson, Miss Boyle and the retiring eecretary, after which Mr. Holt proposed an amendment that instead of 'That collections be taken :.? the motion read, ${ }^{5}$ That a collection. ${ }^{\text { }}$ etc. -This was seconded by Miss Boyle and cerried. 'Any other business,' as usual, brought a host of questions. Mr. Fi. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) exterded a hearty welcome to the members when bis hranch (Northern) held them summer meeting at Hartlebury in Jinne. The Hartlebury ringers, he said, had received tuibion and assistance from Western Branch members, and he thought it would be aice if the latter joined in.-Mr. T. Hemming (Brieriey Fill) bipported this and extended a welcome to Southern Branch members, too.

After compreliensive votes of thanks, further ritrging took place at both the churches at Hallow and Grimley (a nearby Fillage).

## NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
-The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Hobborn. Tickets, 6 . each. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4 to 5.30 p.m. ; St. Clement Danes, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 4.30 to 6 p.m.-G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.-The new ring of eight bells, installed by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, March 18th, at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea 4.30. Bells available until 7.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, March 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please do not fail to send numbers for tea to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annua! general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, March 18th, at 3.I5 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street.-Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern District. The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. S. Briggs, Clinton, Gerard Road, Rotherham. Please make an effort to attend this, the most important meeting of the year, and so make it a success. A hearty wescome is extended to all.-J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. -North and East District.A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Court Minor; other methods will be rung as required. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6 d . per head, in Hockforth's Cafe. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. All welcome.-H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be heid at St. James', Rusholme, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.-Eye District.-A meeting of this district will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Also Thornham (6) and Stoke Ash (5) and Brome (5). Service 4.30, conducted by the Rev. MacGee, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. All are welcome. -R. J. D. Nelthorpe, Dis. Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Wilburton on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at Royal Oak, 5 p.m. Service if arranged.-F. Warrington, Station Road, Swavesey, Cambs. (Please note new address.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The tenth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. The Rev. N. E. Hope, Master of the association, will preside, supported by other gentlemen. The following towers will be open : Cathedral (8), 2 to 3 p.m. ; St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 ; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45 ; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 . Dinner tickets 3s., obtainable from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., Lydney Dock, Lyđney, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 18 th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (is, 3d. per head). St. Saviour's from 7.15 p.m.-A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., ${ }^{3} 3$, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting will take place at Brinidow, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at 1s. a head.-D. E. Bearnish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lare, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District.-A meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea at Hurst Cafe (Is. each) at 5 p.m. All ringers and frjends cordially invited.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street (opposite Borough Underground Station). Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.-N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby ( 8 bells) on Saturday, March 18 th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance to induce the local ringers to rejoin the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.-Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec, and Treasturer.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch. -A mecting will be held at Hemingford Grey on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established ${ }^{1637}$ ).-Meetings for March: St. Giles', Cripplegate, $215 t ;$ St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23 rd; *St. Panl's Cathedral, 28th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 3oth. *Business meeting afterwards. All at $7 \cdot 30$, except St. Andrew's, 8.-A. B. Peck, Sec., i, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The golden jubilee will be celebrated on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at Leeds Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Hot pot supper and entertainment in Sherwin's Restaurant 6 p.m. Tickets is. 9d, each. Please book your ticket before March 20th.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-Book this date, March 25th, for Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. The above district will hold its next meeting there, and a hearty invitation awaits all ringers. Excellent bus service from all parts. Usual tea arrangements for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Elham (Chilham unavailable) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, is. per head. Please send your names in to Mr. F. Verney, Briar Bank, Ellam, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, March 23 rd. Usual methods, but special attention to Double Norwich, please.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 25th. Belis ready at 3 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please send a card by Wednesday, the 22 ni? Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new vicar. Send your card to Ernest Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District--A meeting will be held at St. Luke's Churchi, Derby, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8, tenor 30 cwt.) available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers cordially invited to try this splendid peal. Subscriptions now due. - Wm, Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Abbert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-E. Berks \& S. Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Fulmer ( 6 bells) on Saturday, March 25 th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Annual reports ready shortly. Note date of annual meeting, A pril 22nd, at Beaconsfield. - A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexbam, Slough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Marcls 25 th. Bells (Io) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea at the Temperance Hotel (15.) 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. - Next meeting at Darleydale on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All welcome. Those hoping to be present please write W. H. Taylor, The Hillside, Darleydale, not later than Wednesday, March 22nd.-H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Cirencester Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, March $25^{\text {th. }}$. Bells (8) open 3 p.rn. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please send card for tea to W. H. Hayward, Hon. Sec., I, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District. The next monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be held on Saturday, March 25 th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is "Cambridge, up to Royal.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District. - A quarterfy meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. -P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict--The next meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.mn. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart. The Vicar is anxious to meet the diocesan ringers, so a hearty welcome is extended to the neighbouring districts and others. A postcard to me, stating number, by Wednesday, the 22nd, will ensure a good tea. -F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 30, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, March $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. -F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District. - The next meeting is at St. Ippoilyt's on March $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available at 3 p.m: Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 2znd, or no tea, to L. T. Newman, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-Meeting at Warfield ( 8 bells), Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea at small charge by notifying W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Meeting at Malins Lee, Welliagton, on Saturday, March 25th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but please notify numbers for tea. - W. A. Farmer; 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-A mecting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, March 25 th. The light ring of eight available after 3 p.m. Come and try them.-J. G. Powelk, Hon, Sec., I, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch. - Newport Pagnell Deanery. - A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, March 25th. 2.30, ring up. 4.15, service. 4.45 , tea.-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Bolton, on Saturday, March $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HORDLE, NR. LYMINGTON, HANTS.-The ring of five bells (one old and four new) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Sunday, March 26 th, at the II o'clock service. The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April ist. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. W. Davies, 99, Rosary Road, Ercington, Birmingham, regarding tea not later than Thursday, 30 th inst.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Thrapston Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April ist, to dedicate a tablet to the late Mr. W. Wainwright. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea to follow, at the kind invitation of Mrs. Wainwright. It is necessary that all those wishing to attend should send p.c. not later than March 28 th to W. R. Butcher, Woodview, Brigstock, near Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division. - A meeting of this division will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April ist. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Suckling, 334, Clzurch Street, Bocking, Essex, not later than Wednesday, March 2gth. All ringers welcome.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

MORFCAMBE, LANCS.-The new ring of eight bells installed by Jolin Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn on Sunday, April and, at the 1o.30 service.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells open: St. Paul's (ro) from ro a.m; Rolleston-onDove (8), II.30 to 12.30 , 1.30 to 3.30 ; Winshill (6), II to $12 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .$, I. 30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 4.45 prompt , followed by general meeting in St. Paul's Institute. Tickets for tea, members is. 9 d. , visitors 2 s. , to be obtained not later than Apr. 5 th from J. W. Cotton, Coronation Strect, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent. Owing to catering difficulties, please note, those without tickets must fend for themselves.-Ernest Morris, General Hon, Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April woth. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at II. $15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornliill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at i p.m. (free to practising members, 2s. 6d. others). His Worship the Mayor of Eritly (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) will preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). Nominations must reach me by March 27th. A new rule to be submitted. The tower of St. Jolnn's will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. and after the meeting. Other towers in the vicinity available will be announced later. All applications for luncheon tickets must reach me by Tuesday, April $4^{\text {th }}$, otherwise too late. Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., II4, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The second annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, April 15 th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 35 . 6 d . each, can be obtained from Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than April ist.

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## LONDON RINGING SOCIETIES.

It was not surprising that, at the dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, some reference should be made to the relationship between London ringing societies. Every expression of opinion that was heard was a plea for the extension of the spirit of good will and of the desire that energies should be devoted to furthering the cause of ringing instead of to petty quarrels. This view was particularly emphasised by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and will be echoed by all who have really at heart the cause of ringing in general and of London in particular. We have constantly urged, in this column, that the time is long past when the old feuds and jealousies should be allowed to govern the policy of those responsible for ringing, which should no longer be the subject of rivalries, as it was in the days when it was purely a secular pastime and bands of ringers were out to get the better of their competitors, not only in the peals they could ring, but in the towers they could monopolise.

In London that spirit took a long time to die, even if it can be said to be entirely dead to-day. But the extinction of this spirit is not in itself sufficient. What is wanted is a new outlook, demanded by the change in the attitude which the vast majority of ringers have towards their craft. No longer is bell ringing to be treated as a purely secular occupation, although it still suffers in many places from the fact that service ringing is done by paid ringers, whose jealous eye on the tiny loaves and fishes is often a stumbling block to progress. The reformation which has come about in the last half century has changed that view. Most ringers treat their services as a contribution to be made to the Church and in that respect rivalries which give rise to jealousies should have no place. Yet they will come to the surface from time to time. But the more ringers mix and rub shoulders the quicker will their differences disappear. Joint meetings between societies operating in the London area have begun to break down barriers in the metropolis, where the old feeling has persisted longest. There is a good way further to go yet before the ideal situation is reached, and we look forward to seeing brought about in the near future the joint meeting between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, suggested once again on Saturday. It would be another step in the right direction towards that goal which we believe to be obtainable if unlimited good will prevailed, not only officially, but in the backwaters of London ringing, a goal which would bring about not only a better understanding, but a genuine collaboration that could result in some, at any rate of London's dilapidated and neglected peals of bells being brought into action again.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

MANCEESTER.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satmyday, March 18, 1939, in Thee Gowrs and Forty Minwles. Aт the Town Hale.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIHUS, E040 CHANREEI Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb .
C. Kennixa Lbwis .u ....Troble | H Lionel Clojge... ... $\quad .$.

James Fbraley ... .... ... 2 Alberx Ford .... .... .... 8

- William Robinson ... ... 3 Fredzrice R. Williams... 9 James A. Milner $\quad * *$... 4 Cgarles H. Page... Willian Fermley ... ... 5 . Riceard Benson ... -ANDREW ThOMPSON ... ... 6 JOBN WORTB ... ... ...Tenar Composed and Conducted by Jone Worra.
* Firat peal of Maximus. † Fyrst peal in the method on twelve betls. First peal of Maximus ou the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday, March 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes, AI the Ceforch of St, Nicbolas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 6016 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt .
C. Frgderick Saygr atreble Clayton Parnell ... ... 7

Edwin R, Gonse ... **. 3 Arthor G. Kjng.. .0
J. G. William Hapwodd... 4 ALFRED J. Moy ... ... .... †DRNas A. Barle... George Mayers ... ... 6 Williab Clover ... ....Temor
Composed by J. Resves. Condncted by E. R. Goatz.
芴 First peal of Plain Maximus. + Fiyst peal of Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

EING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCLATION, On Salurday, Harch 18, 1939, in Thre Hours and Tevive Minutes, At tar Church or St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, E039 CHANGE8: Tenor $17 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.

- Edward Horx ... ... ...Tyeble Rbeinald Woodvast ... 6 Sidagy T. Holy $\quad . . . \quad . . \quad 2 \quad$ Tgomas W. Lewis... George E, Large ...... †Eoward W. Blake ... ... 4 Cgables Camy ... .... .... 9 Allen Morgan... ... ... 5 . William B. Cartwriget... Tmar Composed by Fred G. May. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
- First peal on tell bells. $\dagger$ First neal away from the tenor. : First peal of Grandsire Caters.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARWICE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tussday, Fedruary 28, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifip-Fiva Minvits, At tee Cedrch of St. Nicbolas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 505日 CHANGE8\| Theror 14 cwt.
Ronald G. Bugg ... ...Treble Gyorge Thompson .... ... 5
Walter Soutggate... ... 2 Walter R. Eflgate... ... 6
Urban W. Wildney ... 3 Friderick C. Ramplin ... 7
-Sidney R. Jbnntngs ... ... 4 Grobge Watehman ... .... 4 Thor Composed by J. R. Prizceard. Conducted by U. W. WiLdngy.

- First peal.

GRTAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 13, 7939, 17 Two Eows and Fifb-Eight Minwth, At the Cequct of All Saiftr.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 EHANEESI Tenor $15 \mathrm{cwt}^{2} 10 \mathrm{lb}$. in F sharp.
Ebward B. Saith ... ...Treble William A. Rogse .** ... 5

Mrs. W. A. Rocse ... ... 3 Grorge Watermas ... ... 7 - Fredrrick Orbis .. ... 4 Uabah W. Wildney ... ...Thar Composud by H, Hegrard. Conducted by Urban W. Wildnay.

* First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (Pat District Society.)
On Wednesday, March 15, 1939, in Two Howyard Fifty-Six Mimutes, At the Chorch of St. Heien,

## A PEAL DF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

 Tedor 17 owt.- Dennis Scoit ...Tr Trebie Hege W. Gregdry Hgrbert E. Taylor .. ... 5
Robert Allsof ...
.... 6
Bernard allsof ... ... 3 Ronald Allsop ... ... ... 7
Victor E. Tailor ... ... 4 Gborge A. Padlson ... ...Temor
Composed by E, Francis. Conducted by G. H. Paflson.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by ell the band. BUSHEY, HERIS.
THE HERTTORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Thmysday, March 16, 1939, in 7 two Hours and Forty-Soven Minulus, At the Cherct or St. Jamps,
A PEAL OF dOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHAHCE8;
-Hznay Southall ... ...Treble
- Leomard Lack ... .... ....

Frederice W, Brinelow
 EDNLC. Mayk ... ... ${ }^{7}$ Maurice F. R. Hisbert ... 4 Francis Kirk .... ... ...tiomon Composed by J. Howr.

* Firse peal in the method. First pea! in the method as conductor. LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCTATION.
On Thwrsday, March 16, 1939, in Three Hours amd Twelve Miswes, At fer Cedrch of St. Gborge-teg-Martyr, Soutbwary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, $\sigma 056$ CHANGES; By members of the Civil Scrvice.
Stanley J. T. Sbellock (Admiralty)
...
Treble
Edpir A. Barnett (Air Ministry)
+. ... 2
- Walter Hont (Tithe Redemption Commission)

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THE WINOHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUIED.
On 7 huysday, March 16, 1939, in Thres Hours and 7 hreo Minmes,
At the Chuech of St. Joha-the-Evangelige,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANEEA। Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr .27 lb . in F .
Harry Hobsins ... ... ...Trebie T. Wilvred Taffender ... 5
Thomas h Taffbader ... 3 George Williams ... ... 6

Jorn S. Goldsmitr ....... 4 Нвabert E. Addsley... ...Tempr Conducted by Fabacis Edward Dawz.
Rung on the 77th birthday of the conducter, in the village whete he was born.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDIAND COUNTLES ASSOLIATION.
On Thursday, March 16, 1939, in Two Hoxrs and Twaty-Eight Minwtes, At the Brll Foundry,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEES;
Washbrook's Varlation of Tburgyans' Fodr-Parta Tenor \& ewt.
Lestie Strybns ..

Edmard Re Witebead ... 2 William Bottrill ... ... 6
(... 3 Abjajr Chtyell ... ... 7 Conducted by William Botinill. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

DFSBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETEREOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Salwrday, March 18, 7939, in Three Hows and Five Minwtes,
At ter Chorch of Sx. Giles,
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, sO5S CHANGEBI Tenor 104 ewt.
Beenard J. Saddington...Tyeble †Denis A. H. Yzomans ... 5

- artaur h. idle $\quad \cdots \cdots{ }^{2}$ Gboprray E. Watson ... 6
¡Raymond H, Idle ... ... 3 Ceristopatr G. Hendry 7 \#Lewis W. Kilbourn -.. 4 Burlgy P Morris ... ...Temor Composed by J. A. Trollope. Coaducted by Borley P. Morris.
* First peal on eight bells. + First peal, agen 14. $\ddagger$ First peal of Major. A 2att birthdry compliment to A. H. Idle.

WILLENHALL, STAFFG.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRT OF STAFTORD.
On Sazurday, Maych 18, 1939, in 1 hres Howrs and Eleven Kinutrs, At tar Cauree of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRAHOSIRE TRIPLE8, 6040 CHANEE8I Parerr's Twelve-pari ( 9 th observation). Tenor ist cwt .
William Saonders ... ...Teeble $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Hzrbert Sugppard .te i. } 5\end{aligned}\right.$
Bert Horton...$\quad$......$z^{2}$ Waltrr Lago Samdel Baikr ... ... ... 3 Cbrisyopher Wallater ... 7 John Warrilow ... ... ... 4 Artber E. Rebd ... ... ...Tmor Condacted by C. Wallater.
Tirst peal of Grandsire onf the bells siuce they were recast. All the above ringers are grandfatzers.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rocudale Brance.)
On Satwracy, March 18, 1939, in Three Hows and Two Mfinwles, Ay ter Cburch of St. Jayre,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 「OEG CHANGESI

 Teror 18 cwt.Strpern L Parry ... ...Ttebla -Harry Byrom ... ... ... 5

*Sblwyn H. Dzarden $\quad . . .2^{2} |$| Ivan Kay | ... | .. | ... | ... | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

"Denkis Hollos... ... ... 3 Harold Hamer ... .... ...* 7 Joba Meaboweropt, jen, 4 Alebrt Buckiby .... .....tomor Composed by T. b. Worsiry. Conducted by H. Haver.

* First peal in the metlood. Rung as a 2lst birtuday compliment to Mr. Harry Byrom.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, Haych 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Hinutes, At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRIBE MAJOR, FOEG CHANGEA, Tenor 15/ owt.
William P. Garrett... ...Tyeble Frani L. Fisber ... ... 5
Albbri E. Wbiting ... ... 2 Harry D. Listra... ... ... 6 Leglie G. Brett... ... ... 3 Grorge More ... Kbitb W. Waitibll ... ... 4 Alderman Ling .... .... ....... Composed by C. Mideigton. Conducted by H. D. Liefer.
A birthday compliment to the conductor. RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE IANCASHEE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Two Howrs axd Fifty-Six Minutes, At tee Caupce of all Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANDEEJ
Parker's Twelvi-part (7th observation). Tenor ry ${ }^{\frac{3}{3}}$ cwt. Tbomas S. Horridge ...irsblf Grorge R. Newion ... ... 5 - Willian O. Farrinond ... 2 Waltrr aliman ... ...
 Staneby. . Harrison ... 4 Cecil Raddon ... ... ...Teror Conducted by Grorge R. Newron.

* First peal on a ' working ' bell.


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On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Thet Hours, At ter Cexpeh of St. Bartbolomgw and All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8; Parrer's Twelve-pari ( 7 th observation). Temor ig c cwe. in E. - Thomas Fabigard ... ...Tveble tRagimald Barry ... ... 5 | Lotis A. Wilson | $\ldots$. | .. | 2 | $\dagger$ H. Borry | $\ldots$. | ... | $\ldots$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\dagger$ William Hacrer | $\ldots$. | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |

 Ronald Saye cö conducted by A.O. Whintmorz.
${ }^{2}$ Firgt peal and first attempt. + First peal of Triples. First peal of Triplea as conductor.

GLMORTON, LEICFSTERSEIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On 5aturday, afarch 18, 1939 , in Two Hours amd Fiffy-Three Minules, At the Cherce of All Saints.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES।
Dextrr's Variation of Thurstans' Fojr-part. Tenor 12 cwt.
Cgcile. Carr ... ... ... qrable William I. Root... ... ... 5

- Tbomar C. Belton ... ... 2 Ernest W. Tipler ... ... 6
alfred Ballard ... ... 3 Frank K. Mbagurbs ...
Williar A. Wood ... ... 4 Percy W. Bennett ... ...Tengy Conducted by Frank K. Measorrs.
* First peal in the method.

> CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Two Howrsand Fifty-Fivt Minules, At tae Cburch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE 8 URPRISE MAJOR, $\operatorname{cog}$ CHANGE8; Tenor 16 cwt . in F .
Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer Troble Miss Hilda G. Snowden ... 5
Hobari E. Smith ... ... 2 Cbcil W. Pipr ... ... ... 6 Cearles J. Sedgely ... ... 3 Lewis W. Wifpen ... ... 7 Cladde Snowden ... ... 4 A. Patrice Cannon ... ....Tomor Composed by C. Middeleton. Conducted by Lewis W. Wifizn.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Three Houss and Twa Minutes, Ax teb Cherch of All Saters,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;

1. J. Parkbr's Twblye-part.
-Racpa E. W. Wengan ...Trebla
Cbarles H. Sone ... ... 2
Tom Satnerers ... ... ...
Hapy Baere
Cond fambs W. Spillety
Tenor 2If cwt

Harry Barer
Conducted by W. Wrasan.

## * First pal.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, At tee Cerrce of St. Jobn.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 GHANGE8; Tenor 16 cwt .

- William Pzrins ... ...Treble Jobn G. Cartidider ... ... 5
- Georgr Hulab... †Harry Hall ... ... ... 3 William Carnwbll ... ... 7 tEdward Stbrle ... ... 4 Artadr W. Hall … ....Tenoy

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by William carnwell.
¥ First peal of Major, ${ }^{+}$First peal in the method 'inside.' Finst peal of Major as conductor.

> LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHLRE.

THE ELX DIOGESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday. March 18, 1939, in Three Hoxrs and Ton Minules,
At the Cajrce of St. Grorge,
A PEAL dF DDUbLE NORWICH COURT bOB MAJDR, 5216 chantes; Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb , in E .
Waliace W. Coosins ...Treble Jobn A. Godrriy ... ... 5
-Lbwis Bosb ... ... ... 2 Nolan Golden ... ... .... 6
William Bocrembay.. .3 Cecil V. Ebberson ... ${ }^{-. .} 7$ Arthor G, Bason ... ... 4 Cladob Cousins ... ... ....Tmor Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

STONE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Fabruary 25, 1939, in Three Hoxts und Twa Minstes,
At the Chubce of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHAHGE8;
Being 720 each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Netherseale, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambriage.

Tenor 13 cwt .

Walter Hont ... ...
... ...Treble
...

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the bend except the conductor.

## COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSETT.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 3, 1939, in Two LIours and Fifty-Nins Minntes,
At teg Chorch of St. Mary-tay-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Plain Bob end 40 six-scores of Grandsire with 12 different callinge.

Tenor 16 Ew .
Cbarles Harvey
... ...Trebba
Leslie B. Coles ... ... 2 Wilitam J. Robrwell ... 5 -Romald R. Treasore ... 3 Walter S. Bates ... ...Temor

Conducted by Wileiam J. Rosbwell.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

LITILLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Twesday, March 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Mimutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF MINOR, $\operatorname{EOHO}$ CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woadbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Boj and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt .
William Williams ... ...Tyebi Artbid Paillips... ... ... 4
Barnard Patmoar...
Albbrt Lawrence ... ... 3 Sidngy Carigr ... ... ...T enk
Conducted by Sidney Carter,

## EXTON, ROTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Rutland Brance.)
On Saturday, March 11, 1939, in Three Howrs,
At the Paeish Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being sepen extents of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, rang alternately. Tenor 12 cwt .
J. R. Nichols
f. G. Grary
P. D. Baldock
... ...Tyebla R. Rossell ...
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text {... } & \cdots & 2 \\ \cdots & \text { R. H. Kniget }\end{array}$
Conducted by J. H. Blorf.
DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTEE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 13, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Minutes,
At yee Cberch of Sy. Wilpred.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8
Being seven extents callei. diferently. Teuor 15 cwt .
Harry W. Howard ... ...Tyeble Joen Hassell ... ... ... 4 Herbrit A. McKinabll ... 2 C. Kennetb Lewis .... ... 5 Harry Parker ... ... ... 3 Dayid Vincent ... ... ...tency Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

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SCOTTOW, NORTOLK
THE NORWICR DIOCESAN ASSOGIATION.
On Mowdoy, Maveh 13, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Three Minwtes At the Cborce on All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANRES;

Comprising twa 720's of Oxford Trelle Bob, two 720's of Lent Treble Bols and three 720's of Plain Bob, the extents being celled differently. Temar $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
 Conducted by E. V. Blake.

CADVERLEKGH, DEVON TEE DETONSHIRE GUILD.
On Twesday, Mareh 14, 1939, in Two Hows and Forly-fow Minures,
At tee Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF RRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES; Forty-bw, six-gcores, ten callings.


First peal by all the band

## WARBLETON, SUSGEX

TEE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
THE EAST GRDNSTFAD AND DISTRICT GULD.
On Satuyday, March 78, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Fipa Minutes,
At the Cborce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE BURPRISE MINOR, 5040 EHANCES; Tenor 104 owt.
Albert Relef ... ... ...T Trohe ${ }^{\circ}$ Charers A. Basseit

Afrbor F. Lewry .... ... 2 -Stanley T. A, Ressele -Sianley T. A. Retsell. | 4 |
| :--- |
| 5 | Wilciam A. Kitcbenside... 3 Frant H. Hices. Conducted by Albert Relfe.

* Fizet peal of Oambridge.


## THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

 THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.On Salwrday, March 15, 1939, in Two Hows and Fi/ty-One Minstes,
At ter Cblich of St. Micharl.

## A PEAL DF MINOR; 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Eent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, two 7201 of
Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Ernest J. Difrant ... ...T Treble
Ronald G. Begg.
Treble Mas. W. A. Roose
Lgonard E, Suarex ... Conducted by Urban W. Wiloney.
Firat peal in font methods by all except the conductor and frst in four methods on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

ROTETRHAM, YORESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Tweday, Marbh 14, 1939, in Two Howrs and Eleves Minuter,
At Brekby, Doncmstrr Road,

## A PEAL DF BOB MAJOR, 505日 CHANBE8;

Mre, T. C. Ryger
Alemer Nase
Composed by Gro. Lewis.
i-z ${ }^{\text {y }}$ Harold Ceant
3-4 T. Colin Rydra....
Condacted by A. NasFi.
ENFTELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX OOUNTY ASSOCIATION AMD LONDON DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Teesday, March 14, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twelve Minmtes, At 45. Walsingeam Road.
A PEAL OF LONDON 8URPRI8E MAJOR, 5088 CHANGEE;
-Ggorge W. Fleiceser .... I-2 Harolit G. Casemohe ... 5-6 Cgristopaer w. Wooleby 3-4 ©edtb K. Fletcaer .... .... 7 . 78 Composed by J. W, Wasasrook. Condncted by H. G. Casbmore. Umpits-Ronale H. Bollen.

## * First peal of Surprise on handhells.

(Other peal reports ara unavoidably held over).

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL MEETING AT ARKLOW

Ladies in Winning Competition Toam,
The annual mecting of the lrish gssociation was beld in Artiow on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The weather was summorlize and 104 ringers were present from Arklow, Bray, Dublin (Christ Chureh, Cathedral, SS. Augustine and John, St. George's and St, Patrick's Cathedral], Kilkenny and Waterford.
The Murpbit Cup competition for the best striking commenced at 11.30 a.m., When the following six towers met in if yery keen compotition: St. Patrick's Cathedial (holders), Christ Clurch Cathedral, St. Gearge's, Bray, Arklow and Wateriord.
St. Geot'ge's, Dublin, won the cup for the first time, with only nive faulta; they were thus the first tean including lady ringers to win the tropby. St. Patrick's Cathedzal were second with 13 [aults.
Lunch was very kindly provided by the local company in tho Marlborough Hall. I'le business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I., in the cliair.
The annurl report was read by the essistant yon. secretary (Mr F. E. Dukes) and included a new feature, viz., reports from loca] companies for the interest of other societies. The following are come pointa from tho report: The annual subscription was increaged by 3d. to 1s. 3d. per member, in order to pey for the printing of the annual report. This is the first year of the increase, end the committee decided that, as the report for the present year (1939) is not due until 1940, not to priwi a report this year, but instead to go ahead with the printing of Mr, Lindoff's pamplitet of 'Instructions on Change Ringing, ete, for Beginners.'
Only one peal was rung during the past year-that at Limerick on Auguat 1st.
Weterford Cathedral bells are at present being rehung by Messrs. Gillett, and Johnghon, Croydon.
Mr. Thomas Bayd, for 50 years connented with St. Canico's, Kilkenny, paszed away during the year. His loss is keenly felt.

Bray and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, both broadcast from Radio Eireann in the series "Bells Around Ireland" last September. The former rang a touch of Plain Bob Triples and the latter Grandsire Triples.
The total membership at present is 323 . The general fund shows a credit balavee of 175 . 5 d. and the boll restoration fund a balance of E83 10s. 3 R.

The association were invited to St. George's, Dublin, for luncheon and their annoal meating in 1940 by Mr. F. E. Dukes on behalf of that society.
Mr. J. B. Torgh (Bray) was elected president for the coming year. All otlaer officers were re-elected as tollows : Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson: how. secretary, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff; Bssistant hon, secretery Mr. F. 'E. Dukes, GradiI.E.F., M.I.E.T. ; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P, © ; representatives on the Ceatral Conncil, Messrs. Murphy and Lirdoff.
Mr, Tough thanked the association for the higls honour they had conferred on him, and put forward the following rozolution : That the resolution of 1906 be altered to read, "that the business year of the Irish Association end on the 31st Decenaber," instead of on the 25th Marcli as at present,' This was carried unanimously.

JUDGES REPORT.
Mr. I. C. Cherry (president) presented the Murphy Cup to the wimers, St. George's, Dubliu, handing it to their conductor, Mr. F. Dulres He also presented the same tower with the cluallcnge shield for Sinday service ringing. They won it for 1938 with 99.87 per cent. Christ Chorch Cathedral, Dublin, were runners-up with 99.75 per cent. The judges of the rompetilion, Messrs. G. S. Gibb snd B. N. Wolfe, of Kilkenny, in their report, said they had a hard task, as the standard of ringing wits so higly. The common fault was open leads. too close leading, gaps in the changes, clashine and failing to get bells. The winners, they said. had perfect leading and the riaging was most unform. The winning team was F. Dukes 1, Miss A. Dukes 2, Miss I. Evre 3. A. Woriell 4. G. McGregor 5. W. MeGregor 6, D. MoGregor 7. W, Hall 8

The Eresidert made an eppes! to the meeting to support 'The Ringing World, which was the bellringers' newspaper. His remarks were gupported by Mr. Dukes, who said that some towers had never seen the paper and it only cost 3d. a week, duty free.
Votes of thanks were passed to the Rey. W. Carroli, Rector, the ringers and ladies who so kindly lent the belis and the ball and prowided the Juncls and tea, The Rector suitably replied.

Thanks were also passed to the outgoing president and to the judges of the Striking Competition.
The bells of St. Saviour's were put to plenty of use, after the maeting had conchided, umtit a late hour, when touches of Grandsite Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Stednun Ttiples were rung for the benefit of the less proficient in the art.

## MR. C. F. WINNEY'S BIRTHDAY

A5 an Birthday compliment to Mr. Challis F. Winney, who attained his 81st birthday on Marcli 17th, a quarter-penl of Grandsire Triples was ring et St. Andrews, Holharn, on minaday evening, by H. C. Norton 5, A. G. Darnell (conductor) B, T. Bannister 7, C. H. Vit)er 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

## CIVIL SERVANTS' PEAI

A number of peals have been rung in the past by men all angaged in the same profession or craft. We recall peais by bankers, gerdeners, railwaymen, to say mothing of Masons, Foresters, Oddfellows, Assuciation Secretaries and others. The Civil Servants tinye now achieved success in this direction.
Tha idea of such a peal arose many years ago, but until now it was impossible to get a bead for the parpose. On March 16 th, however, an excellent peal of London Surprise Major was rang at St. George's, Southwark.

Mar. Willian Bottril!, now living in Leicestershire, who was formerly a chief inspector in the Metropolitan Police, and, while a member of the Force, took a leading part in the formation of the Metropolitan Guild of Police Ringers and also the National Police Guidd of which he is a vice-president, rang his first peal of Stedman as conductor on March 16th at Lourhborough Bell Foundry. In view of the considerable number of peals on from six to Ewelfe bells which Mir. Bottril has rang, this will prabably come as a surprise to melly, but there are quita lot of capable rincers who, for one zeason or another, hide their light under a bushel.
A band at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, all, with one exception, members of the local company rage their first peal of Litile Bob Major on March 15th. Little Bob is an interesting step betwech Plain Bob and Treble Bob and more musical than the latter. It is rather sur prising, therefore, that it is not practised by more bands up and down tho country. The compasition rung at Darley Dale was a ten parl by Fdward Franeis, although, when the peal was compesed, Littlo Bob had never been thought of

Mr, David Yiacent, of Hale, Cheshire, who rang the tenor to a peal of Bob Minor at Daventam on Merch 13 th, has now rang peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry W. Heward, who rang tlie treble, and to K. Parker, son of Mr. Earry Parker, who rang the third.

## LADY'S PEAT OF LONDON 'IN HAND.

a peal of London Surprise Major has been rung on liandbelis at Enffid, in which Mr. and Mus. G. W. Fletcher took part. Whis is an achievement of more than pasging noteworthiness, for Mrs. Fletcher is the first lady ever to ring a peal of London 'in hand.' The peal whs rung ou March 14 th.

Actaally this was the fifth attempt which the baud had made for the peal but three of them were maute sone months ago. It was onlv about a fortnight before their successiul attempt that they renewed their cfforts.

Apatt from Mrs. Flcteler, Mrs. Frank Hairs is the only jady to have rung a Surprise Major peal on handbells. Stes rang l-2 to a peal of Superlative.

At Calverleigh, Devon, on Mardi 14th, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung It was the first peal by all the band, which included three young ladies who ture still pupila ot Ingleside School. Congratulations are well deserved for this performance. It was the first peal on tho bells since they were rehung.

Messrs. F. G. Geary and J. H. Bluff rang their 25th peal together on March 11 th at Exton, Rutland, where the latter called a peal of Oxiord Bob and Plaja Bob Minor.

The aame of tho ringer of the treble in the poni of Cambridge Surprise nt Tunlridge Wells on March thin was Donald M. Findlay, not Swindley as printed.
The peal of Sterman Triples at Gilmorton, Lcicestershire, on Saturday, was a birthday compliment to the riager of the teadr (Mr. P. W. Bempett), who stood in at a moment's notice, after the rest of the tund, whe met for a peal of Major, had waited in rain for an hoer for the absentee. It was Mr. Ernest Tipler's 70th peal.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright lins now ming a peal on each bell in the Worcestershire tower of King's Norton. He 'campleted the circle ' on Saturday, when a peal of Grandsire Caters mas rung.

A GRANDFATHERS' PEAL.
Eight grandfathers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Willeahall, Stafis, on Saturday. It is not the firgt grandfathers' peal that has lyen rung, but it is, nevertheless, an interesting performance.

The tenorman, Mr. Arthar E. Reed, is a greet-grandfather and the peal was arranged in honour of his golden wedding at the first. opportunity that occurred at his own tower since the auspicious event. was celehrated on Januncy 8th last. It was aleo a birthday compliment to Mastar Johu Ravenscraft, grandson of the conducter, Mr. Clris. Wallater, and was the Gret peal of Grencsire on Wiltenbali belis sine they were recast.
Four members of the Desborough, Northants, band took part in a neal of Rot Major on Saturday, two of them, Raynoond Idle aud Denis Yeomame, are only 14 years of atge, Lewis Eibbourn rang his first peal of Major, and Arthim Ide his first peal on aight bells. It had been arranged in honous of the latter's 2lst birtliday and had leen attempted on the previeus Snturday, but lost owing to n "shift." After the attempt the two boys rang a good cansse of Cambridge Surprise Major witheat having previousis struck a blow in the methot':

Desborough shows ewery promise of turaing out a good band of rimgers, in spite of a rather poor peal of bells. Incidentalty it may be remarked that the peal on Saturday was Mr. B. J. Saddingion's 50th.

Another 'coming of age' cefebration on Saturday was the peal at Milarow, Lanesshire, the compliment being extended to Mr. Hatty Byrom, and he amd two otheys of the band rang their first peal of

Bob Major. The peal was also rulg on the amnversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs, Ivan Kar

The first peal of Triples ever vung ly members of the Calne Branch of the Silsbury Diocesan Guild was accomplished on Saturday at Woatton Bassett, Wilts. Tho trebleman rang his fres peal, the tenorman and four otiners rang their lirst peal of Triples, and the conductor had not called a peal of Triples before. An excellent performance.
It was rung as a comphment to Mr. I. A. Wilson, the branch gecretary, who was the ouly one of the band not to achieve something new by the peal.

A TREBLE BOS MAXIMUS COMPOSITION
Tho first peal of Maximus at the Town Hall, Manchester, was runc on Saturday. Mr. John Worlh, of Macclesfield, who called a somposition of Treble Bob Maximus of lis own, rung for the first time, turned in the 42 s cwh. fenor in 3 hours 40 minutes. Here is the composition:

23456 M W H
$\begin{array}{llll}\overline{62534} & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 36245 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 32465 & & 1 & 2 \\ 64235 & & 2 & 2 \\ 35426 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 45236 & & 2 & 1 \\ 25456 & & 1 & 1\end{array}$
Messrs. C. F. Bayar und R. W. [Barbet, who took part in a peal of Bob Maximus on Saturday at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmonth, have now rung every heil in the lower to at peal.

At anpher tower, Warbielon in Eussex, where there are six bella, two of the luand that rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Millor on Saterday also "compleled the circle." They were Messrs. W. A Kitckenside and F. F. Hicks.
Lest Saturday e peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Little port, Cambridgeshire, and the eight ringers travelled an average of 55 miles each to take part. The newly-inducted Rector (tho Rev Mr. Payne) welcomed the ringers and expressed his and the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure at the ringing.
Three mew grrival trere celebrated by a peat of Minor at Thorpe-jeSoken, Essex, on saturday. A son has been born to Mr. Hud Mre E. J. Durraut, a danghter to Mer, and Mrs. L. E. Sharp and a son to Mr, and Mrs. WW. F. Downs. The three proud fathers, who nre local ringera, all took part in the peal.

The birthday of Mr. H. Bloor, a ringer at Longton, Starfa, was celebratad by a peal of Kent Treble Bob at his parish church on Saturday. Eie did not, however, take part in it.
In the peal of Grandsire Triples nh Staplehurst, Kent, on March 18th, Ralph Wenlian, who is only 17 years of age, ranc jis first peal at the frat attempt. Ho is the son of the conductor, Hr William Wenban, and is to be congratulated upon tion way in which He struck bis bell throurgout the peat.
In pur notes on March 10th we referred to a peal of Superlative Surprise by Mr. A. J. Pitman, and said that, apart from it having been conducted by Mr. Leslie Morris on the previous Saturdsy, it had only once before been rung, when it was called by Mr. Ernest Morris, We are now informed' that the composition mas called from en 'ingide bell by Mr. Harold Cashmore on Augast Bank Holiday

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## SOUTHIERN DISTRICT ANNTAT HEETTNG

The annual meeting of the Soathern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, on Saturday, March 18th. About 40 members attended From Shefich (Cathedral an* Bt, Marie's), Doncaster, Arksey, Wath, Rawnarsh, Felkirk, Handaworth Rammoor and the Jocal company. Ringing in various plain and Surprise methods took place during the afternoon and evenirg on the jight and easy-going peal of eight belis.
A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. P. W. F. Kennedy, who gave a very intcresting address on "Friendship," especially of the close friendship that existed between ringers.
in excellent tes was prepared in tive Church Hall by local ladies It was piseasing to hear that the mumber of people who had sent their names for ter was nearly as many as the uamber who saf duwn. Werl-struck courses of Grandisire Caters and Bob Major were rung ov handbells after tea.
At the general meeting the Ficar was voted to the chair, and en apolagy was read out from the Ringing Master (Mr. F. F. Palmer), who was ill and conld not attend.
Three of the font retiring officers were re-elected. The other, Mr W. A. Wooler, wishud to resign, as he inteads leaving the district, Mr. S. Briggs was elected in his place.

Three rew members, Mtessrs. F. Nichols, D. Burling and P. Low, we elected.
It was decided to hold the mext quarteriy meating at Wath on Saturday, Jure 17th.
Feference was made to the death of Mr. Atthur Knights. Mr. Lewis said that, slthongh an out-coubty member, Mr. Knights had nlways been in close contact with the assomiation and whs held in bigh esteen by all its mombers.-As a token of respect, the maceting stood in sitence.

Ringing natil nine a'clock broutght a very stacesssful menting to a close.

## A NEW ESSEX PEAL.

## DEDICATION AT STANFORD-LE-HOPE.

One Ball Given Ey Methadists.
Latat shturday was a great day in the parochial life of the bittle town of Stanford-leHope, Easer, a new peal of bells being dedicated in the Perish Church by the Lord Bishop of Chelmaford.

Previously the tower had contained an almost unique peal of six, instałled by Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie, of Redenhall, im 1886 . Tuis frm is reputed to lisve only one or twn other rings to their credit. The frame was of great interest, being amongst the earliest wrought jron frames ingtalled in the Eastern Counties, and was of most unusual degigu, It consigted of a silugle cross lathice arrangemosit, with the bells in two rows on the tips of these members. The etrain on the tower, with all the bells thus swinging one way, was very great, and this was one of the chisf reamona why a restoration berame necesgans. The tone of the old bells also left mucle to be desired, and it was wieely decided to make a clean sweep.

The final result has been a new preal of eight with a tenor of 11 cwt. 2 gr. 5 lb ., humg in a modern steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, wha are to be congratulated upon a really fine peal. The pesition of the frame in the tower has been lowered some feet below the lourres, and the circle of ropes in the ringing chamber is exceptionally good.

At the dedication service the clurch was packed with parishioners and ringers, end many, who weve unable to ointain admittance, heard tho servica relayed by loud-sipeaker van outside.

The service wins conducted ly the assistant curate of the parish, the Eev. L. S. Bewers, who had been chielly responsible for the carrying through of the augmentation. The dedication cerermony was carried out at the bottom of the tower by the Lord Bishop of Chelmeford, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by a hand from St. Mary's, Prittlewell. During this the congregation remained stonding, listening for the first time to the complete peal.

In the course of his address the Bishop anid he was very pleased to be present on such an occasion, and he congratulated the parish upon What it had done. Several of the bells had been given in memory of past churchworkers, which was a very nice ection, but the ope that tmpressed him mast was the 7th, which bears the following inscription: "To the Glory of God and an expression of the Dnity in devotion to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, from the Methodist Church in this Parish.'
The Bishop thanked most heartily the authorities comcerned, and sadd he wished there could be many more such actions to brank down differences and lielp then all to realise their common purpose, holy
worship. He went on to comment on the large congregation, and esked why it was not always so, for, he said, he was under no delusions about the normal attendances. Slackness, he was convinced, was due to indifference and not to disbelief in a call which alane could gave the world in the present troubled times.
After the gervice the tower was open to visitivg ringers, and good use was made of the bells until $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}_{\text {, }}$ when about 70 ringers sat down to tea in the Parish Hall. Afterwards the Rov. L. S. Buwens said how pleased he was to welcome so many memhers of the Dessex and mejhbouring associations, and said that he hoped the association would do all in its power to lhelp his ringera.

Mr. J. Chalk, Ringing Master of the South-West District of the Essex Assaciation, congeatulated the parish on what it had done, and thanked all who had taken part in the service aud the ladies who had provided the fine tea. He was pleased to see so many ringera there, and hoped for great. things from the Stanford ringers, now ihat they had such a fine peal.
Mr. Howel] replied on behalf of the Stanford ringers and thanked Mr. Chalk, He looked forward to as nuch assistance as the association could give. They bad 16 ringere of their own, bat they tid not yet do method ringiny.
The tower was revisited at 6 o'clock and ringing continued until 7.30, many methods being rung.

The opinion of those who sliould know was thet an ifleal job had been made of the founding and hanging. It is the hope of SouthFast Essex ringers that this is the firat of many needful restorations in the area.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

EYE BRANGH WELCOMES YOUNGSTERS.
A successful meeting of the Eye Branch of the Suftolk Guild was beld at Faxley oo Saturday. Owing to e misunderstanding, the service was abandoned and the belis at Faxiey were not available, but good use was made of the rings at Brome, Oakley, Thornham and Stoke Ash. Oee ringer was heard to remark that it was his gisth fresh tower, in six counties, this year.
Ringers ettended from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire nnd a party of about 30 sat down to tea, under the chairmanahip of the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford.
Nine new members were clected, the Chairman welcoming so many youngsters. Ho also asked the memhers to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Knighta, of Cheskerfield, who was born in the village of Brome.

A few words of welcome ta those living beyond the Suffolk borders, and an expression of thanks to the incumbents for granting permission to ring their bells, hromght a very pleasant meeting to a close.

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## LEADING CONDUCTORS-63

## CHARLES R. LILLEY

jew ringars have been able to spread their ringing activities about the country as Mr. Oharles R. Lilley, now of Highweek, Devon, has done. His occupation bas taken lime to many centres, and wherever lie has getiled he has found an outlet for his energies. This bas lrought him into close contact with a large number of ringers, especially with the alder members of the Exercise, and the experjence ho thus gainad has made him not only a capable ringer but an excellent zimstructor. Meny young ringerg owe to him their opportuanities for their first peals.

Mr. Liliey was born on April 8th, 1874, at Candles5y, Lincofmshiro, where his father was for many years a churchwarden. He inherited his love of ringing however, from his great-arandfather, witian Fant, of Freiston, aud still possesses his ancestor's ringing books. Mr Lilley learnt to ring in Lincolnshire and his first peal was in 12 methods of Doubles at Wrangle in peal as conducior or August 7 th, 1897 ot BenAugost 7 th, 1897 , qut Bencatled seven 720's of Bob Minor. In 1697 lie moved to Bedford, where he was associated with Mr. Chatles Clarke, who, as Mr. Lilley describes it, put the fimishing touches on him. About this time the belles at St. Paul's, Bedford, made into ten, and he took pert in some of the frat peals on this augmented ring, including the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal as wel! as Superlative Major for the Beds Asseciation. Aftorwards Asseciation. Artorwards
Mr. Liliey moved to varjous places, including oxfordshire. where he took of Double Norwich Majox part in the fanols 17,084 rung at Eidlington in 11 hours 12 minutes on May 22nd. 1899. conducted by James Washbrook.

## He went to Sbrewsbury

## in 2913, where be com-

ducled the first peal of Stedman Triples in the town at St. Alkmund's and was afterwards appointed Fiaging Master and Towerkeeper at St. Chad's. The bells tinere were then in bad order, and Mr. Lilley urged thair restoration, which was oventually carried out by Messre. Taylar and Co., who recast the bells into what Mr. Lilley considers the finest twelve in England. He conducted a number of first peals on theae bells, including Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Plain and Treble Bob Maximus, and was possibly the first ringer to condict peals in the four standard methodg on twelve bells in his own tower. In this tower he brought along a youmg band until they could ring Cambridge, and he also served for some years as a sidesman in the clurch. On ove occsion at Wem in Shropshire be conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples, ringing the fifth in the frat hali and the serenth to the second balf. The seventh was going badly and the change over was made to relieve the man who had started on her.

Since be has been in Devon Mr. Lilley has devoted much time to teaching, and among other performances has called the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in the West, the first peal of Triples at Truro Cathedral and the first peal of Double Norwich Major by resident Devonshire ringers.
Atogether Mr. Liliey has rang 710 peals, of which be has condunten 463. They have bean rang in 360 towers, ineluding ten cathedrals; in 32 cannties, and among them have been 34 handbell penls, of which he has conducted 33 .
He represented the Shropshire Association on the Central Counct from 1924 to 1926 and has been chairman of the Exeter Braych of the Devart Guild.

## YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS AT ASTON

The steady progress of the woung bind at Aston was further marked on Sunday week, when seven of them rang their first quarter-peal of Sted̈man Cinques ( 1,311 changes) before morming service at the Parish Church. All the ringers were members of the local company: $\mathcal{F} G$. Miflueson 1, A. Short 2 *R. Shepherd 3, ${ }^{*}$ A. Allen 4, F. Price (conductor) 5, A. Rajner 6. *W. Pettigrew 7, w. Best B, 并F. W. Rislmath 9, p. Rainey 10 W. Daries 11. ${ }^{2}$ A. Pettigrew 12 . First Rusimoter-peat of Stedman Ginques.

## GOOD FRIDAY BELLS.

## MRR. BOX THANKED.

To the Editor.
Dear Sirs-Will you please sllow word of thanks to Mr. W. L. Box for his letter, partzcularly for his reference to the ancient cervice books, which, to many of us, are indeed a closed book, because we have no access to them.

There is no doubt that, both as regards liturgy sud tradition, Nr. Box is right, although ot one place many years ago we used to ring the bells haif-muffled on Good Iriday. At another Parish Church it became a custom to toll the tenor bell 35 strokes at the end of the three hours devotion. This custom, I believe, was continued for about 20 years. In lath cases, however, the ringing is now discontinned, and I believe that the ruling, no bells from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, including also the sjacriag and the Angelus, is mote generalty observed.
Your correspondent's reference to the Sarum Migsal is very interesiing. It confirms to some extent what I hava long suspected, that the use of bells in peal, to which we are accustomed in England, must have its origin in some use connected with the Liturgy, while other uses of bells, mostly of single bells, have to do with jmportant heavenly visitations For instance, the Holy Presence at the time of the Sacring bell, and the angel of the Salutation at the hours of the Angelus. So, reasoning from the known to the unknown, it is reasonable to suggest that the use of bells in number together may lave begun in a commemoration of the visit af angels in great numbers; "a multitude of the bearenly host, singing together their Gioria in Excelsis.

Mr. Box's reference, however, strips this fiea of some of its glamour, because he seems to transter it from Ghristmas, where one might expect to find it, to Easter, which feast, although it does, indeed, celebrate a visit of engels, bas no mention of arcat multitude, nor does the traditional Easter Day atory say that the angels sally their tremendous news. Cond yous sir, peralace Mr. Box to kindiv look up for us the Rubrics in the Sarum and other Missale for the Chrast mas festrival?

Guildford.

## ANGIENT CHURCH ORDTER BELLS TO BE SEENT*

Sir, May I take tilis opportunity of thanking those of yomr readers who have reptied to my letter on the above, but, as I feel that my ideas have been misunderstood, I propose encroaching upon your columns again.
Allow me to begin by staling that I am not the sametimonious, solf-righteous individual some of your correspondents apparently think me, but I do, honestly, feel that Good Fridas ringing would be en unfortunate break with aucient Church bradition, which view I have already set forth in your columns and endeavoured to support by quotations from the beautiful ancient "Uses, which were the only forms of prayer and services known and used in this land of ours before the Reformation.
Surely enough of these old "forms and ceremonieg, so dear to our forefathers in the "Ages of Faith," were lost daring the jconoclastic times of the Reformation, without the few remaining being slattered to-day, especially when the Anglican Church is endeavouring to get back to the 'godly ancient issage,' as the Prayer Book says, of formet days.

To pute broader view on the matter, I am quite aware that these are the times of George YI not George I, as Mr. Amns rather antlessly puts it, but we ringers have 52 Sundays in the year on which to make ourselves heard without ringing on its most sacred day, on Which, es I have tried to show, the ancient Church expressly orders the bells to bo silent.
Let us get our bells rung well sind regularly for Sunday gervices before wa begin ringing on Good Friday. The guestion of the appropriateness of mufled ringing, an 18th century innopation, is, af caurse, beside the poind, but the old rabrics seem to enjoin completa silence. With regard to the eustom of silemee during Holy Week at the R.C. Caihedral Church of St, Chad, Birmingliant it is neither "modern " nor "Anglican," but simply good menners and respect for that solemin season; furthermore, as the ofice of Tenebrae is Eajd each evening during the week it wauld be quite impossible for us to ring.
In conclusion, may I say that this in my last word on the matter, but we shall be very glad to welcotne any of your correspondents tó ring at SSt. Chad's, whether they show 'deplarable leck of knowledge of liturgical tradition' or not.

WILFRED E. BOX.

## Harborne.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, March 13th, et All Snints' Church, Newport. Mon., B quarter-peal of Stedman Triples wes rung half-muftied as a tribute of respect to the people's churchwarden. Mr. H. G. Matthews, who died on the previous day : T. Ford 1 L. Olson 2, T. Webb 3. H. Forbes 4 , E. Bainham 5, J. W. Jones 6, L. Beiaham (ennductor) 7, G. Woblo 8. This was the first quarter-peal of Stedman for the ringerg of the 2nd, 3 rd and 8th. All the bard are Sunday service ringers and lequand their ringing in this tower, excepting the ringer of the 6tt.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

## THE ANNUAL DINNER

## Plea for Go-aperation Among Ringing Sooieties

A merry party, including a number of ladies, gathered at the Old Bell Eestaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, for the enmual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. There were nearly a bundred present, ant the Master (Mr. Cenrge H. Cross), who presided, whs sizpported by Mrs. Cross, the Rev. Henty Cecil (Vicar of St. Leonurd's, MI: E. G. Fean (Master of the Ancient Sacioty of College Youths) Tho offers present included Mr. Q. W. Steere (hon. secretary), Mr T. Bevan (genior wteward). 3r. R. Heazel (junior steward), Messrs A. Hardy and C. J. Matchews (trustees). Among the veterans were two octogebarians, Mr. G. Williams (Southampton) and Hr. W. J Nevard (Great Bentley), and there were others present whose mem-
bership goes back hali a century or more. The attendance included Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the College Youths), Mr. G. W Fietcher (1oon. secretary of the Central Counci), Mrs. Fletcher (hon secretary of the Ladieg" Guild) Mr. and Mrs. James Parker (Exmon ton), Mrs. J. D. Matthews (widow of the late Master), the Rev. J Pelloe, Mr. A. Narborough (Notijugham), Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), Mr. R. Philpott (Southsea), Messrs. A. F. Pulling and W. . Eobinson (Guildford), Mr. G. Gilbert (Burnham) and memberg from College Youtlis. An excellent dinner was enjoyed, after which the torst of "The Kjng' was hovoured.

## RINGERS DUTY TO TEE CHURCH

M's. E. K. Fletcher, in proposing the toast of "The Clurch," saiv Whey, as ringers, were included in the tomst because they were part of the Chureh and were doing a wrork for the Chureh. Slie asked, bowever, whether they wele doing that work as they shoutd do it sometimes it came to them, she thought, thet perhaps they were not doing it as well as they might. At a meeting of the Ladies' Guild a few weeks argo the Vicar of the church they were attending said that what amazed him was that if he wanted ringers to ring for a wedding in the mid-week they could always raise a full team, but on Sundeys they could not find enougla men to ring all the bells for the services. That state of aftajrs, sald Mrs. Fletcher, was wrong. Some times they complained that the clergy did not come up into the tower to meet them. She thouglit the renson of cen was that the clargy werg ufraid to come. If they did go into the tower they heard ail sorts of mysterious orders given, which they did not understand and which no one attempted to explain to them. Tjey might even think the ringers ware mad and when they went downstairs they decided they had had a marvellous escaps and would not go up again (laugbter). "We do not meet them half way, said Mrs, Fletcher We expect them to come the whole way and we do not interest then in our work. On an occasion like this, she continued, 'we should think of all we owe to the clergy. A lot of our ringing, and especially our penl ringing, is done for pleasure. It helps us to jmprove our striking, but it is primarily done for pleasure, and if the clergy withdrew their permission to us to ring tine bells a lot of our pleasure would be lost. We shontd thinh, therefore, of what we owe them, for their interest and the kindliness they show us in many ways particularly in allowing us to hold meetings and in taking the services tor us. Butt the greatest fhing of all for us to remember to our primary disty to the church as belizingers. Our duty is to ring the wells for the Sunday bervices, and it is up to us, in the Church, to pull our weight and to do our utmost above all to keep the bells going on Sundays. The ringing which we do for pleasure we shall enjoy very much more if we fee we are not failing in our duty to The Church on Sunday (applaise)

## SHOREDITCH WANTS A REGULAR BAND.

The Rev, Ermest Cceil, who replied, said be felt himself rather remiss in not climbing the stairs to the belfry at Shoreditch as often thas he should have done, but he did know some of the ringers who wante occasionally to ring the bells and be wanted to say how much thrise services werc appreciated and they would like them to come more often. Recently the bells gad been silent for many months on nccount of the restoration of the tower and steeple, but now this work load been completed he haped vary much that the ringers would come and belp them more. They had the first ringing, since the tower was restored, on the preceding Sunday, and whle perhaps they did not have any more people at church they ceriainly came earlier through herring the bells instead of coming in at the lasi moment, and the atmosphere of worship was thereby enbanced. Many pebple had said how mice it was to heat the bells again. It seemed to him a great pily they bad not got a regular band of young men at Shoreditch who could seltle down to learn the art of ringing (hear hear). He lonew it was diffealt, for those who at present came to ring, to come unore often than they did, but they wonld be glad ta see then, and he and the church officers and Church Council were tremendously grateful to them for what they did (applanse). The Bector went on o explain the work that had been donp to the church and tower and mentioned that while it was in progress they found serions cracirs in the eupola on the top of the towor which might have resulted in it ronsing crashimg to the ground in a violent storm. That cost them an adiational $E 700$ to put right, and altogether they had spent 82.500 on the restoration scheme. He was giad to $\begin{aligned} & \text { gey the work had been }\end{aligned}$ well done and the ringers could come there and ring their longest pral in perfect safety (amplause).

## THE CALL TO YOUTH

Mr. Walter Ayre proposed the todst of The Society of Royal Cum berland Youths. It had been lis privitege, he caid, to bo a member for the last 20 years, and he had al ways met with the greatest kindnes and courtesy from the society over since he first came to London as a. real country bumpkin. Continuing, be said we point was being much stressed of the need for youth and it lad always been a very strong point with him, but it came as a great surprise to lim that night to see so many young people in that getlacrirg, both yuung men and young ladies (applanse). It was rather difficult in thes days to fird new members in London itself, and he felt it was the duly of the provincial mombers to do what they could to reeruit the ranks of the society. He suggested they ghould make it their busines in tho country to rope in some new members so that they could continue to add new life in fbe society. Ho wrs sure they did not make enough of their society of which they should be proud (hent hear). They should pride themselver on being Cumberlands ane should "boost, their society more; they should get more new member and make it stronger. It would not be long before they celebrated their bicentenary-they were founded as the Royal Cumherland Youths in 1745-and he thonght that in the next sis years they onght to be able to increase their membership consideralaly. The old member cund not carry on indefinitele they most have support and it "en ouly gouth that could give them that support (epplauso). It was, he knew, diffeult to carry on in London, but he thought ft would b a very fine idea if the Cumberlands would take on more towers fo regular ringing. There was, for inbtamee, Shoreditch, with a fan peal of bella, that yeeded a repular Sisniny gerviee band and thare wer one or two other towers where the bells were very geldom rugg, which the society might make an effort to man, so that they might get more people who were on the spot to ring the belis of the churches for the purpose for which they were placed in the towerg, mamely, calling people to worship (applause). He reatised, from his own experience hu ais own association, that it was becoming more and more dilfent except in a few centres, to get youth to come in to fill up the ramk as the stalwarts dropped out, and he knew many places where the rauks were not beine filled, but he felt that an effort in this direction should be made and would be found wortlk while (applause). If in the area of greater London and outside they conld get more members for their wociety, some wera bound to gravitate to London and if they were already members of the society they would naturally com to headquarters to take part in its activities aad thus eventually be able to belp ring the bells that ware at present silent (hear, hear) Mr. Ayre concluded by telling the company that they lind mmong them that evening the first lady to ring a peal of London Surprise double-handed. She was a memher of their society, and in their name he heartily congratulated ber upon ber performance (apulause).

## MEMBETSHIP ON UP GRADE.

The Maticr, who replied to the toast, first thanked the hon, secte ary (MT. Q. W. Steere) and the late han. seoretary (Mr. N. Summer hayes) for the axcellent arrangements they had made for the dinner and went on to mention tha receipt of apologies from, among otherg, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. G. L.
Davey (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), Mr. W. F. Fussell (Slough), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), etc. The Master contmued that he had recently been looking hack over the memhership of the societ and he found that between 1933 and 1938 the membership had increased by 50 per cent., so that instead of there haring been a decline thay were well on the up grade (applanse). He menthoned the recent fine performance of a peal in 30 Minot methods nung by Essex members upon the schievement. Witli regard to Sunday ringing he said the maintained the rimging at St, Martin's on Sundny mornings and for the broadcast services, and they also rang at shoteditch, when th bells were ayailable, ance a month and sometimea twice, and they
lad also zong at St. Bride's and St. Olave's. Hart street. It had been suggested to lim by Mr. Ayre, the added, that they might tr to nrange a joint meeting with the College Youtha, and the officera would certainly see what could be done in that ditection (epplanse) Perhaps, too, Mr. Fens would bring the matter to the notice of his society. In conclusion, the Master said he had recelved a leiter ivom nn old member, Mr. W. Kecble, who, as most of them knew, had been for a long time in hospital at Severalis, Colchester. Mr. Keeble would welcome a wisit from nay ringets who could call nud eee him Tbe Master added that he thought it would be a kindly geature if from that meeting, they could sepd a practical mark of their sym pathy to Mr. Keełde. Keable.
Mr. J. W. Comford submitted "The Fisiters' and atid he wes pleased to see so large a number present that night. The dinner in that romm. he said, took him back 20 . years, when, in the same place the annual dinner of the society was inalugrated and he saw feces now present who were with them on the first oceasion (applause) There were members of many kindred someties present, societies who, with theip own, were once looked upan as antagonistic. But those rasys he wag glad to say were past: the gocial side of ringige had brought them together as one big family (applause). They land ringers present from many distant places, inciuding some from Notlingharn and some frons Southampton. They particnlaty weleaned Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council and past Master of the College Youths (applanse). Some were present, no doubt, to greet old friends
and to talk of the peals they rang together years ago, perhaps in the 'gay nineties ' (ianghter). Thea there were some of the strong men with tiem with their eyes gred on Lirerpool tepor. He wished them luck (lauyhter and applause). But for whatever reason they were there, there was, behind all, the love of ringing, of meeting old friends and of doing hoveur to that grand old society (applause).

## MISPLACED ENERGY.

Mr. E. II Lewis, in responding, mentioned that he had spent some hours that afternopo on the river bank watching the "Head of the River' races, and he went ou to draw analuries hetween the team work required in rowing and in riaging. The mach of the crew, he said, cond say exactiy what he likad to the men and what be thought about them, and no member of the crew dared to reply or even to look surly; if he did be would be chucked out of the poat. He thonght it would be for the good of ringing if they could have a little more of that spirit in the tower. He oid not mean to say they should use the sanae kind of language inside a sacred building that was used on the towpath (laughter), but the idea should be that whoerep was conducting should be in complete charge and should say what he thougint about the striking, without the person spoken to fecling any ill-will at all. That was the spirit they wanted to get into the tower (applanse).
Thare were many probiems to which ove might rafer on that occa-
gion, continued Mr. Lewis, but it jad been guite clear in the past year or two thet. Lewis, bocieties the bea quite clear ith the past energy that fiad heen misplaced. They eried out for recruits and no society coutd be successial unless there was a contiauous flow of youmg ringers, but what lad struck him was that in some quarters a lot oi energy had been spent, is quarrelling about overlapping, which miglt have been more useluly turutd into another direction, that of teaching young tingers (hear, heary). In his own couthty assaciation, a number of whose members weve present that night, if the energy spent in qualrelling over the rules had been put into teaching young ringers, the essociation would have been a great deal botter off (applause). In Kent there were only just over 50 per cent. of the towers in mion with the association, and in many of those towers the etriling, to say the least of it, was very far from perfect. that reason fe thought a lot of the misplaced energy should have been turned into the right direction, for they should nat be satisfied until they had every tower in the county in union with the association and the striking everywhere fit to lse brosdeast (hear, bear). That could only be dome by getting young ringers, teaching them careinally from the start and maying attontion to every little detail, from the proper way to hald the rope, onvard. It was details such as the holding of the rope and the handling of the bell which did so much cowards accurate striking at a later date. It was upon such things as this bhat they shonld spend their time and energy instead of quarrelling about the definition of districts or the exact meaning of mules. The best societjes were those which were worked on a basis of friendship and rules should not ho required at atl (taplause). conclusion. Mr. Lewis on behalf of the visitors, aud the rivgers of England, which, as president of the Central Coumcil, he could ciaim to represent, wished the Royal Cumberland Youths continued prosperity.

## SUGUESTED JOFNT MEETING OF COLLEGE YODTFS AND

 CUMBERLANDSMr. N. Summerliayes proposed 'Kindred Soctetjes.' He said London Was rmique iu this respect that it was covered by four or five or more societies, and he supposed it was ineritable that small questions and disagzeements-small compared with the ideas belind rugingshould ciop up, hut piolent controversy and acrimonious argiment could do nothing at all to improve tho position. Everything could he settled in a friendly manner: if it was not it would only bring discredit on the lixercise and breed bad feelitid among riugers (henr, henr). They often hearo that Eo and so would not ring with somenoe cise, and you cauld not have this may in a perl if you had thet man. effectively to organise ringing and particularly Sundav service tinging. Their abject should ge to wark together in a friendly way. During 1038 the Cumberland Youths beld two joint meetings. One was with the Middlenry and Essex Associntions at Shoreditch, Bethmel Green and Hart Street. It was a terrifie success, $n$ nd 8 , at least, attended athough it was on the Sabarday that followed the cribical week in September. They also beld a joint meeting with the London County Association, Which was also a success. At the meeting at Shoreditch one or two mentioned the idea of a joint meeting with the Ancient Society of College Youths. He thotght if it could be done it would create a tremendous impression, and he was sure it would be as successful as either of the other meetings. He would like to reiterate the desire of his society to co-operate with the other societies in the London areas: they were always delighted to welcome members of any other society at their meetings and practices. Fe coupled with the toast the rame of Mr. E. G. Fens, Master of the Ancient Society of Collere Youths
3r. Fonn. who was corditally received, satd there was one thing lie had noticed about the kindred sacieties in the provinces and that was the brotherhood ondi good fellowship that cxisted between them. It was gatherings such as ther were holding that evering that kept thes bratherhood going, and he doubted if there was any other art in the world which could produce the brotherhood and good spirit That was to be found in ringing to-day (applause). The Ancient Society of College Fouths was pleased to welcome any zingers, to

Whatever society they belonged, whether they were Cumberlands, or the Ladies' Guild, or what not. Mr. Fenn went on humorously to remark that as the men conld not join the Ladies Guild, perheps the next best thing was to marry a lady ringer, although that might have its drawhacks their wives might know too much sometimes (laughter). On one occasion after a peal, he said, he wellt home early. He arrived at eight o'clock and his wife exclaimed, 'What's the matter, aren't you well?' (laughtor). The mext fime he did not get homa until balf-past ten, and when asked for un explanation he said thay lad had ten more changes to ring (Amughter). "But," said Mr. Fchn, "you couldn't tell tlanto tald to your wife if she was a ringer ' (laughter). Proceeding Mr. Fenn said the College Youths once played the Cumberlands at cricket; he now understood there was a team wanting to play the Cumberbiands at darts (lauglater and applause). With regard to the joint meeting of the iwo societjes which had been mentioned he would cortainly bring the matter up at their next meeting. It rested, of conrse, with the members to say if they were in agreement with the guygestion. For himself he was in favour of it, as sach meetings did ereata good fellowship between ringers (applause).

## LADIES CHALLENGE

Later the Master read a note, thut had been handed up to him, that the Ladies' Guila would challenge the winners of the matcla between the Collere Youths and the Cumberlands in a darts competition (laughter aud applanise).
Mr. C. J. Malthews proposed "The Press,' and, speaking from his own experience in contiection with newspaper production, gaid he was sure very few ringers understood the grest smonnt of work Mr. Goldsmith put into "The Ringing World 'for their benefit every week. The Ringing World ' was indiaponsable to the Exercise, but Mr Goldsmith was indispensable to "The Ringing world. Ho wished saccess to "The Ringing World" and hoped Mr. Goldsmilh would long be gule to carty on
Mr. Goldsmith, whose name had theen received with musical honours, responded. and, in thanking Mr. Matthews for his kindly remerks, waid whether or not he was indispersable, the time mast inovitably como when lie would no longer bo here to carry on, and his great desire was to see sufficient support given to the paper to ensure its continuation in the interests of ringing. Mr. Golasmith referred to the position of ringing in London, where within five miles of Charing Cross, he said, there were something like 80 fowers, while regular service rimging was carried on in probably less than 20 of them. Thare was plenty of scope for improving this position, he added, if onty the various societies would get together in a friendily spirit of coliahoration (applanse).
During the evaning the company were entertained with soligs by Miss M. Dawson and Mr. Walter Ayre; Mr. George de Sell mystified the gudience with some extrnordinarily clever tricks; and there was also handbell ringirg which incmand courgas of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major, the cajoyable evening condraing with community singing.
photograph was taken of tio dinner party, and details as to the price of copies, etc., can be lad [rom the hon. secretary of the society, Mr. G. W. Steere.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir-The Exercise will, I Whink, agree with Mr. Simmond's letter io your last issue as to the undesiratality of causing bituernegs and ill-feeling belween the Guildfort Diocesan Guili and Ele London Connty Association lyy a contimance of the corregnondence relating particularly to those two associations.

But a re-reading of Mr. C. T. Coles' letter in ' The Einging Worla' of March loth will show that, apart from a reference in his opering paragraph. Mr. Coles does not refer to this mather at all. The withdraval of the remarks retating to the Guildford Diocesan Guild has. it is hopen, Anded thas questron.
Mr. Coles $\frac{1}{}$ etter relates solels to two otier points contained in Mr . Taftender's fist letter- (a) 'the assistance of pnother writer ' in lagding the Edilor, and (b) 'this association (the J.C.A.) las in no way aver ipnored its title."

With regard to (a), you, sir, have denied any such assistance, and $\eta$ agree with Mr. Coles ihat, if the charge canoot be substantiated, it should be withdrawn. $\mathrm{O}_{5}$ the muestion of the L.C.A. tot ignoring its title and yet laving claim to the postal districts of London, I am irresistibly reminded of the linader of the Third Reicls, who has 'no more territorin? amhitions "util he springs his next surplise on the world. As Mr. Woodiss said in his letter published on Februaty 24th, nothing has been done 'with regord to the more important question of overlapping " and 'as to the condret of the activities of the association in the future. It is interesting to note that a former district master of tho L.C.A. (Mr. Waurb) has anid that it is ' quite useless to try to End the society on a torritorial basis, with its present constitution " ('Ringing Worid,' February 10th, 1939). Preaumbly he speaks from experience.

Everyone who knows Mr. Coles knows that he bas spent the whole of his ringing career in trying to promote the welfare of the Frepcise and goof faelive among the associations and their membets, ath for Mr. Simmonds to imply arathing else is quite unjnctifiable. The two poinis in Mr. Coles letter were guite cleary nothing to do with the relations between the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Landon Connty Association.

WILFRID G. WILSOX

## - RINGING UP.

## RINGERS OFPER SOME UEEFUL HINTS.

 To the Editor.Dear Sir,-In answer to 'Yokel's' leiter as to "ringitg up,' I stundd like to offer the band some advice on this subject. Your correstondent says his bead caulot agree on what is the cause of their failure, but some light on the culprit is tbrown by your correspondent when he says the back belis have to pull dowil from their normal swing, whel is abviously wrong and planly points out that the treble is not raising his bell. This checkiug on the back lualls is a guide to the leader thet he is at fault.
In the next paragraph I am with the tenorman in his opinion on ralying his ownt bell.
My afivice to this band is to get to some tower where the beils arts raised as they should be; if not, get some expert ringer to coach the band, for I am sure in our great fraternity someone would be oniy too pleased to assist.
Fire is some advice to the band on raising:-
The leader should always be raising, but only gradually.
2. The front bells keep as close as possible at tne commencement of the ries.
3. No. 2, you are setting the rhythm, Bee to it fhat you keep it.
4. Do not try to follow a bell thist is not in its place, buit keep your ears oper and see that your bell is spealking at its proper time.
5. Gradually open out when nearly up. The treble and second here play an important part,
This peal, with a tenor of 17 cmt , should take at the least five minates to raise ; a fittle longer would add to the beautiful effect of a grood rise.
friconelusion, I consider these tells an ideal six to raise in peal, for, hasing been recently rebung and with a tenor of that weigit, they shinld go well and have some tone in them.
J. E. HOBRS

Watrail, Notts.

## ANOTHER "TIP

Dear Sir, - Yokel ' has hit one nail on the head when ho snys 'the lnetls should be really close together in the eerly stages." That gives thin back strokes an opportunity of fating into place without aleshing
The other point I have found invaluable in my experience is this The trebleman should keep an eye on the tenor, and as soon as possible toarch "sally" and end "in opposition to his rope. Then, if that others are keeping their proper places, the result should he entirely sii 1 isfactory
Dawlish, Devon.
henry Martin.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## MEETING AT BATRNBY-LN-THE-WILLOWS

A very enjoyable meeting of the North Nottr Association was held on Saturday, March 11th, ai Barnly-in-the-Willows, near Newark. The light sir, with a tenor of $6 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt., went well, end after a late stact the bells were kept going by the 24 ringers present. The towers represeated were Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, Sonthwell, Lincoln Cathedral, St, Giles', Lincoln, and the home tower. The members were mlsa pleased to welcome a Warwichshire ringer from a tomer near Caventry.

The ringing included the ustal Doubles, and Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise Minor methods, ald the striking was quite good. One or two toeches were rung rather guickly, and a little of the jov of ringing and beanty of tone seemed to be lost at the greater spyed.
Tea in the Schoolroom was, as usual at Barnby, aur excellent meal. At the meeting afterwards the Rev. H. Walton took the chair and weiromed the association very beartily to his church
Mr. J. Pearsob, of Branston, was nlected a non-resident liPe member.
The secretary siggested that the ansual meding be held at Retford on cither April 15th or 22nd. and the meetige was asked to ktate which date was preferable. April 15 th wes put forward as a recommendation to the committee meeting. which will be held on April Ist.
The Rer. R. F. Wilkinson shia it had heen strgested that the annital meeting be held at Retford and Newark alternateify. In the case of Newark, the date would have to be Laster Montay. This will be borne in wind in future years.
Fates of thanks were passed to the Vinar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing tea.-The Rev. Walton replied in humorote pein to both these votes.
Further ringing toak place afterwards.

## gELLS AND BROADCAST SERVICES

## To the Eatitor.

Dear Sir, - I had the pleasure of ringing at St. Margaret's. Lee. recently, and I was very surprised when I heard that the hells will not be broadcast on Faim Sumday. This charch bas had quite a number of services broadcast, but not ance have we heard the bells. I am sure there are other churches, as well as that named, which never are luroadicast and yet ring previous to the broadcast service. I hope we shall try to get theso peals broadenst if passible. I am sure that Churchyard Bob would sound better aver the air than some of the 'firing ' we hear.

Wimbledon, S.W.
S. HOPGOOD.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To Secretaries of Affiliated Associations. Subscriptions for $1938 / 39$ became due in January.
To all Members.
All resolutions to be proposed at the next meeting, and all nominations for the offices of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Librarian should be sent to me before March 3oth.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary
45, Walsingham Road, Enficld, Middlesex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-Book this date, March 25th, for Parish Church, Ashby-de-Ia-Zouch. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. The above district will hold its next meeting there, and a hearty invitation awaits all ringers. Excellent bus service from all parts.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Elham (Chilham unavailable) ол Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30 , followed by tea, is. per head. Usual methods, but special attention to Double Norwich, please. -B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2O, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March $25^{\text {th. }}$. Bells ready at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new vicar. Send your card to Ernest Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, ArEsey, Doncaster, Yorks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-A meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Derby, on Saturday, March 25 th. Bells ( 8 , tenor $3^{\circ}$ cwt.) available 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to try this splendid peal. Subscriptions now due. - Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-E. Berks \& S. Bucks Brazch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Fulmer ( 6 bells) on Saturday, March 25 th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Annual reports ready shorily. Note date of annual meeting, April 22nd, at Beaconsfield. - A. D. Barker, Cumbridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March $25^{\text {th }}$. Beils (Io) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea at the Temperance Hotel (15.) $5 \cdot 30$ p.m. All ringers welcome.-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The meeting arranged at All Souls, Bolton, for Saturday, March $25^{\text {th, }}$, has been cancelled. - Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District. The next monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be held on Saturday, March 25 th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is 'Cambridge,' up to Royal.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,-Ashford District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. -P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.--Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next mecting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the White Hart. The Vicar is anxious to meet the diocesan ringers, so a hearty welcome is extended to the neighbouring districts and others. - F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, March 25 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. -F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District. - The next meeting is at St. Ippollyt's on March $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar.-L. T. Newman, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Meeting at Malins Lee, Wellington, on Saturday, March 25th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but please notify numbers for tea. - W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, March 25 th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service $4-30$ p.mn. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell.

HORDLE, NR. LYMINGTON, HANTS.-The ring of five bells (one old and four new) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Sunday, March 26th, at the in o'clock service. The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637 ). - Meetings for March: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 28 th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 3oth. *Business meeting afterwards. Both at 7.30.-A. B. Peck, Sec., I, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -A practice will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Thursday, March 3oth, at 6.30 p.m.-G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April ist. Bells (iz) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. W. Davies, 99, Rosary Road, Erdington, Birmingham, regarding tea not later than Thursday, 3 oth inst.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division. - A meeting of this division will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April rst. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify $\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{R}$. Suckling, 334, Church Street, Bocking, Essex, not later than Wednesday, March 29th. All ringers welcome.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, April ist. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Mecting to follow.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584. Semington Road, Melksham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.-A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April ist. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Please send card for tea to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Essex.-C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Northern District.-A meeting will be held at Benwell (bells 6) on Saturday, April ist, at 3 p.m. These bells have just been rehung, so please give the Benwell chaps a good restart.-Jack Roach, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at South Anston Church (bells 8) on Saturday, April ist. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield. All welcome.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOLTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.-Quarterly meeting at Alresford on Saturday, April ist, next. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. H. Newnham, West View, Rosebery Avenue, Alresford, by Thursday, March 3oth? - W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., I39, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Wigan Branch. The next meeting will be held at Cophutl, on Saturday, April Ist. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, gd. each, for which please notify Mr. J. Blackburn, 38 , Park Road, Cophull, near Chorley. Special invitation to friends from Preston Branch, - S . Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District-A quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on April rst. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , followed by the business meeting. Will all those requiring tea notify me on or before March 2gth? - H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, April ist. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. Hall, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than March agth? Tickets arc available from the secretary for the second annual dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem, on Saturday, April 15 th $^{1}$, 35. 6d. each. - Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Strent, Newcastle, Staffs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guil:borough Branch. - A special meeting will be held at West Haddon (5 bells) on Saturday, April ist. Usual arrangements. Please notify honorary secre-
tary not later than Tuesday, March 28th, of those requiring tea.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.-The new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn on Sunday, April and, at the $10.3^{\circ}$ service.

BRONLLYS, TALGARTH, BRECONS.-Reopening of the bells on Saturday, April Sth, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lard Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Notification to the Vicar for tea, which will be supplied at a nominal charge. The five bells restored and a new treble added to make six by John Taylor and Co.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-"Trent, Bells open: St. Paut's (ro) from 10 a.m; Rolleston-onDove (8), 11.30 to $12.30,1.30$ to 3.30 ; Winshill (6), It to I2 a.m., 1.30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet $3 \cdot 30$ p.m. Tea 4.45 prompt, followed by general meeting in St. Paul's Institute. Tickets for tea, members 1s. gd., visitors 2s., to be obtained not later than Apr. 5 th from J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent. Owing to catering difficulties, please note, those without tickets must fend for themselves.-Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April toth. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at 11.15 2.m. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at p.m. (free to practising members, 25, 6d. others). His Worship the Mayor of Erith (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) will preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). Nominations must reach me by March 27 th. A new rule to be submitted. The tower of St. John's will be open for ringing from io a.m. and after the meeting. Other towers in the vicinity available will be announced later. All applications for luncheon tickets must reach me by Tuesday, April 4th, otherwise too late.-Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., Iry, Sur Lane, Gravesend.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The

 ANNUAL MEETING will be held at HERTFORD, on EASTER MONDAY. Ringing from 2 p.m. at All Saints (Io bells), St. Andrew's (8), Bengeo (8). Hertingfordbury (5) 1.30 to 3 p.m. Service in St. Andrew's Church 4.30 p.rn. Tea in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Andrew's, 5 p.m., price 2 s ., followed by business meeting. Ringing at the three Hertford churches up to 9 p.m. It will help the caterer if your intentions can be sent to the secretary not later than April 6th. Thank you.-G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The annual geseral meeting will take place at Norwich on Faster Monday, April roth. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints available from ro. $30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. E. William Blyth, Rector of Northrepps. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) at The Castle Hotel at i. 30 p.m. Kindly notify attendance at luncheon. -F. Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April soth. General business meeting in the College Hall at $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Special preacher: The Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. Tea (non-members is. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m., for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (I2), I-2 p.m.; All Saints (ro), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), and St. Nicholas (6). St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Albans at ir.zo a.n. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Albans' Church Roon, Fish Street, between 12 noon and I p.m. Members are particularly asked to note that St. Helen's Church House will not be available as in previous years.-J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Aubyas, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN

 ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Easter Monday next. Bells (ro) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15- Tea and business meeting to follow.-J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-East Devon Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Awliscombe, near Honiton, on Easter Monday, April roth. Bells (6) available 2.30 ; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Parish Roon, 5.15 p.m. All are welcome. -John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St, Mary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Westert District. - The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April ıoth. Bells available: St. Mary's, Ewell, is a.m. to 12.30; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Christ Church, Epsom, 3.30 to 4.55 , and again in the evening. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m., followed by tea at Christ Church Hall at is. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, April 5 th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 2and. Full particulars later.-C. T. Coles, Gen. Sec.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.-The annual dinner will be held in LIVERPOOL on Saturday, October 215 . Book the date NOW. Details later, but BOOK THE DATE.-Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

## SITUATION WANTED.

RINGER, seeks situation as sexton, caretaker, or any work connected with the church. References. - Write, Box $\mathbb{R} .$, "The Ringing World," Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

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## FIELDS STILL TO CONQUER.

Within the next few weeks many of the leading ringing associations wild hold their annual meeting, and, in addition to the yearly election of officers, will be called upon to make the triennial appointment of representatives to the Central Council; while only two months ahead is the meeting of the Council itself. It will be a time of generaf stocktaking, and, perhaps, from the statistics, which it is proposed to gather in connection with new elections to the Council, it may be possible soon to get some clue to the real strength of the Exercise. From time to time there is somewhat disquieting news that, in this or that district, ringing is a dying art for want of new blood. On the other hand, there are many places where an optimistic view prevails, for one finds a good sprinkling of young ringers at meetings and reads of the election of useful numbers of new members, such, to quote one instance, as the twenty-two fresh names added to the Sussex County Association at a district meeting a fortnight ago. Judged merely on expressions of opinion, the optimists seem to cancel out the pessimists, but now that the Council has a plan for obtaining reliable statistics it should be possible to gauge much more accurately where the Exercise, as a whole, stands. It is, however, the duty of the individual associations, in their own interests, to examine closely the position in their respective areas.
There are very few parts of England, now, where ringing organisations, to promote the interests of the art and draw together individual companies in a common purpose, have not been in active operation for fifty years or more. Despite all their labours through half a century, however, there remain a vast nurnber of towers unconnected with the associations, either because there are no ringers, or because such ringers as there are have no interests outside their own belfry, if, indeed, they have more than a casual interest inside it. One of the most successful territorial organisations in the country is the Kent County Association, yet the vice-president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) admitted the other day that only half the towers in the county are affiliated. And that, we imagine, is not an unusual state of affairs. The same conditions obtain in many parts of England, and, even if the figures which will presently be available through the Central Council should show that there is no falling off in the aggregate membership of the affiliated societies, it will be no reason for complacency. After fifty years of work, the associations still have fields to conquer, and those societies which are now about to meet to discuss their domestic affairs, might well devote some of their attention to formulating schemes, not only for raising recruits, but for bringing
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into their organisation the towers which remain outside and which, between them, must have a very considerable number of ringers of sorts. Success will not be achieved by waiting for these people to come in of their own accord. It is necessary to go after them; to create interest, to use persuasion and, if possible, get it backed by the influence of the clergy. Why should not a start be made now in every territoriaj society to take a census in its area of the ringers inside and outside its organisation? It would provide some mosl useful material as the start-ing-point of what could be a general campaign, which sliould supplement the drive for young ringers.

- THE RINGING WORLD NEXT WEEK.

Owing to Guod Itriclay, next week's issue of The kinging World, will be publislied on Thursday.

All notices and reports intended for insertion must reach 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey, not later than MONDAY next.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE LONDON OOUNTY ASSOOIATION AND NOKTH SOUTHWARK DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Saturdoy, March 25, 1939, in Thro Hours and Fifly-Two Minalfs, Actar Catbedral Ceobce of Sť. Saviodr, Sodiewark, A PEAL DF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES; Tenor 50 cwt .
Enhest J. King... ... ...Tyeble Haray Wingrove ... ... 7
Thonas H. Tapfinnder ... 2 †Norman H. Manming ... 8
Henry G. Miles ... ... 3 Edward D. Swity ... ... 9
Thouas W. Taypender ... 4 Jobat W. Ward +.. ... ... 10
-Cearles W. OiteEy ... 5 FraneE. Dargy ... ... II Riceard A. Posy ... ... 6 F. Domald Borgeam ...Temoy Composed by C. W. Robiris. Conducted by T, W. Tapfendrr. * First teal oul 12 bells. + First peal of Steduan Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

OROYDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCTATION.
On Satwrday, March 18, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thivty-Sowen Minutes, As the Cagece of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 50gO CHANEE8;

 Tenor 301 cwt , is D."Miss Mary Rawlings .aTrebli | $\dagger$ Roydan Davies..* .** ... 6
Harry E. Wills ... ... 2 †Frane E. Mitchell... ... 7
Miss Gwizndoline Kippin 3 tCgarles Potercary ....
tMrs, Cbarleg H. Kippin 4 Frane E. Darby ... ... 9
†Arthur W. Jones ... ... 5 Cgarles H. Kippin ... ...Tinop
Composed by H. J. Tocker.
Conducted by C. H, Kippin.
First peal. + First peal of Bob Royal. Arranged as a birhhay complinent to Mr. H. F.. Wills.

## BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOOESAN ASSOGIATION.
On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Tumbty Mixutes,
Ay yes Cuerce dF St. Strpben-tar-Martyr,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANQES! Tanor 21 ewt. in E.
Mrs. R. J. Whinths ... ...Tyble Grorge Popnele - ... 6 Edgar Guisi ... ... ... 2 Ghbiri Pzarge ... ..." .** 7 Albery M. Tyter $\quad . .$. Jовп W. Jones ... ... ... 4 Jobn Pbillips ... ... ... 9 Donald G. Cliex ... ... 5 Francis C. Mogrorio.. .... Tenor Composed by Siz A. P. Heywood. Condacted by Jogn Paiclips.
A birthday compliment to. Nurse Marion Smitly, of Usk, Monmonthshire.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEXLET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Friday, March 10, 1939, is T wo Howrs and Fifty Minwht, At tee Ceqren of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANOES।

Parker's Twblve-part.


-Alered Williams ... ... 4 Frane H, Mitchelle... .... Tenor Conducted by Harry Hoverd.
Firat peal. First peal in the nechod on the bells.
WALEDEN, LANCASHIRE.
TRE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Sainyday, Raych 78, 1939, in There Hours and Seven Mimules. Ar the Cborch of St. Pagl,
A PEAL OF GAHBRIDGE SURPRISE HAJOR, 5056 OHMNGES; Tenor 189 cwt.
Jona Potrer
Robert Whllwork Thomas B. Worsley Tbomas Wallwore .Trebie Joan Wisa $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Composed by C. Midileron. Conducted by T B. Wionser DOWNHAM MATKEI', NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION
On Sunday, Maych 19, 1939, in Tepo Hawrs and Fifty Minutes, At the Church of St. Edmund,

## A PERL OF gPLIEED PLAIN BOE AND, LITTLE BOB MAJOR,

 5000 CHANAES ;Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
Willtan Bucxbneam
..Troble, Nolan Golden ...n ... ... 5
Wallace W. Codeins
Lewis Bose ...
Jogn A. Gadphey
Composed and Conducted by Nolan Goldin
First spliced peal by all except souductor and tenor ringer. There were 250 changes of method.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLE GUILD.
On Sunday, March 19, 1939, is Two Hours and Forty-Thred Minwtes, At tae Choach of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH GOURT 日OB MAJOR, 5008 CHAMCES; Tenor 15 cwt in $\mathrm{F}^{\text {. }}$
Lewis W. Wifern ... ...Tyabie Miss Hilda Snowden ... 5 Cbarlbs J. Spdgley ... ... 2 Cecil W. Pye ... ... Clatde Smowdza .... .... 3 Erngst W. Pye ... Miss Syevia R. E. Eowyer 4 A. Patrice Cannon .......Temer Composed by J. W. Moorhoose, Condocted by A. P. Cannon. First peal in the method as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHTRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Smmay, March 19, 1939, in $T$ vo Howrs and Fifty-Fow Minutes, Axter Church of St. ]ames,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8।
J. J. Parerr's Six-parar, No. 13.

Tenor zo cwl.

- Walter Farley ... ...toble| Artedr E, Wbathore ... 5

Racpa W. Sayers
Grorge E Large
... ... 2
Grorge E. Large $\quad . .4$ "Jogn W. Syitr ... ... ... 4 Emedrbice G. Yatrs... ...Tmor Conducted by Grorge ErLarge.

* First peal in the method.


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THE MCIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 20, 1939, in Twh Hours and Twulve Minutas, At the Ceurce of St. Jorn-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 50BB CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt .
Herbert Ji Eldred ... ...Tyebla | Francis Kirx ... ... ...
Grorgr R. Pys ... ... ... 2 John Arastrong... ... ... 6
Charles T. Coles ... ... 3 George W. Sterre ... ... 7
Frederice W. Housobn ... 4 James C. E. Simpson .an ...Tenor
Composed by J. W. Wasabroox. Conducted by C. T. Cores. ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Twesday, March 21, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Minutes, At the Ceurca of St. Euward,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5956 CHANEES; Tenor Is cwt.
Henry J. Ranzeita... ...Trebla |Robert C. Heazel ... ...
*Eric J. Cor ... ... ... 2 Ernest J. Bctler ... ... 6
Grorge R. Pyb... ... ... 3 Ernegt W. Furbang... ... 7
Frederice W. Hodsden... 4 John H, Crampion ... ...Tonop
Composed by C. Midderion. Condacted by J. H. Crampion,

* Firgt peal in the method "inside.' DUNMOW, FSSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Satwrday, March 25, 1939, in Three Howrs and Nintleen Minstos, Ax ter Cerrce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5028 CHANPE Tenor zth cwt. in E
H, Walter Saith ... ...Tyoble Basil Redgwele .... ...
Albrat Wiffen ... ... ... 2 "Pbilip A. Corby ... ... 6
Frane Claydon ... an tot 3 Lewis W. Wiffen .... ... 7
Reghald Martin ... ... 4 Hilda G. Snowden ... ...Tmor
Composed by G. LindorF, Conducted by Lewis W. Wirern.
* First peal in the method.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BELSTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, March 25, 1939, is Thece Howrs and Eight Minwts,

## At the Parish Cburch,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 505日 GHANGEB; Tenor 14 Cwt. I qr. iflb.
William A, Cave ... ...twable Frane Semmore ... ... .... 5 Miss Norae G. Williams... 2 Harry J. Sanger... Andrew J. Corrigah... ... 3 Ronald G. Beck... ... .... 7 Herrert W. Kwiger... ... 4 Josipa T. Dyer ... .... ...Tenot Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Josepre T, Dyrz.
Tirst peal in the method on the bells.
POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Salwriay, Maroh 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Sevemmon Dinules, At ter Parise Cbect of St. Jambs,

## A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, TO2 CHANEES;

Tenor $19 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Mes. F. J. Marshallsay...Treble Prrcy W. Wirbay ... ... J
Willias Story... ... ... 2 Roy Horst ... ... ... ...
Edwand T. Grippin... ... 3 Francis S. Beameont ... 7
-Cearles Forfits .... ... 4 Arteur V. Davis... .... ....Temoy
Composed by Gio. Lawis. Conducted by Artarr V. Davis,

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method es conductor. TUNSTALL, KENT,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
O. Safurday. March 25, 1939, іл Two Howrs and Fifiy-Eight Mimnds,

At the Cuercg of St. Jobn-tre-Baptigy,
A PEAL OF KENT TPEBLE BOB MAJOR, E120 GHANCES; Tonor 94 cwt.

- Wilelam A. J. Knight ...Tveble Victor A. Jarrett an *.. 5

Grorge Kenward ... ... 2 Grorgr A. Naylor .... ... 6

-Jogn E. Spice ... ... ... 4 Jorn W. Unwin ... ... ... Conducted by Wili lam A. J. Kwigat.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Spice, hon. secretary of the Rochester District of the associstion.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturduy, Mavch 25, 1939, in Thres Hours and Twenty-Five Minuts, ar thif Ceurce of St. Marcality,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES;
Teaor $32 \mathrm{cwt} .3 \mathrm{qr} . \mathrm{I}_{4} \mathrm{lb}$. in C .

 Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Gro. Strdman Morris. Miss Lucy L. Hunt (csptain of Girl Guides) and Mr. John W. Deyman (server) of this church, and on the latter's birthday.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUULD.
On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, At ter Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 GHANEES;

## Therstans' Fodr-part

Frbderick Searpe Tvebla Waltrr F. Jodenor $16 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. Erngst Pearson... Frank E. Taylor ... ... 3 Riciard T. Hibbert ... 7 William E. Collett... ... 4 "Cbarles E. Stockley ...Tcmor Conducted by R. T. Hisebra.

* First attempt for peal.


## WRTHPLE, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hows and Fourteen Mixutcs, At teir Chusce of All Santis,
A PEAL DF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 1 Bit ewt.
Eric J. Cos ... $. . . \quad . . \quad$...Tyeble Jonn G. Nase ... ... ... 5
Gborgi Grebn ...... $\operatorname{lin}^{2}$ Ernbst W. Pyb... ... ... 6
Ermest W. Furbank ... ... 3 -Artigar H. Everett ... 7
William Cealk ... ... ... 4 Jobn H. Crabpion ... ...Temey
Composed by C. J. Sgdeley. Conducted by J. H. Crampion.

* First peal of Superlative.


## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Mareh 25, 7939, in Thrce Howys and Eight Minwtes, At fag Church of SS. Patlip and James,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGESI Tenor 10 cwt.
-Hzrrice b. Bowlby ...Treble Alfrbd Ballard... ... ... 5
Arkold Brdnton ... .... 2 Harry Brodghyon ... ... 6
W. Erierst Rawson ... ... 3 Colin Harrison ... ...
$\dagger$ Franx K. Measuris ... 4 Fredericr H. Dexter ...Temor
Composed by F. Dence. Conducted by Arnozd Brontan.

* First peal of Supprise. + First peal of Loadon Surprise. First peal of Loudon Surprise as conductor. First Surprise peal on the belle. GRESFORD. DENBIGHSATRE.
THE CHESTEA DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Satwrday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hows and Five Minutes,
Ai the Churce of All Sainis.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 50 IO CHANEES;
Dexter's Variation of Thuastans' Fogr-part.
Tenor 25 cwt . in D .
Robtri"Sperring ... ...Trbble Jambs Swindley ... ... 5

Tbomar R. Botlsr ... ... 3 Pergival W. Cave ... ... ${ }^{7}$
 Conducted by Tromas R. Botler.
* First peal in the method and first sttempt. A biribdny compliment to the conductor and also to Mr. Autlur Allen, a ringer, of Ellesmere, Shropshire.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Howrs and 7 wenty-Thres Hinwtes, At the Priory Churce of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLEB, beto CHAMOEE!

 Tenor ar cwt. in E flat.- Micgael Andzbson.
- Kennetr Anderson...


| Jobn Anderson | ... | .. | 3 | Kbnngtb Artbor | .. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ad.... | 7 |  |  |  |  |



* First peal of Grandsire. + First peal of Triplea.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE OHESTER DIOCESAN GOLD.
On Saturday, Mavch 25, 1939, in Three Howrs and Five Minutes,
At ter Chubch of St, Mari,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHAMGEIJ Tenor $16 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Harry Parker ..

| $\ldots$ | Walter Longman <br> Alan D. Strei ... <br> Alfert Crawley |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Tbomas Hord ...
Ricbard T. Holding
Composeä by J. Thorp.
4 Clarles H. Page ... .... Temor

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
the chester diocesan guild.
On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Honys and Fifth-Two tinnets, Ai Cerist Cherch.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5025 CHANGES; Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Harry Overton
Tbomas Price ...
Harry F. Holding
Willinm J. Cbestre ...
...Trable

Composed by Samorl Wood
Grorge A. Packer

* First peal of Major. A biuth Conducted by J. H. Riding.
G. Whalley.
G. Whalley.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSETRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fowr Minntes, At the Chorci of St. Lere,
A PEAL OF QRAND8IRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGE8!
Day's Six-part.
Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Ler Dayjes .at
Fredrrice A. Forster
...Treble
Mrs Miles $\quad . .{ }^{2}$ Albert Ford .... ... ... 6
Mrs. B. Miles ... ... .. 3 Ricbard Berson... ... ... 7

Conducted by Albert Ford.
Rung to commemorate the 501h anniversary in the ministry of the Rev. Willian Chembre Yaughan, Vicar of Loppingion, Shrewshury. a former Vicar of Silverdale.

## BURNLET, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Sumday. March 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minmtes,
Ay teg Cerreg of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MANOR, 5088 CHANEES, Tenor $11 \begin{aligned} & \text { cewt. } \\ & \text { ent }\end{aligned}$


| \#Jobn Tomlinson | $\ldots . *$ | ... | 2 | Rarky Entwistle | Remie Hartiey | .... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by Harry Entwistle.
${ }^{\text {F }}$ Firgt peal on eight leells. Rung to celebrate the 50 ib anniversary of the belis.

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## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COLNTIFS ASGOCLATION
Ow Thuyday, Mavch 16, 1939, in Two Hows and Thirty-Two Minutas,
At reat Churce of Sx. Price,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8

Consisting of twa 7e0's anch of Oxford and Feat Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Ralpe Narborooge..
..Tyable
J. Alpred Barratt...

Tenor 8 cwt. $3 \mathrm{qr}^{2} 7 \mathrm{lb}$, in $\mathbf{B}$ flat.
Framk Bradley ...
-Franci W. Brown ... ... 3 Frederick A. Saligr Condacted by F. A. Salter.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs Barratt, mother of the ringer of the 2nd, or her fath birthday. HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sabwiday, March 18, 1939, in Twa Howrs and Forty-Six JFimulet, At fre Chorch of St. Margaret,


## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES;

Being 42 gix-scores, ten callitgs.
Tenor 7 ewt
Harold A. Edwards ...Treble
EEpward C. Augrr ... *.. 2
... 2 fHiLLIAM H. SEabroor ... 5 Conducted by $H$ TVICElAM EDNEY Tr Thilliam Edney.an
...

* First peal and first attempt. + First peal of Doubles. BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE. THE SWANSEA AND BEECON DIOCESAN GULDD. On Salurday, March 78, 1935, in Two Hows and Forly Minwtes, At the Choreg of St. Mary
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8; Forty-two six-scores (ters callinga).
E. Parminatir
J. Williams ...

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. STISTED, FWSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-One Minutes, At the Churci of Ali Santa,
A PEAL OF BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CMARCES;
Tenor 91 cwt . in A .
Kennete G. Smite
...Trable Ralpg Bird...
Victor Morley ...
... 2 Alec M. Grnery
3 | Ronald Seckling
Condncted by Racpa Bird.
First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the essociation. Rung in honour of Mothering Sunday.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHTRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BTAFFORD. Ow Monday, Marbi 20, 1939, in Tiwo Hours and Fi/ts, Minutes, At rae Chorch of St. Marv-ter-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 日OB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Seven different extents.
Tenor 8 cwt

 4P. Grorge Goldre .... .... 3 Barnabas G. Key ... ...Tenay Condected by M. G. Turnme.

* First penl in the method. + First peal in the method away iroms treble. $\ddagger$ First peal in the method and of Minor.

> APSEEY END, HERTEORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTT ASSOCLATION.
On Maxdoy, March 20. 1939, in Two Howrs and Filly-Two Minmes, At tae Cadrce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF GURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANRES!

One extent each of York, Durlam, Beverley, Surfeet, London, Wells and Cambridge.
Brian McKay
Walise Ayme ... momertele

- Fiarold I. Hazbll ... Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Aggosting V. Good ...
Wisctan T PcDDiroor … 4
Willam J. Randale ... ...Temor

* Firgt peal in seven Surprise methods. Specially rullg in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Vicar and Mrs. Agg-Large.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Tmasday, March 27, 1939, in Three Howrs and Nine Minuths,

## Ax me Pallag Chunce,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGE:
Tencr $15 \mathrm{cwt}$.13 lb .
Richard Balderstone ...Tyeble Riceard Atrerton ... ... 4
Tbomas Hillmak ... .... 2 Alberi Yates ... ... ... 5
-Jack Appleton ... ... Conducted by Albert Yates.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SPONDON, DERBYSEIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCLATION.
On Twasday, Maych 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Foyby-Sepen Minwes,
Ax the Church or Sx. Wereurge,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8:
Being geven 780's called differently.
Tenor $10 \mathrm{ewt}$.
*Fred Stinson ... ... ...Tyoble William Lancaster ... 4
 Conducted by Jack Baiczy.
군 peal. Rung as a walcome to the Rev. T. E. M. Barber, who was inducted on the previous Friday.

## WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, Mareh 22, 1939, in Thred Hoursand Ten Mimutes,

At tere Parisi Cgurch,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBEES, 5040 CHANOES;

Forty-two aix-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 2xy crit.

- Victor J, Williaus ...Treble
-Bryan Hoddleston...
... $1+2$
TqOMAS Harmis.a. ... ... 3 ..
Conducted by T, Hareis.
* First peal and first attenpt. First peal as conductor.

FELEIRK, YORKS
THEE YORKSHTRE ASSOCLATION
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Thwrsday, Marah 33, 1939, in Turo Howrs and Fifty-Ore Minwtes,
At ter Ceurcs of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SPLIGED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being seven complete extents in 20 methods as follows: (1) Willesüea and Marple; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV.; (3) Wragby exd Rraintree; (4) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight: (5) College Trercise and Moraing Star: (6) Ockleg, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleanure and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.
Roland Hill ... ... ...Treble Harold Caant ...
Cyril Coak ... ... .... 2 †Thomas Cullingworta ** 4
J. Thomas White .... .... 3 Danibl Smiti ... Conducted by Danjal Smitr.

* First pesl in 20 methods and first attempt. + Pirst peal of Spliced Minor and firat attempt.

RTNGWOULD, KENT.
THE KFNT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
Om Friday, March 24, 1933, in Twa Dlours and Thioty-Six Minules,
At xaz Chorch of Sx. Nicanlas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 GHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 sir-scores of Grandzire (14 diferent callings). Tencr 5 cwt. 3 qr .7 ib .
Frederick A. Ryz ar Elcender ... 3


- Dobglas G. Brown ... .+-Tonor

Conducted by Donglas G. Buown.

* Firat peal of Doubles. First penl an the bells. Firat peal as conduetor.


## BIRTHDAYS HONOURED

In bonour of the 72 mi birthday of the canductor (Mr. H. Meakin) and the 80th birthday of Mrs. S. Jacksoan mother of Mesgrg. H. and A. E. Jackson, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung before evening service at St. George's Church, Stockport, on March 12th: T. Simpson 1, H. Jackson 2, F. Lafir S, A. E. Jeckson 4, G. L. Burgess 5, F. Twige B, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, A. F. Bailey 8, H. Autiton 9, G. Bell 10 .

WEADOYER, BLCK
THE OXFORD DIOCFSAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Maroh 25, 1039, in Two Hours and Forly-Eight Minubs, At zez Cherch of St. Mary the Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GAMBRIUGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being soven differeut exterts.
Tenor 143 cwt.
Harry C. Jones .... ... ...Treble
Roland Biggs ... ... ... 2 *Whltbr A. Lee... ... ... 5
Willfare J, Randall.... ... 3 Walerr Ayrb .... ... ...Teney
Conducted by Waltrr AYre.

* First peal of Cembridge Minor.


## DANEORF, ESSEX

THEE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Marbh 25, 1939, in Two Howry and Farty-Fony Minntes, At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, A PEAL OF MIMOR, 5050 CHANEE8ן
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford 'Ireble Bob, and two $720^{\prime}$ s of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Boh.
Albyri E. Norit $\quad . .+\quad .$. Treble Geracd Frost... Ernest J. Rontgr ... ... 2 Fgank C. May ... ... ... 5 Welliam S. May... ... ... 3 Frank B. Lurein ... ...Timoy Conducted by Frank B, Lofein.

## DEANE, HANTS

THE WLNOHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCRSAN GUTLD. On Satmeday, March 25, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly-Two Minnics, At the Cevreg of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8।

Comprising one extent of Cambribge Eurprise and two extork each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kont Trable Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

- Rev. Fredx, S. H. Marle Ifeble Ronald F. Kinghay ... -.. 4 - Dayib H. Angtey ... ... 2 Cbables W, Munday.....Donald W, Nase ... ... 3 Fredagice A. Monday ...Tenoy Conducted by Donald W. Nase.
* First peal in more linam one method. First peal in four methods by the rest of the band.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Mareh 25, 1939, in Tmo Hows and Fifty Minemba, At TE: CHpact of ALL SaINT,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGESI
Being seven extent called differenty. Tenor 13 cwt .
Herbert Sgerman ... ...ivelde Edmond Wagstafe o+* on 4
Stanley Wallis ...* ... $\quad$ |Artior Hont ...
Groprrey Mayes
Pgrcy Tomprins...
..Tenor
Conducted by P. Tompxins.

* First peal and §ist attempt.

NEWELEY, LANCS.
THE THANCASFTRE ASSOCIATION
(Rocedale Brance.)
On Satwrday, Marel 25, 1939, in Two Fours and Fifty-Two Minufes,
Az the Parish Churgh of Sy. Thomas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Consisting of 720 of Kent and OxFord, two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and two 729's of Plain Bob.
ESglwyn Holy Deardren ... iveble Hardld Hamrr... ... ... 4

- John Meadowceory, jun, 2 -Harry Byrow .... ... .... 5 Ricbard Byrom ....... 3 |lvan Kay ...

Conducted by H. Byrou.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Brrom.


## POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Safurday, Haref 25, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly-Thres Mimwes, AI the Cherctor St. Grorgr,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, ED4O CHANEEB
Seven extents called diferently. Tenor 13 cwt .2 qr .17 lb . in F. sharp. -Ivan B. Gardinez ... ...Tyobla $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { IVan B. Gardinar } & \text {-... } & \text { Tiobla } \\ \text {-Jocelyn B. Gardiner } & \cdots & 2\end{array}$ †Harty Farrer ... ... ... 4
 Canducted by C. K. Lowns.

* First peal of Minor. * First peal of Bob Minor away from treble.

DARLNGTON
THE DURFAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOOIAIION. On Satwrdsy, AIarch 25, 1939, in Two Howri and Thivly-Etght Minutes, At tex Ceurce of the Holy Telmity,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDEE SURPRISE MINOR, 5A40 CHANGE8I

 Rev. E. Bankes James' Atraggement.Tenor 7ly ewt.
George Parz ... ... ...Treble William H. Thomas ... 4

- William Oliver ... ... 2 Roland Park ...
-Samuel Bayant.... ... ... 3 | W. Norman Paze ... ...Tenor Conducted by Rolamd Parz.
* First peal of Cambridge Minot. Rung on the accasion of the consemation of Dr. A. T. E. Williams as Bishop of Durlam, which ceremony took place in York Minster the same day.

PERLTTEORPE, NOTTS.
THE NORTE NOTTS ASSOOLATION.
On Saturday, Mavoh 25, 1939, in Two How and Fufly-Two Minutus,
Az tee Ceurce of St. Jozn,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEESI
Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Boh and oue 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 61 cwt John Norris...

| $\ldots$. | $\ldots$ Treble |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2 |

Jog Reader ...
Ferdiricr Flint
Conducted by H. T. Roore.

* First pend inside." Rung to welcome Fred Flint back to the districts


## HANDBELL PEALS.

WTESTFRHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COTNTY ASSOCLATION. Om Sunday, March 19, 1939, in I wo Hows, Ax 7. Weszways,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5A40 CHANGES;
Being seven extents caclu called differently. Tonor, size 15 in C .
-Jobm O. Weller ... ... I-z | Debri M, Searp... ... ... 3-4 *Groppret V. Morpry ... 5-6 Condacted by Derex M. Starp.

* First peal of Minow in Liand." Pirst peal of Minor as couthetor in hand.'

ROTHERHAM. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOClATION.
On Tmesday, March 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Te Minutas, At Birkey, Doncastirr Road,


CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCTATON.
On Thurgday, March 23, 1939, in Two Howys and Ternty Minwies, In ter Old Parish Room.

## A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 5040 CHANOEO!

Cypil Breti-Smita ... ... I-z Eredrrick G. Gronmbridge 5-6
Derri M. Searp..* ... ... 3-4 Ggoffrby V. Morfhy*. ... 7 7-8
Composed by W. H. L. Bockingram. Conducted by D. M. Searp

## COLCHESTER RINGER 84 NOT OUT.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, on Mothering Sunday, March 19th, a touch of 1,004 Superlative Surprise Major was rung before evening service by G. Boyden 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstend 4, R. Cadamy 5, W. Cinalk 6, V. Kerridge 7, E. P. Duffield (conducter) 8. Tlis was a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. L. Bimpstean, G. M. Rashbrook and f. Kerridge.
Mr. Bumpstead is the esteemed steeplekeeper at St. Peter's and has just celebrated kis 84 th bithday. He has been connected with St. Peter's for 47 Fears and has beld the office of steeplekeeper 10 r 43 years. He ja a life member of the Essex Association, and bas been a College Fouth for 55 Yegra and e nember of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows for 60 years. Mr. Bumpstead's life has been a triumph over handicap. At the age of twelve he unfortunately lost ons of his legs, but he still enjoys good health and takes part regulaty in the serrice ringing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. FORTHCOMTNG $4 E E T I N G S$.
A very enjoyable jaint meetiag of the Easterm and Western Districts of the Durlam and Newcastle Diocesan Association wus held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, March 18th. Ringers were present from Newcastle, Gatesbead, Sunderland, Benficldside, Consett, Houghton-je-Spring, Darlington and the local tower.

After tea, os short meeting was presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, at which a hirthday greetings telegram was despatched from the ringers to Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

Mr. R. L. Routledge proposed $a$ voke of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Auderson thanked the ladies for arrangiug the tea, The Rev. E. O. C. Halahan, curate of Chester-le-Street, replied an behalf of the Rector, and Miss Douglas on behalf of the ledies.
The mathods ruug diring the day were Cambridgo Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Duftield, Plain Bob, Donble Norwich, Stednan and Grandsire Triples.
The following district mectings are arrnnged: Northern District, Aprill 1st, at Renwell, Nowctatle-on-TYMe; Southern District, April 29th, at Shildon; Eastern District, May 6th, at Houglnton-le-Spring.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION AT LEATHERHEAD.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Leatherhead, celebrated their golden Mr . and Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Leatherhead, cetebrated their goiden
wedding on Gaturday, havarg been maxied at Langrish, Hants, on March 25 th, 1889 . Mr. Dean has given long service to ringing at Leatherhead and was prominently identified with the Surrey Ascociafion, of which he was elected an wise-president at the anlual meeting a few weeks ago. For the past two or three years Mr. Dean has名 few weeks ago, fror he past two or three years inc. Dean has and, being unable to climb the belfry stairs. he sits at lome and listens to the ringlog. It is unfortunate he is unable to take any further active part in ringing, as le needs only one more peal to eomplete his double century for tho Surrey Associntion.
An attermet was made for a peal to celebrate the golden wedding, tust unfortuately it was lost after 2 hours 25 minates singing. Two quarter-peals have, however, heen rung, as follows: A quarterpeal of Double Norwich Major (1,eso ehanges): A. C. Otway $1, \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{H}$. Winch 2, W. J. Whiting 3. G. Martiner 4, A. H. Smith 5 , C, Smart 6, A. Harman 7 . W. G. Newberry longest length in the method os conductor) 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. G. Nemberry 1, A. H. Winels (conductor) 2, 1. W. Bugden 3, G. Marrinar 4, A. Harman 5, A. C. Otway 6, J. Hoyle 7, W. J. Whiting 8, A. H. Smitin 9, H. T. Young 10.

## STAFFORD RINGER'S DEATH

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Willian Fiarola Jones, deputy head ringer of St. Mary's Cliurch, Staford, who passed eway at his residence, 17, Marsh Sitreet, on March wist. The fueral took place on Setorday, when sis of his fellow-ringera bore him to the grave.
Mr. Jones, with the exception of his service in the Great War, was a regular member of the Sumday band at St. Hary's for some 25 yeard and did much to help forward the art of finging in the district. His fellow-ringers, as a Inst tribute of respect to a rery loyal corarade, rang with the bells half-muffed touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob before both morning and eveming services on Sunday. The Rector, at evaning service, referred to the work of Mr. Jones as a ringer, and at the close of the service tho organist (Mr. G. P. Mntthews) played Chopin's 'Funeral March.?

## JOINING THE R.A.F.

Mr. G. Thomas, of the hand at St. Catherine's, Gorseinob, is entering tho R.A.F., and as a farewell to him gitarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, March 2th, fav eveniag service: $\mathbf{R}$. Dolbbins (firsh qualter-peal) 1, H. Dobbins 2, R. C. Dobbins 3, $\mathbf{H}_{\text {. }}$ Thomas 4, J. Hanson 5, W. Dobbins 6, A. W. Dobbing (condnctor) 7, A. Tow B. It was aiso as a birthiny compliment to A. W. Dobbins.

## SIXTY-ONE YEARS AT CALVERLEIGH.

Mr. J. T. Woodley, of Galverleigh, Devon, has been a dinger at the Patish Church for 61 years and, as a compliment to him, on his 7lst zirthday on Surday in quarter-penl of Grandsire Doubles, which he conducted, was rung for eveniag serrice: f? (Ireeq (firgt quarterpeal) $1_{1}$ J. Eill (first quarter-peal * mside ${ }^{2}$ ) 2, C. Mew 3, P. Mayne 4, J. T. Woodley 5, E. Greenslade 6.

## APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, May I be allowed space in yous valuablo colkumas to say how much I deeply appueciate the kindmess and generosity of members of the Royal Cumherland Youths and friends ussmabled at the andual dinmer of the society recently held? I would also like to thanit the Master for his kind thourht and the lon. seckefary for his *ind and welcome letter.

I would also tike to thank those who lisve wisited me and expressed their symputhy in langible form on more than ane occasion, including that ever versatile "young " gentleman from fireat Bentley.
W. KEEBJ.E.

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## BELFRX GOSSIP

The Bristol United Guilds' week of tours by motor-coach, from August 14th to 19th, promaises to be of unusual interest. Gloucester. shice, Somerset ant Dorget will provide the happy huntisg ground, and, as at present planned, the tours will cover approximetely 800 miles, with ringing at some 36 or 40 towers, and all for a fare of two guineas.
Forty years ago next Monday, on April 3rd, 1899, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith in 9 hours 24 minutes, under the conductorship of the late William Fye. At the time it was the record length in the method, but it wrs only six weeks later thst the Kidlington peel of 17,024 was rucg, conducted by J. W. Washbrook,
To-morrow is the annivergary of one of the earliest 'long peals" ou record. On Apri] 1st, 1727, a 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.
The Earl Sbilton "Handbell Quartet,' who recently broadeast in an 'Industry Entertains' programme, will be 'on the ari 'again in the Children's Hour programme, Midland Regional, on Saturday, April 8th. All the quartet are members of the Midand Counties Association.
There will be no practice of the Ancient Saciety of Collage Youths until Thesday, Apri] IIth, when there will be ringing at St. Mary-leBow, Cheapside, with the waul business meeting at headquarters afterwards.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

To the Editor.
Dear Sirs-I was pleased to resd Mr. Story's letter urging muffled ringing on Good Friday. What is the purpose of oburch bell ringing? Is it not to call people to church and worship, to remind those who go estray and to bring them back, to witness for Jesus Christ to the outside world? If this tis correct, I consider Good Friday is one of the most important days of the year when the belis should be rong (muffled or balf-muffied), especially at the present time, when the plensure caterers' voices are often heard above the church sad the meaning of Good Friday forgotten. Ringers, do your bitl Nortis Shields.

JAMES E. SCOTHT

## SURPRISE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir - F should like to offer my congratulstions to the talented band wha recentiy rang the peal of London 'in hand,' and particularly Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, with whom I have had the pleasuze of ringing on a few ocengions.
W. KELBLT:
[Mr. Keeble was onc of the band, the others beirg the brothers Pye, who, in 1904, rang the first peal of London Surprige on haed-bells.-Eniror, 'Ringing World.']

## FIRST CIVIL SERVANTS' PEAL.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-The peal of London Surprise Major published in "Tha Ringing World " of March 24 th cannot be claimed to the the firat for the Civil Service.
A peal of Kent Treble Major, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffegder, was rung at St. Mery's, Lambeth, on Jaruary 30th, 1937.
The ringers weze all of one branch of the Civil Service-the Post Office.

A peal board has been placed in the tower recording this fach
Canterbury.
JOHN W. DNWIN

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. <br> SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. George the Mrartyr, Southwark, on Saturday, March $18 t h$, and was attended by some 30 members and friends.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and contimued till 5 p.rn., when the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Cook) conducted a short service. He welcomed the association and stated that in spite of complaints from the wearby residents he was always very pleased to heve tingers use the bells on a Satarday afternoca.

The District Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) presided at the business meeting, held in the vestry, and stated that arrangements hari been made for a combined practice with the local band at St. Luke's, Cbeises (ten bells), on Tuestay, Aprit 18th, at 7.15 p.m. The next district meeting Fould be held at Streatham on Saturday, May 20th, with Fingiag at St. Leonarde in the afternoon and at Immanuel in the everiag. He urged all membera to support both these meetings.

The proceedings ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, and ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m., methons ap to Camhridge and Superlative being rong. $\qquad$

## BISHOPS VISIT,

At St. Mary ${ }^{1}$, Chatham, on March 5th, in honour of a virit of the Bishop of Rochester to this church, a querter-peal of Grandsire Triplea was rang for evening bervice: C. E. J. Norris 1, R. Nortis 2, F. Padwick 3, F. Jarrett 4, W. Walker 5, H. Springate 8, W. A. J. Knigltt (condtctor) 7. D. Harfield (firs quater-neal) 8.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—64.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
Among the most brillient of the younger generation of conductors mist bo piaced Mr: Eruest C. S. Turver, of Ealimg, for, although still in the 'tyenties,' he has to his credit a number of notable achievencents, not least among them the peals of Sipliced Surprise Majar, reuching up to mine methods, several of which he lias composed as well as confucteri.

Mr. Turner wus born on May 23rd, 7910 , and while still at school was introduced to ringing by his friend, Wilfred Wilson, who was then one of a band receiving ingtruction from Mr. J. A. Trollope. The two youtlis lost no opportunity of ringing in neirhbouriag towers, and on most eveuings cyaled to charches in West Middlesex for practico. Although be only began to ring in March, 1927, Mr. Turner rang his first poal im the following October, this being seven extents of Bol Minor on handbells at Ealing. His first tower-Dell peal was Bob Major on December 20th, 1927, at Willesden, where the encouragement Mr. Turner's enthusiasm has received
from the Willesden baud from the Willesden baud, Mr. H. Kilby, has enabled him to talie part in and frequently conduct a letro prortion of lis peale, especially those in the more advanced methods. Six weeks before Mr, Turner rang his frrst he conducted a handbell peal of Bob Major. Mr. Turner is one of those gifted conduetors who. can call anything from any bell, and all the most difficalt things ho has dowe
bave beer called from a workiug bell, including the ten Spliced Surprise Major peals in 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 methods. Among some of his other interesting performances be condutcted the first and, at presert, only peal of Isieworth Boh Roysi, and what was probably the first pasl of Double Court Triples. He called an 'Ernest' pedi of
Kent Treble Bob Major al


MR. ERNEST C. S. TURNER. Kent Treble Bob Major a Galleywood, Essex, in 1934, and rang in the first peals of Ealing and Pioner Surprise Major. He also took part in q peal of Minor at Deeping St, James, Lincolnsive, in which 28 Surprise methods were splicerd into seven extents.

Mr. Tutner bas rung 215 poals altogetber, 189 on tower beils and 24 on handbells. Of these he hes conducted 75 on tower bells and 12 " in hand,' while the church bell peals have been rung in 79 towers in 20 counties of England, Weles and Ireland. One hundred and fortyfive of tire peals have been rung for the Middlesex County Association, in which he was Ringing Master of the South and West District from 1933 to 1937. Mr. Turner's mathematical and professional training has given him a great command of figures, and it is only natura] that, iotimately associated with Mr. T. A. Trollope, he should have dereloped an extensive knowledge of composition. In this field he has already rendered great service as a member of the Methods Committee of the Centra] Comeil, haviny been elected as an honorary mittee of the Centril Colme

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED.
A very successful meeting of tire Central Branch of Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wilourion on Saturday week, when members were presert from Cambridge, Ohatteris, Exning Fulboura, Sawston, Swavesey, Trumpington, Haddenham and the local tower. Mr, S. Shipp welcomed the visitars to the church on behalf of the Wilburton ringers. The ringing Fas of high stamdard, some very good London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise being rung, es well as methods down to Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Twenty-one sat down to tea at the Royal Dak, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. S. Tale).
Orer was selected for the next meeting, and Cottenham for the answing quarterly meeting.
The mew Ficer of Wilburton mas made an honorary member of the mssociation, and it is pleasing to note the branch memhership is larger than last year
Fotes of thanks were accorded the Ficer, who suitably replied, and to Mr. H. Sharpe for laring the belle in readiness.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CHOBHAM'S ANCIENT BELLS

## The Pride of the Parishioners.

A rery eutcestul meeting of the Chertsey District of tho Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Chobiem on Saturday, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Robinson). A few months ago the belle ot the Parish Church of St. Lawrence were rehung and placed ou ball tearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and a great improvement wes thus effected but of the belle themselves the less said the ment was thus effected, but of the bells themsedves the less sard the parishiguers, who readily subscribed to their restoration. No fewer than five of the eight are gcheduled for preservation on accaunt of their antiquity, and eyen if the Chobham people theraselves desired to improve the bells, which they do not, it would be impossible without providing at least five new bells.
The sixth is a pre-Reformation bell, cast by William Culverden, brezier, of London, who died in 1522 , and is dedicated to SL . Margaret. The fifth and seventh are bells dated 1597, cast br Riohnrd Eldridge, and the tenor came from the same fouludry wit Wokingham in 1610. The fortrich is dated 1684. Chobliam has thas good reason to be proud of the antiquity of sts bells.

Last Saturday's meeting was attended by nearly 40 ringers, but most of the tounhes rumg were of tho ' educational " wariets, althongh the methods included Cambridge, and in this way moth good work was done. What was equally gratifying was the fact that the majowty of the Chobham ringers joined the Docesan Guild for the first time and they were tiven a specially warm welcome by guild afficials. The Vicer was also elected an honorary membet

Prior to the tea and meeting, gervice was held in the Parigh Chutch, conducted by the curate. The Wicat presided it the organ and gave an address, in which he welcomed the Guild to Chobham. Going on to speak of the place which bells took in the life of the parish, he said that in Chobham the belle were rung muffled on Gnod Thiday, and he added that the belfs were very des to the harts of the people in the village. When it was necessary to restore then there was a wondertul response and he hed never known money coma in easier for any churct scheme. Moreover, it came in largaly from people who could give only small amounts, and while the hells wre silent thoy wore greatly missed in the life of the place.

Proceeding, the Vicar spoke of the qualities demanded by hellriuging. There was, he said, no better illustration of team work than that done by a band of ringers, and the work was one of gelfeffacement in which the individual had to suhordinate hinself to the interests of all. He spoke of ringing as a valuable piece of regular church work and referred with gratitude to the conscientious work of his own band. They wanted the traditions of their churel towers maintained, he added, fol deep down in their hearts nen knew that the bells stood far the union between God and man

At the close of the meeting Mr. R. Whittington inguired the natura of the ringing at Chobham on Good Fridays, and tras informed that it was now half-mufled before the services. Formerly it wis full mufled, with the tenor open at backgtroke. It was a very old custom, and the Vicar said there was no question that it edded to the solemnity of the day and at least made people think. That was important when there was a growing teadency to convert the most solemn day in all the Christian year into a public bolides.

## MORE HONORATY MEMBERS ELECTED

successful meoting of the Guildford Dishrict of the Guildina Diocesan Guild was held at Worpleadon on Saturday. Mrrch 181h, when over 40 members and visitors attevded. The gathoring jucluded the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Grovar) and Mr. C. W. Dellver (Farnham district secretary). An apology for absence was recenved from the Guild Master (Mrajor J. H. B. Hesse).
The looal band had had the bellry renovated for the occesion, and its spick and span appearance was the subject of many favourable comments
The Rector (the Rev. G. J. Chity) conducted the service, and at the commencement of his interesting and topical address said he had been given a friendly warning not to preach about bellringing. In any case, the did not believe tiat it was alwayg policy to 'enlarge on the occrsion.
At the business meeting. which followed tea in the Church Hall, the Rector presided, and, amid applause, was elected a life member of the Guild. Mr. H. Rance, of Worplesdon, also received a special cheer for having recruited four hozorary members.
The following were the new members elected: Homorary members, MessTs. W. V. Maore and S. J. E. Davy (Bramley), the Misses E. and W. A. Thompsoघ, Mr. H. G. Rance and Sir L. E. Halgey, K.B.E (Worplesdon); ringing members, Messrs. F. Priddle, 표. Steer, C. Steele and $G$. Whittle (Godalming)

The announcement that througl the efforta of the general secretary the Guild would shortly have a strong representation at Shere was greeted with enthusiasm. It was decided to hold a meeting at that tower during the sammer.
The general secretary proposed the 4881 al votes of thanks, and said that although these formal expressions of gratitude tended to become alereotrped they were none the less sincerc.
Mr. O. E. Smith, the District Ringing Master, had a busy aftermoon and evening catering for learner and expert.
Thanks to the kindness of Mr. J. R. Mackman, handbell ringing. miner his direction, was enjoyed by it mumber of members.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE FUTURE OF CHANGE RLNGENG.
A very successfal mbeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesam Guild was held at Actolz and was attended by over 60 rimgers, together with most of the association's princjpal onitera. The special service wis conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P Gough), and the lesson was read by Vice-President J. A. Trollope. Turing the gervice a course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the clancel lyy Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, G. W. Fletcher, J. Herbert and J. Thomes.

This Rector, welcomint the change ringers as old friends, to whom he lad spoken in his garder during the summer, assured them of his hight appreciation of the service they gave, not only to his church, hut to churches throughout Middlesex. The nation had a silent service proarding its coastg, but the bellriugers were the unscen service of the Clurch. They represented one of the remaining crails that uned to ho so largely assuciated with, the sacial lifo of the world and of the Church.

The Rector weut on to refer to the dendening effect of the decline, expecially in an age of machitsery, in the aids to religious feeling that used to slound on ell sides in symbolism and other forms of appeal to our spiniturl nature. Unless people weat into a church tiey hardly ever now came into contact with the outward anal visible signs of religion. Change rimgers were the guatdians and stewards of an important farm of symibolism, that of appealing sound, one of the very feng forms of symbolism left co remind the prisser-by of the things of Gol, life and death, ame the great hereafter.

CO-O1'ERATION BETYWEYN RINGERS AND CHURCH
aUTHORITIES.
At ten, served in the Parish Fall by wonsen parochial workers, Preb. W. P. Cole-Gheane, of Twichenlam (aresident of the association, was in the chair, and moved a vate of thanks to the Rector for lis much appreciated clurch service, hindness and good feliowship.
Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), silpporting the vote of thanks, said that elhwelt beltringers inherited two great traditions. Accotding to an ofd Latin writer, they sounded the trumpets of the Feavenly King, and they were also elnurdiworkers. Change ringing was one af the fitest sports ever invented. They could not makn any gift worthy of tho service of the Church unless they loved it for its own sake.
The futhere of change riaging depended upon low far they could Geep in toncli with the Clurch authorities aud eo-operate with them, and how far those anthorilies could co-pperate with the ringers. The Charch authorities formerly did not tronble so much as they ought to have done ahout the hellingers, who were not always regruited from the right people.
During jiss 50 years' experience, the improvenent in the status of riagers and in the coopperntion with the Church had enormomsly increased, and that was due to associations like theirs. Let them qultivate $\mathrm{co-operation}$ between themselves as ringers aud co-operation with the Church authorties (applause).
Mr. C. T. Coles (gencral secratary) said fhat as the facilities for ringing were not so great as they used to be, co-operation wes all the mare essential.
Mr. if. Es. L. Cockey (secretary for the South-West District) said they were always sure of a warth welcome in Acton.
Yhe vote of thanks to the Rector was carried with anclametion, and the Rector, in turn, called for a hearty round of applause for the indy helpers at the tea.
Stednan Caters were vung on handhells by Mr. and Mrs, (i, WY. Fintelier and Messis. च. Thomas, E. C. S. Turmer and J. A. Trollope.

Further ringing on the tower liells took place afterwards.
OLD TRLAATE AND YOTNG MEMBERS AT FNNCHLET An enjotalile neeting of the North and East Distriet of the Widdlesex Connty dssociation and Lendon Diocesan Guild wis held at St, Mary's Clurch, Finchley, on Saturdaw, March 18th. Ringing, whir.in commenced directly after 3 p.m., ineluded rounds for the heginaers and methods ranging up to Surpise Minme. Tlie method chosen for particulas atheution, Doulble Court Bob BFinor, was rung by several of the company. some ringing a course for the first time.
A short service was held, at which the Rev. Gawne officiated, the theme of his address being that ringers and other churchworkers should elways rememher the higls calling of their duties,
Tea was served to a paity mambering nearly 40, and incuading the Res. Gatwe, who appreciated his fitst experieace of being amongst a rompant of ringers.
At the bukiness meeting which followed, fhe Rev. A. B. Roberts was elected to the chajr, in the rare absence of the vice-president. Mr. G. W. Floteher. A reference was made to the death of a forndation member, Mr. I. Sumpter, of ßarnet, those present standing in silence for a few moments.

Two elentions were confirmed and three new members were elocted.
Harcow Feald was chosen for the place of the pext meeting, on Batirday. May 20th.
Remret was expressed at the absence of the Rector of St. Mary"s (the Rev. S. F. L. Rernays), who was indisposed,
Further ringing took place, and a gratifyung feature of the meeting was the attendance of the 'nld frigade, sipported by several young members, which gave excourngement to the newlvelected Ringing Master and secretaigi Messrs. A. Culter aud T. J. Lork respertively.

## ANOTHER NEW MAJOR PLAN. <br> EXTENDEL STEDMAN.

 To the EditarDear Sir, I was rery interested in the two methods on a new plan in your issue of Murch 17th, Checkerdon and Northrepps Major, and I congratulate Mr. Nolay Golden and hiss colleagues upon tlieir acbievement.

As I have a new plau for producing Stedman extended to eight bells, it may interest your readers to give a lead here:-

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It will be seen that the method is a combination of Plain and Stedman Principles. The trehle in a plaiu lunt from lead to gith's place and back to lead, the othor sovent working bells doing Stedman, altermately quick and slow, with $7-8$ up and down donble dadge betwees, plus 2 intermediate sixes between last 3rd's and $7-8$ up, and also between 7-8 down and trista 3rd's (in slow). By this extra world it will be found tliat. all charges ate friple clinnges, with mat more than twa blows jo any one place. The work of the sevca inside bells is divided jato sizes, rs in Stedman, but the method brented as a plain method for all oiher pryposes. There are 12 changes to a (treble) lead, 84 to a course, and the method can be extended to Royal and Maximus.

Bromley

## ENGLISH RINGER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

## TOUCHIS IRUNf: AT MELBOURNE CATHBDRAL.

3fr. C. H. Walker, tower secretary at St. Mury's, Luwisham, has just retunted from a visit to Australia and New Zealand, where he spent a most enjoyable time and took part in minging boih in Syntrey and Melbourne. In the latter city particularly he was able to spend some time with the ringers, for he delayed lis departure a fortnigit and was thus abla to ring at St, Pan's Cathedral on two Sundays and on the practice night.

He received a great welcome fron the ringers and brought hack with hing warm grechinga to the mewbers of the English proty who toured the Commonwalth in 1934. Unfortunately, Mr. A. A. Sevuge, who formerly as secretary of St. Paul's Society did so much towards the success of the English tour, is at pregent doine no ringiag, but in Sydney Mr. Walker found Mr. R. F. MacDonald, "father' of the band at the R.C. Basilica nud now approaching, if not already past, Ita age of 80 , "very muth alive.' Mr. Walker s visit to Sydrey was brief and in the slort time avalable le was only able to ring Doubles at St, Mark's, Dasliut Point.
In Melbonrne, however, lye was able to take hat in Grandsire Triptos and Caters at the Cathedral on three occasions, aud it ia interesting to learn that a 504 of Triples rung on practice night was cabled by Mr. James Muray, who conducted the firsi peal ever rung in Australia, a peal of Crandsire at St. Phitip's Sydney, in 1890. This touch of 504 was rung by A. Recder 1, W. Waynorn 2, J. Murray $3_{\text {, }}$ J. Spencer 4, H. Ross 5 , C. H. Walker 6, F. Bolyglan 7, T. Trotter 8 .

For morning service on Sumay, January 22nd, 270 Grandsire Caterg was rumg after a quarter-neal had been lust near the end,
In the evening a quarter-peal of Cirandsire Triples was successfully rung, called by Johr Spencer : A. Reeder 1, W. Preston $\mathbb{Z}$, J. Murray 3, F Boughton 4, F. Ross 5, C. H. Walker 6, N. §nencer 7, T. Trotter 4.
On the following Sunday morning 504 Giandsite Caters was brought round by A. Recder 1, G. Wheeler 2, W. H. Waghorn 3. W. Prestom 4. J, Murray 5, J. Spencer (culuductor) 6, H. Ross 7, C. H. Walker 8, T. Trotter 9, E. Krott IO.

Of the above ringers, Messrs. Murag, Spencer, Boughton and Knott took part in the peal of Grandsire Cingries, with the English ringers on Armistice Day, 1934.

## PEAL NOTES

Forly-two six-scoles of Grandsire Doubleg rung on the five hells at Bury Port, Carniathenshire, on March 18th, are believed to he the firat peal rung in the tower
Mr. Pat Camon rang his gotla peal as coaductor when he callud a peal of Double Norwich at Wilby, Suffolk, on Sumday weck. He lass now 'turned in' 80 different tenors to peals.

He raade as sure as possible of the Witby jolb (and we don't blame limi). All the rest of the hand were Surprise Maviuus tingers.

After this peal the hand went on to the neighbouring tower of Stradbroke and ragg a course of Superlaive for evensong. These bells, it was found, go very badily. The lact pral on them wes mag in 1903. We hope there witl not be another one until they have heen reatored. The tenot is 24 mwt .

## PEAL NOTES.

LADF'g FINF PERTORMANCE
Miss Hilda Suowden, of Halstend, Fssex, las more thay once Elown lier ability ot the ' loesvy end,' but nothing slas has done in this way has, we think, equalled ber perbormance olt Stuturdiy, when ghe rang the $2 t$ ewt tenor at Dunnow to a peal of Bristol Surprise 3ajor.

When it is remembercd? that there is is dratight of 70 feet of rope at this tower and that Miss Snowf den had never previously even struck the bell in
ronnds, the feat in all the more, noterarthy all the peal was aa excellent one and we sre not surprised to bearm that Miss Snowe den received the licarty congratulations of tho of her members of the ly upon ler performance.

It was a litting celeliration of her birthiday, tor which the peal was arranged, and associated with it also is a complis ment to Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswicl, whose birthdey wes on Monday,

On her birtladey last Yeas Miss Snowden rang
the 18 ewt. tenor at the $18 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt tenner
Bocking 10 a peal Dosble Norwich Hajor.

To celebrate the bittlday of Mr. G. H. spice, hou. secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent Connty Association, a peal of Kent Treble Bols Major was rung at Tum हtall, Kent, on satnrdey Athough Hr. Spice dili nob himself take part in the peal, the family was well represented by his

father and his son
The composition of the peal was "uom "The Clavia," by an maknown githor, althouglz it is now thought to have been the work of Rabert Baldwin, the author of Tnion 'lriples. It was the first peal of Major rung, the Dnion Scholars ringing it at St. Dunstan's-in-the-Fist on December 27tin, 1718.

One of the most remarkabla things about this composition is thet, allhowgh it was not intit 50 ycars later that the necessity of proving the interior rows of the ipads in Preble Bab was discovercd, the porl is true. The calling is $4 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{~W}, 2 \mathrm{R}$, Cour times reperifed.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Kirtlirgton, Dzon, on Saturday, was arrarged to enabie the eight officers of the Oxford Guild (who opeaed tho bells after mehanging by John Taylor and Co. ${ }^{\prime}$ to ring the first peal on them since the restoration. The treble and 7 ln were recast, the former by the eflorts of Mr. F. Sharp, by the Oxlord Diocesan Gild, aud an maseription on tize mew bell records the fact.

At the comclusion of f Food peal the Vicar (tie Rev. R. W. Benmett) and several lotal ringers congratulated the hand, and the Vicar sad数was a most anspicious day for the peal. Not only was it Jady Day. hut e smle of wark in the willege had rearnlted bin gattisg quite enough money to pay of all liabilities incurred by the restoration of the hels.
${ }^{2}{ }^{x}$ le minjsterial golden jubilee of the Rev. W. O. Vateghan, Vicar of Loppington, Sincewshurf, wns eelebrated at Siverdale, Stafordchire, where he was formerty Vicar, by a peal of Grandsire Triples ou Saturday.

## GHESTER GULD'S GOOD DAY.

Mr. Richard T. Holding, of Grewe, ranf his $200 t 13$ peal and Mr G. H. Crawley his 100th for the Chester Guild when they took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Boh Majar at Sandbach, Cheshire, on Satmrday.

Another peal of Osford Treble Rob Major was rung for the Cliester Guild on the same day at Alsager, and another Crewe ringer, Mr. H. F. Holding, scored his 150 h peal. It was a birthday peal for the Alsager towerkeepar, Mr. G. Whalley, who sindly had the hells ready for the visitors.
Acturlly the Cheshire Guild did well on Saturday, with two peals of Oxford Treble Boh Major, a peal of Stedman Triples at Gresford and a peal of Bob Minor at Poyaton.
Meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Roval at St. Margaret's. Leicester, on Saturday, "hard hearted' Arilur wanted to turn it into a practice for Cambridge Major, but 'kind-laearted' Arthur suggested a peal of Plain Major- somethjog we can mag wefl, betfer than scratching about on comething we cant.' Besines being a wedding peal for two prominent. churrinworkers mad a birthday compli-
ment to the bridegroom Mr . J. W. Dayman) it. also noincided with
the birthiay of Mrs. A. Cattell (our Edie), so naturelly there werc plenty of compliments Bying about. It was the first peal of Major on St. Margaret's heavy eight.

Messra. J. W. Jones of Newport, and Donald C. Clift, of Bristol, rang their thirtietls peal togetlier when they took part in a peal of Ntednay Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday. It is interesting to note, in this conmection, that Mr. Jones tanglit Mr. Clift's father change rimging practically 40 years ago.
Mr. Banables G. Key rang duis 100th peal on March 20 th, wheh lie took part in a peal of Mivor ab Aldridge, Staffordslire.
A penl of Minor, which included ove 700 in which Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were com?ned, was rumg at Newhey, Lanceshive on Saturday, for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrom.
Mr. Frank H. Mitehell rang the tenor to aneal of Grandsire Triples at Bexles, Kent, on March 10th. It was kis first peal for 30 years, his fant laving becn at Appledore, Kont. We congratulate him and hope it will not be as lons before be rings his next peal. The three ringers who scored their first peal are ulso to be culgratulated on the way they rang looth their bells and the method. They learned to handle a bell orly tem montlis ago, aud Mr. H. A. Holden degerves great credit on the building of a line young band.
The Vicar of Deane, Hants (the Rev. F. S. H. Marle) took part in a peal of Minor on the bells of lis own church on Saturday anu scored lis first peal in four methods, as did all the rest of 1 lie band. Indiced, the Ficar had not previously rung a peal in more than one method.

FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR AT 76.
Mr. Wiltian Story, J.P., of Newcastle, took part in a peal of Bob Major at Poole, Dorset, on Saturday. He celebrated his istio birthday a few weeks ago. Ancher veteran who rang in tive peal was Mr. Chavies Forfilt, of St. Peler's, Bournemonth, who is in his 7ith year. Althougla Mr. Forfitt has rimg maly peals, this was his first of Major. The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. Townseud for preparing the belis and A1r, 3. I. Davis for nssisting and turning uF as ' ninth ' man.
The first peal on the light, ring of fivo at. Tinaswould, Kent-the temor is less than six cwh-was rung on March 24th. It was attemed by more than ussal good forturse, for the rape on the third broke as the bell was being lowered ufter the peal.
Seven 720 's af Bomme Surprise Minor were zung in a peat at Stisted. Essex, on March 19th, in honotr of Mothering Sinday. It is the first thene a peal had been rung exclusively in this method in the county and for the Essex Association, as well ns by alf the hand.
All those who rabs a peal of Bob Minar at Rishton, Juncs, on March 2lat, are service ringers at the Purish Church. It was Mr. Fichard Balderstone's 75th peal and Mr. Albert Yates' first peal as conductor.
A peal of Minar was ring on the front six bells at st. Peter"t. Nottitaginan, on Uarch $16 t h$, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barratt, mother of one of the xingers, oul lier $78 t h$ birthday. It was Mr. Frenk I3radley's l00th penf for the Midland Coundies Associabion. 250 CHANGES OF MT:FHOD.
The peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob Major at Downham Manket, on Sulday weelt contaned the 120 course euds with the tenors together, in extetly 5,600 changes. It was composed and conducted ly Mr. Nolan Golden, and, with 250 changea of mothod, ihe peal contanned 400 calls.
The peal at Hartleburs, Worcestershire, on March 18th, was arrenged for Messrs, Farley, Whatmore, Smitit and Hiandey, of Stonrbridge and Walhaston. it was to have been Stodman Triples, but, alas! it was not a. Stednan day. After twa abortive abtempts, Oxfard Bols was substituted, atnd a composition (Parber's No 13) was taken from stock and dusted. Messrg. Farley, Smith and Handloy rang their first peal in the method, while Mr. Whatwore resumed acquaintance with a method he had not rung for very many years. By a happy coincidence this peal attempe wha rung on Mothering Sunday.
To ving a peal in 20 Treble Rob methods in the first attempt for A. 'spliced " peal is no mean achievement, and Mr. Tom Cullingworth, of the Barnaley Society, will be congiatulated upon bis success. Tho peal was rung at Felkirk on Murch 23 rd.
The goldes: jubilee of the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Burnlcy, Lancs, was celebrated on Sunday with a peal of Kent Treble Tob Major.

The peal of Minor at Perlethorpe, Notts, on Saturday, was fung to weleone back to the district Mr. Fed Flint, who liad been away and out of ringing for two years.
In connection with the peal of Cambriage Surprise Mitor at Darlington ruag in honeur of the consecration of the new Bishop of Durham, it is interesting to note that Mr. G. W. Park has now radg tine ereble in thin tower to a peal for the first time. despite the frot that he jas rung here upwards of 48 years and has tahen part in overy peal rung on the bells, which thimber over forty. Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, and Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon, took pari in the peal, which was rung on Saturdey.
By taking part in a neal of Bob Minor on handbells at Westerinan on Sunday week, John Weller and Geofirey Mirphy have now rumg and Derek Sharp lias conducted peals of Plain Bob Erom Miaor Lo Maximus "in land.' Joln Weller began with Maximus and worked downwards, thas reversing the usual process.
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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVLSION ELECTS 22 NEW MEMBERS.
The annual metaing of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at St. Mary'g, Easthourne, on Satarday, March 18ah, when members attended from Battle. Hastings (Blacklands, SL. (lement's and All Saints ${ }^{\text {ºn }}$, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Heathfield, Rol herfield, \#ailskam, Walaron, Easthourue (St. Saviour's, Christ Chureh rad St. Mary's). Mr. Piper (Easthourne) was also present.
"The service was conducted by tho Vical (the Rev, Canon F. P Hughes; who mave an interesting address and remarked how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Eastbaurne.

The Master of the association (Mr. H. R. IButelier) presided at the les and business meeting which followed. The whole of the outgoing officers Fere re-elected, and 22 new members were elected from St. Mary's, Easthourae, Heathfield, Blacklands, Hastings and Waldron. It was with great pleasure that the seeretary announced that Waldron tower wished to be affliated.

A bearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bellg, to the Master for presiding at the tea, and to Mr. Piper for bearing part of the cost of the toa.
'rhe ringers afterwards went to St. Saviour's for further ringing.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BRTSTOL RURAL BRANCH OHAIRNAN.
quarterlf meeling of the Bristol Rural Buanch of the Gloucester ancl Bristal Diocesan Association was held at Almondsbury on Saturrise. About 50 ringers attended from Henbury, Mangotsfield, Staplotot, St. Ambrose, Coalpit Heath, Westerleigh and Westbury-on-Trym. The bells at Alnoadsbury are a very nice ring of eight and were well employed during the afternoon and evening.
A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Ganon Mayall), who gave the visitors a brief outline of the interesting history of the church

At the mentiug, beld after tea at the Monmoutli Cafe, 3y. Gould, of Henbury, tempozarify presicid.
Mr. C. Harding, of Henburs, was then unanjmonsly slected chairman of the branch for the ensuing pine months, and, on taking the clair, thenked the members for electing bim. He said it would be leis aim to see that all the ringers who attended the meetingg had a fair slanre of the ringing; to create interest and comradeship and in this way to promote the art of clange ringing.

A resolntion was cartied that a peal be attempted for the branch rach quarter, those members wishing to tako part to sead thejr mames, and the method they wish to ring, to the chairman, who will make elrangemeuts as to time, place etc. It was thought this would create interest amongst the younger memllers.

Thanks to the Vicar for the use of the leells, aiso to Mr. G Capewell for having everything in readiness, were passed.
The tower was again wisited alld touches of Grandsire, Stedman nad Plain Bob were brought round before the successful and pleasant Heeting came to an end.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S 80th BIRTHDAY.
The annual mecting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole an Saturday, Mareli 18th, and was attended hy aboust 30 ringers from Beverley Minster, Far Headingley, Burley (Leeds), Heminghrough, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Kirt Ella, Market Weighton, Ponteiract, Gelby Abbey, Sherburn-iu-Elmet and the local company. The Ficar of Goole (the Rev. Canon Knightall) conducted tho service, and the preacher was the Rev, F. Castledine, Vicar of Thorne. After tea, in Hackforth's Oafe near the church, the Vicar pregided over the business meeting, and the rehiring officers, Mescrs. F. Gryer (vice-president) and A. Walker, C. Hill and A. E. Sellers (committeemeu). were all re-elected for a period of three years.
The secretary was esked to write to Mr. Gryer, the vice-president, congratulating him on his reaching his 80th birthday on March $13 t_{\text {h }}$ лad expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to lis weval good bealth. Mr. Gryer was absent from the meetigg owing to an nood health.

Mr. Hill proposed and Mr. Meadley seconded, that a guggestion be brought before the Genera] Committee that a Deputy Ringing Master be appointed to each district.
In replying to a vote of thanks, the Ficar weicomed the association to Goole, and said he would be pleased to see the memberg at Goale at any time. On the motion of $\mathbf{M r}$. R. Oren seconded by Mr. A. H. Fox, a vote of thanks was accorded to the local company, and Mr. C. Hil! replied welcoming the members.

The mombers learned with deep regret. through "The Ringing World,' of the death of Mr. W. Fountanis, of York Minster, and after the company had stood in silence to his memory, the secretary way asked to write a letter of sympathy to the relatives.

The hope was expressed that Mr. G. Forner, of York Minster, Fould soon be fulty recovered from his i]lness.

Eastringion was selected as the next place of meeting in June.
The methods rume during the day included Gravdsire, Stedman, Jlain and Treble Bon, Druble Norwich, St. Glement's, Dobble Oxford

## NOTICES.

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 BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (r2) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division. - A meeting of this division will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April rst. Beils (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea and business meetingAll ringers welcome.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.-A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Please send card for tea to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Essex.-C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.-A meeting will be held at Benwell (bells 6) on Saturday, April ist, at 3 p.m. These beils have just been rehung, so please give the Benwell chaps a good restart.-Tack Roach, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at South Anston Church (bells 8) on Saturday, April ist. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, $3^{2}$, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield. All welcome.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., $\mathrm{E}_{3}$, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.-Quarterly meeting at Alresford on Saturday, April ist next. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and business meeting.-W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. The next meeting will be held at Cophull, on Saturday, April ist. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea, 9d. each, for which please notify Mr. J. Blackburn, 38 , Park Road, Cophull, near Chorley. Special invitation to friends from Preston Branch. - S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by the business meet-ing.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, to-morrow, Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.-N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Milnrow, to-morrow, Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers wel-come.-I. Kay, Sec.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.-The new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn on Sunday, April 2nd, at the 10.30 service.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, April 2nd, 10 a.m. Practice, St. Clement Danes, April 24 th, at 6.45, followed by quarterly mecting at 8.15 p.m., and St. Mary Lambeth, May 2nd, at 8 p.ni. T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.-Dedication of new treble, completing ring of six, by the Vicar at morning service on Sunday, April 2nd. The work has been done by Gillett and Johnston.

BRONLLYS, TALGARTH, BRECONS.-Reopening of the bells on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Notification to the Vicar for tea, which will be supplied at a nominal charge. The five bells restored and a new treble added to make six by John Taylor and Co.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Cooperative Street, Horbury, by Wednesday, April 5th. This is specially arranged to honour two of the locai company, who have been regular service ringers at this tower for 50 years. A good attendance is hoped for, and all will be welcome. D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.-Ringing arrangements for Easter Sunday: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, morning 10 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 5 p.m. Visitors witl be welcomed.-G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April roth. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints available from $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at $12.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Address by the Rev. E. William Blyth, Rector of Northrepps. Luncheon (25.6d.) at The Castle Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Kindly notify attendance at luncheon. -F. Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-East Devon Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Awliscombe, near Honiton, on Easter Monday, April Ioth. Bells (6) available 2.30; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Parish Room, 5.I5 p.m. All are welcome. -John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April roth. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at ri. 5 a.m. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at 1 p.m. (free to practising members, 2s. 60. others). His Worship the Mayor of Erith (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) wili preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives ( + ). A new rule to be submitted. All applications for luncheon tickets, accompanied by stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by Tuesday, April 4tb, otherwise too late.- Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 1 I4, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The following towers will be open for ringing on the occasion of the anntal general meeting at Erith on Easter Monday: Bexley (8), 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Crayford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m. ; Dartford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m. ; Erith (St. John's) (8), $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 12 noon; Erith (Christ Church) (8), 10 to $11.45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Sidcup ( 0 ), 10 to 11.15 a a.m. These towers will also be open after the meeting for further ringing. -F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Annıal general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells open: St. Paul's (10) from 10 a.m; Rolleston-onDove (8), II. 30 to 12.30 , I. 30 to 3.30 ; Winshill (6), II to 12 a.m., I. 30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 prompt, followed by general meeting in St. Paul's Institute. Tickets for tea, members is. gd., visitors as., to be obtained not later than Apr. 5 th from J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent. Owing to catering difficalties, please note, those without tickets must fend for themselves.-Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at HERTFORD, on EASTER MONDAY. Ringing from 2 p.m. at All Saints (io bells), St. Andrew's (8), Bengeo (8). Hertingfordbury (5) I. 30 to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service in St. Andrew's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Andrew's, 5 p.m., price 2s., followed by business meeting. Ringing at the three Hertford churches up to 9 p.m. It will help the caterer if your intentions can be sent to the secretary not later than April 6th. Thank you. -G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service at St. Mary-the-Great, 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea at King's Parade Cafe. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 to 3.30 , and in the evening; St. Benet's (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30 p.m., and at 7 p.m. ; Roman Catholic (8), 11 a.m. to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton (6), 11 a.m. to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ringing at Trumpington on application to me.-Kitty Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-IION.-The annual meeting wilt be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April ioth. General business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman : The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.I5 p.nn. Special preacher: The Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. Tea (non-members is. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m., for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), I-2 p.m.; All Saints ( 10 ), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), and St. Nicholas (6). St. Swithun (6, II a.m.-I p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Albans at II. 30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Albans' Church Room, Fish Street, between 12 noon and i p.m. Members are particularly asked to note that St. Helen's Church House will not be available as in previous years.-J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN

 ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Easter Monday next. Bells (io) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow...J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94. Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The annual mecting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Cafe, followed by annual meeting. Will those requiring tea plense notify Mr. F. F. Hill, 5, Arsyll Road, Ripley, by Wednesday, April 5th, certain? -J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. DIOCESAN ASSO CIATION.-Annual general meeting, Stroud, Jlos, on Faster Monday, April 10th. Arrangements: Stroud bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Institute 3.15 p.nn. Tea at Premier Cafe, King Street (1s. per person), 5.13 p.m. (approximately). Painswick bells ( 12 ) available from 6.45 p.m., Stonehouse bells (6) 6.30 p.n3. Half-hourly service of buses from Stonehouse to Stroud. Please notify me with regard to tea by April 6th.-Edgar Guise, Hon. Secretary, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. - The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 1oth. Bells available: St. Mary's, Ewell, I a.m. to 12.30 ; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Christ Church, Epsom, 3.30 to 4.55, and again in the evening. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m., followed by tea at Christ Church Hall at is. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, April 5th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey

LINCOLN DIOCESAX GUILD.-Northern Branch. -A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at North Rauceby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, Aprit 15th. Bells (5) open fron 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 3, followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided free of charge by the Vicar to all who notify him at The "Vicarage, Rauceby, near Sleaford, by Thursday previous. -H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.-The annual general meeting wilt be held at Ipswich on April 15th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and service 4.30 , both at St. Mary-te-Tower. Address by Rev. Basil Eden, of Bredfield. Tea at 5.15 in Co-operative Hall, followed by meeting. The following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Mathew's(6), Rushmere (6), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6), St. Lawrence (5).-H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

IANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church (R.C.), Chorley ( 8 bells), on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The second annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, April 15th, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets, 3 s . 6 d each, can be obtained from Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs. Hanley Tower ( 10 bells) will be available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Witney and Woodstock Branch.-The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Tackley on Saturday, April 15th next. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please inform me on Wednesday, April 12th, first post.-W, Evets, Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford,

GUILD. OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea please notily me by Monday, April [0th? -R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nealı Exeter.

SOMERLEYTON, NEAR LOWESTOFT.-The ring of six bells, rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sursday, April 16 th, at 3 p.m.
ST. GILES - IN - THE - WOOD, TORRINGTON, DEVON.-The ring of six bells, restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, April 19tli, at 7 p.m.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Full particulars later.-C. T. Coles, Gen. Sec.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS ( 8 bells), Saturday April 29th.

LADIES' GC'ILD.-London District.-No ringing at the Borough during Holy Week, so the next practice will be on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7.30. We want a bumper attendance on that date.-I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec

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## BIRTH.

FIELD.-March 2Ist, to Joan Philippa Sidney (nee Davidson), the wife of Edward Theodore Paul Field, Ridouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford, the gift of a daughter (Margaret Elizabeth Jear).

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at St. Luke's Church on Saturday. Visitors attended from Heanor, Sawley, Nottingham, Tickuali Melbonne and Broaston. The lowa towers were well represented in $n$ company of about, Lhirty, Methoits rung were Hols Major, Grandsire, Kent and Oxforii Treble Bab, Stedman and Donble Norwich. Six new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meating at West Hallam on April g9th. A well-struck touch of stedman Doubles on the back six bronglit the meeting to a close.

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It will not, we think, be serjously disputed that peal ringing does improve the standard of striking. Taken by and large the peal ringers set a higher value on striking than the non-peal ringers. Peal ringing requires a more sustained effort in the command of one's bell; it demands more concentrated attention upon the method than shorter lengths, and these two things in combination lead, at any rate in the long run, to better ringing on all occasions. That is one and perhaps the chief of the many things to be gained from peal ringing. A poor ringer has got to improve his striking if he desires to ring peals, otherwise he soon finds he is not wanted; a good ringer keeps himself keyed up by his peal ringing activities. Another important thing to go to the credit of peal ringing is the fact that it is one of the means of creating and keeping interest in the art. It is a goal to which young ringers are, or should be, encouraged to look, and the proportion of beginners who drop out after reaching this stage is nuch less than those who are lost before they have rung a peal.
What is being done to encourage young ringers in this direction? The committee's report tells us that in the course of the year 552 ringers rang their first peal. That means that there was, on an average, a 'first' in $\mathbf{2 7 . I}$ per cent. of the peals rung. Looking back over the last five years we find that this is below the average. Stimulated by the high percentage of 34.5 in 1935, the percentage over the period has been $29 \cdot 7$, and it appears as if we are slipping back a little. It happens that the highest number of peals rung in any one year was in 1913-exatctly a quarter of a century ago. In a total of $\mathbf{2 , 3 5 9}$ peals, there were 710 ringers who rang their first
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peal, which works out at one 'first' in $3^{1}$ per cent. of the peals. The falling off is, therefore, not a very heavy one, but it is, we feel, a decline that ought not to be allowed to continue. The 'first pealers' of to-day are the ringers upon whom this side of the art has to depend in the future. What proportion they form of the total number of peal ringers it is impossible to say, but it would be interesting if the associations would get out their individual statistics on this point, so that they might be collated. Spread over a period of years this information might prove exceedingly useful. At any rate, the figures we have quoted indicate that more opportunity generally should be given to young ringers to ring their first peal.

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A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 6079 OHANEES;
Lester L. Gray ... ... ...Tyebla James W. Gronnds .... ... 6
William E. Flejcerir ... 2 Ricaard Dral ... .... .... 7 Benjanin Knigetis ... .... 3 Josbpr H. Ridyard ... ... B Joan Bootr ... ... ... ... 4 Franr Varty ... ... 4 .** 9 Norman Hears ... ... ... 5 Ralph Edwards ... Composed by A. Knigers (26). Conducted by J. H. Ridyard, A birthdey compliment to the wife of N. Heaps.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCTATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventem Minter,
At tar Cavrce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, B040 CHANGES;
Tesor Igis cwt.
Franz E. Darby .... ...Tyeble Jobn S. Goldsmite ... .... 6

- Miss Gwendoline Kippin 2

Mrs. C. H. Kippis *n *U 3
Wiglian H. Hewrit ... 4 Rechen Sanders .... ... 9 Frederice G. Woodiss ... 5 Ergderick E. Colling ...Tenoy Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Frgbrricx E. Coilins.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal, Eirst peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor:

BLAOEBURN, LANOS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASEOGIATION
(Blagemorn Branch.)
On Salwyday, April 1, 1930, in Thye Howrs afil Eleven Minwet, At tee Cazgedral Ceurch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF BO日 ROYAL, 6040 GHANEES! Tenor 15 cwt.
Frgd Hindlr ....

- Lacrence ]. Wiliams ..Treble †Sinmey Brown on* .a* ** 6 ... Tgouas Wicson ... ... 7 | Josepg Woods ... ... ... |
| :--- | $\dagger$ Fred Read... ... .. ... 4 †Hebhert Holden ... ... 9 †Leslie L. Williams ... j †jacz Cebgg... ... ... ...teror

Composed by G. W. Drbentam, Condacted by L. J. Williams,

* First peal in the method. + First peal on ten bells. Firgt peal as conductor on ten bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES
TEE SDSEEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
On Saburday, April 7, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Sixtotn Minntes, At thi Churci of St. John-the-Baptigy,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES; Tenor i 7 cwt I qr .20 lb.

Wilpred Boota - Arteur F. Lewry ... ...Treble Lescie W. Jarvis - Frane H. Hicrs Frane Bannetx... ... ... 2 ... $\quad . . .3$ ** ... 5 Composed by John Rogers.

* First peal on ten belle.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HYDE CHESHIRE

THE OHESTER DIOOESAN GULLD
On Satryday, March 25, 1939, in Threc Howys and Fine Minutes,
At the Caurca of St. Georgr,
A PEAL OF L日NDON SURPRIBE HAJOR, EOBE OHANOES; Tenor 18 cwt
William Fbrnley ... ...Troble Tow Wilde ... ..- ... ... 5 James Fbanley ... ... ... 2 Lionel Clotga ... ... ... 6 Rey. Franz Bonmer ... ... 3 James A. Milnbr ... ... 7 Joan Worta

Eknbit Bennetr... .... ....Tonor
Composed by J. W. Washbroon, Condacted by Ernest Bemnett
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Wilde.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
TEE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 26, 7939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Five Minstes, At tere Croech of Ali. Salite.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 71 owt.
John N. A. Poxparey ...Treble William R. Whst ... ... 5
William C. Medler ... ... 2 Herbert Laskey ... ... 6
Joan A. Godprey ... ... 3 Walter J. Ford... ... ... 7

Composed by F. N. Golden. Conducted by E. V. Blakb.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. S. Sharpe, of Marsham. SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, March 30, 1939, in Thve Howrs and Ten Minwies, At tae Paiser Ceuece.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 509 CHANGE8;

- William Dawson .... ...Tyebla| Girling Rigby ... ... ... 5
- Charles Hotcbinson
W. Riceardgon Drage

Ernegt Morris... ... ... 7
William Varkab
Composed by N. Pisstow.
Edmund C. Censty ... ...Tomar
Conducted byi Ernast Morris,

* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOOLATION.
On Friduy, March 31, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Eight Minstes,
At taz Cefreb of Si. Patlines,

## A PEAL OF BUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHAMGEB;

 Tedor $12 \frac{7}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.Ernbst H. Oxentam
Treble Geoprrey V. Merpay
Herbert e, Addgley ... 2 Herbert A. Holden ... ... 6
Derbr M. Searr ... ... 3 Harry Hoverd ... ... ... 7
-Jobn O. Weller ... ... 4 Peilip A. Corgy... ... ...Tener
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
Conducted by D. M. Searp.

* First peal in the methad. First peal in the tnethod as conductor. BUSHEY, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April1, 1939, in Tuto Hours and Forty-nee Minwles, At tbe Cborch of St. Jambs,


## A PEAL of hapgbury surprise major, go2 chances ;

 Tenar 13 cwt .John E. Rootss.
..Tvabe
Cbristopher W. Woolley
Edwin Jfnnings ...
Frances Kıri
The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate All Fools' Day WROTHAM, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Thre Hours and Ten Minwtes, At the Cgoreg of St. Grorge.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8024 CHANGE8; Tenor 20 cmt .
Robbri G. Raypigld... ...Treble William A. Oldeibld ... 5
Cgarles H. Song ... ... a Frbderice S. Macry ... ... 6
Tgomas E. Sone ... ... ... 3 Percy Page ... ... ... ... 7
Tom Sadmders ... .... .... 4 Loterr J. Honess
Composed by A, Knjgets (No. 379). Conducted by Tbomas E. Sone
HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, April 1. 1939, in There Howrs and Nixe Mburtes,
At the chulch of All Santis,
A PEAL OF 8T. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 GHANLES; Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 13 cwt .

IVan R. Pollard
Wilifam Gorringes

|  | ... Treble |  |
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|  | ... 3 |  |
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$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Norman H. Palmer } & \ldots & . . . & 5 \\ \text { Willian Wenban } & \ldots & \ldots & 6 \\ \text { C. Alpred Lbybit } & \ldots & \cdots & 7\end{array}$ Wieliam Lavetz... $\quad .$. Conducted by C. A. Levert.

The first peal of St. Clement's by the band, on the bells sad for the association.

PRIVETTF, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCLSAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 7, 1939, im TwoHows and Fifty-Five Minules, As the Cequch or the Holy Teinity,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, SOSO CHANGEB; Tenor $12 \frac{2}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
hemay Jennings ... ...Treble Erederick S. Bayley ... s
Raymohd Pbilpotit ... ... 2 Jack M. Crippsi ... ... ... 6

- Ernest J. Ayliffe ... ... 3 C. Ernest Smitr $\quad . .$.

William T. Begson... ... 4 Frgderice W. Rogbrs .... Tenow
Composed by C. Midoebion. Conducted by Fabderick W. Rogers

* First Surprise peal on an 'iuside' bell.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MDDDLFEEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April Y, 7939, in 7 hres Hours and Three Minutas, At ter Chorce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF double morwich gourt bob major, bors chanees; Tenor $18{ }^{8}$ cwt.
J. Armigrr Trollopr
-Norman H. Manning ...T Trable William Welling ... ... 5
anne Harry Kilby .... ... $3 . . .6$
 Composed and Conducted by James E. Davis.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SHOREHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Satwylay, April 1, 1939, in Two Hows and Foyty-Six Hinites; at the Ceurct of SS. Pettre and Pall.
A PEAL OF BEB TRIPLEB, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cst}$.

## - Robert Collins

Derek M. Starp
Dbrek M. Sbarp
-.. ... 2 Ernest J. Ladorp

Composed by H. Hgbeard. ${ }^{4}$ Conducted by D. M. Sharp.

* First peal of Bob Triples. + First peal of Bob Triples away from the treble. First peal of Bob Trizhes as conductor. First peal of Bob Triples on the bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOOATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fïve Minuts,
At the Parish Cbugch, Pritrleweli,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 505 CHANGES!

-Cyril E. Smity na ... ...Tyubif
Damis T. Broce
Damis T. Broce ... ... 2
....... 2 Fipane B Lome
+Frank W Sbyanvil … 3
Composed by J. A. Trollopr,

* First pesl at first ather Conducted by Franr B. Lofrin. of Bob Major.


## OSPRTNGE, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sathràay, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, At the Chorce on SS. Peter and Pade,

## a feal of double morwich court bob major, sote chamees

Tenor 18 年 cwt .
Grorge W. Fogdem ... ...Tyble
Doris G. Dobbre.,. ... .... 2
Dennis G. Brown ... ... 3
Herbert A. Holden...
Composed by J. Barrett.

Clabrnce H. Dobble... ... 5 | Harryce Hoverd | .+. | ... | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Arybur S. Richards... } & \cdots & 7 \\ \text { Pbilipa }\end{array}$



## SIX BeLL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFTOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sumbay, March 26, 7939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minefas, Az tere Cgurce of Sx. Andeew.
A PEAL OF MINOR, BO40 CHANPE8;
Consisting of 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720 's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9y ewt.
Lawis J. Last ... $\ldots$....Trable Ernist W. PyE ... .** ... 4
Frark L. Fisher... ... ... 2 Sylvia R. E, Bowyer .... 5
 Conducted by Sylvia R, E, Bowyrr.
Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Hilda G. Snowden, Lewis J. Last and Sylvia R. E. Bowyer.

BURGH, SUFFOLT
THE SUFFOLK GULLD.
Un Monday, March 27, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forfy-Three Minwtes. At ter Chercei of SS. Andrew and Botolpg,

A PEAL OF MINOR, GO40 CHANPE
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720 'g each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cut.
Lewis Last ... ......
Daisy M. Andrews ... .... 2 Gegrge Watzrman ... ... 5
Cecil W. Pipe ... ... ... 3 Urban W. Wildney .... ... Tomor
Conducted by Urean W. Wildney,
A birthday preal for Miss Bowyer.
HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSEIRE GULLD.
On Monday, Maych 27, 1939, in Two Hows and Fonty-Five Minutes,
Ax the Cborce of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEESI
Ten different callings.
Tenor 7 cwt .4 lb . in A.
Cbarleg R. Lilley...
*Gearge West ... ...
†Tbomas Holland
Cond ***
...Treble

- Lestie Bakfr

Belan Pidgron .... Condacted by Crarleg R. Liceey.

* First peal away from treble. + Fitst peal. First peal on the bells.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATLON.
On Wedresday, Maych 29, 1939, in Two Bows amd Fifly Minates, At ter Chorce of the Hoey Trinity,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE HINOR, 6040 CHANEES; Sicren 7209 s called differently.
William A. Wood ... ...Treble
Mies Doris G. Dobbie ... 2
Staniey B Dobrie 3 Grizur S. Boar ... ... .... 5
Conducted by George A. Naymor.
Firgt peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the 5th ringer. CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGE DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minmhe, As tes Cauzce of Sr. Joresthe-Baptex,
A PEAL OF DOURLES, SONO CHANEES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bot and 30 six-gcorea of Grandsire 14 difarent callings).
Rev. A Broose WesrcoreTreble Ged

-Jobn Hunx... ... ... ... 3 Eric Cbameers ... ... ...T Thor
Conducted by J. Gearfrey Geazy.

* First peal of Doubles, Rung to celebrate the attaining of urban status, on that day, of the town of Corby. MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE EENT GOUNTY ABSOCLATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Thret Minxtes At the Parter Crimer,
A PEAL OF RAANDSIRE DOUBLE8, s040 CHANEES;
Being 42 gix-scores (ten variations of calling). Tenor 124 cwt.
- Gropge T. Vandrrpere ...Tyobld $\ddagger$ Josbpe F. Wicss
+Grorge J. Bctcarir... ... 2 \#
-Grorge Turner ... .t. 3 Eerch. Butler .... ...Tempt Conducted by Grorgr J. Boxcher.
* First peal. $\ddagger$ First peal of Doubles on tower belle. \# First peal of Doubles.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIEE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GURLD.
On Satnrday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutar, AT GLTM Gartin,
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, EO5O CHANBE8; Tenor, size 17 in $A$.

| Horman Tormington | $\ldots$ | I-2 | Albert F. Sargent | ... | ... | $5-6$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rupgrt Richardson... | $\ldots$ | $3-4$ | Micbabl Wiggins | ... | ... | $7-8$ |


F First peal of Major.

## MERE, WLTS

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, Mareh 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Six Minstes,
At ine Close.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5090 GHANGE8;
Being five six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob, four of Antelope and 30 of Grandsire.
-H.J. Ralfe

> †Mrs. E. Coward
> Condacted by E. G. L. Coward.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

WEST BEIDGFORD, NOTTINGEAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOUIATION,
On Twesday, March 28, 1939, in Ome Hour and Thirty-Four Minuts,
At 9, Pataick Road,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE8, 5040 CHANEES
Being 20 six-scores of Gruadsire and 22 of Plain Bub.
Harold Brown
Harold Parfrement... ... 5 -6
Conducted by Ralpa Nazborovgh,
First peal on handbeils in two methods by all.
ROTHERHAM, YORKSHTRE.
THE YORKSFITE ASSOCIATION.
On Twestay, March 28, 1939, in Two Howv and Twelve Minutes, At Birkby, Doncaster Road,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, E162 CHANGE8;

Mrs. T. C. Ryder

Composed by Geo. Lewis. Conducted by A. Nasr.
ENITELD, MDDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASEOCLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tusday, March 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Mirwtes, AI 45. Walsingeam Road,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAIOR, 5024 CHANEE8; Tenor, size 12 in F .
 Ceristopger W. Woolley 3-4 "Edwim A. Barnett ...* .4. $7-8$ Composed by T. Harge. Conducted by C. W. Woonesy.

* First peal in the method on handbells. BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 31, 7939, in Two Unuys and Twenty Minntes,
At ter Royal Masonic Jonjor Schoje,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 GHANGES;
Henry Hodgetig .... ... I-2 I Farold G. Casemore ... 5-G Ceristoprer W, Woolrey 3-4| Frbderice W. Brinazow... -8 Composed by H. G. Casamorb. Conducted by F. W. Batazlow. Umpire-Edwin Jennings.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise as conductor on bandlbells.
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).


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Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.


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c-Cambridge b-Kent Trebie Bob Pain Boo p-kent Treble Bob, Uxinat Treble Bob and

Plaitr Bob
-Kont Treble Bab and Plain Rob
s-Saperlative (2). Cambridge (3). Yorkshiren New Cambrida, Rochosber and Pudsey Surpriae and Doahle Norwleh

CINGUES
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- Entin b-Granisire a-One Grandsire ROYAL-NTAPRISE
All Cumbridge except
a-Pataswick nita Yorkahire b-One Yorkahire - -London (2)

TREBLE BOB
Ail Kent axcent
--One Kent
c-Oxford

## PLATN METHODS

All Plain Bob except

- One Fittile Bobl b-Ibleworth Bob
c -Double Norwict (5) d-Double Bob
MAJOR - NEW SURPRISE AND MIS-
CELIAN POUB BURPRISE
a-Ickletor, Apsley. Kendsl, Fitchin, Southall,
Geabergh, Bannds, Woodstom, Dolrow.
Gedbergh, Banneda, woodgtow,
Yardam, Tileharat and Newbury
b-Cranbonrae Gyppeswick
a-Stratiord e-Rochaster (d)
1-Ashtead
13-New Cambriuge (3). Staffozdahire \& Painswick
-New Cambridge
-Pudsey, Nep Cambidge, Real Double Super lative, Belgrave (2) ana Palpawick
m-Beacounfield, Nem Cambtdge (2), Lincolyahire and Cranbourne
[-Norfolk

OTEER TRHBLE BOB
a-Alblom and Kent mad Oxfora b-Kent and Oxford

## SPLIOED PLAIN METHODS

a-Donble Normich ard Plain Bob
b-Plain Bob, Boable Bob, \#erewnex Bob nad Donble Orfard Bob

## OTHER PLAIN METHODE

s-St. Ctement'a College (3) and Crayford College b-Double Bob
-OHzinal
-Wymondham and Dooble Oxford

TBIPLES-OTHER METHONS
a-Orford Bob b-Oxford Bob \& Plein Hob c-oxiard Bob (7) Darleston \& St, Cloment's

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MLNOR \＆DODBLES， 1938.

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 HANDBELL PEALS， 1938.

a－Tพu Oriord．b－Two Kent．G－One E methoda：Originas，Bererse， Double，Gafaboronah，L弓twe and Plain Bub－Ona 2 methods：Bt． Clmene and Crsford College d－One in 19 methods．One in 14 methode．E－Incinding ome in 4 and one［n 3 methode．

## REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE．

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon peals rung in 1938 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsan Tuesiray：
The year 1938 shows an increage in the number of peals rung as compered with 1957.
The following summary shows comparative figures：－

|  |  | 1937 |  | 1938 |  |
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|  |  | Tower | Handibells | Tower | Handbelis |
| Meximus | $\ldots$ | ．． 16 | 1 | 24 | 1 |
| Cinques |  | ．．． 55 | 1 | 44 | 3 |
| Royal |  | 72 | 8 | 69 | 9 |
| Caters |  | 65 | 8 | 81 | 7 |
| Major | ．．． | ．． 689 | 25 | 741 | 36 |
| Triples | ．．． | 312 | 13 | 314 | 11 |
| Minor | －．． | 464 | 5 | 49） | 17 |
| Doubles | ．．． | 169 | － | 181 | 7 |
|  |  | 1，841 | 61 | 1.944 | 91 |

TOWER BELLS．
Peals of Mraximus have increased by 8 ，this being shown in Surpriso methods．Cinques have decreased ty 9 ，stedman by 3 and Gravdsire by 6 ．
Royal have decreased by 3；Surprise have decreased by 12，Treble Bob by 4 ，and plain methods have increasad by 13 ．Caters bnva increased by 15 ，Stedman by 4 and Grandsire by 1.
Major mehods show an jimerease of 52．Surprise mathods have increased 37；Spliced by 10；Londan by 11；Superlative by 11；York－ shire by 7；new Surprise methods by 5 ；sundry Surprise methods ly 10．Cambrjdge loave decreased by a and Bristol by 9．Kellt Trebla Bab have decreased by 27；Oxford have increaged by 1 and other Treble Bob methods by 1．Double Norwich lrave increased by 14 ； Plain Bob by 34 and other plain methods have decreased by 6 ．
Triples remain practically the same．There is one peal less of Stedman，one more of Grandsire and two more of other methode．
Minor have increased this year by 26 ，after liaving shown a decrase for some time．In ono method peals hsve increased by 21 ；in two methods by 1 ；in fuve methods by 4 ；in six by 5 ；in methods over eight by 13．Peals in three methods have decreased by 5 ；in four methods by 4 and in seven methods by 9 ．
In Doubles there is an increase of 12．In ane method peals liave increased by 5 ；in three methods by 2 ；in four methods by 4 and in six methods and over by 1 ．

## HANDBELLS．

There is a very gratifying increase in peab this year．Thirty more have been rung．There are two more peals of Stadman Cinques，ona more of Royal，oua less of Caters，eleven more of Major，two lens of Tripleb，twelve more of Minor and seven more of Dotrbles．

## ASSOCIATJONS．

The Kent County association，with an increase of 9，still bead the list with 151 peals．The Midland Counties come next witly 137 ，an increase of 29 over their last yebr＇s total．The Chester Guitd follow witl 125 ，an incresge of 24 ；the Essex with 124，an increase of 33 ； the Suffolls with 115，an increase of 9 ；the Yorkshire with 107 ，an increase of 23 ；the Norwich with 101，n decrease of 7．No other ussociation reached 100 peals．Twenty－four associations show ar increase and 20 a dectease．

## NEW METHODS．

5，024 Ickleton Surprise Major，by the Hettford County Association， February 5tb．
5，024 Clacton Surprise Major，by the Suffolk Gurid，February 16th，
5， 088 Spliced Landon，Bristal，Cambridge，Superlative，Ealing and Rutiand Surprise Major，by the Hertford County Association， March 31st．
5，056 Spliced Bristol，Cambrjdge，Ealing，London，Rutland．Sıperla－ tive，Watford，Wembley aud Yorkshire Surprise Major，by tho Middlesex Comty Association，april 5th．
5， 120 Spliced London，Cambridge，Superlative，Bristol and Watford Surprise Major，by the Fertford County Association，April 5th．
5，024 Lavenham Surprise Majur，by the Suffolk Guild，April 22ud．
5，056 Stratford Surprise Major，by the Warwickshire Guild，April 284th．
5，280 Apsley Surprise Major，by the Herlford County Association， April 30th．
5，184 Kendal Surprise Major，by the Fertford County Association， May 21st．
5，056 Hitchin Surprise Major，by the Fertford County Assoriation， May 2Ath．
5，024 Cranbourne SuTprise Major，by the Middlesex County Assonia－ tion．Jume 16th．
5．024 Southall Surprise Major，by the Herfford County Association， June 18th．
5，056 Ashbourne College Bob Major，by the Middesex County Associa－ tion，July 6th．

5,004* Sedbergh Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, Augusi 27th.
5,056 Raunds Surprise Major, by the Hextiord County Aspociation, September 15th.
5,024 Woodston Surprise Major, by the Fertrord County Association, October 8th.
5,088 Gippeswyok Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 17th 5.024 Delrow Surprise Msjor, by the Hertford County Association, October 22nd.
5,040 Painswick Surprise Royal, by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, October 29th.
5,040 Isleworth Bob Rozkl by the Middlesex County Association, November $12 \mathrm{~h}^{2}$
5,056 Ferulam Surpise Major, by the Fertford County Association, November 5 th.
5,024 Thielutst Surprise Major, by the Fertiold County Association, November $120 t h$.
5,152 Loughborough Surprise Major, by the Buffolk Guild, Decemner 5 th.
5,088 Newbury Surpriso Major, by the Hertford County Association, Decomber 25 th.
5,088 Sphiced Plain, Donble, Hereward and Dotble Oxford Bob Major, by the Norwich Diacesan Associstiou, December Ilt

HANDBELLS.
5,040 Spliced Original, Reverse, Double, Gainsbarough Little and Plain Rob Major, by the Lincoln Guild, April 6th.
Three of the neals of Spliced Surprise Major, being the first peals in their respective combination of methods, are noted above under Now Methods. Apart from these, the only Spliced Surprise Major peaks rung in other than the fonr methods London, Cambriage, Bristot and Superlative were as follows: Lincoln Guild and Worcester and Disiricts Association each one in the following six methods: London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superiative, Rutland and Pudsey. The last-named essociation also records bwo peals in five methods, namely: London, Bristol, Cambrjdge, Superlative and Lincolnshire. Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, one in two methods, namely : Cambridge and Superlative.

GENERAL
Noteworthy performances of the year were a peal of Minor in 84 methods by the Ohester Diocesan Guild, and two peals of Minor on handbells-1 in 14 methods and 1 in 19 methods by the Lincoln Diocessn Guild.
The following are the number of pesis rung during each month in

|  |  | 1938 | 1939 |  |  | 1938 | 1939 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | $\ldots$ | 165 | 116 | July | $\ldots$ | 138 | 118 |
| February | $\ldots$ | 189 | 137 | August | $\ldots$ | 164 | 148 |
| Mareh | $\ldots$ | 140 | 110 | September | $\ldots$ | 162 | 150 |
| April | $\ldots$ | 188 | 144 | October | $\ldots$ | 166 | 181 |
| May | $\ldots$ | 158 | 315 | November | $\ldots$ | 173 | 162 |
| Jine | $\ldots$ | 158 | 134 | December | $\ldots$ | 234 | 187 |

The number of ringers who heve scored their first peal is 550-three less thay in 1837. On eight bells and over, 67 rang the treble, 109 inside sad 34 the tenor; on 5 and 6 belis 121 rang the treble, 156 inside and 58 the teacr. The number wha rang their first peal in a different methad or methed on a different number of belis is 1,324 , an increase of 84 . Ringers of their first peal inside number 68 ; away from the tenor 13 ; Maximus 31; Cinques 8; Royal 41; Caters 9; Majar 78: Tripies 36; Minor 102; Doubles 64; on twelve bells 46 ; ten 46; eight 72; six 10; five 7; Surprise 24 ; in land 18; in method in hand 19. New conductors number 67, a decrease of 5 ; conductors in new methods number 127 .

Other footnotes show thot 57 were the first on the bells; 195 the first in the method on the bells and 20 the first since restoration or augmentation. Five peals were rang for royal birthdays; 31 for church festivals snd dedications; 69 for weddings (including silver and golden); weicome and farewell 61 : muliled and half-munted 63; Empire Day 3; thanksgiving for peace 8; Armistice Day 8.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years aince 1881, the total for the whole period being 72,643:


## 'RINGING UP.'

## To the Sditor.

Sir,-May I thank pour two correspondents for their letters, but express my regret that, in view of the importance of this subject, no more letters were forthcoming?

Possibly a sense of modesty prevails, or can it be that out bend is not, ifter all, so very differeni. from the majority? "TOKEL."

## John Taylor \& Co.

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LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

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## BELERY GOSSIP.

Fonanimy Ertablishad A.D. 1670 (19th year of reign of Elizabeti).

The prayers of all ringers are earnestly desired for the recovery of Mrs Paul Field, of Ridouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford, who is 日eriously ill.
Tho suggestion that the College Youths and the Gumherlands should hold a joint meeting is to be adopted. Last week the Colkege Youthe, at their meeking, decided to accept the invitation, and the probability is the gathering will be held at Groydon, where there is within easy reach a peal of twelye and two fings of ten.

There bas been some rearrangement of the times that bellg will be available in connection with the Herts Association's annual meeting ut Fertford. Owing to weddings, Bengeo bells will not be avail able until 3.30 p.m., hut Fatfield bells can be wsed from II a.m. to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, in addition to the other times advertised.
In conmection with the invitation to tea extended to members of the Gloncester and Bristol Diocesan Association by Mr. O. Heuer Percy, of Cowley Manot, when they meet at Cowley on April 15th, it is interesting to recall that Henry Bret, Lord of the Manor of Cowley, was Master of the College Ycuths in 1701.
One of the sequels to the handbell ringing done $b_{y}$ memberg of St. Mary's Cathedral Society at the Empire Exhibition at Glasgaw last year was a request of the loan of a set of handbells for Scout 'Gang Show,' which later ran for a week at Glasgow Theatre Royal. After some tuition they turned out 'The Musical Morgans,' who geve a very creditable exhibition of tune ringing, aithough they had never previously geen hambells.

## GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VISITS BELFRY.

INSPECTE VICTORIA OATHEDRAL BFILSS.
The Lieutenant Gorernor of Britisin Columbia and Mrs. Hamber visitcd Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on Mareh $10 t h$, for the purpose of inspecting the bells. They were welcomed at the Cathedral steps by the Rt. Rev. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of Columbia, and the Wery Rew. S. H. Ellidet, Dean of the Catbedral.
The bells were rutig to welcome the visitors and were ringing isg they arrived at the Cathedral and ag they climbed the spiral ataircese to the ringing chamber. As the Lieutenant Governor entered the ringing chamber the ringers 'fired ' the bells in his honour, and then eet them.
After being introduced to the ringers and hawing the method of chnnge ringing explained to him, His Honour climbed up into the belfry and inspeated the bells. He expressed particular interest in tze tenor and 7th bells, which were named by gracions permission of Her Majesty Queer Mary. The tenor is named "King George $\nabla$." and inscribed:-
'God save the King,'
Obrist Heaven's King be pleased with this ring.
The 7th bell is named 'Queen Mary':-
God bless Queen Mary,
I hail the Festa! Day.
While His Honour was in the belfry, short touch of 42 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung so that he might see the movement of the bells, and on his return to the ringing chamber the ringers rang a touch of 350 ehanges. His Honour was then conducted xand the Cathedral by Bisfop Sexton and Dean Eliot, when he inspected the chancel rails, which are of special interest, being a gift from Westminster Abbey, and are those in front of which their Majestaes King George W. and Queen Elizabeth knelt during their marriage service.
Those taking part in the ringing were E. W. Izard, Miss Margaret Izard, A. C. Melivish, R. Lane, W. Sampson, A. King, A. Lomas, T. Guest, J. Huthbints, E. J. Merrett and D. Boniface.

On Tuesday, February 28th, well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsite Triples was rung by E. W. Izard, Margaret Izard, A. G. Melhuish, R. Lane, W. Sampson, A. King, A. C. Lomas and J. Hutchings. This was the first quarter-peal by Miss Izard, R. Lane and J. Hutchings

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD'S LOSS.

## BRANCE PRESIDFIVT'S DEATH

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guid hilve sustained a great lass by the death of their president the Rev. A. G. Begslaw, Rural Defin and Vicar of Finedon, who died very suddenly on Tuesday, March 28tb.
For the past four years the deceased gentleman had been president and attended most of the branch meetings, making fhers bright and cheery by the most effcient way be had of presiding
The bells were chimed before the funeral service, held in Finedon Parish Church, and again as the large procession made jits way to the cemetery.

Aboat 50 clergy took their places among the mourners
Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary, and Mr. A. Bigley, branch Becretary, were present to represent the Guild, and several ringers Froma Irthlingborough, Mr. D. Dejgbton, Rushden, and Mr. O. Payne, of Irchester, together with the local ringers, were also present. A wreath in the shepe of a belt, from the branch, and one from the local band were emong the great number of forsl tributes. The branch wreath was inscribed: ${ }^{\text {W }}$ With deep sympatliy end great respect to our esteemed president. His valued work among us and his kindly way will be rememhered by all.'
Finedon and Irchester bells were rang, half-muffed, later in the cvening, as a last mark of respect.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—65.

## WILLIAM H. HEWETT

One of the best known and most versatile of London ringers is Mr William H. Hewett, who has been towerkeeper at St. Margaret's, Westminster, since 1916 and has rung at that famous church, which stands in the shadoy of Westminster Abbey, for over 800 weddings, two coronations, every opening of Farliament durimg the time he has been attached to the tower, the election and re-election of every Speaker of the House of Commons and many other State occesions, In addition he has helped to make gramophone recordg of St. Margarct's bells, some of pure change ringing and some with choir and organ; he conducted the last item on the programme of the old British Broadcasting Company and the first of the new British Brosdcasting Corporation, when he called a touch of Stedman Triples with the bells mufled on old year's night at Bishopagate, and then, after Big Ben had struck the hour, another touch with the bells open. He rang at Westminster Abley on Armistice Day, 1918, the last time the old six bells were rung, and was among those instrumentel in the renowation of the Abbey bells; for, after this occnsion, his gdvice was bought by Sir Edward Kaapp-Fisher and finally the bells were rehung and made into a peal of aight. That record alone maikes Mr. Hewett's ringing eareer olle of more than ordinary intercts. Beyond this, also, be must bo given the credit of being the first to suggest the holding of joint neetings between associations. Mr. Hewett was born at Camborwell on June 4th, 1886, and was taught to ring it bell at St, George's Chureli, Cambermained a "stones" rineer maned Gt, George's and St at ilest, George's and St, Giles' Cumberwell, and natil 1906, when, a band having met one ehort, he rang the tenor at St. George's to a peal of Etedman Triples with William Pye. His interest kindled,
 per lost no fime taking up clinge ringing, and in the following year, so apt a pupil was he, that he rang ten peals, which included Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative, and became a member at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Jolnn's, Waterloo Road.
He did not, however, ring his first peal as conductor until 1920, when he celled a peal of Double Norwich Major at Beeding, Sussex. He has now rung 465 peals ( 39 on bandbells) and conducted 91 . These include the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-JeBow, Cbeapside, and the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal recorit at Walthsmatow. An unusually large proportion of Mr. Hewett's penls have been rung on ten and tweive bells. There liave been 80 on twelve belle, including 35 of Surprise Maximus (Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire), and 155 on ten bells, including 70 of Surprise Rojal (Cambridge, Yorkslire, Middlesex, Landon and Pudsey). He has taken part in five 'William' peals, and rang in the only peal (Doubles) on the pre-Meformation ring at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Snithfield, for the 800th anniversary of St. Barts.

Among the interesting peais which Mr. Hewett has conducted have been the only peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal, the first peal of Double Norwich Royal in London rung with the bells in the tittums position; Cambridee Royal on, at the time, the heaviest and lightest rings on which it had been rong, Southwark Catiedral and Cudham, Kent. He calied the first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the South of England, st Beddington, in 1928 , and the only peal of Cambridge Royal rung at All Hallowr', Lombard Street. Indeedi, Mr. Hewettrs record includes the first peals of Cambridge Royal in meny churches in and around London. $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch rung br six Oumberlands and घix College Youths, and he also called the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus for the Surrey Association.

## A FIRST 720 OF LONDON MINOR.

On Fridar, March 24th, at St. Mary's Olturch. Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, 720 Londou Surprise Minor was ruag by A. Wapole 1, B. Barber 2, F. Warman 3, S. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (couductor) 5, E. Lasg 6. This is helieved to be the first extent in the method on the hells, and is first extent by all the band, who are all local ringers.

## SILENT BELLS IN HOLY WEEK.

## To the Fditor.

Sir,-In his letter publislıed in your issue of March 24th, Mr. Boa controverts a previous statement of mine by asserting that the suppression of ringing throughout Holy Week is noither 'modern nor "Anglican," As a matter of historical fact, there is strong reason to believe that his atatement is incorrect, and that on two grounds, First, the pre-Reformation rubries, to the best of my kilowlecge, Gave no direction to that effect, but only as regards Thursday and Friday. Secondiy, in other countries, where medimval usages hava contiaued without a break, one still hears belle rang up to Wednesday in Holy Week. I heve in mind such strongholds of ancient Catholiciem as Seville and Malags. Wha custom of silencing belis except for chiming-during five days appears to lave been introduced in England alone-and firt in the Established Church-during the 19th century.

Kington Magaa.

## A WEFK APART

Dear Sir, Mr. Scott seems to forget that Holy Week is the most sacrea of all weeks in the year, and surely ringers can forego thenr ringing for a week. I quite agree that bells are to call the people to worship, but not in this one week in the yoar. This is kept apart from all others. There are some churches that do not allow ringing iu Lent, mostly in the Roman Catholic churches. And, may I add, I think ringers do their bit all through the year without wanting to ring in Holy Week.

FKANK HOPGOOD.
Wimbledon.

## DEATH OF MR. A..B. BENNETT.

FORMERLY SUSSEX ASSOCIATION SECREIARY
A former hon. secretary of the Sussex County Association, Mr, A. B, Bennett, died in London on March 30th, at the nge of 75 years

Barn at Felpham, near Boganr, Mr. Bennett was later in business as a miller at Midturst, whore he lenrued to ring in 1889 . He rang his frst peat at Hursley, Hants, on Boxing Day, 1890, and afterwards scored about 50 more, mostly of Minor, of which he wes a proficient canductor, in the towers on the Sussex and Hampshire border.

He was fon. searetary of the Sussex Association from 1900 to 1907, and froni 1903 to 1905 represented the association on the Central Council. In 1907 the retired from busjuess and went to reside in Loudou, where he joined St. Mary Abbot's Gnild, Kensington, of which he later became breasurer, and had remained a member ever since. Mr. Bennett was a bachelor, and had made his homo for many yeats in a Kensington hotel.
The funeral service took place at St. Mary Abbot's on Mondsy morring.

## LONGEST LENGTH AT GREAT BEDWYN. WILTS,

 BROKFN CLAPPER ENDS PEAL ATTEMPTOn Saturday, April 1st, during an attempt for a peal of Minor at Great Bedwyn, Wilts, three 720 s were ruvg, viz., Double Court, St, Clement's and Oxford Bob. In the fourth 720 (Camhridge) the clapper of the 5th broke, with a noise like a small bomb?" The ringers were Comdr. Poynz, IR.N. 1, W. Hunt 2, Miss M. R. Cross 3. R. Gordon Cross (conductor) 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg 5, A. P. Cannon 6. The tenor is 26 cwt. in D , and the time for the wliree 720 's was 1 bour 30 minutes. This is the longest length on the bells, the 'go' of which is considered rather bad, but there seems lititle lope of getting them rehugg. The bella are a fire-toned peal, but the noige in the ringing chamber is excessive. The bells are so close overhead that the falliea fo round the wheel at backstroke, There are no windows in the Belfry so artificial lighting has to be employed during the day tinme.

Another attempt is to be made at a later date, when, providing no olappers or ropes break, the band are confident they can score the first peal on the bellis.

## THE LATE MR ARTHUR KNIGHTS' COMPOSITIONS,

Dear Sir, One of the last, wishes of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, or Chesterfield, was that we should book up sill lois peaí "compositions" which are rung for the first time, as he had dove. Wil] conductor: please include tha mumber of the peal they call in their report to 'The Ringing World,' or, if they care to, correspond with tis so that Mr. Knights wishes may be carried out?

## 21, Northote Road, Preston, Lanes.

B. A. KNIGHTS.

## RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

At St. Giles' Churgh, Desborough, on Friday, Marely 31st, a halfmuttled quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Manning, of Desbovough, who died suddenly on the previous day. He bad been 5 regular ringer and the tower keeper for many years: A. Jdele 1, S. Burajt 2. R. Idle 3. R. Law 4, D. Teomans 5, F. Kilhorn 6, L. Brown 7, L. Kilborn (comaduetor) 8. First quarter-peal of Kent Major by all.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. <br> GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

## Presentation to the Hon. Secratary.

The golden jubilee of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was celebrated on March 25th. The inauguration meeting was held on March $24 t h, 1889$, withiu sixty yards of Leeds Parish Church, where, with a visit to the tower, the jubilee celebrations commenced. The day's proceedings were not only very enjoyable, but marked with much enthusiasm.
Ringive took place from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in a variety of methods from 羊ajor to Cingues. Service was then held, to which all ringers were invited. The lessons were read by the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Androws). A special anthesn, composed from the Gloucester Cothedral Bell Chimes by Mr, Lee Willimas and set to the words, 0 God, our help in ages pastr,' was finely rendered by the choir.
Before the Ficar (Canon Askwith) began the sermon, he gave a hearty welcome to the society and congratulations upon attaining the golden jubilee. He also woudered how many of the original members Were still aljve, and how many were still able to ring. He himself was not a ringer, he said. He was not sure why, but he thought it was either the weakness of his mathematics or the weakness of his arm or back which made him give up the art. The text of the sermon was taken from I. Corinthing wij. 28. While reading through the verse he came to the word "helps, and lie thought that this exactly fitted the bellingers, who by their regular meatings made themselves efficient helps in forming a luand of workers who were not of tan seen, but were contributing a valuable and important work to God and His Kingdora.

## EOT-FOT SUPPER.

The vext part of the programme was a 'hot-pot' supper and entertainment, beld in Sherwin's Restaurant, which was enjojed by 111 members, their wives and friends
The Fresident alterwards geve the loyal toagt, and apologies for absence were then muounced from the Vicars of Bramley (who attended the service), Burley, Feadingley (St. Michael's), Hunslet, Holbeck and East Ardsley, also from the Editor of 'The Ringing World, the president of the Barnslay Association and Mr. C. E. Lawson.
The tonst to "The Clergy' was ably given by Mr. J. F. Harvey.The Vicar of Leeds replied in a humorous vein, and after this second hearing in a short time ju cntirely different atmospheres, one must upprecinte what an acquisition Canon $A$ shwith js, as luead of the Church in Leeds
Mr. P. J. Jchason gave the chief toast of the evering, "The Continued Prosperity of the Leeds and District Society. Ho sajd he had during his ringing career rung with every secretary of the society from the first to the present holder of that office. He spoke of the time when ringing contests were advertised as open to all England, and faid that, in ons such conlest held at St. Chad's, Headingley, the ringing continued through the night and finished on Sundey morning. Continuing, he said he thought the Leeds Society were the ploneers of montli]y practice meetings. Referriag to the primary object of bellringing, he said the societies were mado for helping service ringers to be more efficient, and he did not like to see the number of people, who werg unatiached to any tower, poing round the country ringing who werg unatiached to any tower, poing round the country ringing distant when chimes were heard fram towers instead of cinnge ringing hut he would stress the point that learners should he thoroughly taught befnre being allowed to ring and often spoil peals and in some cases mabe themselves a public nuisnnce. As an ex-presidene of nebrer 30 than 20 years aue, he would remind the younger ringers that they were havide passed on to them 50 years of work, and he was pleased to say he could look round with confidence on the people who were to hold office in the future lapplausel. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rer. J. F. B. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews, in tharking Mr. Johnson, said the reply would be given by the secretary, but before that was done he would call on Mr. Charles Pratt, of Calverlev, wio is the earliest ex-officer living (baymg been vice-president in 1892 and 1894 , president in 1895 , also gecrefary in 1902 ) to make a presentation to the secretary aud his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Lofthouge).

## SECRFTARY'S GOOD WORK.

Mr. Prath, with well-chosen wards and a delivery of speech which is enried by much younger men, spoke of the secretaries lie had known and tho amonnt of work put in hy them, and said he was pleased that the committee had thonght fit to mark the golden jubilee by a presentation to Mr. Lofthouse. Having known him for a number of years, he was able to testify to the good work put in and duty

Well done, and in the nome of the Leeds Society he had great plessure in presenting to Mrs. Lofthouse a cut-glass rase, and to Mr, Lofthouse a gold watch suitably inscribed.
The gifts were handed to the recipients amid applause, and Mrs. Lofthouse thanked the members for their kindness.
Mr. Lofthouse said lis first words must be to say "Thark you for the generous gifts they had received. Ever since the first whusper that this presentatiou was to be made he wondered. what lie had done to deserve it. He, as secretary had not built up the society on his own, because the members made or broke e society. He felt very much like a navigator who, having set a course, was dependent on other people for carrying out the work. He also felt that he coutd not let an occasion like that pass without acknowledging with grateful thanks the support and advice he had received from Mr. Strangeway, Mr. W. H. Senior, Mr. L. Drake and, earlicr on, Mr. J. W. Baxendale and Mr. C. E. Lawson, for with euck people constantly attendiag, the ranning of a society was ensy.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Lofthouse gave a list of officials who had kept the flag fying during the past 50 years and also a few details of interest, comparing the present gathering of 111 with the tinner held in 1894, when the attendance of 29 was described se auything but satisfactory. Pudsey had been waking the societoy wetcome with their wonderful Lospitality gince January, 1902, and the members were deeply grateful for this continued kindness. At the society" 21st. annual meoting, the secretary lad reported that some meetings were not a suctess owing to the pleasure-seeking fever of the members. 'I wonder,' said Mr. Loithouse, 'what his report would have been ta-day, when we do not sec same members from one year's end to the other: I give a kindly wolcome to those whose atteudances are rare and invite them to come more of ten to the meetings' (applause). Mr. Andrews, interpoaing, said, in spite of what the secretary had saje he had not done, the members knew that the flourishing state of the society was due to his efforts (applause).

CHURCHWARDEN'S RECORD
The toast to 'The Visilors' was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, who, as an ex-secrefary, welcomed the visitors and snid it was dificuft indeed to name all, becallse some, who might be described as visitors, were really members of thrir society. The nemes of a few who needed no introduction were Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkghite Association), Miss Bowling (rice-president of the Ladies Guild) and Mrs. Gotterill, Mr. Dan Snith (gecretary of the Bernsley Association), Mr. F. Hodgron (secretary of the Falifax and District Society), Mr. Mr. W. A. Waoler (Bteffield Distriet Society), Mr. Davenport, who lived so mear the boundary that one wondered whether to call him Yorkghire or Lancashire, also the Revs. A. L. Minn and T, H. Mathiseon (the two vice-presidents of the Huddersfield Society). Mr. Minn was a ringer, tut Mr. Mathieson had not yet reached that higher plane which comprised the ringing-clergy. Another notatile visitor was Mr. H. Bacon-Smith, churchwarden of Leeds Perish Church. Mr. Barton said he was gorry the Vicar of Leeds lied had to leave early, because les deaired him to know that they were grateful for the manner in which the Parish Chmreh authoritieg had always met the society whelever they wished to ring or hold a meeting there. Passing on to two very old friends, Mr. Prat Cordingley and Mr. Tom Daude (who were inable to be present owing to indisposition), Mr. Barton said these two had heen supporters of the societs over a large number of veats, alld even now, though not able to visit thens, were stil! interested iu their welfare
Mr. Bacon-Smith, in acknowledging the toast, said that although he was not a ringer, he was interested in bells and bellringing, and he thought he conld claim a record that not many mingers could, and that was that he had heen ap every eathedral tower in Fingland, Scotland and Wales. In conclusion, he said that he hoped the vounger ringers would see to it that clango ringing mever ceased to be practised.
The toast to "The Yorkchire Association' was proposed by the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), and acknowledged by Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association).
During the evening artistes who provided entertainment included tenor and baritone vocaliats. conjuror, ventriloquist, comedian, lightning artist and pinno-accordion.

## NOTICE

RINGING VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH wilf be welcomed at St. Peter's Tower. -- Sunday ringing takes place at 9.30 a.m., 10.50 a.m. (approximate) and at 5.45 p.m. Practice night is Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. - Arthur V. Davis.

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## PEAL NOTES．

## BROTHERS＇ONE HUNDREDTH PEAL TOGETHER

The brothers William and James Feruley，of Norbury，Cheshire， rang their l00th peal together on March adth，when they took par in a peal of Londan Surprise Major at Hyde．It was a birthday compliment to Mr．Tom Wilde

The Chester Diocesan Guild thus had an even better day for peals on Saturday，March 25th，than our reports last week indicated，for in addition to the four peals recorded，this peal of London also goes to the Guild＇s credit．
A handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles at Mere，Wilts，on Mareh Z7th，was the first peal rung＂in hand＇for the Sulisbury Diocesan Guild for 25 years．In this peal two ringers rang their first peal on liandbells，and a lady，Mrs．E．Coward，rang her first peal．

A composition of Stedman Caters（No．26）by the late Mr．Arthur Knights was rung for the firgt time on March $25 t w$ at Manchester Cathedral．It contains the 6th its extent in 5th＇s place in the tittums and inverted tittums positions．It was Mr．Johs Booth＇s 150th pea！ and was a birthday compliment to Mrs．N．Fieaps，wife of the canductor．

Mr．Thomas E．Sone conducted another of tho late Mr．Arthur Knights＇compesitions of Treble Bob（No．379）on Saturday ats Wrotham，Kent．It was rung for the first time and was the $150+11$ different compesition which Mr．Sone has called．Mr．W．A．Oldfield rang his 25th peal．
Miss Sylvia Bowyer＇s hirthday on March 27th was celebrated with a peal of Minor in four methods rung et Burgh，Suffolk

On the procediag day there had been a joint celebration at Harke－ ton，when Miss Bowyer called a peal of Minor in four methods， specially arranged as a birthday lonour for Miss Hilda Snowden， Mr．Lewis Last and hergelf．The three birthdays fall on sinccessive days，March 25th，26th and 27th．
A bandbell peal of Bob Major at Rotherlzam on Mareln 28th mas Mr．Harold Cliart＇s 100 h peal for the Yorkslire Association．
Mr．Fred Brinklow，one of the Hertfordshire hand who have made so murh liandhel！peal history in recent yearg，rans his 300 h peal on Fridny，when he malled a peal of Bristo Surprise＇in land at Bushey：It was airthday compliment to his wife．

Mr．Brinklow jas now called a peal in eacla of the four most papular Surprise methods－London，Camhridge，Superlative and Bristol－both one tower and handbells．Certainly a notable perform－ suce－Ineidentally this peal was also the 150 th which Mr．Chris． Woolley lasd rung on handbelts．

## ALL FOOLS＇DAY

Tho first peal of Napsbury Surprise Major was rung on Saturday， also at Bushey．But Tho Footnote says it was to celebrate All Fools＇Day！We cannot find＇All Fools＇in the Church calendar． And Napsbury is not on our map，neither chn we find it in that comprehensive ERzettecr，the Post Oftice Guide．However，perhaps that doesn＇t patter；there is no penalty attached to using a name not printed in our reference books．But，maybe，the joke is in the footaote and not in the peal．We hope so，for the saly of our reputation
Two lads of 14 rang the treble and fenor at Meoplam，Kent，to a peal of Grandsire Doubles on Saturday，and are to he congpatalated upan the way they acquituci themselves，for the go of the bells leaves a lot to be desired，and，we are told，the bend had to do some＇bell lunging＇hefore they started to ring

These two yaing ringers scored their firat peal，the trebleman at the first attempt，the tenorman at his secoud，the later having pre－ riously lost a peal on the tomar at Northfees，throush no fault of his own，after finging for two and a guarter hours．
The peal was arranged for Mr．George Turner，who，at 45 years of age，has only，jost taken up ringing，and was able to fing his frst peal．The other five ringers belong to Northfleet．
Two ringere rached their first peal century on Saturday．Mr．H．J． Mansfield rang his looth peal when be took part in the guickest peai of Major（2 hours 55 minutes）yet rung at Pritilewell，Essex；and Mr．A．S．Richards scored his 100 th with a peal of Dosble Norwicls at Ospringe，Kent．
The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Milton Regis Keat，on March 29tk．was a bithday compliment to Walter H．Dobbje．Five of the six ringers who made up the band rang their first peal of Cambridge Minor．
The first peal on the bells at Farpford，Devon，relung about three Fears age，was rung on March 27th．It was an erent of some im－ portance in the parish，and two of the local ringers（Hessrs．T． Holland and L．Baker）took part and scored their first peal．The Vicar（the Rev．Greensiade）gand several parishioners looked in to watch the progress of the ringing and afterwards to congratulate the ringers．Later the Vicar kindly provided refreshments and said how pleased he was that some of his own singers had taken part．Three of the other ringers belong to East Budleigh，and the conductor （Mr．O．R．Lilley）to Highweek．
Last Friday，by ringing his first peal of Superlative Surprise as conductor，Derek Sharp reached lis 50th peal at Crayford，Kent．He bas rung them in the short space of two and a half years．You can＂t hold the lads in these days．A generation ago 50 peals in one tower in a lifetime would have been considered good going．
（Contimued in mert column．）

## SPLICED MINOR．

## UKE OF＇OPPOSITE＇GROUPY

## To the Editor

Dear Bir－I Iave perused with interest the now edition of the Central Council＇s＇Collection of Doubles and Minor Methode，＇and would like to congratulate the compilers on their excellent worts particularly in regard to the space allocated to＂spliced＂compositions． Nevertheless，I lave been nabale to filud in the latter any allusion to the infusion，into one true and complete 700 ，members of the opposite groups，the sa－called Oxford group，viz．，Capel，Kingston， London Scholars and Sandal，and the opposite group，Skipton，Chep－ stow，Balmoral and Fotheringas．
Two or three years ago（when I speut more time on such matters） I compiled two $720^{\prime}$ s practically on the same plan，except one had 2nd＇s and the other 6th＇s at the lead end（or head）cothaining these eight methods together with one or two more．
As I think they may be of use to the Exercise，I am forwarding them to you for publicetion．I may add that I hope to gather to gether a team to ring them（aud many olhers）before long

> HAROLD CHANT.

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## FIRST QUARTER－PEALS

At St．Nicholas＇，Brighton，on Sunday，March 26th，for evenisg service，a quarter－peal of Graudsire Truples：䊉iss M．Butcher 1 ． W．Franks 2，B．Saunders 3，J．Whitelhe日d 4，C．Ades 5，F．Bennett （conductor）6，․ Stalhan 7，刑G．Gilbert 8．※ First attenpt for 4 guarter－peal．
On Sunday，March 26th，for eveaing serviee at，St，Giles＇，Camber－ well，London， 1,277 Gramdsire Caters：B．Wayman 1，Miss B．M． Mills 2，B．R．Harris 3，R．A．Jolnnon（first quarter－pesl）4，T．F， Taffender（conductor）5，F．G．Andrews（first quarter－peal on tea bells 6 ，E．J．Kiug 7，J．Gransbury 8，T．W．Taffonder 9，H．F． Pelers 10.
On Sundav，April 2nd，at St．Mary＇s Churel，Lydney，for evensong， a quarter－peal of Grandsire Triples：G．Clusics 1，C Thomas 2，N． Flees 3．C．Goulding 4，W，H．Herris（firgt quarter－peal as conduciot 5，7．W．Davis 6，Inspector Catter 7，James Hill B．

## PEAL NOTES

（Continued from previons column．）
Then，havigg called his first peal of Superlative on Friday，lee raug Lis first of Bols Triples as conductor on Saturdey！That was at Shareham，Kent，aud everyhody in the peal got a＇decoration＂of some kind．
A band was to haye mel at Privett，Hants，on Snturday，for a peal in six Spliced Surprise methods，but the conductor had to disappoint them on account of a＂Eroggy＂wrist，So，filling up the compary With another enthusiast，who was able to ring his first Surprise peal ＇jaside，＂they ratu a peal of Cambridge．Not altogether inappro－ priate，after what liad happened on the Thanes earlier in the day． The first peal of St．Clement＇s Bob Triples ring for the Sussex Association was accomplished on Saturday at All Sainta＇．Hestings． It was the first peal in the method by all the bazd，and Mr．W． Wenban，of Staplelurst，had дevar atmek a blow in the method hefore．There were two other－visitors in the peal，Messrs．W． Gorringe and J．G．Powell，of Hawkhurst．

## NOTICES.

BRONLLYS, TALGARTH, BRECONS.-Reopening of the bells on Saturday, April Sth, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Notification to the Vicar for tea, which will be supplied at a nominal charge. The five bells restored and a new treble added to make six by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.-Ringing arrangements for Easter Sunday: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, moming 10 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.-G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April 1oth. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at ir. I5 a.m. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at I p.m. (free to practising members, 2S. 6d. others). His Worship the Mayor of Erith (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) will preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). A new rule to be submitted.-Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Scc., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The following towers will be open for ringing on the occasion of the annial general meeting at Erith on Easter Monday: Bexley (8), 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. ; Crayford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Dartford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Erith (St. John's) (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Erith (Christ Church) (8), to to $11.45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. ; Sidcup (6), 10 to 11.15 a.m. These towers will also be open after the meeting for further ringing. -F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells open: St. Paul's (ro) from 10 a.m; Rolleston-onDove (8), 11.30 to $12.30,1.30$ to 3.30 ; Winshill (6), If to 12 a.m., 1.30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 prompt, followed by general meeting in St. Paut's Institute. -Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (io) will be available from ro.3o. St. l'eter's from noon. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 4-30, to be followed by the annual meeting. The hon. secretary will not be up for re-election, so it is hoped as many memhers will be present to take part in the meeting. - Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. - The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epson, on Easter Monday, April ioth. Bells available: St. Mary's, Ewell, in a.m. to 12.30 ; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Christ Church, Epsom, 3.30 to 4.55, and again in the evening. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m., followed by tea at Christ Church Hall at is. per head. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.-F. G. Woadiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April noth. General business meet-
ing in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Special preacher: The Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. Tea 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1-2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), and St. Nicholas (6). St. Swithun (6, II a.m.-I p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Albans at II.zo a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Albans' Church Room, Fish Street, between 12 noon and i p.m. Members are particularly asked to note that St. Heien's Church House will not be available as in previous years.-J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April ioth. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael at Coslany and Alt Saints available from $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at $12.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Address by the Rev. E. William Blyth, Rector of Northrepps. Luncheon (25, 6d.) at The Castle Hotel at r.30 p.rn. Kindly notify attendance at luncheon. -F. Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at HERTFORD, on EASTER MONDAY. Ringing in a.m. to i p.m. and from 2 p.m. at All Saints (Jo bells) and St. Andrew's (8). Bengeo (8) from 3.30 p.mz. Hertingbury (5) 5.30 to 3 p.m. Service in St. Andrew's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Andrew's, 5 p.nı,, price 2s., followed by business meeting. Ringing at the three Hertford churches up to 9 p.m.-G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. A!bans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service at St. Mary-the-Great, 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea at King's Parade Cafe. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30 , and in the evening; St. Benet's (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30 p.m., and at 7 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringing at Trumpington on application to me-Kitty Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO CIATION.-Annual general meeting, Stroud, जlos, on Easter Monday, April 10th.3. Arrangements : Stroud bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Institute 3.15 p.m. Tea at Premier Cafe, King Street (1s. per person), 5.15 p.m. (approximately). Painswick bells (12) available from 6.45 p.m., Stonehouse bells (6) $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Half-hourly service of buses from Stonehouse to Stroud.-Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

EASTER MONDAY.- HOSS ' SHOW and FAIR at Woodbridge, Suffolk. Ringing all day from 10 a.m. ( 8 bells, 25 cwt.). Everybody welcome.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Cafe, followed by annual meeting.-J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Practices for April: *St. Wary-le-Bow, inth; St. Magnus, $13^{\text {th }}$ and 27 th ; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 18 th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2oth; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m., except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Soming Deanery Branch.-A combined practice will be held at Finchanpstead, Berks ( 6 bells) on Wednesday, April 12 th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-A conbined meeting will be held at Rotherfield ( 8 bells) on Saturday, April I5th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lewry, Rosemary, Old Lane, Crowborough, not later than Wednesday, April 12 th. All welcome.-O. Sippetts and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.-Northern Branch. - A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at North Rauceby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 , followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided free of charge by the Vicar to alt who notify him at The Vicarage, Rauceby, near Sleaford, by Thursday previous. -H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOI.K GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be heid at Ipswich on April 15th, Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and service 4.30 , both at St. Mary-le-Tower. Address by Rev. Basil Eden, of Bredfield. Tea at 5.15 in Co-operative Hall, followed by meeting. The following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6), St. Lawrence (5).--H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church (R.C.), Chorley ( 8 bells), on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. All ringers welcome.-A, Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Witney and Woodstock Branch. - The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Tackley on Saturday, April 15th next. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please inform me on Wednesday, April 12th, first post.-W. Evetts, Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, April 15th. Belis (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 3. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, April 10th?-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

 -Bath Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, April 5 th. Bells 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.-Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Sonı.GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Cheltenham Branch.-A nueeting will be held at Cowley, near Cheltenham on Saturday, Aprit 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.30 , by the invitation of C. Heber Percy, Esq., M.F.H., Cowley Manor. Should appreciate a note from those intending being present. - Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD. - Elide Deaneries Branch. - The quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, April 15 th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea A.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April irth?-Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.-Charles R. Raine, Нол. Sec-, 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch. The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton ( 8 bells) on Saturday, April r5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card on, or before, April 12th?-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., I 8 , Ruskin Road, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Over, Cambs., on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please drop a card to say you are coming. - F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Swavesey, Cambs.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.-Chippenbam Branch.-Quarterly meeting at St. Paul's (8) Saturday, April $5^{\text {th, }}$, at 3 p.n. St. Andrew's (8) also open. Service 4.45. Tea follows. A card for tea will oblige.F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch. - Newport Pagnell Deanery. - A meeting at Sherington, Saturday, April 15th. 2.30, ring up. 4.15, service. 4.45 , tea. - Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Monthly meeting at Brinkworth on Saturday, April 5 thth. Six bells. Tea by invitation of Bishop of Malmesbury-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.-The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St. John's, Leytonstone. Belis available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m.-J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 8r, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.i.
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Scothern (bells 6) on Saturday, April ${ }^{15 t h}$. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., at is. per head to those who inform Mr. C. V. Cade, Brooklyn, Scothern, Lincs., by Thursday, April 13 th.Kenneth W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (bells 6) on Saturday, April i5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.-H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rotbwell, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-Next ringing meeting at Sapcote on Saturday, April 15th. Usual times. Send a card to Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, if you want tea. At the last meeting one card only was received by the caterers. Play the game, please.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) Saturday, April ${ }^{5}$ th. Usual arrangements. - W. C Moore, Baunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Dursley on April $5^{5 t h}$. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting +45 . Evensong 6 p.m.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-South Forest Branch.-Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, April r5th. Bells (6) open at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April ratin. - Oliver Thomas, Brancly Hon. Sec., ti, Victoria Road, Lydney.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUULD. - Rutland Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, April i5th. Belis (5) available at 3 p.ns. For tea please notify S. H. Towell, 27, West Road, Oakham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION -A quarterly general meeting will be held at Mells on Saturday, April $5_{5}$ th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . -J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chijcompton, Bath.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Newington-next-Folkestone on Saturday, April ${ }^{5} 5$ th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15--P. Page, Hon. Sec.
SOMERLEYTON, NEAR LOWESTOFT.-The ring of six bells, rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, April 16 th, at 3 p.m.
ST. GILES - IN - THE - WOOD, TORRINGTON, DEVON.-The ring of six betls, restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wednesday Afternoon Guild. - The next mecting will be held at Sunderland (two towers), on Wednesday, Apri] igth. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 6 p.m. at St. Ignatius'. All are welcome-Margaret A. 1'. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17 , Ridley Avenue, Chester-leStreet.
MIDDEESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GLILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rer. P. D. Ellis. High tea at the Express Dairy, Wormwood Street, at $5 \cdot 30$ p.m., at is. 3 d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements as follows :-St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) from 2.30 to $4 \cdot 45$ and after the mecting; St. Giles', Cripplegate (t2) from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from about 7.30 to 8.30 (one hour only) ; St. Olave's. Hart Street (8) from about 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please advise me, not later than Wednesday, April rgth, if you will require tea.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Gen. Sec., 2 I, Vincent Road, E.4. Larkswood 1959.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.-The annual meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) avail. able from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at is. per head, for those who notify me not later than Aprit ryth. -A. D. Barker, Cambritge, Wexham, Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, April z2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at $4 \cdot 45$, with address by the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at $5 \cdot 30$. Please send word by Tuesday, 88 th inst. - H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch.
The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and nosmembers cordially invited. Please make this a bumper mreeting. - F. Hindle, Branch Sec. 58, Anyil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COL'NTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hollingbourne ( 6 belis) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 , followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Tea has been arranged for 40 at Gd. per head. but members attending must notify me by Wednesclay, April rgth. Frequent buses pass on main London-Folkestone road (so minutes from village)- -R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual mecting of the Western Division will be held at Heene (Worthing) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea, price 15., 5.15., at the Church Rooms. Half rail fares, maximum is. Gd., allowed to nembers.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22 , North Street, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester District. - Quarterly meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, Aprit 22nd. Fuller particulars next week.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on April 2and. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting follows at Yateley Hall by the kind invitation of Miss de Winton Corry. Will all requiring tea please inform me by April rgth without fail?-J. G. Stilwell, Lea Cottage, Yateley, Camberley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The meeting of the Farsham District, arranged for Hawley on April 22nd, has been postponed owing to repairs to the steeple of the church.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held (D.v.) at Great Doddington (5 bells) on Saturday, April $22 n d$. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and usual procecdings. Will all those intending to go, please let me know early?-A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Miles-Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, April zand. Tower open for ringing at $60^{\circ}$ clock.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

MDLAND COLNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The rext meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to try this handy peal. Splendid tea arrangements will be made for those who notify me by Thursday, April zoth. Visitors cordially invited.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastera Division.The next meeting will be at All Saints', Maldon, on Saturday, April $22 n \mathrm{~d}$. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. The bells at St. Mary's (6) will be available after tea. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, April rgth.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A mid-week meeting will be held at Hartfield (6) on Wednesday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. K. Garwood, 28 , Brooklands Way, East Grinstead, Sussex-who is now organiser of the Cuild's mikl-week meetings-not later than April 24th. All are velcome. The usual monthly will be a joint meeting with the Sussex County Association (Northern Division) at Rotherfield, on Saturday, April $5^{\text {th }}$ - B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. Service at St. Peter's, with address by the Vicar of Brighton, 4-30. Tea at the Pavilion Grill Room 5.75, price 25. 6d. (1s. to members). Half rail fare, maximum 25. 6d., allowed to resident members. Names for tea by April 24th essential. Notices of motions affecting rules must be received by April ${ }^{1} 5^{\text {th }}$ - $S$ : $E$. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at Guikford on Saturday, April 2gth. Full details later. - G. I.. Grover, Hon. Secretary.

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE ANALYSIS.

The vagaries of peal ringing show themselves every year in the Peals Analysis and few definite conclusions can be drawn from a detailed comparison between one year and the next. It is only when taken over a series of years that it is possible to form any worthwhile jugmont upon the advance that is being made. In any one year the activities of a single band may influence the tables unduly in some particular direction, and may lead to a false idea of individual relationships such, for instance, as the growth or loss of popularity of any method or group of methods. In this way, too, it is easy to be misled by such statistics as those relating to the number of people who have rung a peal in (for them) a fresh method or on a different number of bells. In this category in 1937, $x, 240$ were included, a decrease of 194 compared with the previous year. In 1938 the number rose by 84 to 1,324 . This, in itself, however, is little guide to the progress of the Exercise as a whole, when, for example, one band rang fourteen Major methods for the first time, and in these peals alone added 1 in to this particular total. It is a tribute to these ringers' skill and capacity, but it does not necessarily indicate that the Exercise in general is advancing. Again, these figures may include such things as a first peal of Minor by a band who have rung dozens of peals in the same method on eight, ten or even twelve bells. There was a time, perhaps, when these particular statistics did indicate a measure of general progress, but today they are largely the result of individual ambitions achieved, down, as well as up, the scale. That does not make them uninteresting, but goes to prove our point that, taken from one year to another, too much weight should not be attached to details of this description.

There is one direction, however, in which the tables show us that ringing has improved little in recent years and that is in the number of peals of Doubles rung in one method. Even allowing for the restricted field on five bells, it is surely a sign of lack of enterprise when in each of the last three years, and perhaps longer, the peals of Doubles have included over sixty per cent. rung in only one method, and the bulk of these, also, rung in towers where there are six bells. It seems a reflection on those who ring these peals that so many of them seldom get beyond a peal in one method and do not do more peal ringing, when the opportunity occurs, in Minor methods. It cannot be said that the limitations are inposed by the desire to enable ringers to score their first peal, because examination of the individual performances shows that a great many of these peals have no claim
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to include a 'first peal.' A peal of Doubles in one method may be a useful first step, but it would seem that there are too many ringers content to stay on this first rung of the ladder instead of using it as a starting point to reach higher things. There is a striking lack of initiative and enthusiasm in the men who are content to stick at one method of Doubles when they have six bells at their disposal.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE SOOLEIY OF ROYAL CUMBERTAND YOUNHS. On Saturday, April 1. 1939, in Three Howrs and Forby-Ffve Minulns,

At ter Chorch of St. Leonard, Shorbditce,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANEEB;
Tenor 28 年cwt.
Harry Sear.e, ... ... ...Treble| Tgomas Bryan .... ... 7
Jobn W. Cornford ... $\quad .$.
Mrs. C. J. Matteews … 3 "Thomas H. Francis ... ... 9
Artadr Radley ... ... ... 4 Walter Sbar ... ... .... 10
Grorge H. Cross ... ... 5 Gegrge W. Stbere.s ... II
Gzorge Radley ... ... ... 6 Crcil J, Matibews ... .... Temor
Composed by Jobn Caribr. Conducted by Grorge H. Cross.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
EOn Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minuta, At fer Cedrce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDCE SURPRISE MAXIMUB, 5280 GMANCES: Tenor 24 cwt .
Alpred E. Pitsiow ... ...Trebia Leonard E. Pisstow ... ... 7
Chables J. Sedgley ... ... 2 Wilelam J. Bxown ... ... 8
Geqrgr R. Pye ... ... ... 3 Frederick W. Hodsden ... 9 Hobart E. Smitr ... ... 4 Jorn W. Ward ... ... ... io Georgr A. Fleming ... ... 5 Whetrr Ayre ... ... ... If Harold N. Pitsyow ... ... 6 Edward P. Dtpfirld... ...Thay © Composed by G. E, Symonds. Conducted by Ceas, J. Seggley. First peal of Manimus on the belle.

> HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOORSAN GULLD. (East Berks and Sodre Bocks Branch.)
Os Monday, April 10, 1939, is Three Howrs and Thiviy-Siz Minnted, Ay the Parise Caurch of Ali Sainis,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 OHANGEEI Tenor 3 I cws.
Fred Hayes
William Hreliry
Williab Henlry ....
Ralpa Colxs ... ...

- William Wblling ... .. Grorge Martin ...
Joserb S. Haweins ...
Composed by J. Reeves.
* First peal of Maximus.

Kent Treblo Bob Maximus as

William Biraingaak
$\dagger$ Rev. R. F. R. Routa
1Percy Newton ... ** $4 * * 9$
Harry Wingrove ... ... 9
J. Howard Friggorn ... II
F. Donald Borbeam... ...Temoy Conducted by Ferd Hayes.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 8, 1939, in Three Honrs and Fiflen Minutes, At ter Cudorch of St. Magnue-ter-Martyr, E.C.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGE8;
Tenor 20 cwt .
Ronald H. Dovin.... ...Treble Eanesx W. Forbase... ... 6
Trowas if Taprendra
... 2
Pailir A. Corzy... .... ... 3
Mies Olive L. Asbbrcoz... 4
Ernest J, King ...* *.. ... 5 Artigur B. Wifeen ... ... 7

Composed by G. R, Newion. Edward D. Smita $\ldots \ldots$. Herkery E. Audschy... ... 9

Finst ter-bell peal as conductor.

Conducted by P. A. Coary.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD
On Moxday, April 10, 1939, in Thre Hows and Ninetern Minuths At the Cborch of Si. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHAMEES; Tenor 23 cwt .

- William F. J. Cofe.. Cbarles Hazbleen Raymond Pailpoty .. Sidney Eltoy ... .. Thomas E. Denyer **

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| -.. 3 |
| 4 | tFrederice Oldroyd... ... 6 Composed by G. H. Cross Condacted by C. Ernest Smitb. cirst peal of Treble Bob and of Royal. + First peal of Treble Bob Royal. first pieal on ten bells. § First peal of Royal. First peal of Treble Tea as conductor.

## PRESTON, LANCS

tHE LANOASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Howes and I wenty-Two Hinstes, At the Parise Cgurch of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHAMEES;

 Tenor $24 \frac{1}{1} \mathrm{cwt}$. in D .

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Apriil 1, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eighten Minutes. At Cerist Caurce,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5186 CHANGEs; Tenor ${ }^{5} 7{ }^{\text {星 }} \mathrm{cwt}$.
 Ernesi Branett ... ... 3 Albbry Ford ... ... ... 7 Alyred W. Frost ... ... 4 Harold Jones ... ... ...They Composed by Hbnry Datns. Conducted by Ermbst Bennetr. * First peal in the method 'jaside.' Rung as a welcome to the new IRector, the Rev. W. H. Bishop, M.A.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Ow Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Etevan Mimutes,
At the Chulch of St. Jobn-tre-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, BDEG CHANGED, Tenor 18 cmt .
Mrg, J. H. Crampion... ..Tyeble
Ernest W. Eurbant.,
ERIC J. Cos ...
Eenest W. Pye ... ... ... 4
Composed by C. Midereron

Abthor H, Everett ... ...4 7 Jobn H. Crampion ... ...Tamor Conducted by J. H. Crampion,

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Surday, April 2, 1939, in Threa Houys and Thivten Misutes, At ter Churce of St. John-tee-Baptiet,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 GHANGES;

Tebor 21 cwt.
Walter P. Weitghbad ...Trebla William A. Wood ... ... a
Alfred Ballard... ... ... 2 Cbarles Marsball ... ... Cixcll E. Carr ... ... $\cdot . .3$ Edward R. Whitreiad ... 7 W. Arthor Riddington ... 4 Arthor Debbngam ... ....Thor Compased by E. C. Gobey, Conducted by Watter P. Waiterabad The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Specially arrasged as a 79th birthday compliment to Mrs. Debenhan, mother of the tenor ringer. Also a birtbdgy compliment to Mrs. W. A. Wood and Mr. C. W. Ballatd.

LONDON.
THE MTDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 3, 1939, in Thyea Hows and Five Mimutes,
At tbe Cherch of St. Boyolpa, Eisbopggate,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, GO24 GHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt .
Horace Belcher ... ...Trebla † Ernegt W. Pyb... ... ... Harry Hosejns... ... ... 2 Jayes E. Davis ... ... ... 6 Joserpe Mares ... ... - Thomas H. Francis... ... 4 Pillip A. Corey ... ....Tonor

Composed by A. Knigats (No. 154). Conducted by P.A. Corby.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble. t First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Satsyday, April 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nins Minutes, Ai the Chorch of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 52 GO CHANBES;
Tenor ${ }^{4} 4 \mathrm{cwt}, 3 \mathrm{qr} .2 \mathrm{ll}$.
*Grorge A. Pacerr ... ...Treble |James A. Milner ... ... §


- Richard D. Langgord ... 3 James H. Riding

Jamer Fbrelby ... ... ... 4 Jogn Worth... ... .... ...T Tbor
Composed by J. W. Pareer. Conducted by Joun Wortb.

* First peal in the mothod. I First peal in the method eway from treble. BURNEAM, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Monday, Apyil 10, 1939, is Thyes Howys and Thyee Minutes, At ter Ceurce or St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, EO5G CHANGEA Tanor 16 cwt .


 Composed by J. R. Prircbard. Conducted by Cyric A. Burgess.
* First peal of Major. First peal on eight as conductor.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEIOESTERSHIRE. THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saluyday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly MinatB,
At the Cadreg or St. Pefer.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, GOAO CHANGESI

Being 720 each of Donble Oxford, Single Court, Doshie Court, Oxford
Bob, Plain Bob, Oxfotd Trable Bob and Kert Troble Bob. Tenor $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ewt}$.

- Cyril Tabrrner ... ...Tvebie Barnabas G. Kzy ... ... - Howard Howell .... ... 3 JJoszpa W. Cozzon ... .... 5 - William H. Curson ... 3 Artagr E. Rowley ...Tmor Conducted by Arthor E. Rowley.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside ${ }^{2}$ of seven methods.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 2, 1939, in Ttw Howrs and Fifty-Four Minuthr, At tee Church of tere holy Tainity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two different extents each of Cambrige Surprise, Ozford Treble Bob, Kent Trebie Bob and one of Plain Boib. Tenor $10 \mathrm{cwt}, 3 \mathrm{qr}, 13 \mathrm{lb}$.

 Conducted by Grorgr A. Naylor.

* First peal in four methods, First peal in four methods on the beils. First peal in four methods as conductor.


## an annual celebration at st. Magnus

In connection with a special Palm Sunday parade held annuslly at St. Magnos-the-Martyr, London Bridge, a quarter-peal of Grandesre Triples was rung ou Sunday morning: Misy G. E. Alleway 1, E. W. Furbank 2, D. G. Brown 3, C. A. Hughes 4, R. A. Johnson (first quarter on eight) 5, P. A. Corby (conductor) 6, F. W. Allewey 7. F. W. Wicks g.

MARPLE, GEESHIIE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sadurday, April S, 1939, in 1 hyee Howrs and Fonr Mimedes,
At ter Czorch of All Sants,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, BO40 CHANEE8:

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extent of Oxford Treble Bobs and three extests of Plaip Bob, Tenor 17 ewt. (approx.). -Ivan B. Gardiner ... ...TYeble Rev. Frank Bonnir *Jocrlyn B. Gardiner ... 2 C. Kenneth Lrwis Tbonas Taylog ... ... 3 Josgra Welitamer C. K. Lewis.

* First peal in more than pie method and first attempt for Treble Bob. Ruge on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. J. B. Wood, of the local liand, after 55 jeal's of devoted service.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, April 9, 1939, in Tho Bowrs and 2 hitly-Eighs Minules,
At the Church of St. Johm-thi.Baptigt,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, EOAD CHANPES,

 Forty-two six-gcores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt .| w | Treble | Grorgs W. Mldemman |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| s | 2 | - Jacr M. Manning |
| Frederick Alderman |  | Harold Bristow |

Conducted by Frederick Acderman.
*First peal and first atilupt. Rung to commemolate tin 24th anniversary in the ministry of the Rew. T. L, Bullock at the Parish Church.

LYONEHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOGESAN GULDD.

c. Sunday, Aptil 9, 1939, in 1 wo Hours and Fifly-Fite Himutes

## Ar tife Paligh Ceuycs,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE8, 5040 CHANGE8;

Consisting of two six-scores of Reversa Canterbury, 10 of Bob Doubles, and 26 six-gcores and two 240 's of Marris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt .

- F. Rrad, R.M. ...
L. Evans .......
. 1 rable
W. Presce
. 2
J. Betler

Conducted by T. Jones.
Firgt pea?. + First peal in three methods. First peal in three
methode as conductor. Rung for the Easter festival.

## WLSIASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHPSTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
Om Monday, Aprii 10, 1939, in Two Hows and Thirey-Five Minubls
At tee Chorce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL DF MINOR, EAMO CHANEEES

Being two 720's each of Single Court snd Oxiord Bob and threc 720's f Plain Bob

## Kgnneth Thomasgon

Frank Barnard
Georgr H. Crawley

## ...Tveble <br> .... <br> Frbobrica H, Crawley ... 4

Frest peal of Mino

## Con

First peal of Minor. Ruar for the ehristemiug of Brian Frederick son of F. H. Grawley ant grandson of the canductor.

THORINGTON, TESEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, is Tum Hows axi Fifty Minties,
At ine Parisy Cevreg of Sr. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 8URPRISE MNOR, EG4O CHANEES;
Consisting of one extent each of London, Stamford, Rossendafe, Dur ham, York, Norwich and Camluidge.

Tenor 9 cwt 22 lb , in G
Albgat Hales
Cearles A. Andrews
Treble 1 Violet A. Erost
Acan R. Andrews
... 1 Hanry J. Millatt

## Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREws.

First peal in seven Sulprise methods by all and the frat peal in seven Surprise methods in the North-Easterg Divisiol of the Association.

> BELL ROPES
> MADE FROM TTALIAN HBMP, OR MPALIAN FLAX. SOFT AND PLIABLE IN HAND. ALL ROPEB SENT CARRIAGE PAID AND ON APPROFAL. Cheap Quotations. Established 250 yesrs. 'Phong 803.

## DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

## PEAL NOTES.

JOINTS ABOUT PERFORMANCES
Mr. J. W. Cornford 'completed the circle' on the wwelve bells it St. Leonard's, Sthoreditch, on April 1st, when he toole part in a pea! of Stedman Ginques. The Lower at Shotediteh has baen recently pestored at very considerable expense.

By calling a peal of Minor at Milton Regis, Fent, on April 2nd, Mr. G. A. Naylor brought his total up to 50 . It was luis first peal in four methods as conductor and the first in four methods on the belle, as well as by three of the band.

The costom of attempting a peal at the Church of St. Masaus the Martyr, Lonion Bridge, on Easter Eve, las been trept up for a good many years, and last Saturday a peal of Kent Treble Bob Roghl was rugg there, It was much regretted that Mr. W. H. Ficsell, who has frequently made one of the band for this occasion, liad not suffictently recovered from his recent illness to stand in this year's peal. The peal was made a birthday compliment to Joan Darby, the gix-yearoid daughter of Mr. F. E. Darlyy, who rang the tenor to the penl
An early Easter Day peal was ring at Ashbrittle, Somerset, to commemorate the 24th anniversary in the ministry of the Rev. T. L. Bullock at the Parish Church. The peel was rung bufore moruing service and all the ringers are members of the Sunday service band.
The first peal of Maximus at Saffron Walcen was ring on Monday. It is 25 years since the bells wers made into a ring of twelve. It was a source of regret that Mr. Fred Dench was uneble to take part in the peat. He is only just recovering from $\pi$ serious jllness, which fiss Ind him aside for the past two months. He was out on Sundity for the first time.
The first peal of Graudsire Caters on the bells at the Parish Chutch, Preston, Lancs, was rimg or Monday and seven of the band also scored their firgt peal of Grandsire Caters, although the tenorman (Mr- Charles Sharples) had previously ung an insido bell to Grandsine Cinques, in far off Melbourtie.
A peal in seven Surprise Minor methods was rung an Mondsy at Tiorington, Tssex. It wes notable for the fact that it was the first peal of this kind by all the bnat, and in the Nerth-Fastern Disision of the Fsser Association, in which all the ringery yeside.
For the cliristening of Brian Frederick, infant son of Mr. F. H. Crawley and gratatson of Mr. Albert Crawley, a peal of Minor was runt at Wistaston, Cheshire, or Manday. Three memberg of the fanily took part in the peal, inclading the proud father, who called it.
Mr.J. B. Wood, of Mrople, Cheshire, has just retired from ringing after 55 years of devoted service with the local band. A penl of Mnor in three methods was rung in his honaur an Saturday. Two extenls anch of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were included. Previously Mr. T. B. Gardiner, who rang the treble, had never struck a blow in an Treble Bob method, and Mr, J. B. Gardingr, who rang the second, had never toucheif Oxford.
Seven Burnham Cumberland Yauths and the Oxford Guild Brauch Ringing Master ( $a$ 'Collegian ') rang a peal of Bob Major ot Burnham on Moaday. It was arranged for the brothers Peter and Martin Blamey, now of the R.A.F., who were home on Ieave from Cranwe!l R.A.F. Depot.

Another peal in seven methods was rung at Eigham-on-the-Hill on April 1st, when Mr. A, R. Rowley got together a band and revisited his native place. The last peal was rung kwo years ago ms a farewell to Mr. Rowley when he left to take up residence at Ibstock.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. PROMISING YOUNG IRINGERS.

The Shropshire Association visited Maling Lee on Saturdey week. when company of 30 enjoyed the welcome and hospitatity exteaded by the Malios Lee bsud and the Rev. T. N. Crowther Green.

Members of the recently-formed Dawley band wers present and received some instruction in Grandsire Doubles. Three are gtill of school age and should learn quickly. Stedman Doublea, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob werg rung, menbers being present from Sifrewbury (St. Chad's), Coalbrookdale, Wellington, Stockton. Moreton Corbet, Madeley and Wolverhampton.
The Rev. T. N. Crowther Green, who is treasurer of the association, conducted the service, and, in welcoming the visitors, spoke of the escellent serrices rendered to his charch by the local band. He appesaled to ringers to consider it part of their duty to sttend service after ringing an invitation to athers,
Tea had been prepared by a ladies' committee, and aiterwards in short business meeting was held, at which Sidney Douglas, Peter Nelson and Margaret Nelson (Davleg) and Jenes Ellis (Malins Len were elected membors.
Corresyondence from the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was read, in which regrets at their inabitity to be present was exprersed. It was also stated that tineir racot meetiner elashed with the Weflington date, but, on hearing that Apri] $29 t$ f, was the anly possible date for Wellington, it was decided to adhere to this arrangement and to arranga a joint meeting later in the Fear, at Coalbrookdale if possible.

Further ringing in the tower aftermiarda took place.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## proposed memorial to the rev. f. j. o. HELMORE. <br> Annual heeting Rejects Suggested New Rule.

The Kent, County Association, one of the most active and succesfind of all the ringimg organisations, held its annua meeting at Eritho on Frith, a nemply-constituted borough ou the banks of the Thames, has become a busy industrisl town and forms part of an area which is fortanate in being well equipped with bells, There was, herefore,
no lack of ringing facilitios for visitors ou Monday, and ringing took no lack of ringiag facilities for visitors ou Monday, and ringing took
place at a number of towers in the morning, as well as in the afteruoon and evening after the busiuess meeting.
At noon service was leeld in the ancient parish church, with its quat tower, surmounted lyy a shingled spire. The Vicar (the Rev. If. Thombitil) ufficiated, the lesson was read by the Mhyor of Eiritla (the Rer. J. W. Wilkwsou), and the Archdencon of Rochester propounced the Blessing.
The address was given by tho Ficar, who hegan by saying it was ${ }^{2}$ great privitege to welcone the association to the elurch. He spoke of the toam work necessery in relivion and bo the part whith ringerg played in it. They were, he said, au essential part of the team in chuich work. Tho parson in the church ewuld only appeal to those who were prescit ait the service the magers con 'mayide pulpit, from which they proclaimed their message.
As ringers, conlinised the Ficar, they supplied the one link with the greet traditions and the great legacy left themi in the pagt, In these days of strident medranical roises, the church bells were the one thing that publicly linked them with the past. He Joped trose who licard them ring would ciften, in this changing world, be compelled to put up the old prayer, " O Thou who changest not, abide with me." Ringers,
the preacher proceded, were privileged to have the opportunity of the preacher proceded, were privileged to have the opportunity of
consecrating to God a Eervice which was one of tingir main intelests in life. Ringing was an all-absorbing interest, a scicnce and an art, which was a vocation and a ministury. Tha object of their service that duy was to help them to get thieir motires right, to get their spirit right, and he lopeed they would all be lueped by it in their ministry to sorve God morto fath andy; to work g cher
Over two hundred sat down to lunch in Str, John's Hall, the Mnyor presiding, supported by the Archdencon of Mochester, Canon Rylep (Rochester), the Vicars of St. John's and Christ Chureb, Erith, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secrelary of the association),
der the ova tosst, hr. E. A. G. Alen gave The Arehbishop and the Clergy of Kent." It was due to the clergy, he said, that they were ahle to run their asociation, and they were indebtiod to the clergy for the welcome they were offered and the facilities given them for ringing-

## AN ERTTE LECEND.

The Archdeacon of Rochester (who was formerly Vicar of Erith) replied to the toast and spoke of the legend of a bell which was kupposed to ring with the rising and falling of the ide in "Church Hole,' a spot in the Thames near Frith Church. The bell, the legend waid, was stoleu and dropped into the river. If they wanted to prove the story they could go to Church Hole with grappling irons and fish for the bell (laughter), But tif they found it he warned them it would
be clamed by tile Vicar of Erith Parish Churels (laughter). Bellbe claimed by the Vicar of Erith Parish Church (laughter). Bed-
ringers, continued the Archdeacon, wore one great brotherlood and sisterhood; indeed, they were more: they were ft family. In Frith they were very proud of the fact that their towerkeeper, Fred Cullum, Was the third gencration in succession in his family to hold that. affice: and uow his dauglter was a ringer (applause). He supposed sha held the promise of being towerkeeper in succession to ber father (laughter and applatuse). The Archdeacon concludied by hoping that those gatherings of tiue association, which had now gone on for more then 50 years, might continue in the future and that they might keep the bells through these critical days ringing out alrays their message of peace and goodwill (applause).
The hoa. secretary proposed the toast of "The Borough of Erith," and said they were honoured in laving the Mayor with them. They Wers grateful to him also for having read the lesson at their service. It was many years since such a thing as thet hai happened.

The Mayor, in reply, welcomed the associabion to Erith. It was not, he said, the first occasion he had joined them, or their predecessors, at their annual meeting, for he remembered attending such a function in the early 'twenties' when he was a curate at st, Nicholas, Deptford. The Maybr referred to his own experiences as a ringer,' when he pulled a bell nt Cliffe at Hooe which lifted him constdersbly off his feet, and at Christ Church, Deptford, where be ofter had to chime the single bell. He went on to remind the company of the record peal of 15,072 clanges rugg et Enith on April 3rid, 1899, in 9 hours 24 minutes, and said he was filled with astonighment that men could keep it up for that lenpth of time. He noticed that tha names of the Ficar and churchwardens were on the record, but he did not know what they had to do with it, unlers it was that they liepped to supply the refreslments (laughter).

The Mayor weut on to say be Fondered whether the number of ringers was incrcasigg in this present wave of economy, when fewer church towers were going up, and some clurches were being only half or oven quarter fimished, so that towers and steeples aud bells: seemed not to be arriving in the profuseness of the days of our grandfathers. He hoped the present generation would remember that when they erected churches they should build steaples and put up bells.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADVIOR.
The business unecting then proceeded, with the Mayor presiding. Among the apologies for absence wrs ane trom Mr. E, H. Lewis, vicepresident, who wrote: "Will you please make my apologies for nonattendance at the anual meeting on Monday. I ma intending to spend Baster with my family in Scotland this year, an I see less and less of them as time goes on.

I should have liked to be with you in order to state my views on the proposal to change the rules, which is forecast in "The Ringing Worid" of February 17th. I sincerely hope that no chango will be made. It seems to rae that the proposal grises from a single incident iu one district, and thst it should be possilule to settle any differences in that district by other means. If all the energy spent in guarrelling were spent in temching beginuers, the association would tro ahead quickly towards the idesl of full servica ringing in every tower in the county. All best wishes to the assocation for an amicable and fruitiful maecting.

Apologies were also received from Messrs, F' White (CTanbrook) and Staford Green (Snouthborough).

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO OANON HELMORE.
The anmual report opened with reference to the death of the late hon, secretary, the Req. F. J. O. Helmore, The position the association lolds to-iay, it ssid, both from its place in the ringing world and its fmancial stability, is undoubtedly due to the untiring energy and devotion whicis Canon Helnore showed during the 38 years he held offee ac hon. sectetary, The Belfry Repairs and Benorolent Funds were mstituted duciug lis period of office, and have both grown to be in a sound financial position. 'By his cheery disposition, his liuduly interest in all, and his devotion to duty he earned the love and respect of all members," coatinued the report, "and we trust the example of his life and work will be an incentive to those who have been deputed to carry on the work and build on the foundation he so firmity set.

It is proposed to raise a memocial fuad to perpetuate the memory Canon Helmor
Within a few weeks of our late secretary's passing, another foundation member was called to rest, Mr. Charles Slingsby, who hed attanined the wonderful age of 101 yegis. Another link with the past cone-but leaving an example for all to emulate.

With the passing of the older ringers, one is apt to bear at times that the ideals of the association are not upheld by the generations that follow. It can safely be said that the objects of the nssociation are carried out more stropgly than ever by the vast majority of ite members. The first of our objects is Sunday service ringing and we know that is uppernost in the minds of all ringers. 'Duty to God surely comes first. Peal ringing is only an effort. to perfect surselves to give of our best to God when wo ring the bells for His service. Let us put aside the personal feelings iu such trivial taafters that appear to be existivg in souve quarters and ask ourselves, 'Are we giving our best to God's service? Let us set a good example to those who are coming along to help us in our work and do all in our power lo foster a brotherly spirit and righteotigly uphold the cense we slould have at heart. What better example can we beve than by trying to follow in the fontsteps of our late doar friend, Conon Helmore?
The report added that there were 121 towers in umion, Bexley having joined, but Deptrord (S. Nicholas'), Dover (St. James), Sandintret and stonting lapsed for various reasons. The life members totalled 28 ; honorary member: 70. Of practising maembers exacti, $1,000 \mathrm{pai}$ their subsmptions as follows: Adults 933 and juniora 67. Fifteen nou-resident life members jained during the year

Thirty-one quarterly and by-meetings were held during the wear, snd to la $\geqslant$ incumbents who cenducted the sorrices and made it possible for these meetings to be held gratefu! hisnks were tendered as well as to those who exterded hospitality on these occesions.
Owing to the lamented death of Mr. W. Smith, a wacancy in the Lewisham District representation occurced and Mr. E. Baraett was elected to again represent the district. The resignations of Mr. A. Waddington, Maidstone District sectetary, and Mr. W. Wenban es representative were received with regret, and Mr. R. G. Rapfield.
of Ightham, Jad bees elected secretary, and Mr. W. T. Grice as representative. Best thanks were offered to the retiring officare, esperally to Mr. Wadidigton for his gallant efforts in the district during the past four years.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSTTION.
One hundred and fifty-one peals were recorded for the association during the past rear-nina more than 1937 - 146 on tower bells and five in hand. "The peals were as follows: on 12 bella, 2 ( 1 in hand '\} ; on 10 bells $3^{\prime}$ ( 1 'in hand '); on 8 bells, 119 ( 2 'in hand '): on 6 balls, 25 ( 1 'in hand ' L ; on 5 bells, 2 . They were rusg in 66 towers it Kent and one in Landon. Hsidbells, 3 at Brasted and 2 (Continued on next prge.)

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## (Continued from pravious page.)

## BENEVOLENT FUND'S PROGRESS

at Crafiord. Twenty-four members rang their first peal and 136 rang their first in a method. The conducting wes slared by 51 membersi 3 conducted their firsi peal and 15 the first in the method. One new mothod has been added to the list of first performances, via, Painewick Sarprice Major.

It is pleasing to note the progress the youth of the county are making,' added the report, 'not only in the methods rung, but elso in conducting. Mr. P. A. Corby, who heads the list of conductora, is a strikigg example in this direction. Many more young ringers are coming to the fore as conductors than in past yesra, and this is an encouraging sign, as we shall not have the fear that existed in the past, when the conducting was in the jands of a comparative few:
The balancs sheet of the general fund revesled an excess expendiure over income of nearly $\mathrm{El0}$. This was no ceuse for alarm, as the extra expense was oceasioned by annafl and district commitments. It was e clear indication that members were taking a keener intereat in the association's affairs by atteading the meetings in larger numbers than heretofore. The balance in land is 561 178. 6d.
From the Belfry Repairs Fund 85 was patd to Bexley, and the bulance in the fund wad increased to 8144 FBg . 6 d .
The Benevolent Fund had justified its existence during the year es \&38 3s. was distributed to six aged membera and two widows. Four of these members could claim between them over 180 years' gervice for the association, and it was only fitting that in their declining faars they should be enabled to obtain a little extra nourishment from a fund which every member must be proud to know the associstion possesses. Sa stable bad this fund become that it was pleaging to record that nearly the whole of the amount granted was paid out of income during the year, which was again assisted by collections at meetings to the extent of $£ 1114 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . The balsnce in this fund is $£ 2964 \mathrm{~s}$. 8d., and the total worth of the association, as shown by tha balance sheet, is 9983 17s. 7d.
The report nnd bslance sheets were adopted, and the president, vicepresidents and comaittee re-elected.
On a vote for two trustees, Mesars. F. White and W. J. Jefferies were elected, Mr. E. Barnett being unsuccessifl. Mr. G. H. Cross was re-elected auditor and Mr. F. M. Mitchell hon. secretary and treasuter, Appreciation of Mr. Mitchell's work was oxpressed by Mr. G. A. Ambrose, who proposed his re-election, mad by Mr. J. W. Steddy who geconded.
A ballot took placo for four representatives on the Centrat Council, and at the end of the meeting the Mayor antounced that the voting had been as follows: Mr. F. M. Mitchell $130, \mathrm{Mr}$. G. H. Spice 105, Mr. F. J. Cullum 97, Mr. T. E. Sone 91, Mr. T. Gruombridge, sen., 75 and he declared the first four elected.

## BENEYOLENT FUND AS MEMORTAL

The hon. secrebary submitted a recommendation from the committee tlent a memorial to the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore should be provided. He said they all knew what is lot Mr. Helmore didi for the association, nnd the committee thought it was fitting they should institute a memorial fund. They recommended that fund should be innugurnted, to be tnown as the 'Helmore Memorial Fund,' and that the whole of the amannt raised hy subscription sliould be invested anil the interest accruing be praid iato the Benerolent Fund of the associafion, and that the mount, fogether with any sum secessary, be paid annually from that fond, and be known as the "Helmore grant,' to an old and deserving nember of the associntion, whose name had been on the books for not less than 25 years, the recipient to be determined by the Berlevolent Committee.
Canon Ryley asked to be allowed to second the recommendation, beamse, he said there was no one in that hall who knew Mr. Helmore as long as he did. He first made his acquaintance as a small boy in the year 1881. He could see him now in that stwdy at Canterbury, and again later in life with the huge desk with the silver bell in the centre that was pregented to him by that association. That was the proudest piece of furntoure that Mr. Helmore possessed. His heart was in the Cathedral and few knew what ho meant to the Cathedral but, ontside that, the first place with him was held by the association of bellringers. He (Canon Fyley) eaw him only just before he died and ho talked then, as always, about the ringers of Kent.
The motion was carried unanimously.

## TROTBTE IN LEWISHAM DISTRIOT,

The Lewishiam District submitted the following for incluston in the rules of the association

A member whoge conduct is, in the opinion of his or her distriet, prejndicial to the well-being of the aesociation shall be reported to the committec.

A member so reported is to be given the opportunity of attending when the renort is investigated by the committee and of explaining his or her condnct.
If it is fourd outt the report is justified, the committee shal have power to remove the member's name from the books.
Mr . E. Barmett, in proposing the motion, said they would no doubt realise that there were occasions when such a rule wis desirahle. He did got interd to enlarge upon it, for the motion spoke for itgelf. It was submitted from the Lewisham District, and, as one of the district representatives on the committee, he wis deprited to introduce it.

Mr. F. J. Cullum, as another representative of the district, seconded and emphasised the fact that the motion came from the district and not from any individual.
Mr. W. J. Jefferies said he would like Mr. Barneft to preface the motion, as he prefaced it at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, by giving the rexson for it. Everybody there shouid know it.
Mr. H. Hoskins said a member of the association was brought before the Genersi Committee and censured for his corduct. He was ased to resirn from tine association, but it was pointed out thewe was uo rule which permitted them to ask an man to resign. The member, knowing the vote of censure had been passed on hims retained his memberahip; hence the need for this rule.
Mr. G. F. Spics (secratary of tho Rochester District) strongly opposed the motion. He was grieved that it chauld bo thought the assaciation peeded a rule to furn out sae of the members of the 'family" which bad been referred to that day. The motion was born in the Lewisham District, where there had been trouble for noumber of years, a crouble that, had it been nipped in the bud and the people concerned lad met each other fifby-hity over the job, conld have been eliminated so that the prasent postion naed never lave arisen. Mr. Lewis, who was thfortuaately not able to be present that day, had been trying to mediate in the matter. It worid, he thought, be a disgrace in the absence of Mr. Lewis to put up a rule that would besmirch the rules of the assaciation (applause). He suggested the motion shond be windrawz, or, at athy rate, postponed until Mr. Lewpis had the opportunity to pour oil on the troubled waters, Their oresent rules served thon well and they did nof want to quilbble over them but inctead to ret or with their wort as oburcharkere He appealed to those presentio to defont the motion if it was put. 'It is wrong," he added, amid applause.

## DISTRICI BEING 'STRANGLED.'

Mr. W J. Rawlings said they must not lose sirgat of the dificulty which they had had for five Jears in the Lewisham District. They had eadoavoured without success to settle the mattar amatably by persuasion but they had now come to a serious position, They had at the head of ove of their towers a man who removed from his tower one of his rimging membera for no apparent reason except that that member disngreed with his captain at a district meeting. He felt sure they would agree that caplains of towars should not Inave that right. That was a serions problem for the fubure if it was allowed to erow. The passing of this proposed new rule was the only hope they would have in the lewisham District, wherc they werc being strangled by the efforts of one man. The Lewisham District asked for aupport in this trouble. If a member was censured for his cenduct, did that not call for some district nction? The rule was defiritely required for tho welfare of the association, otherwise the trouble was going to grow.
Mr. Battin said they did not what the rale. The associathon had lived for 59 years without if and had never wanted it. Even if they passed the motion and got rid of the member, they could not make him keep os man in lis tower. They wonld only mako the position worse. He conld not understand why they were biying to pass the rule at that neeting. There were five diatricts who lnew nothing about it until they came there that day, Why had it not becr brought up at the annal district meatinger"

## AN ASSOCLATION OR A DICTATOR?

Mr T. Groombritge, sen., suid each distriok gent two representatives to the General Committee, nind if they had reported to the districtis what had transpired at the comnittee meeting the districts would lave known about the proposnl. It was not the frult of the Lewisham
District if the menabers dju not know. Ha was afraid a great many District if the menabers did not kuow. Ha was afraid a great many
of them did not lenow what had happened in that district. They in the Lewisham District wanted to know whether they were to fun it as an association or by one man as a dictator? Mr. Groombridge went on to state that a wish of the fistrict to lrold a neeting at St Jolnn's, Deptford. was frastrated by the infuence of this member with the Ficar and alleged that the member complained that the district warted to interiere with his tower. "We do not mant to interfere with any tower in the association," said Mr, Groombridge. -The towers are in union with the association, and we do not faterfere with the internal working of nny tower. But because this member could not bawe his own way he called some of the clergy together and ciscussed the associations hurizess with them without any representative of the association being present. What right has be, as an individual. to call a meeting with the clergy of the district and disouss our business withant may officer of the association being present? Tho result is he is going to keep five or six towers closed egainst tha association for good. Are we to be ruled by tha merbers of the नistrict or by a dietator?"
Mr. A Richardsom (secretery of the Tonbridge District), opposing the motiou, suid the question of using the towers rested with the incumbent and churchwardens. It did not rest with the ringera or the association

Mr. G. F. Rawlings said he was the member who was called upon to leave the tower, where he had long been a regular service ringer, becausa ho disagred with Mr. Jeferles outside the tower. He had a right to his own opimiong, and hecamge he aid not agree with Mr. Jefferics at a meeting fe was practically compelled to leave. That was not the sort of thing the association wanted to foster.

## MOTION DEFEATED

The Fon. Secretary $\begin{gathered}\text { rid } \\ \text { the discussion was very distasteful to him, }\end{gathered}$ fter what he had said in his report appealing to them all to show a brotherly feeling. In view of something which he knew, but which the members did not know, he asked them for the time being either definitely to reject the motion or hold it in abeyance. He hoped by mediation they would get over the trouble. They all had their faults and he thonght by it litile tact matters might be smoothed out, Mr. Lewis and he were working on the matter and he hoped before the next annual meeting the trouble might be amicably bettled. He moved that the motion be now put.
This having been seconded and carried, the motion was submitted to the vote and dofeated.
Afterwerds Mr. Mitchel] thanked the mambers for asein re-electing bim as hon, secretary. As he had told them before, he would try to do kig best, but he fad a very diffeult task sometimes. He hed bean their secretary for ten years and thought he ought to give a iittle account of his atewardship. The number of practising mornber was still about the same. When he was elected their total funds were e954 18s. 4d. The balances now amounted to 8963 17s. 7d. The thing he was most proud of was their Benevolent Fund. He had put in a good deal of fime for that and they should be proud of the fact that they hal been ahle to pay out exs in one year almost out of revenue (applanse). He thourht that was a wonderful thing to bave dome. Ho thanked the members who liad subscribed to the fund at the He thank.
Mr. Mitchell went on to thank Mr. Lowis, the vice-president, Mr, Grean, who anelysed the peals, and all the district secretaries for all the work they put in (applause). Ho also thanked the Vicar of Erith for the service and for lis splendid address, and the ather incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members. He concluded by thanking the Mayor for presiding.
Mr. E. Barmett seconded, and, the motion maving been oarried, the Mayor replied and the meeting terminated.

## RINGERS' ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATED

On Friday evening, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major was rung at Whiston by members of the Yorkstire Association and Sheffeld Distriet Seciety to celehrate the engagement of Mr. Norman Chaddock and Miss Elsie Brothwell; Tom Brothwell 1, Reginald Payne 2, Miss Elsie Brothwell 3, Jack Brothwell 4, John H. Brothwel 5, Gordon Graham 6, John J. L. Gilbert 7, Norman Chaddock (conductor) 日, Mr, Norman Chaddocik js well known in peal tinging dircles in the North and is Ringing Master of the Sheffeld District Society. Miss Brothwell tang her first peal a few weeks ago, after being a finger for only six months.

## E1RST QUARTER-PEALS

At St. Stophen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Friday, Maroh 31eth a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 chenges): Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, P. J. Small 2 *F. Youlder 3, FA. Elphick 4, B. J. Luck 5, G Swoffer 6, *R. Port 7, F. R. Weller (composer and conductor) 8. Fisst quarter-peal.
At Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, on March $88 t h$, \& quarter peal of Surprise Minor ( 1,272 chriges), made up of a touch each of York, Bererley, Carliele, Chaster, London, Wells and Cambridge: H Nawman 1, P. Pontine 2, E, Jefferies 3, J, Eammond 4, F. Simmond 5, F. Ponting (conductor) 6, First quarter-peal in these methods oy all.
On Palm Sunday, at St. Stephen's, Ealing, before morning sernce, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (first in the method as conductor) 1, J. A. Trollope 2, B, G. Andrews (first in the method) 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, W. G. Wilson \%, H. W. Lidbetter 8.

At the Parish Church, Watford, Herts, on Sunday, March 26th, for evenine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: $A$. W. Diz 1, D. Laud (first quarter-peal 'insike') 2, W. G. Peul (conductor) 3, T. Bullock 4, R. G. Bell 5, S. H. Hoare 6, H. L. Long 7, D. S. Pearson 8.
At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on March 19th, hefore evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Waldron 1, Miss B. Hayt. 2, A. Tozer 3, O. D. Nichols (conductor) 4, R. Gilbert 5, A. Bome 6, F. M. Atkins 7, H. Corney 8. First quatter-peal for ringers of treble and third, and frst quarter-peal gas conductor

On March 17th, at St. Andrew's Parish Chuzch, Bobington, Cheshire, for a Confirmation serfice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triplet : W. J. Battie 1, E. Breeze 2. R. Barnes 3, H. S. Brocklebank 4, H. Martin 5, T. ․ Storer (conductor) 6, J. Goddard 7, J. Hough 8. The local ringers would like to express their thanks to the friends rom Oxton and Bromborough who belped to complete the band and make the quarter-peal possible
On the occasion of a local wedding, a quartert-peal ( 1,332 changes) of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Paribh Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Mnrch 11th: George Smith 1, A. Humphrieg 2, L. Williams 5, W. Townsend 4, W. Thomas 5, W. Dyer (conductor) 6, C. Martin 7, T. Borehsm 8, J. Ballinger 9, O. Collier 10. It was the frst austerpeal of Caters and first attenpt by Georra Smith and the frst Finside by L. Williams. George, who is stilt a young sehoolboy, is so onthusiastic that he will cycle anywhere between Bristal and Birmingham and the Forest of Dean and Swindon for a pull and is likely to hab mp at any meeting on a. Saturday afternaor. He lias maide many friends by his persistency. There is no vacart rope if George is anywhere about.


## Bellfounders \& Bellhangers,

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## LEADING CONDUCTORS—66.

## ALBERT HARMAN.

While it is peal ringing priscipally that bringa conductors into the imelight, there are many among them who, while turning their ability to grood account in this direction, make their most valuable contribu tion ta the advancement of the ringing by the work they do quietly in their owl and neighbouring belfries, keeping tle Sunday service ringing going, assisting struggling bands, organising practices for advanced methods and helping lane dogs over stiles. These ringerg and happily there are many of them, are the greatebt asset which the Exercise holds. Amoung them is Mr. Albert Harman, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead Distrief of the Guildford Diocesarn Guild, who has devoted a ereat deal of his laisure to fostering clonge ringing in many towers in lis district and to whose efforts, in no amall measure, a company has been raised to the Spliced Surprise" level the Leatherliead area
Mr. Farman was born on September 9th, 1888, at Burstow, Surter. And it was there, in his yonth thet he learned to ring. At one time Burstow was requently "in the news" for six-bell performances that took place there, and Mr. Farman's first peal and his firsl as conductor were both rung there, although by that time Graudsire Doubles was the best that could be dane. His first peal was on April $6 \mathrm{tl}_{2}, 1908$, and that as conductor two years later.
Mogt of Mr. Harman's early peals were rung in Susser with the Crawley


MR. ALBERT HARMAN. asd Brighton bands, and Harman beltled in Leatherhead, and for the Surrey Association, for which lie has rung 146 peals, conducing 54 , and later also with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has put in some excellent work. Among the peals which he has conducted have been the first of Ashtead and Leathorhead Surprise Major and Painswick Surprise Royal. These were rung for the Guildford Guild, for which society Mr. Harmen bas already rung 82 peals and conducted 53 . Altogether his peals total 312 , of which he has conducted 111.
In addition to having been Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District ever since the formation of the Guildford Guild, he has repregented the Guid on the Central Council during the last three years.

## GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

## RINGING WEEE IN DEYON

The clerical ringing week, which usually takes place immediately after Easter, begins next Monday, the visit this year being paid to Devon, with headquaters at Bovey Tracey.
The party will meet at Brampford Speke, where the Rev. E. V. Cox, hon. sectetary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers and orgapiser of the towr, is Ficar, After tea at the Vicarage, a wisit will be paid to Chudleigh before poing on to Bovey Tracey. On each of the nucceeding four days there will be a peal attempt in the moming and ringing at varinus other towers. The peal attempts are at Bovey Tracer, Bucifastleigl, Highweek and Moretonhampstead. The annua) husiness meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday evening.

Thp following ara expected to join the party for the week, or fome part of it: The Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Heeds), B. G. Beneor (Burghill, Hereford), H , Benson (Quinton, Glos.), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. $\vee$ Cox (Brampford Speke, Devon). F. Li. Fdwards (Kington Magna, Derset), f. D. St. G. Edwards (Cherkendon, Oxan), E. Bankes James (Fareham, Hants), A. Fhys James (Bow, Devon), F. S. H. Marle (Deane, Hants), R. H. Palmer (Prestor Capes Rugby), E. S. Powell (starerton, Daventry), I. J. Richards (Gaerteon, Mon.), B. F. Sheppard (Somershsm, Haats), W. H. R. Trowhela (Truro), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar, Bath), C. Fhiot Wigg (Chearsley, Bucks). T. F. Wilkinson (Ordsill, Notts), W. P. Wright. (Eysm, Derbys), with, of course, the Rer. E. V. Cox Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Richards will mecompany the party.

## "RINGING UP. <br> GOOD COMPASS NECESSARY.

To the Editor
Sir, In "raising ' or 'failing' a peal of bells, the great consideration is that all the bells sinotid be kept fogether in a proper compass r or 'beat,' as in all ringivg.

At the commencement of a 'rise' the bells should be struck very close together-in a small compass-and as they get higher should be gradually apened out antil they get into the ardinary" compass" of rownds. The treble-man ehouht very gradually let luis rope eoils out as he finds the belle rising, and mot let ont severnl inches of rope at a time
On some heary peals of bells a good treblerrann finds it necessary to come down a trifle when the belfs are 'bean-high'-hati-way upto improve the clappering of the back bells, and then proceed graduully up. Care should be taken to very granually briog the bells to the hand-8troke lead when fully up. There will not be a good 'rise ${ }^{\text {s unless every ringer strikes his bell at the proper distance- }}$ neither too wide nor tao close all the wity up. Adistakes in this direction must be corrected. In the case of jeavy peals the back bells should be brought into the rise after the front bells have had several pulls. A good 'rise,' therefore, depends on all tho bells being kept together in a correct 'compasst and the freble-man, whilst listening carefully to the bells, gradually learding them up is, \& whole.

The first essential for a good ' $\mathfrak{a}$ all' is to get the belis into perfect rounds. It must be thoroughly naderstood that there cannet be i good 'fall" "umless the bells ave kept together in good rounds-or a good compass-before attempting to lower the peal. A good leader will, therefore, jnsist on good rounds as a prelimimary, the same as a good conductor will insist on good rands before attempting chandes.
Having gab good rounds, the back boils shouth ke gridually closed in, und as all the bells get into a smaller' compuss, the freble-man should follaw then down, not attempt to lead them down. Acfaally the treble-man should correct ang belf not keeping the proper distance in the 'comunss' and let the treble strike after the temor. When the hells are rearly down and the back thells get iato the chimina position the trable-man should very gradually britg his bell and all the resk into chinriug
It shonid be remembered that the belis will lowar themselves if nllowed to do so. Only gridance and sufficient putl to ensure that every bell is kept in its proper position in the "compass," with tant ropes, is therefore necessary, and not the tremendous ligging and checking that we see in some towers.
The chiel drawhack to sucuestial raising and falling is the totally unnecessary lugging at the salliss an some jingers. Prebjemlly oll the putigg in the lower stages ehould be done on the end of tho rope and only a steadying hand given to tho sally, except when the bells are nearly up.
To sum up: Every ringer striking his bell correctly in the compass all the way up or down, and a treble-man who liss sufficient ear to grasp the compass of tine bells at all stages, and move accordingir are the requitites for good raixing or falling in peal. Such a treblemat is not found on every street corper
Maral: If you have e good treble-man, keep him, but let hisn teach others as a reserve.
I hope this will be of some service to "Fokel," as from one yokel to arother.
Bridstow, 耳erefordshire.

## MPORTANCE OF GOOD TREBLEMAN

Sir, I, too, regretted that only two correspordents lian replied to this very interesting subject, because it has to be performed in some way or other every Sinaday in the year by most of the bnnds in the churches where there are peals of bells.
However, I have often given the mattor some thourlut and have noticed how sometimes we get ferr 'rings up' and manv times we get poor moes. I have also noticed that whea, gay, "Fred, leads up on the treble it is invariably e better 'ring up" than when "Tom' is on, or any of the others. The resson for this is, I thisk, that Fred lias that Fnack of keeping a constant speed of rise all the time. He doesn't put that almost imperceptible check to bis bell, balf-way up which is so mmplified down at the heave end and so prompts the remark which we hear occasionally, "They are coming down again."
Also, when they are nearly up and grembody is beginning to feel that they lave done a good one, there iss't that jumble with "Fred" during the transition stage of just short of being on the halance and full control when they are on the balance. Many of our "rises" aro spoiled that way.
I certajuly think that from my bell, 6 or 7 , the slightest change in speed of the treble is very noticeable.

I daressy some will say it is the tenor which controls the apead of ringing up. Well, in ons case the captain always rings the tenot up. He is an elderly man and, I am afraid, thinlis he is the only man who car do it. He also aiways keeps the onoductiog to himself. No ong else must presume to thrt, the most interesting part of ringing.
 does not do his best to puli in or put a little cstra weight on to meet it. Oh, no, if he is ip first or if the rest are up before him that is: no. concern of his. They should ring to the tenor, that is his standpoint.

## THE LIBERTY BELL OF AMERICA.

## PHILADELPHIA'S CHERTSHED POSSESSION

Among the famous balls of the world not one has been associated with events of so great importance as the Liberty bell of America, which was rung before the first reading of the Declaration of Independence, in 1776 .
In 1751 the bell Was ordered througls the Colonial Agent of the Province of Peonsylvania in London, Mr, Robert Charleg. The letter conveying the commiasion to him was as follows

Fespected Fricnd, Robert Charles,
The Assembly havirg ordered us to procure a bell from Fogland to be purchased for their use, we take the liberty to apply ourgelves to thee to get us a good bell, of about two thousend pounds weight, the cost of which whesume may amoant to one hundred pounds sterkivg, or perhaps with the charges something more.

We hopo and rely on thy care and assistance in this afiair and that thou wilt procure and forward it by the first good opportanity, es ols workmen inform us it will be much less trouble to hang the bell before thefr scafiolda are struck from the buiding where we intend to place it, which will not be done til the end of next summer or beginning of the fall.
${ }^{\text {Let }}$ the bell be castu by the best workmen and examined carafully hefore it is shipped, with the fotlowing words, well shaped in large letter round it, viz.:-

By order of tha Assombly of the Province of Pennsyivania for the State House in the City of Philadelphia, 1752."
and undarneath:-
Proclam Lihorty thoughout, all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.-Lev. sxv. 10. "
As we have experiencer thy readineas to scrve this province on all occasions, we desire it may be our excuse for this additional trouble, from thy assured friends, Isaac Norris.

Thomes Leech.
Efward Warner.
Let the package for trampportation be examiged with particular are and the full valute insured thereon.
This boll was east lyy Thonzen Lester, and arrived at Philadelphia in 1752, and wrs hting up on trusses to trv out its sound and it be camo cracked. It was recast by Pass and Stow, "two ingenious workmen of Philadelphia.
In recesting, the Fnelish bell was broken up and the same metal was used with the addition of an ounce and one-half of American copper to the pound of the old bell metal to make the bell less hrithle. The game form nnd lettering were preserved with substitution of the names of the founders, the place and year of recasting.

The Liberty Bell was recast by Pass and Stow twice, the second fime being satisfactory, and is the bell we know to-day. It was hang in the steeple of the State House, where it remained until 1781, when it was lowered to the brick tower and the steeple was taken down. It remained in this place until 1846, when it was placed on exibition in Tndependence Hall.

On July 8th. 1776 , the bell was rang to call together the peopie far the first puhlic readirg of the declaration of Independence, as it was rung for all public affairs. On September 18th, 17T7, when the British Army was about to occupy Plifakelphia, it was removed to Allentown Pa, and on Tune 27th, 1788 , if was returned to the tower. On July 8th, 2835 , it was heing rung for the funeral of John Marshall, then Chief Tustice of the Ënited States, when it cracked again.
The hell is now preserved in Indeperdence Fall, where it remajns ats a silest, symbol not only of "Liberty throughout all the land,' but throurhout the world.

The partientars of the lell are fallows: Circumference around the lip, 12ft. circimference aromad the crown, 7 ft . 6 in ; lip to the crown. 3ft.; height ower the erown, 2ft, Jin.: thickpess at lip, Jin, ; thickness at crown lim.; weight, $2,080 \mathrm{jb}$; length of clapper, $3 f t .2 \mathrm{in}$, ; cost, 960 I4s. $5 d$.
The inscriptions, in capitats, on the bell are:-
Proclaim liberty thromghout all the land unto all the inhabjtants thereof. Lev. Kxy. $10{ }^{3}$. and
"By order of The Assemblr of the Province of Pennst?rania for the Etate House in Philada. Pass and Stow, Philada MDCGLIII.
Clicago.

## RINGING UP.

(Contimued from previous page.)
I don't think thet is right. It is the team effort which counts, and so my rules for ringing up can be expressed thus:-
Treble: Keep a steady pace, have an eye on the rest as you go up. Never rheck yomr bell.

Lighti bells 21p to the 6th: Pack in close to the one in front at the gitart. Keep a steady pace, checks get worse as they ere transmitted downwhyds. Open oint gradually. No gaps, leaving a gap is as bad as stritiog on.
Serenth and tenor Get in close at the start frotil there in a Ewing an and then rise up to suit best those in front,
These are my jueas, suitable to a ring of eight with a 14 cwt. temor.
When I see a tenor-man tugging away regardless of whet the otherg sire doing it reminds me of the squad of soldiers who were ell out of step bar tour Patrich."

## LEICESTERSHIRE'S KING'S NORTON.

## FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE BOB IN 200 XEARS

On November 6th 1938 , a band was successful with the first peal of Major on the bells of St. John the Beptist's Church, King's Norton, Leicestershire, and ever since that momentous day Arthur with the 'Big Feart ' (Debo) has been taking strengthening medicine to enable bim to turn the tenor in to a peal of Treble Bob,
His perseverance in getting a band together brouglt its reward or April zad, when an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to his mother. The personnel of the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 7th, was exactly tha same as on November 6th last. Each one rang in the sama position.
The day had been carefully planned, and, keeping to the programme, the party arrived first at Gaulby, which is parted fram Norton by two or thres fields, in good time for breakfast! New ropes had been brought along for three of the bells, and the 'gang " was soon in the bell chamber exchanging ropes and also quenching the thirst of the bearings with a long averdue dose of oil. The attempt for Minor, bowever, was short ilved, the tenor rope breaking and coming down on 'Our Arthur.' This happened after the attempt had been in progress for about half an hour, and even during the first 720 one of the ringers snggeated the bearings had been given glue where oil would have done the job in half the time. However, this was unfortunate, as time was too short in which to make a further attempt.
Lunch whs again very hindly provided at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Dawis and everyone fully appreciated such hospitality. Mr. Davis, who came to King's Norton and Gaulby in November last, had previously resided in Canada for 25 years. He is, however, a mative of Leicestershire, having been born at Hinckley.
After lunch the party hiked their way to King's Norton and were soon again very busy in the bell shamber, and this time 'oil' was used
From the commencement of the peal a good beat was found, and the way in which "Ted" and "Deb" turned in the tenors was a resl tonic for any one of the band on the lighter end who was feeling nervy at the amount of rumbling caused by the bell frame ap above. It was not until 6 o'clock that the hand finislied their "Ifbours, and a real country fall was soon to be heard.
Mr. Ted Nourislt very kindly invited the ringel's to tea, for which further thanks were heartily accorded.

Gonductor ' Walter ' had remembered to bring handbelta, and ringing was again in evidence after tea, and touches of Grandars Triples, Caters and Stednan Trizles wero much appreciated by Mr. Nourish and friends.
Such days quickly pass and it was getting late when this plucky eight decided it was time to make tracks for bome, happy in that they had aclieved their object with the first peal of Treble Bob on bells nearly two centuries old. "Here's to the next time," and, according to "Our Arthur,' arrangements are aroady well in hand for a further wisit for new records.

## A TEN-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,

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|  | 465372 | 1 | 634725 | 1 | 267453 |
|  | 234765 | 1 | *428357 | 3 | 275634 |
| S | 752634 | 1 | 654273 | 3 | 253746 |
|  | 347265 | 2 | 476532 | 3 | $2 \times 5476$ |
|  | 523647 | $\pm$ | 324657 | 2 | 257364 |
|  | 475362 | 2 | 763524 | 1 | 276543 |
|  | 234675 | 1 | 247356 | 2 | 264735 |
|  | 342675 | 4 | 632547 | 1 | 243657 |
|  | 563742 | 1 | *246375 | 3 | 234567 |

> Repented 9 timeg with a Holt's Bab Single instead of the last bob half-way ald at the end.
An alteraative calting, with the 7th as observation bell, can be obtained by beginning with the second column, the first call being the bob at 2. Tlie Holt's Bob Singie can be called at either (but not both) of the places marked * instead of a bob in the 5th and $10 t h$ parts in this variation. The first part end is 456237 .

## SOMERSET BEGINNERS' RAPID PROGRESS.

Shiplam bellribgers on March 30th passed their test for chonge ringing to enable thems to become full members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, by ringing 360 Grandsire, called by the Finging Master, Mr. E. Avery. Great credit must be given to this band, as they only began learning in Mar, 1938 . Their rapid progress is largely due to the gractice and capable instruction given by Mr. G. Gilling, of Churchilh, to whon the band gives its warmest thanke.

## RESTORATION OF HAWARDEN BELLS.

INTERESHING HISTORY OF A OHESHIRE RING. BY J. W. C.
The bells of Eawarden, the picturesque village famous as the home of W. E. Gladstone, bape a history of more than passing interest. Moreover, it is a history which can be read with comparative ease becanse of the meticulous care with which the vestry and wardens" records have been kept, for, at more than one period, lusinesg concerning the beils occupres more space in the accounts than angthing else.
The 14th centwry church bas a central tower, and an inventory of 1563 records a peal of five bells and a 'little bell,' suggesting that the church was even in those days considered of some importance. With the restorstion of the Movarchy in 1660 , tho bells were among the first of many items of church fabric to be set in order. The bells were evidentiy, in the opinion of the wardens at any rate, in such a stata that recasting was desirable, and the accoumts record $£ 414 \mathrm{~s}$, 1 d . as
paid for our charges and assistance in goeing to Wiggon,
The reault of that journey was that Scote, of Wigan, was commis sioned to recast the bells, and the work was immediately commenced Whether Scott was pressed to return the bells as early as possible and 50 forwarded the firgt five evailable, or whether pressure of work caused some confusion in the fourdry, it is hardly possible to ascertain, but certain it is that all Hawarden bells were not recast. Some years ogo, two of them-as proved by their inscriptions-were discovered in the tower of the little moorland church of Ledshatm in Yorkshire! Dotrbtlesg Scait wisely kept his own counsel in that matter 1
However, five bells arrived at Hawarien in due course and wera hum in the tower, the workmen being liberally treated.

Meats and drink and horse Meato
Paict to John Bradey for beare to yo ringer
Paid for drinke for them that lasiped ye ringers
Tho weight of the tenor was $1,658 \mathrm{lbs}$.
It would appear faom subsequent entries that the hanging was never very satiffactory, for each year brought a host of paymentu for repairs, and ropes seem to bave been wom out at such a rate that finally an economist endeavoured to put a clieck to this conatant drain on parish funds.
In 1712 it becarne necessary to recast the tenor. The Wigan foundry was now in the hands of Ralph Ashton, who had reopened it in 1703, two years after the death of William Scott, The wardens, however, decided on a change and consulted Gabriel Smith, of Congleton. Titere wera seversl meetinge between founder and wardons, ayd it was not until 1714 that ngreement was fine!ly reached, Smith contracting to recast the bell for ع12, and the wardens made the journey to Comgleton to see the casting carried out,
In 1735 the bells were rehung in a new frame. The name of the firm responsible for the job is not recorded, but the bellhanger's name is gived as Wrigby, while Aldarmar Comberbach, of Cliester, supplied the timber, and Mr . Cheswiss, a smith, made tho eew iron work nebersary. The tatal cost was $£ 48$.
Five years later an event which brought grent rejoicing to Hawarden brought disaster to the bells. Willet's 'Memoirs of Hawarden' (1822) gives an account of the affais. "In the year 1740, on the birth of a son end heir to Sir John Glynne, Bart., the ringers, in their expreszion of joy, cracked some of the bells, the recesting of which cost s150. To defray the expense, the parishioners borrowed 80 much school money, for which they pay the master jnterest to this day." Actually the money was borrowed from the Trustees of the Grammar School, and come 5500 was paid in interest before the debt was discharged!
The work was done by Ahel Rudhall, who recast the whole ring and added a treble. The trasaction throws some light ou costs of those days. Rudlall's price wes f365 19s. 6d., but be \&greed to allow one shilling per pound weight for the old metal, by which e2e8 was recovered.
The parishioners must have been delighted wikh the new ring of six, for Ruflall provided a fine example of his craft with a tenor of 13 cmt .
The church was bady demaged by fire in 1857 , but the tower and bells miraculousiy escaped. Two yebrs later, Mears and stainEank relumg the bells in a new onk frame, and fupther repalis were executed in 1879. Since that date notaing eeve miner repairs has been done matil reccntly, when considersble restoration work on tower end spire, as well as other parts of the church fabric, became necesEary. The oak of the bell frame was found to be in perfectly round conction and hag been re-erected, quarter tutned from its original position, in order to bring the tenors to the efroggest side of the position, in order to bring the tenors to the gtrongegt side uf the provided and the frame strengthened by tie-bolts. The bells bave been tuned, quartor tumed and eleazed and hong with cannonsetaining lieadstocis on ball betrings. The tenor turns the scale at $12 \mathrm{cwb}, 3 \mathrm{qr} .6 \mathrm{ib}$.

On then advice of the founders, the louvres have been completely blacked np and new apenings constructed at the base of the rebuilt spire by which the eound of the bells has been considerably ethhanced. Messre. Mears and Stainbank are deserving of congrabulations on the (Oontinved for next colump.)

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

DFATH OF LAST ORIGENAL MEMBER OF COMMITTEE.
A meeting of the North Staflordshire Association was held at Brown Edge on Saturday, April 1st, when 37 members atterded from Burglem, Browa Edge, Clieadle, Draycott, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, 路ton, Stokeon-Treat and Wolstanton,

The association was welcomed to Brown Edge by the Bev. T. D. Lawton, Vjear of Browu Edge, and Mr. T. Hurd thanked the Vicar and ringers for the way the meeting was prepared.
This was supported by Mr. E. Steele, while Mr. J. E. Wheeldon thanked the ladies for serwing tea so well. He also congrabulated tine Brown Edge ringers upon the altarations they had carried out in the ringing chamber

Ths company then stood in silence for a minute as a last mark of respect to Mr. G. W. Walker, of Norton, who was the last member of the committee who attended the inaugural meeting of the association in 2882
The association was represented at the funeral by Mesars. Andrew Thompson (bon. secretnry), John E, Wheeldon (Ringing Master), Henfy Carnwell (Kingsley), William Carter (Biddulph) and James Walley and William Corfield (Norton).

## A 1742 RING.

(Continued from previous column.)
excellent way in which the work has been carried out. The opening 720, ant of Bob Minor, was runc by Messrs. W. Thomes treble, R. Sperring 2, J. Hughes 3, C. Dryland 4, J. Morgan 5, J. W. Clarke tenor.
The writer wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. W. Bell Jones, F.S.A., clsurchwarden of 耳iswarden, who kindly supplied dehails from thu wardens' accounta, from which material this account has been bailt up.
Details of bellg:-
Trebie-Peace and good neighbourhood, $6 \mathrm{cwt}, 1 \mathrm{gr} .7 \mathrm{lb}$. Note D 2nd.-Prosperity to all our benefeetors. 6 ewt. 1 qr. 25 ib . 0. 3 rd-Prosperity to this parish. 6 cwt. 3 gr. 22 lb . F flat.
4th.-I to the church the living Oall and to the grave do summon all. $8 \mathrm{cwt} 2 \mathrm{qr} .24 \mathrm{lb} . ~ A$
5th. George Hope, Churchwarden; Thos, Fox, Sidesman. 8 cwt .
Tenor- Abet Rudhall, of Gloucester, Cast us all. 12 cwt. 3 qr . $6 \mathrm{lb} . \mathrm{F}$
Founder's initials and dete, 1742 , are ou eachs bell

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry to-morrow (Sazurday), Aprit ${ }_{5}$ th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea provided, followed by business meeting.-D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.
NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Retford to-morrow (Saturday), April $1_{5}$ th. Towers open : E. Retford (io), W. Retford (6), Ordsall (6), 2.30-4.15 and 6-9 p.m. Service in E. Retford Church 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5-30. All memliers are asked to endeavour to be present, but nonmembers will also be welcome. Please let me know if you will require tea. - R. Towler, 69 , Ordsall Road, Retford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-A combined meeting will be held at Rotherfield ( 8 bells) on Saturday, April ${ }_{5}$ th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lewry, Rosemary, Old Lane, Crowborough. All welcome.-O. Sippetts and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church (R.C.), Chorley ( 8 bells), on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogy, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Witney and Woodstock Branch. -The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Tackley on Saturday, April 15th next. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.r. Tea 4.30 p.m.-W. Evetts, Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Washifield on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Cheltenham Branch.-A meeting will be held at Cowley, near Cheltenham on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.30 , by the invitation of C. Heber Percy, Esq., M.F.H., Cowley Manor. Should appreciate a note from those intending being present. - Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millifield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Elloe Deaneries Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Moultore on Saturday, April ${ }^{5} 5$ th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting afterwards.-Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.-Annual general meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Saturday, April ${ }^{15}$ th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.-Charles R. Raine, Hon. Sec., 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch. The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, Aprii I5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock.-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., II8, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be heid at Over, Cambs., on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please drop a card to say you are coniing. - F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Swavesey, Cambs

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Scothern (bells 6) on Saturday, April 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. -Kenneth W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-Next ringing meeting at Sapcote on Saturday, April 15th. Usual times. Send a card to Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, if you want tea. At the last meeting one card only was received by the caterers. Play the game, please.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Rossendale Branch.-A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15 th, at Haslingden. Bells from 3 p.m. Anybody who cares to attend will be very welcome.-J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.-The next meeting will be held to-morrow, April 15th, at St. John's, Leytonstone, E.ir. Ringing 3 p.m. -4 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Bells available tifl 8.30 p.m.-J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.r.
SOMERLEYTON, NEAR LOWESTOFT.-The ring of six bells, rehung by Messrs. Johr Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p.m.
ST. GILES - IN - THE - WOOD, TORRINGTON, DEVON.-The ring of six bells, restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Practices for April: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 20th; St. Magnus', 27 th; ${ }^{*}$ St. Paul's Cathedral, 25 th. All at 7.30 p.m., except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peek, Sec., I, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

## WHITCHURCH, SALOP

Wa bave expertm viniting all parta of the British Kalen, and thal be pleaned to carct out rentartiona or aive reports remindint [iny mike of Tower Clook

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wednesday Afternoon Guild. -- The next meeting will be held at Sunderland (two towers), on Wednesday, April 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 6 p.m. at St. Ignatius'. All are welcome.-Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-leStreet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-..The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. P. D. Ellis. High tea at the Express Dairy, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at is. 3 d. each. Busimess meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements as follows:-St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) from 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 2.30 to $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from about 7.30 to 8.30 (one hour only); St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) from about 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please advise me, not later than Wednesday, April rgth, if you will require tea.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21 , Vincent Road, E.4. Larkswood 1959.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.-The annual meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at is. per thead, for those who notify me not later than April $17^{\text {th }}$. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45 , with address by the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C., Vicar. Tea (Is.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 18 th inst. - H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and nonmembers cordially invited. Please make this a bumper meeting. - F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hollingbourne ( 6 bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Tea has been arranged for 40 at $6 d^{\circ}$. per head, but members attending must notify me by Wednesday, April 19th. Frequent buses pass on main London-Folkestone road (ro minutes from village). $-R . G$. Rayfield, Hon, Dis. Sec, Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene (Worthing) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5.15., at the Church Rooms. Half rail fares, maximum is. 6d., allowed to members.-F. H. Mecten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held (D.v.) at Great Docldington (5 bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea and usual proceedings. Will all those intending to go, please let me know early? A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on April 2and. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4- Tea and business meeting follows at Yateley Hall by the kind invitation of Miss de Winton Corry. Will all requiring tea please inform me by April xgth without fail?-J. G. Stilwell, Lea Cottage, Yateley, Camberiey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Miles-Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, April a2nd. Tower open for ringing at $6 o^{\prime}$ clock.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The next meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to try this handy peal. Splendid tea arrangements will be made for those who notify me by Thursday, April 2oth. Visitors cordially invited.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern Division.The next meeting will be at All Saints', Maldon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. The bells at St. Mary's (6) will be available after tea. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, April 19th.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Lipper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

EII DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech Branch.-A meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4-30. Tea at 5.--W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. Jolin, Wisbech.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Frome \& Midsomer Norton Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, Apyil 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.-E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Branch. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkstone on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.rn, followed by tea and business meeting at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Will those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous, the Rev. Thorold Elfer, The Vicarage, Barkstone, Grantham? - C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GiLILD.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the Gansborough District will be heid at Willingham-by-Stow (excellent ring of 6 , tenor 12 盖 cwt.) on Saturday, April 22 nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a small charge. A special invitation is extended to visitors. Please notify Mr. C. Hooton, Stedmar House, Willingham, Gainsborough, for tea by previous Tuesday.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Maiden Newton on Saturday, April z2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at $4-30$, followed by tea and short business meeting. Cattistock belis (8) also available.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Grappenhall Branch. - The next branch mecting will be held at Frodslam on Saturday, April 22nd. Please advise me if requiring tea not later than the ath.-John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-A meeting witl be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, April z2nd. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn for those who notify me not later than Thursday, April 2oth. All ringers are wel-come.-J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.nn. Business meeting at $5 \cdot 30$ - C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Lancaster Branch. -The nexi meeting will be held at Morecambe on April $22 n d$, where the new ring of eight bells will be available from 3 p.m. All members and friends are warmly welcomed to come and try out the bells for themselves.-E. Swain, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Portsmouth District. - A quarterly neeeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from $2-30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., at the Reading Room. Business meeting follows. Ail requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 19th. All ringers welcome. - A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Western Division. A meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, Aprii 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at $4 \cdot 30$, foilowed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.-W. Wheeler, Hon. Dis, Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch. -A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Apologies to those who traveiled to Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, March 18 th. Meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute.-W. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District-A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 23nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. I mean you. C. J. Ball, 25 , Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).-A meeting will be held at Blacknoor on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, April igth.-C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughborough District. The next meeting is at Ibstock on Saturday, April 2and. Belis available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday next. Reports are now to hand. Come and get yours. Buses every few minutes from Coalville (Marlborough Square). -A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells, at Christ Church, available from 2.30. Emmanuel, after tea. Tea will be free, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughat Road, Birkdale, Southport.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at North Creake on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.30 . Tea 5 oclock. Please try and let me know if you are coming, as it is not so easy to cater in a small village as in a town.-W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. S. Hammond, 9, Meadowside, Newtown, New Milis.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. -. The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.-I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newbury Branch. -The spring meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Visitors please notify W. Alder, Church Road, Great Shefford, Berks, by Wednesday, April igth, for tea.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-Annual meeting at Slatgham on Saturday, April 2and. Tower open $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service and meeting to follow. Names for tea by April 19th.-O. Sippetts, IO, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester District. - Quarterly meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available at St. George's 3 o'clock. Service at 4 -30. Tea will be taken at Co-operative Cafe (five minutes from church) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me by not later than Wednesday, April igth.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A mid-week meeting will be held at Hartfield (6) on Wednesday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. K. Garwood, 28 , Brooklands Way, East Grinstead, Sussex-who is now organiser of the Guild's mid-week meetings-not later than April 24 th. All are welcome. The usual monthly will be a joint meeting with the Sussex County Association (Northern Division) at Rotherfield, on Saturday, April isth.-B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 2gth. Service at St. Peter's, with address by the Vicar of Brighton, 4.30. Tea at the Pavilion Grill Roons
5.15, price 25.6 d . (is. to members). Half rail fare, maximum 25 . 6d., allowed to resident members. Names for tea by April 24th essential. Notices of motions affecting rules must be received by April 15th.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th. BUSHEY HEATH (8 bells). Beils open from 3.30. Tea, Parish Hall, $5 \cdot 30$. Ringing after business meeting. Nearest station, Bushey. Bus service from all parts stops at church.-C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts Association.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham Dis-trict.-The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 29th. Further particulars next week.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division. -The next meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, April 29 th. Bells available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . Tea to follow. Please let me have numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aprit 26th.-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - North Norfolk Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Northrepps on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 25 th, to Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 29th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. to 4. 5 p.m. and S. Nicolas' and Shalford (8) after the meeting. Service will be held in the Cathedral Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (is. each) in Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5.I5 p.m. Those who require tea must let me know by Tuesday, April 25 th. Business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall immediately after tea.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. -Southern Branch.-The spring meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 2gth. Belis available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Walker Hall. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 2gth. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at $3.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at is. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m., and in the evening. Also at St. Giles' (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Those requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16 , Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 26th.-F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

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## SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATIONS.

Three, at least, of the principal associations that met for their annual meetings on Easter Monday were able to show increased membership during last year. They were the Kent, Worcestershire and Norwich Associations, and it is a satisfactory indication that, despite the 'slump' under which some associations seem to be suffering, there are others that have every reason to be satisfied with the numerical progress they are making. It was revealed at the Worcestershire meeting that the present membership is the highest on record. The gratification at this result must be the reward of those whose efforts have made it possible, but those responsible deserve congratulations. There will always be ups and downs in the progress of associations, but the case of Worcestershire goes to prove that consistent endeavour will, in the end, compensate for the disappointing periods which, from time to time, must necessarily be faced. Wisely, however, the Worcestershire Association emphasises that the effort to maintain membership must not be slackened, even at this high tide level. It is easier to slip back than to go forward, and not only must endeavours continue to be made to bring in those ringers who still remain outside the association, but individual towers must be unremitting in their endeavour to maintain their ranks. And this applies, of course, not alone in Worcestershire, but everywhere.

In addition to its increased membership the Kent County Association is also very happily placed in regard to its financial position. Its monetary affairs have been extremely welf managed in the past and in its various funds the association, which, be it remembered, contributes liberally to the expenses of members attending meetings, has accumulated nearly a thousand pounds. If, at the moment, the association in one respect is not so happy as it might be, its steady progress shows that at the core it is sound. The members at their annual meeting faced a delicate problem, and it is to be hoped that the negotiations at which the honorary secretary hinted will culminate satisfactorily. It would be a thousand pities if a 'canker ' developed in the very district which is richer in the promise of youth than almost any other district in any association in England and were to lead to decay. But the Men of Kent and the Kentish Men have in the nearly sixty years of the association's history shown themselves capable administrators and are not likely, we imagine, to let personal feelings disintegrate such a splendid structure as that which they have built up with so much care and fabour. In the meantime the association has the numerical and financial scope to (Continued on page 246.)

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

 LONDON.THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION,
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Threa Hours and Fifty Rtinntrs, At the Cathedral Cgurche of St. Saytour, Southwark,
A peal of grandsire cingues, 5037 Changes; Tenor $50 \frac{4}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Thomas Groombridar, sem.Tyeh | George J. Botcher ... ... 7 Harry Haskine ... ... ... 2 Edwin H. Lewis... ... ... 3 ErBderice J. Collom...... 9 Drerk M. Searp..* ... ... 4 Harry Hoverd ... ... ... 50 Thomas Groombridgr, Jen. 5 Hbrerri E. Atdaley... ... il Groferey V. Mcrpgy ... 6 Elceard F. Deal... ... ... Tamay

Composed by J. Rogers. Conducted by T, Groombridgr, jon.
First peal of Grandsite Ginques by all except T. Gronmbridge, sen.; and H. F. Audsley. Pirst attenpt on twelve tower bells by G. V. Murphy.

## LONDON

THE MDDLESEX COUNTT ASSOCLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, April 15, 7939, in Three Howrs awd Fifty Minules, At fhe Cacrge of St. Mary-le-Bow, Caeapside,
A PEAL OF sTEDMAN GINQUES, so19 CHANGES; Tenor 54 cwt ralb.


| Grorge R. Pye ... | ... | ... | 2 | Leslie W. G. Morris | ... | 8 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cbarlas T. Colers | ... | ... | 3 | Grorge W. Sterere | ... | .. | 9 |

Williar H. Hewrit ... i frant E. Darby ... ... ... io
-Tbomas G. Fox... ...
-Herbert E. Thompson ... 6 Manileg F. R. Higbrat ... Temay
Composed by C. W. Robrats. Conducted by W. H. Heweit.
*First peal on twelve bells.

## LEICESTER,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Salut day, April 15, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Thivity-Four Minutes,
At ige Chtbfdral Chofer of St. Mabitn,
A PEAL OF 8TEDAAN GINQUES, 6005 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt .
Sidney Caemey...
...Treble
Grorgs S. Morris
...
Alprid Ballard
... 3
Herrirt W. Pbrkins ...
$\dagger$ |Kennata A. Ror ... ...
Harry Wayne ... ... ...
Frederiek H. Dextra
Sbirley Buryon

Composed by F. H. Dexyer
Harry Brodgbion ....
Arnold Bronton .... ... it

- Conducted by Shizery Boatona
* First peal of Cinques on tawer bells. + First peal of Cinques. First paal of Cinques as conductor.


## TEN BELL PEALS.

YEOVIL, SOMTERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Monday, Appid 10, 7939, in Three Howrs and 7 uenty-Eight Minntes,

At tar Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATER8, $\operatorname{to57}$ CHANGE8; Tenor so cwt. in C.
-Edmond B. Barrington ...Trebl Wilcian C. Dowding ... 6
Sidney A. Ricertis... .... 2 EDward G. L. Coward ... 7
*Grorgr H. Horsi ... .... 3 Thohas J. Seiter an .... 8
†Albery C.Jbanes ... ... 4 Percy N. G. Ramey ... 9
-Trevor E. Mares an an 5 Herbhry C. Vowles ... Temoy Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by W. C. Dowding.

* First peas of Grandsire Cafers. + First peal on ten bella and. lirst attempt. First peal on ten bells as condactor.

BERKELET, GLOUCESTLRSHIRL.
THE GLOUCBSTGR AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Three Eours and Twenty-T wo Afinutes, At fer Cherch of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANEES;
Tenor 24 cwt .
Andraw J. Corbigan... ...Treble Miss Norab G. Williams... F. Nolan Golden ... ... 3 Gabrigl Lindiff ... ... Alfrbd Pzarcie Con A. Patricl cannon .... ...temor Composed by James George. Conducted by F. Nolan Goldan. First peal of Rogal on the bells.

MATDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Salkyday, Aprii 15, 7939, in Three Houys and Ninetern Minules, at the Cuprce of All Sainta.
A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGE8:
Tenor 3 cmat in C
Frbde, J. Lambert, sen....Tyeblif H. Ricbard French... Josm O. Wrlegr William A. Oldfiblo Tbomas E. Sone Composed by A. Knigurs. Composition No.

William Gorbinge Robert T. Lambert Wiletam Wibnban .. Fredbrice Weite ... ... 9 Lujber J. Honess ... ... 7 mon Conducted by Thomas E. Sone. st attempt for Caters.

## Gilbzat Pearce ... ... ... 6

 R. Gordon Cross ... ... 7 Josepa T. Dyex ... ... ... 8 Rev. C. Elliot Wigg ... 9 Rev. C. Ellior wige .....Tenoy
## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOORSAN GULLD.
(an Saturday, April 8, 1939, in Two Houts and Forsy-Twa Minules;
At the Cburce of St. Mary-tef-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MASOR, 5056 GHANCE8; Tenor gat cwt. in A.
Williak E. Flbycabr

..Treblo | reblo | Frank Variy |
| :---: | :--- |
| 2 | Lestrar L. Gray |
|  | ... |

. ... 5
Fred Hartman ... ... Ghorge R. Newion ... Percy Swindley... ... 4 Jambs C. E. Simpson ... ...Temor Composed by N. J. Pitstow. 4 paws Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson. TAWSTOCK, DEYON.
THE ANOIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGZ YOUTHS. On Sunday, Apyl 9, 1939, in Thiven Hours and Fithen Minates, at the Caurch of St. Peter.

Holt's Ten-part.
Tenor $16 \frac{3}{8} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Egnest J. Taylor
..Trobls
Ricbard T. Hibabrt .... Frederict A. Targety A. Wileiam Myeas Conducted by Thomas G. Myrps.
Alt the ringers are mambery of the Devonskire Guild. Tirst pen] on tho bells sinco they were rehmig and augmented to eight by Messra. John Taylor and Co.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIPE ASSOCLATION.

1) Monday, April 10. 1939, in Thyes Howys and Eight Minstos, At the Chegch op hll Sainys.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 506 GHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt , in $F$ sharp.
Horace S. Worscey ... ...Treble Mrs. E. Bradley

 Mise D. M. Hawley ... ... 4 Composed by C. H. Martin.

| Canales Brown ... | ... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Edward Bradiey |  |  | Conducted by E. Bradery.

## SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Ninetem Minutes,
At the Cefrch of St. Mary Magdalene.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAH TRIPLES, 5040 CHAHGE8:

Therstans' Foor-part.
Tenor 24 cwt .
Aobrey L. Bennett ... ..Tyeble Ernest ]. Taylor ... ... g
Edwin H. Nast ** ... ... 2 Thobas G. Myers ... ... 6
Frederics A. Targett.. .4 Ricbard T. Hibsert... 3 ... 7
Cbristopgrr R. Walrer ... 4 William Hibbbry ... ...Tenoy
Conducted by Ricbard T. Hibggrt.
All the ringers are members of the Ancient Society of Coliege Fortha. First peal on the belis since restoration by Messis. John Taylor and Oo.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, April 70, 1939, in Three Hows and Twenty-Five Minwtes,
At ter Cherce of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES, Tenor $32 \mathrm{cwt} 2 . \mathrm{qr}, 2 \mathrm{lb}$. in D flat.
Taomaf B. Worslry ... ...Treble| Ralpg G. Ejwarde ... ... 5
Grorge R. Newton ... ... 2 Frank Varty ... .... ... 5
C. Kenketa Lew1s ... ... 3 Jobn Wortb ... ... 4 Edwin Jennings ... ... ... 4 Jamas C. E. Simpbon ...tanor
Composed by G. Lindoff. Condacled by J. C. E. Simpson.

* First peal of Landon. First peal of London in Westmoriand.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSEIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 10, 7939, in Thre Howrs and Nins Mivutes,
Ax mhe Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE BURPRIBE MAJOR, 6 B6日 CHAMCEB;
Tenor 18 ewt. 3 qr . $\mathbf{z} 2 \mathrm{lb}$. in E.
Wicctam Wooderad ... ...Tyablo Kenneta Simpson .... ... 5
Miss Mary Whits
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Genneth Simpson } & \ldots & \ldots & 5 \\ \text { Grorgr Robinson } & \ldots & \ldots & 6\end{array}$


Composed by G. Lindorf. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
First peal of Surprise on the belle.

## SHTPNAL, SHROPSHIRF.

THE SHROPSFIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monduy, April 10, 1939, in Thret Howrs and One Minuto
Ar the Churce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MANOR, E02 CHANCEB, Tenor rg cwh. in E flat.
E. Dennis Poole ... ...Tride | Williay j. Cbester ... ... 5

 Composed by J. Thorf. Conducted by Aashor Pritcharn.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NORTON-LN-HALES, STAFFORDSFIRE.
THE NOBTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION,
On Monday, Apyil 10, 1939, in T wo Hows and Fifty-Five Minutes, At the Chuech or St. Cend,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANEEB; Tenor 13年 cot.


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THE SUFFOLE GUILD.
On Monday, April 70, 7939, in Thres Howrs and Eighten Hinntes
At tee Memorial Tower of SS. Pazricy and Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 GHANGE8; Tenor 17 cwt.

## Clembat W, Cracenell

 Edwin A. Crackrell... ...Tveble Hin A. Cracknlal... $\quad .{ }^{2} 2^{2}$ Saklford Sparrow Sableord Sparrow Keith W. Whitile ... Composed by F. Roaimon, Conducted by Garmbay A. Blaxcell MILDENHALL, SOFFOLK.
THE SUFTOLK GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twolve Mixaths, At zee Churce of Sy. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHAMCEs; Tenor 56 cwt .3 qr .23 lb .

 Keith W. Waitrie ... ... 4 Arthor Grinwood ... ...Tenov Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Harry D. Listbr BIGREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Monday, April 70, 1939, in Three Howrs and Twelvs Minuth, At the Church of All. Sainti,

## A PEAL DF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANQEBI

 Tenor 18 cwt. Wiliam T. Poston ... .... \& Ernest F. Salmong ... ...Tbnot Composed by J. R. Paitcrard. Conducted by E. F. Salmons. Eapecially arranged and rung in honour of the Easter festival. MELVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLA DIOGESAN ASSOCLATION. On Twesday, April 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Fotur Minutas.

At tag Chureg or St. Micgael,

## A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE TRIPLER, BOGO CHAHOEE।

Parker's Twalye-part (7th observation), Tenor 18 cwt .
Herbert H. Waleer ...Tybble Cladgr Tarr ... ... ... 5

- Henry Purciage...
†Cyril J. Stevens Walter J. Poole ... ... 4 tRicbard f. Bisbop ... ...Temay Conducted by W, H. Lloyd.
* First peal of Grendsire Triples 'inside.' $\dagger$ Tirst peal of Grandsire Triples. \& First peal on eight bells.

DITOHLING, SUSSEX.
the sussex county association.
On Wedmesday, April 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fïfly-Svon Minutos,
At the Churce of St. Maggant,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJDR, EO2 CHANOESI Tenor 8 cwt.
Jobn Deareove.
H. Sfaceam
.Treble ${ }^{\circ}$ Grorge Apps
Frbdrrice Page

- E. J. Davey

Composed by Sam Tromas, Conducted by Raymond Overy.


* First peal of Treble Bob, + First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANOASEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, April 13, 1939, is Ttwo Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minules, At ter Chorch of ter Sacred Trinity.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 505 CHANGE8;

Grorge Pye..
Harold Hoctingworta
Frane Reynolds ....
George A. Bell.... ... ... 4 C. Kbnneti Lewis ... ...Temor Composed by J. E. Burion. Conducted by F. Reynolds.
First penl on the bells since velarging.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Western Brance.)
On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Eight Minntes, At the Chuech of St. Jobn-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, sOt0 CHAMREE,

Parkrr's Twelve-paris (7th observation)
Tenor 14 cwt .
Ernesi Wilson... ... ...Treble Kalpe W. Saytrs -...... 5
Grorge E, Large ..... .12 Reginald Woodyatt... .... 6

- Horace Hodge ... ... ... 3 Jobn J. Jerfbries ... ... ${ }^{7}$ Sidney T. Holc... ... ... q Fedinick G. Yatbs ... ...Tomoy Conducted by Grorge E. Large.
* Finst peal of Triples. Rung lialf-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. Thomas, mother of the donor of these restored and augmented bells, who passed over in ber 90th year. BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTEORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On 1 hxysday, .fpril 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minmtes, Ar 3he Cefiction St. James,
A PEAL DF SPLIGED LONDOH, CAMBRIDGE, gUPERLATIYE \& BBISTOL SURPRIEE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Teror 13 cwt.
John E. Rootrs ...
..Treble
Caristopabr W. Woolley Maurice F. R. Hibbert

$\square$
The peal conisted of 2240 Conducted by H. G. CAsBuORE. Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method. OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxpord Society.)
Ow Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Howes and Fifty-Six Minutes. Ai the Cevrce of Sx. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDWAN TRIPLES, sOMO CHANGES
Hrywood's Transposition of Thorstang' Fodr-Part. Tenor 14 cwt . in F
alan R. Pine ... ... ...Tyebla William C. Poribra ... ... 5
George Ayprs

 Franeis E. Taylor ... .... 4 "Lesliz F. Pollen ... ... Tenor Conducted by Walter F. Jjeger.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung to mark the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. A. T. P. Williams, lately Dean of Christ Clurch Cathedral, Oxford, as Bishop of Durbam.

GIEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELIS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenly-Six Miswfrs,
Az tel Chuece of St. Anderw,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5 gO8 CHAMEE8; Tenor $\mathrm{r}_{4} \mathrm{cwt}$. in F .
Gabribl Gborgr Lindorf...Tyebls Gabribl Lindouy ... ... a
Miss Marie R. Cross........
F. Nolan Golden

Andrew J. Corrigan... .... 4 Joszpr T. Dyma ... .... ....Tomor Composed and Conducted by F. Nolan Goldem.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Safurday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Hixwtes,
At thf Church or St. Mart.
A PEAL OF dOUble NOHwICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGEs; Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. II lb. is E.
James H. Sbeparrd ... ...Treble F. Nolan Goldem Amphem J. Corrigan... .. 2 R. Gordon Cross Andram J. Corrigan... .. Stepaen H. Wood
… ${ }^{3}$ Rav. C. Elciot Wigg 6 Stepaen H. Wood ... a A Patricr Camnom .... ${ }^{7}$ Composed and Coodacted by F. Nolan Golden.
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SILSDEN, YORKSHTRE.
THE YORESEIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturduy, April 8, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Eight 通inutss, At tar Courca of St. JAurs.
A PEAL OF MINDR, 5040 CHANOEAI
Fseing four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Oxford Treble Boh.
-Miss Dorern Lester
Treble Miss Mary Weite
 enor 12 cwt Vernby Barsitow ... ... 3 Ernest H, Simpson ... ...t Tmor Conducted by Ernest H. Simpson.
First peal
PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATHON. On Swnday, April 9, 1939, in T wo Homys and Fifty-Five Minules,

Ai tee Cherce of Alr Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANOES:

Being four six-scores of Plein Bob and 38 of Grandsire (13 different callings).
Legseig W, Ball ... .. Tveble
Leonard S. Colrs ... Francis C. Mogrord ... 4
Lestie B. Coles ... ... 5
Edward Grle ... ... ...Tand Condacted by F. C. Mogyond.

* First peal in two methods.

WELWYN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASEOCTATMON
On Monddy, Aprill10, 1939, in Tw Howrs and Foriy ATimutes, At the Farise Churce,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGESI
Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambidge Surprise, Oxford Treble Boh, Kent Treble Bok, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob aud Plain Bob.
Lantiz Wilion ... ... ...Tveble|Johm Cgerce
Lewis H. Bywaters
$\ldots 1 y$
$\ldots$
$\ldots$
Prancis S. Bradmont
Ronald J. Searp ... .... 3 C. Edward Jepiries ... ....Tcmor Conducted by C. E, JRFfures.
The first peal on the bells MARTUUEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At tee Chugce of St. Micenem,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGESI
Forty-two gix-scores, ten callings- Tenor $8 \mathbf{8} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Harold W. Clotion ...Vreble | Wilered H. Clotion ... if
Frbderick W, Cbapman ... 2 Albert J. Biggs ... ... 5
*Trouas P. Barlow ... ... 3 |Caarles W. Accman ...Tonor
Conducted by $A$, J. Biggs.

* Firat peal 'inside.' + First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.


## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOOESAN GUHD.

(Kettering Brance.)
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Howry and Foyty-Eight Minwtos, At ige Chorch or Ale Saints.

## A PEAL OF RRANDSIRE DOUELES, 5040 CHANGE85

Forty-twu different callings
Tegor 8 cwt

- Bernard Brown ... .. Treble Chcil Brown ... ... ... 3

Grorge Brown... ... ... 2 Rictard Abrams... ... ... 4
Sidny Munton ... ... ...Tenor Condacted by Sidney Monton.

* First peal.

ASE PRIORS, SOMIERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOOLATION. On Monday, Apred 10, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forly-One Minntos, At the Chorch of the Eloly Thinity,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES!

Forty-two six-seores, ter callings,
Tenor 104 cw
Edgar Quiceg ... ... ...Treble

Condacted by Edgar Qpicke.

SEFTON, LANGASHTRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Ttuo Howrs and Forty-Two Minuts,
At the Ceugch of St. Helem,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8]

720 each of Cambriage Surprise, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two T20's of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt .
Sydney Flinx
... .".
...Treble
-Jacr Hale.
Conducted by Willam Habr Deacon.
Grorge Serlland ...
-. 4

- First peal.
* First peal.


## HARROLD, BEDS

THE BEDTORDSHTRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minufos, At ife Cetrce of Si. Peter and Ali Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUELES, 5DHO CHANGE8:
Twenty-one extents each of Plain Bob and Grardsire.
Tenor 13 cwt .6 lb , in $F$ sharp.
Donald L. Coceimgs ...Trable J. Harded Swapeton ... a
Owhe G. Warran ... ... 2 Parcy Amos ... ... ... 5
 Conducted by D. L. Cockings.

* First peal 'inside' in two methods. + Firgt peal.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LTNCOLN DIOCESAN GULD.
(Eastrrn Branch.)
On Monday, A pril 10, 1939, in Two Howy and Fifly-Six Minctas,
At the Cedrch of Sa. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5OH0 CHANEEB; Tenor 13t cwt.

 Composed by Rev. E. Bankes Jawes. Conducted by J. R. Yoong. * Firat perl of Minor eway from the treble.

ISEAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirly-Eight Minutas,

## At tee Parise Cevice of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 OHANGE8।
Corsisting of 780 each of Carmbridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Trable
Bob and Double Court, Doubla Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9t cwt.
Miss Mary Garley ... ...Treble | William Sherpord ... .... 4
Miss Mary Brown ... ... 2 E. Mataice AtE!as ... ... 5
Artadr Garley ... ... ... 3 Thomab Gsrley ... ... ... Thor Condacted by Thomas Garley.
An Easter Joy peal, specially rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Pector's ordination.

## LEICESTER

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
[St. Jonn's Society.)
Un THeslay, April JT, 1939, in Jhyee Howyis and Fiftetn Minutes,
At tay Church of St. Jobn-tbe-Diving,
A PEAL DF GRANDEIRE DOUBLES, FOAO CHANPE
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt .3 qr .8 lb .
*Reginald V. Hobsard ...Treble Sidney Harrison ... ... 4
 *Jobn Horst ... ... ... 3 | Stanley R. Haynes... ... Temor Conducted by J. Hicl and J Harsx.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from temor. Firsi peal of Doubles on the bells.
SHARESHILI, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Wedresday, April 12, 7939, is Trwo Howrs and Chirty-Thrso Minuths, At the Cburce of St Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, GO40 CHANEES

Forty-two sir-scores, 12 callinge.
Tenor 114 cwt.
Barnabas G. Kry ... ...Teeble

- Ricbard J. Warrilow ... 2

1. Dennis Holden ...* ... 4

Rogard Howard Howrle ..* ... 5
Rogrir L. Hawzsworta ... 3 Howard Botler... ... ... Temoy Conducted by Howard Howgel.

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## ROGK FERRY, CHESHIRE <br> THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (Wirral Brance.) <br> On Twasday, April 11, 1939, in Two Fowrs and Thirty-Three dinwles, Ax tex Ceupcey of St. Perte, <br> A PEAL OF 8PLICED SURPRIgE MINOR, $50 \subset 0$ EHANGE ;

## Being seven spliced cxtents, viz.: (i) Northumberland and Carlisle;

 (2) Ipewich and Camhridge; (3) Alawick and Newcastle: (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Bevarley and SuatleetJozn Coozs
James H. Coore



## Conducted by Johs Coore

* First peal end first attempt. First peal of Epliced Surprise Minor an the bells. There were 52 changes of method.

WONSTON, HANTS
THEE WINCHESTER AND POETSMODTH DIOGESAN GULED.
On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly-Five Minules,
At the Church of fhe holy Trintty,

## A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

 Seven $7 \mathrm{TLO}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$.
## Nesia Suitr <br> - Riceard Smite

f Williak R. Mrlvilef
Thabla flescie A. Tremerr † Reginald A. Rego tLegnarn Knotr.

Tenor $8+$ cwi

## Conducted by Reginhlo A, Rerd

 First peal of Treble Erob. First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the hells. Frust peal of Treble Bob and of Minor as corductor. A birthday compliment to W. R. Melville and L. A. Tremeer.(Hany other peal reporta ara unsvoidably held aver.)

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. N. SPINDLOW.

## RINGER AT DUCKLINGTON FOR FIFTY YEARS

The death occurred suddenly on Thursiay, April 6Lh, of Mr, Nabel Spindlow, of Ducklingtan, Oxon, a very well-linowu and lighly respected member of the Oxford D'fotesan duild.
Mr. Spindlow was foreman of the tower badd at Duckington, mear Witney, and had been a ringer at the church for upwards of 50 years. He was also sexton there for over 30 years.
Decensed was a man of great pergonabity and patience, and was atways willing to help a baid of youngsters and teach then the art of change ringing.
The funeral took place at Ducklington on Monday, April 10th. Fine boily was borle to the church by Ducklington ringers, while the belfs were puag fully muffled with the teaor open at back-stroke only. After the interment, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (with ten callings) was rase with the bells half-muftied by W. T. (Hint ten callings) was rag with the bells hali-mufted by W. T. ductor) 5, G. Farris 6 .

## SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Gripps tonk place on Salurday last at St. Audrew's Church, Steyning Suscex. Formerly an old Shipley, Sussex, ringer, Mr. Cripps was obliged. to give up ringing some 20 years ago, owing to denfness, but remained at work until nine months ago, then an interna! complaiot caused him to take to his bed and be pasged away on Wedrigstay of last week at the spe of 64 years.
Family monirners at the funeral included the deceased's widow and
darghter, His brother, Mr. F. W. Cripps, was wahle to be present owing to illness. Ringers who attended were Mr. I. M. Cripps (nephow) and Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton.
In his early daya, Mr. Alfied Gripps conducted the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methads for the Sussex County Asociation ond rang peale in the popular mothods of that time on six, eight and ten hells. For some years lie was leader of the Shipley band and a regular Sunday aervice ringer.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

A sucessful meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchegter A sucesstul meeting of the Winchester District of the Winctester shaut 40 menbers were present, and at the business meeting the district chairmen (the Rev. N. C. Woods) thanked Canon Robertson (Rector) and took the oppritunity of introducing the new district secretary, Mr. W. G. Goodebild.

## PEAL NOTES

(Gontinued from aext column.)
Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, with some other visitots, paid a successful visit to the Bristol district lest week-end end acorad a peal a day for three days, The Doubie Norwich on Saturday was composed over Junch. It proved to be e very masical composition, with $S$ at 1 , S at $3, S$ at 5 and $S$ at 8 in every part. It also proved the Norwich Association's secretary to be an adept with figures.

## PEAL NOTES.

## YOUNG RINGERS SUOGESS.

To ring sevell extents of Spliced *urprise Miuor in 14 mefhods 138 one's first attempt for a peal is a notrble achievenuent, to say the least of it, Two yonng ringers at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, did this on April 11th, when what is believed to be the first peal of Spliced Surprise Minor for the Chester Guild by a Sunday service band was rung. Of the two young ringers, James Cooke is only 15 and Alec Martin 18.
Some other youtbin] ringers, three of them scoring their first peal, took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles on the front aix ett St, John the Divine's Clurch, Leicoster, on the same day. These three, R. V. Hubbard (aged 18), J. Hurst (16) and S. R. Hayues (19), are all ex-choirboys, while Jolm Hill, who had previously rung a peal on the tenor, is only 15 and still a member of the choir. They bave been under the tuition of Mests. W. H. Clarke end S. Farrison, who completed the band. John Fill and John Hurst shared the conducting.
It was the first peal of Doubles on the bells. The original eight were installed in 1902 and the peal augmented to ton in 1928 by the generosity of Mr. William Wilisor.
A North Stafordshire hand is indebted to the Rector of Norton-inHales for permitting them to attempt a peal at a minute's nolice on Easter Monday. It bad been intended to go for a peal of 10,050 Treble Bob at Brouglaton, but illoess at the Fall nearby necesgitated its abandonment. The Rector of Narton at once gave congent to the use of his bells for a peal, and 5,120 of Kent was rung. It, was the first peal at Norten by the North Staffordslire Association.
The first peal on the hells at Salford, Lancashire, since they werg rehung, was rung on April 13tin. The peal celobrated tho birth of a daumbter to Mr. nnd Mrs. A. Bell, brother-in-law and sister to the

cancuctor, Mr. F. Reymolds. Grandsire Daunles was rung at Publaw,
A peal of Plain Bob and Somerset, by the local band on Easter Day, in honour of the festival. It was the first time that a peal in two methods had been rung ou the bells.
Bermard Browa, of Pykekley, Northasis, celebrated his 14th hirthday by ringing bis first peal at the first altempt. He rang the trehle to a peal of Grandsire Doubles on Easter Monday and rang well.
It is estimated hat the band who rang the peal of Lamdon 'Surprise at Ambleside on Easter Monday travelled not less tlan 1,800 miles for the job (including the returu joarney). Some of the band are prepared, for a mominal fee, to give tuition in the techaque to be used with ticket collectors when travelling by ardinarg braing with special excursion tickets. For reagons of modesty they prefer to remain clothed in anonymit

## RINGERS WEDDED

Mr. George Burrelt, abe of the Lincolnshire record Minor batd, was maried on Caster Monday, at Trimpton, to Mis Lois Neal, who for the past fivo years han bem a regular service raliger at this tower. A peal of Cambridge Eutprise Mroer was rung after the wedding in honour of the event.
Mr. J. R. Kemp bas now fung a peal on ull the bells in Frampton
Mr. W. EI. Deacon, of Maphull, Lancashire, rang bis first peal at the frst attempt on Easter Monday nt Seftod, and also conducted it. This was an excollent pertormance, for it was a peal in six Minor methods
The first peal on the bells at Welwyn, Herts, was rumg on Easter Monday. It consistad of seven different Minor melhods.
The peal af Yeovil on Enster Mouday included four visitore, Messrs. E. G. L. Coward, of Mere, H. C. Vowles, of Tetminster, and two from Birminghan, P. N. G. Rainey and W. C. Dowding. Tlue latter, incidentally, rang his $150 t h$ peal and first as conductor on ten bellg. He bud never proviously made a call in Grandsirc Caters.
Six of the clnires band, with the assistance of the Association Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) and Mr. J. J. Jefferies (who formerly had connections with the towery, paid tribute to the late Mrs. E. Thomas by ringing a hall-mafled peal of Grandsire Triples following upon the interment in Clainea Churchyard on April I1th.
Her bon, Mr. F, P. Thomas, is a rice-president of the association, and in 1927 wrs respensible for haviug the treble of the ald five recast and thras new bells added to make the octave, as a memorial to his father (some time Mayor of Worcester).
Mrs. Thomas lived to the tipe age of 99 and took a great intereat in the ringing at Claines on Sundays-ringing which she was able to henr if the wind was ju the right guarter. Her gon, though not a ringer himsolf, is keenly interested in bells, and lias done much towards various restorations in Worcestershire, while ringers in and aronth Worcester, as well as the Birmingham ringers, have at several times enjoyed his hospitality.
A Suffolk Guild hand pulled off a couple of peals on Faster Monday, Kent Treble Bob Major at Elveden, and Double Norwich Major at Mildenhall
The peal of Bob Major at Ali Saints", Hereford, ou Easter Monday, was Mr. W. H. Symonds' 100 th peal.
Another early composition by the late Mr. Arthur Knights bas just been ung A peal of Grandsire Caters (No. 21), which he composed in 1885, was called on Snturday at Maidstone by Mr. T. E. Sone, who las now called 75 dfferent compositions by Mr. Knighte, the first time they have been rung.
(Gontinued in previous column.)

## EAST DERBYSHIRE \＆NOTTS ASSOGIATION <br> OHANGE OF PRESIDENT．

The annusl meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamstitite Aseociation was leld at Ripley on Easter Monday．Ringing was cur－ tailed in the efternoon owiug to several weddings taking place，but advantage was taken of every interval，and the＂go＇of the bells leaven nothing to be desired．Tea wha served in the Co－operative Cafe and was followed by the business meeting．About 45 were preseat．

Mr．John Hobbs plesided，supported by all the officers of the asso－ cintion，but the Vicar of Ripleg（the Hev．H．P．Hargreaves）was umavoidably absent．The balance shest pras accepted as very satis－ factory，as was the auditor＇s report，presented by Mr．H．Doughty．

The presideat（Mr．Wilson Dobb）having intimated lis desire to be relioved from the cares of office，the meeting unanimously ap－ pointed Mr．John \＃⿴囗丷．hs，who expressed his apprecstion of the honour and sascured the meeting of his intention to do all in his power to further the intereats of the association．
Mr．Wilson Dobb became vice－president，and the Finging Master and Central Council representative（Mr．Tom Clarte），the ircasurer （Mr．O．M．Heathcote）and gecretary（Mr．J．W．England）were re－ elceted．Messrs．J．Machin and H．Dongbty were elected auditors and the zollowing appointed on the Exacutive Committee：Messrs． E．A．Ashman，A．Elliott，T．Jennings and J．Bleby，

A resolution was carried placing on record the appreciation of the services rendered to the association by the retirine president，Mr． W．Dobl，during the period of nine years in wluch he has held this ofice．
Mr．Dobb and Mr．J．Swain werc alected hotworay life members of the exsociation．
The Jubiles Shield，which is swarded annually to the most pro－ gressive tower，was banded to Mr．J．Bleby，captain of the Sutton－ In－Ashfield ripgers．

The secretary reported an increase in membership，and it was decided to institute a bell reptir fund．

The ammal dinner held in November last year was considered very successitu，and it was agreed to continue this flenction，voting resalking in Alireton afais being selected．

One honorary member and 13 finging members were elected．
Meetings were arranged for 1959 as follows：Quarterly meetings at Ashover，Swanwick and Hennor，and the next monual meeting at Sutton－in－Ashifield on Easter Monday，1940．A bearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Ripley for the use of the bells and his interasting address，to the organist and local band was accorded on the motion of Mr．R．D．St，Joln Smith，secouded by Mr．T．Clarke．

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION．

RETIREMENT OE THE HON．SECRETARY．
Aiter 18 years of valued service to the Bedfordshire Assaciation as hon．seeretary，Mr．A．E．Sharman，of Dunstable，retired from the office at the annual meetimg or Easter Monday，much to the regret of the members．The meeting was held at Bedford，where the bells of St．Pau＇s and St．Pefer s Churches wer＇s available during the dey．Ringers from all parts of the county arrived during the after－ noon，and by tea time 50 members and friends made their way to St，Pater＇s Hall，where Miss Steele and Mrs．Tyzoe bad prepared a splendid meal．
The business meting followed and was prasided over by the presi－ dent，the Rev．Canon A．Rust．
Ganor A．Iust was re－elected president，aud the vice－presidents， hon．auditor and representatives to the Centrat Council were all re－ elected en bloc．
Mr．A．E．Sharman，the general sccretary，nnuounced that owing to business reasors he was unable to carry ou the work and thought that the office should be filled by a younger man who would be able to devote the necessary time to the association．He wemt on to say how much he regretted having to ralinquish the secretaryship，but that he was vary pleased to propose that the presert Luton District secretary，Mr．F．J．Plummer，be elected general secretary．
The Chairmen spole of the very efleient why in which Mr．Sharman had run the association during his i8 years in office and ssid how sorry they all were that he saw fit to resign．He wrand like to take tho opportunity of thanking him on behalf of the association for the woric lie had so well doge（applause）．
Tha nomination of Mr．Plummer was seconded and earjed without opposition．
Mr．Sharman tern explained the Central Council＇s attitude about the publication of a book on Surprise Major methods，and said that each association wris approached with the ider of guaranteeing the finance of tha vonture．Miss Steele and himself，who attended the last Council meeting，voted againgt the proposal，and Mr．Sharman went on to say that they were still of the same opintos．He then explained the reasons，frgtiv that there would be no demand for tho thook in Beiffordshire，as the county was chiefly a five and git－bell county；secandly，that the Comoil should nof draw on the zeserves of the associations to finance their publications，and，thirdry，that tho book would probably be nily the first of a series requiring financial assistance．
The business meeting thien closed with a wote of thanks to the Vicarg of St．Paul＇s and St．Peter＇s 「or the use of the hells，aud many of the ringers returned to the towars for further ringing．

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## BELERY GOSSIP

The friends of Mr. Traac Emery (leader of the ringers at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent will be sorry to hear of au unfortunate accident which befal him on Wednesday of last week. While cycling he was involved in a collision with a motor-wan and sustained a fracture of the left collarbone, laceration of the right arm aud head bruises. He was takeo to Bromley and District Hospital and debainac,
After the wedding of Miss Doris White at Moorlynch Church, near Bridgwater, racently, the bells were rung by her father, Mr. John White, of Fursland Farm, and her seven brothers, Mescrs. Jack, Erle, Jim, Tom, Reg, Sam and Charlie White.
Mr. Fred Pearmaia, of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, was 69 mn Sunday last, and uatil three ybars mgo had not toucked a rope for 40 years. His fellow-yingers will wish him many more happy ringiag pears. He started lis ringing at Donmow, Essex, when there were only six bells, and the band were all the same name, Pearmain.
The Hertfori County Association pisited Hertford for the anmual meeting this year for the first fime sirce April 7th, 1890. Among those present on Easter Mondey who were also at the meating 49 years ago were the hon, secrataly (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) and Mr. ©. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow.
The explanation of the abseuce of two peals in the Norwich Diocesan Association's record in the Amalyais tables is that these two pesle were sent in for publicetion in "The Ringing World ' without the name of the association. This is one of the points upon which conductors should be particularly careful in forwarding reports.

But, having given the committee's explanation, perhaps we ought also to print the censure passed upon us. One of the committee responsible for this portion of the Analysis 'tells uf off ' thus: 'If any subsequent alteration was published mone of us noticed it, but that, of course, is not unlikely, for, as we all complain, you insert tho mmendments in suck uperpectedly odid corners!'

We shall have to $\varepsilon$ ee what can be done about in future, but we aluars thought the members of the Analysis Committee, above ail people, read" The Ringing World 'fron end to end.

The tenor of the ring of five at Earl Stonham, Suffolk, is badly cracked, and the ringers now welcome the congregation to cinurch by ringing handbells round the font.
Bronlifs, in Brecknockshire, now bas a ring of six bells, the old five haviag been restored and a treble added by Messrs, J. Taylar and Co. Bronllys Church fas the only detached tower with six bells in Wales. Many ringers were present at the dedjcation of the bella on April 8th.
We regret that owing to pressure on our space many reports have had unavoidably to be held over.

## SPLENDID WORK BY GIRLS.

HANDBELL RINGING AT MALVERN WELLS. To the Riditor.
Dear Sir,-Possibly some of your readers who remember the tate Rew. H. 8. T. Richardson, of Haralorid, will be glad to bear of the excallent work being done by his daughters at the Abbey School, Malvern Wells. They have, whthout any help, taught a band of their follow-pupils, all under 15 years of age, to ring handbello-doublehanded, of course-with good striking. During the spring torm 24 differently enlled extents of Plain Bob Minor have been rung by nine ringers, all under 15 years of age. Ome 720 of Double Bob Minor was rugg and two courses of Plain Bob Major. One of the Plain Bob ertents was rung in 7 minutes 15 seconds. The ringers taking part in these touchos were Dorothy Fichardson, Margaret Eastwood, Hazel Weall, Patsy Price, Jil] Budden, Aphra Roberts, Joyce Tarry, Rose mary Taylor and Anne Herper. Brenda and Monica Richardsen are a \#itutle older and deserve congratulation on this splendid young band.
B. M. BOYLE.

Combe Martin, N. Devon, $\qquad$

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

 THEE ANNTAL MEETING.There was a splendid attendance at the annual meeting held at Cardifi on Easter Monday. The bells were made good use of during the afternens and again in the evening after the business meeting had concIuded. Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Lewis. Tea, very kindly provided by the cluuch authorilies, was taken w the Church Schoolroom, the Ficar presiding.
The usual routime business was afterwerds transacted, including presentation of restaration and instruction reports.
Mr. G. Popnell was elected Master for the year, the Rev. Ipor J. Richards treasurer and Mr. J. W. Jones hors, secretary

Mr. J. F. Jones and Mr. E. Abiteh were elected the representatives on the Ceatral Coumcil.
It pras decided to subscribe to the printing of the Collection of Surprise Major Methods as set out in the circular letter issued by the Certral Council.

The next aunual meeting will be beld at All Sainta' Nemport the nexi Glamorgan quarterly meeting at St. Athan, and the pert Monmorth quarterly meeting at Caldicot.

A rumber of дew members were elected, Rumaley tower rejoinigg. A very pleashnt end enjoyable afternoon and evening were cpent and the meating proved a huge buccers.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-67.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY
One of the stalwarts of the Lancashire Association is Mr. Thomas B. Worsley, of Bolton, He has served the association in varjous official capacities for many years, and in addition to bis peal ringing activities he is known throughout the Exercise for his worls as a composer. His compositions are of outstanding merit, for he has aimed at quality rather than quantity.
Mr. Worsley was bonn in the parish of Deane, near Bolton, on September 30th, 1886, and, while bow attached to St. Mary's, Deane began his ringing career in 1909 at the six-bell tower of St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton. His first peal, however, was rung at Deane; Graudsire Triples on February 20th, 1911. and his first as conductor was also rung there, when be called a peal of Grandsire Triples on Agril 18th, 1913.
He bas taiken patt in some memorable performances, including the 11,232 Superiative Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Bolton, and the 17, B24 Oxford Trable Bob Major at Heptonstalk, rung in 10 hours 51 minutes, Both these were conducted by Edward Jenkins. Then, too, be took part in that other preat record of 15,312 Cambriage Surprise Maximus, rong in 11 hours 33 minutes, at Ashton-under-Lyue and conducted by William? Pye. He rang in the first Spliced Surprise peal by the Lancashire Ansociation, Superlative and Amsociation, Superiative and and later in the same year was the first Lancashire ringer to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. Ea did this unter Willian Pye's conductor-
 slip at Romiord, Esesez
Mr. Worsley's conducting bas been done rather by Force of circumshances than from inclination, but he has been greatly assisted by that other well-known Lencashire ringer, Titus Barlow, with whom he has rung over 180 peals, and Fiward Jenkins. Of the 315 peals which Mr Woraley las rung, 282 have been for the Lencashire Assotistion, and he has conducted 88 . His peals have been rugg in tawers in eight counties.

Mr. Worsley has been a member of the Lancashire Association Committec almost contiruously since 1915, was vice-president from 1933 to 1935 and has been one of the association's representatives ont the Central Council since 1936.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD

## EAST DEVON BRANCH GROWING

The East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held their annual meeting at Awliscombe on Easter Monday. There was an attendance of 70 , including 30 visitors, two of whom were Erom Notts and Essex. The bells at Awliscombe were recently incrensed from five to six by the addition of a treble, and the rebanging of the old ring took place last year, and a stubstantial raised oak floor, for the convenience of the ringers, has been installed.
Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in various methods, with Mr. W. G. Burrow in charge.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rey, E. G. Manington), who extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

T'ea in the Parish Room, arranged by Mzs. Bishop and helperg, was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. A. A. Falis De Salis (Honiton) presided, supported by the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke). president of the Guild.

Mr. J. H. Godfrey (Ottery, hon, gecretary and tregsurer, who was cordially greeted on recovery from illness) presented an encouraging report and anticipated that before long the membership would be 100 .
The following officers were elected: Chairman, the $\mathcal{R e v}$. A. A. Falis De Salis ; hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. H. Godfrey ; repregentatives on the General Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, W. E. Dickens and O. Turner; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Burrow.

A balance in hand of $£ 1816 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d . Was reported.
Ottery St. Mary was chosen for yext yeer's annusl meeting, and Luppitt for a gatherisg on August 26th,

Two new members were elected, the Rev. W. I. Airey (Lidford) and the Rev. E. G. Mannington (Awliscombe). Eight certificates were presented, six recipients being members of the Broadhembury band (Mensrs. W. P. Ploese, W. Churchill, E. Squires, R. Mathews, W. Jevell, O. Eveleigh), and the others Messrs. F. Warren (Honiton) and Nelson Owen (Ottery St. Marv).

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

## Too Many Ringers Still Outside.

The 6end annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association brought almost a hundred ringerg to Norwich on Easter Mouday, when the bells of St. Peter Maveroft, St. Giles-on-bhe-Hill, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints' were available from 10.30 fim . A large variety of methods was rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal, Dufied Fhoyal, Londan, Superlative and Cambridge Surprisa Major.
The service in St. Peter Mancroft was sonducted by the Vicaz and president of the association (the Rev. Hugh McMullars). The Rev. E Witliam Blyth (Rector of Northrepps and an enthusiastic rigging member of the association) gavo the address from Isajah lii., 2. He spoke of the messege broadcast by the bells as warthy of all the slill the ringers cauld put into their ringing
Luncheon was served at the Castic Hotel, when 83 members and fijends sat down.
At the business mecting which followed, the president was supported by the Revs, E. W. Blyth (Northrepps), A. Si, Joln Heard (Bergh Apton), J. M. La F. Mcanelty (Hethersett), J. E. H. Willinms (Aeley, Mr. Artbur L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr, F. Nelan Golden (general secretery and trensurer), Messis. W. L. Duffein, J. A Godfrey and W. J. Lee (branch chairman), J. G. W. Harwood, A. G. Harrison and H. Tooke (branch secretaries), and diocesan members from Acle, Alburgh, Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Cromer Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakeuham, Gressenhall, Halvexgate, Hethersety, Lodrion, Lowestoft, North Elmham, Northrepps, Norwich, Pakefield, Pulham, Reedham, Redenhall, Rocklend All Saints, Shelfanger, Suet Pulbam, Reedham, Redenhall, Rocklend All Saints, Shelranger, suetWymondham. Messrs. A. E. Austin Newmarket), A. H. Holliday (Mristol), E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), W. C. Porter (Oxford) and J. Mayes (Thornbrm) were very welcome wisitors.
The President referred to the great loss the association, in company with the diocese in general, had suffered by the death of Canom Ci. M'. MacDermote, their late president. He was a man unversally helowed and to the ringers wns a very sircere friend, known and loved by eacl, ono of them individuslly. Canon MacDermott, was always out to do his begt for ringing generally in the diocese.
Mr. R. T. Woodley also referred to the loss the rivgera had sustained y the death of Canou H. J. Furaght, of Lowestort
The members rase and stood for a moment sus a mark of respect the memory of these gentlemon.

## RECORDS BROKEN.

Tise anamal report commented upon the very satisfactory attend ances af the district meetings, in comparison with the support given during former vears. In evary branch lecords in this direction hac been broken, while a greater variety of methods had baen rung, which was another healthy gign. Membership totals showed an increase of 24 over the previous year, and the annual subscribers now exceeded 400. During the yeur 68 members were elected- 10 homorary, 8 twot resident life members, and 50 members of the genus labelled at werforming" so delightrully in the rules '-but losees by death and the rou-payment of subscriptions gave a net gain of only 24. The balunce sheet showed a balance of only fil 18 s .5 d ., but, the end of the finencial crisis appeared in sight.
The associstion was the first to reach the exireordinary total of 5,000 peals. In the past year 103 peals were rung, a decrease of five on the record set up in 1937, but the cuality of the peals had insproved. Cambride Surprise Royml and Double Norwich Court Bob Royal appeared in the list after a ragret table absence of many yents, and Pudsey Surprise Major, Belgrave Surprise Major, Real Double Superntive Surprise Major, Painswick Surprise Major, a peal of Spliced Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward Bob and Double Dxford Bob Major, aud peals of Minor ir 15 methods in seveu extonts had been rung by the association for the first time. Ome hurdred and eighty-four ringers and twenty-geven conductors took part in the peale.
The report concluded with thanks to the branch secretaries for their successful labours, and added that 'in spite of record attend. ances at the several meetings, there are large numbers of ringers who do not put enough into the association and who could profit much by regular attendance. In too many instances the sulccess of a meeting has depended on the suppert of a few enthustasts whose sphere of activity is nof confined to any one branch. The welfare of the essociation is every member's concern, and his act of membership is not concluded by a simple paymert of two or five shillings. We need his support at meetings, his surgentions and constructive criticism for improving our activities in the ringing warid. In particular, we want to help him, if it is in our power, to improve his striking, and thus the effciency of his service as \& churchworker, Again, though our membership is riging, many ringers in the diotese are outgife our renkg-and we and they are the poorer for it. Let us not, then, get together and congratulate ouraelves too enthusiactically on our past schiavements, but get to work to improve still further our tandard of ringing and to augment the number of our associates,"
The President, moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the assaciation on one of its best reports of recent years. He satid it was very gratifying to him, as president, to see they were on the upward grade in the matter of members. Speaking for the dioceser-
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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP RECORD Decline in Peal Ringing

## A record membership was reported at the agnual meeting of the

 Worcestershire Association at Worcestor on Easter Monday. The tota present grown to etivg in the College Hall, the president (Dear present at the maetwg in the casiege Hall, the presiden (Dean yift. Since we met last year,' the Dean said, I have spent same tour months away, two of them in India. While I was there my Lhoughts did go back ta this association, because I remembered the last nnnual meeting and hoped to bo able to attend this one. I want to ask the association to accept a small present I got while in Indiawhick indeed reminded me of you. It is an elephant's bell an orderly gathering, sD that if do not suppose a bell is needed. This is the kind af bell slung over the shoulders of the elephants, one belh-bigger than this one-langing on each side.'The Dean presented it to the secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson) on relalf of the association, and suggested, amid laughter that it be recorded on the minutes that if this elephant bell should become a white eleplant ' it might be sold without hurting lis feelings, and anything oblniued from the sule might be given to the tower fund
The mewbers expyessed their hearty nppreciation of the gift.
The annual report presented by the searetary, after referring to Lhe activities of the year, said the outatanding feature of the year liad been the alection of the reraarkable number of 106 new performing members The report added:-

Dospite this number, aud maling allowance for lapses, removals and losses through death, our pait-up membership for 1038 does not reach the higin tevel which seemed possible earlier in the year. For Le fourth time in saccession, the Western Branch records an increase this year of 26; the southern Branch shows an increase of 11, but
 two latter braches geveral hands whose subscriptors for 198 are autstanding, but we feel contident, these will be forthcoming early in
1939. The net, yesilt is a total of 510 , 15 more than lakt year, and 14 above our previous hathest number for ang one year. The asgociation records reven the peculiar fact that each peak year jns been immediately followed by a slump. May we express the hope thai everyone will worl together in an effort to avoid history repeatiog sell? in 1939

The General Fund glows a credit balance on the year's work of 45 10s. $3 d^{-}$, and no calls having been made on the Belfry Repairs Fond, its value has been increased by 811 \&s. The total worth of our funds is now £9948. 2 d.
Tho committee reported that grants of es ench bed been approved towards the restotation of the bells at Hanbury and Wollaton, and that it had been decided to advance the coet of twelve copies of the dentral Council's publication, "The Collection of Surpriso Major Methods.

## FALLING OFF IN PEALS

The peals qnalygis anü points table, compiled by Mr. J. Pigott, lescribed 1838 as rather dieappointing so far as the number of peale was concerned, only 48 being rung and being one of the leanest of recent years. This compared very unfeyournbly with a year or two ago when they nearly topped the century, and they could not but feel tliat it in some measure reacted on their efficiency. They mould like o see all towers in wmion making en effort to secure at leakt one peat during the year, and thnught finis could be done im most instances, eren if it nevessitated calling is a libtle neigibbourly assiatapes.
The number of members laking part in peais was 132, of which pine rayr their first peal and $70^{\circ}$ accomplished something they had not prevtously done. The conductors numbered 16 , among whom \{here wns only one nem one, while it was regretted that no handbel\} peal was recorded ovar the year
The peals, which were made up with 13 on six bells, 32 on eight and threo on 10. were distributed es follows: Northern 16, Western 15, South 7. and Mixed 10, and the order of merit was as under Claines, 1,167 paints; Brierley Fill, 1,072; Upton-onSevern, 739; Wollaston, 615 : Selly Oalk, 593; Hiuton, 574; Worcester Cathedral 556; Clext, 415; Kitderminster, 413; Crowle, 336; Hartlehury, 330 King's Norton, 222; Suckley, 203; independents, 1,174. Twenty-two owers scored less than 200 points, their zotal being 1,812, and meking the grand total 7,407 points, this showing over last year a drop of nearly half, which was not too encoureging
The balance sheet for the year showed receipta 873 15s., which included $\mathrm{f8} 12 \mathrm{~s}$. brought forward. and $\pi$ aredit balance of $592 s .3 \mathrm{~d}$. with $£ 5$ deposited in the savings bank at the end of the year
Recripts on the Belfry Rapliirs Find account totalled 250 17s. 40 . and there remained a credit balance of 88 4s. 6 A . (compared with debit balance of 8 s . 9 d .).
The report and balance shaek were approved
The Secretary pointed out that the feature of the report related to the memhersbip. Since it was drafted there had been 20 back subscriptions paid, so that pow the membership read 530 , which was 34 more than they ever had before (applanse)

Mr. J. R. Newman, Severn Stoke, voiced the pleasure it gave him 18 former secretery to note tite progress the association wns making. fie felt it remarkeble thint a county liko Worcestershire, which was
by no means big, should have such a membership. It showed great keennes, and a lot of work put in by the officials, to whom gratulations were due.
It was decided to hold the essociation's cimner annually on the last Saturday in September, with a subecommitteo of two from each branch to make the arramgementa.

The members toot in silence as a nark of respect for members who had passed awny during the year, and a vote of sympathy was cimi larly expressed with the Rev. J. F. Eastiogs, of Martley (a vice president and former clerical sectetary), on the loss of his wife, sna to Mr. E. P. Thomss, of Claines (vice-president), on the death of his mother. Both Mrs, Thomas and her son heve been the generous donors of new hells to several towers in the diocese.

## OFHCERS RE-ELFCTED

All the officers were re-eleted, ibeluding the Dean as plesident Mr. S. T. Holt (Crowle), Master; the Rev. G. W. Webb (Longdon) clerical seoretary i Mr. J. D. Johnson (Evesham), lay aecretary; Mr W. H. Johnson (Timberdine), hon. treagurer'; Messrs. E. E. Barbel and J. R. Newnzan, auditors. The following were also elected to the Central Commitice: The Rev. J. F. Hestings, Messes. E. P. Thomss, W. B. Cartwright (hon, members), S. T. सolt, J. D. Johysor, C. H Woodberry (Central Council representatives), J. Pigot (peals analyst) C. W. Cooper (librarian), R. G. Knowles and W. Short.

The arrauging of the aunual peal was left in the lundes of the Master, Mr, W. Short, Clent suggesting that it be rupg for an gmunent Wrrcestershite man, the Bishop of London Dr, WinnipgtonIngram. Mr. Short mentioned that he understood the Bishop was resigning on September 1st. His father was a Rector in the Worcester diocere for 54 years

This was unanimausly agreed, and the Masfer asked the Doan if the Dean and Chopter would ailow Ehe pend to bo rumg on the Cathedral bells for such an occasion
The Dean intimated that he would bring the matter hefore the Chapier.
The meeting discussed the venue for the uext annual meeting. The , iew whe put formard by somic members that a changa would be good for the association, aud Mr. C. H. Woodbery, atating that he lad noted the small attendance at thas meeting, moved that next year it be held at Stourbridge.
It was pointed out that, if the meeting was held in the north one year, ju justice it should go south the followiry year, and after further discussion a resolution pias carricd that Worceater again be the venue next year, the voting being-for Stourbridge 15 , fot Worcester 29.

Thnnks were accorded tho Dean for presiding, to the incumbents of cily churches who had that ing put church bells at the disposa] oi the assaciation, and to the officers.

## A STRIKING ADDRESS

The members atteuded choral evensong in the Cathedral, at which the preacher was the Rev. J. R. Bamber, Viear of Wollaston. In the course of his address he sait be very much appreciated the honour of being invited to preach at that service, but lee had no special qualifications to do so, other thar his lave of bells and gratitude the men who rang for service and spent their leisure hours in practice. On such an occasion a non-ringer could do one of two thimgs; le could preach a geveral sermon with a peasing reference to bells, or he could take his courage in both bands and from his slight knowledge of ringing draw a few simple lessons applicable to everyday life, and this he proposed to do. Taking his text from Patles 150, - Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud eymbels, the preacher said this was ting nearest reference he could find to bells in the Bilile. From the cymbals of the Bible, two crude piates elashed together by hand, they had progressed to the carefuly cast, carefully tumed avd carefuly hung bells demanded by madern change ringitg And in the ringing chamber was a band of ringers working together it a carefully arralked plan. Not avery one of the bard know the whole of the plan, but depended on the ame made by the leader There mosid pe pandamonium if no the took any notice and each decided to please bimself. If there was one place on earth where co-meration was required, and where the leader should expect oberlience, that place was in a ringiag chamber. Was that not the parable of the world at largep The change from the oymbrals was similar to the chauge in mode of life. There was geed for more co-operation betweelt man and man; need of a great beader to guide them in their dodging; place-making and hanting to tive end of the peat. Men and womon everywhere were seeking a leader they hed that leader in Chrint, but how meny of them obeyed and followed the calls He made?
As they knew. a well-tumed bell had diferent notes, all in larmony one with the other. It had its strike note, and its hum note, which registered an exaot nctave below its strike note. All Christinns would do well to ase thenselves if their lum note was in harmony with their strike nate. Or did they sound one note in the presence of God ead another elsewhere? Was their Christian skrike note on Suzdayg in harmony with the hum note of their weekday life?
Jesus Christ was the only Leader for the world, but before Ne could lead we must allow Eim to take us into Eis foundry and to ture us until eat hum notes were in harmony and syapathy with our striks notes.
Ringing took place daring the day nt the Cathedral, All Saints'. St, John-ic-Bedwardine, St. Nicholes' and St. Swithum's

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECREIARY'S FIFETETE YEAZ OP OFFICE

## The annus! meeting was heid at Eertford on Easter Monday

 the last meating was beld at Hertford on April 7th, 1890, speruiation was rile as to the measure of surcess it would meet with. Gladuened by a glorious spring day, members came from every divisiou of the county, and the committee dave reason to be satisfied with the resulte, with one exception, the cheery welcome and speeches from ino Dens of St. Albans and other clerical supporters were missed. The Rector of isengeo was the only clecic present, for a brief stay, and Mr. A. Purkiss Ginu, of Hertford, a member of the College Youths. Between 79 and 80 sai down to tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, kindly leut. by the authoritiee of St. Andrew's Church, hefore which they gathered in chureh for a sliort service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. T Gsrdser). He preached from the text ' Go ye, therefore, and tell my disciples," and said thet was the conmission the ringers carried With them as they climbed the steps of their belfries and rang the bells for divine service. He also feelingly referred to the death of Mr. George Gray, of Fertford, who, he said, had done an immensely waluable work for bellringing in Hertford.The busimerg meeting was presided over by the retiring president, Mr. A. E. Coalte, of King's Langley, who recarded his pleasmre derived front his presidency for the past year, and expressed the hope that the meeting would have far-reaching success.
Mr. G. F. Debenham presented the accounts, which showed a credit balance which had increased during the year frome \&1 0s. 2d. to £2 19s. IOd., Lut he explained that, as he had had to drow ex from resntres $f$ a loss on the year of El ons. 4d. had really been incurred. Although receipts from subscriptions had riseu by £4 19s. Gd, this Whs largely accolnted for by the payment of subscriptions in arrearsThe Bemavoinnt Fund showed a credit balance of f25 18s. 3d., bat £2 of this wrs paid nut furing the previous week to a necessitous member. The sum of $8813 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{~d}$, staod to the credit of the Voluntary Bell Find, and it was agreed to grant three guiveas from this to the onst of the restoration of the balls of St. Mary's, Hitchin. The treatures exptessed the hope that next year the accounts would be very easy, tor with the increaged subscription and a good set of affieers this was possible.

The stalement was received on the motion of the treasurex, seconded by Mr. D. Mears.
'he secretary prosented his anntial report, which was adopted upon the motion of Mr. G. E. Debenlam, duly seconded, with ifanks.

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his ammal report the hon. secretary said that of the 50 pesib rung on tower bells, 28 had been Surprise methods, 14 Jnaving been tulag for the first time, which was an acrance on anylhing hitherto bedred. Three peale had been rung upon handbells, Tla forst peals of Erin Cinques and Bob Maximus rung at St. Albans Cathedral constiluted anoiher record. He also drew attention to the great advance mado at the Apsley tower, where peals in 25 and 24 methods had been rung. Tlierc tad been 14 conductors, and seven members lind rung thoir first peal, which was very small. Nearly all the panls have been funt in the western side of the county bot he trusted ere long they would hear of advance being made in the Eastern ard Now they would
District mpetions, continued the hon. gecretary, have been numerous, some of which buve been joint with neighboring assowiations, and very usefut work has ben dane both hy this and combined practices. One also walcones the continuance of the short sorvice which the clergy so readily arrange for the meetinge. These simple services, with the homely address, are an inspirntion to the ringers, and form an ahting ink with the clergy.
Our buemleership keeps normal, which is not satisfactory. We need some forward movement anangst the younger memberg of our churches to filf up gaps. It may meed some sacrifice of time, but this always brines compertation if undertaken in the right gpirit. May I comand this thongint to erery tower leader?
At the Inst. Easter meeting, owing to financial restrictions, as resalufion war phased raizing the sultsorption by $6 d$. a year. For 54 years the subscription has remsined at the low level of one shilling: but with incrensed clarges all round, the committee had no other option. As the incrense is only bd. per month, I feel sure you will shoulder this small increase in the interests of the association, and support the domands of your district socretaries at the beginning of each year when they become due.
May I commend to your notice ont Benevolent and Voluntary Bell Funds. Both are most useful adjuncts to our society, and deservo our best support, Aiso, if you are keen, buy 'The Ringing World and hee what others are doing, for we represebt a treat brotharliond. Don't lose sight of this fact. It is vifal for success of ens ringing seciety.

After refersing to the sarions bell reskorations that had taken place during the year and the loss of members by death, the hon. sectetary went on to refer to the exceltent wark of the districh secretarins and expressed great regret that fathing heailh had caused the retircment of Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern Division).
The report gave exiracts from the report of the distriet sectetaries and contained reference to the articles, under 'Leadior Conductorg, whith hare appeared in 'The ritging World," in relation to three
members of the essociatiols. It concluded

- Our thaules are to all who have farthered the interests of the essociatiou, not ouly during the past year, but for many yoars. The Cathedral authorities, the incumbents of our willage and towu churches, our honorary mem bers, our district secretaries bat forcetdog the many who keep the beils in riurict rim I tumet that this meetina will send wou forth belt jn with the inspiration to carry on yaur church work as heliriagers with a greater enthusiasm and success. That you will all endeavour to see the loest only in each other, atid not the worsi eide (for we all passess both), and if dissensions do arise, as sometimes they do, get together and put matters straight, eves renvembering your caling, "Warkers together with Him.
Mr. H. Symons, of Hitchin, was alected a member, and confrmation of provisionsl election of Mrs. F. W. Housders and Mrs. P. Himphreys was also agreed to.
Mr. W. Ayre moved tlat the association be responsible for 12 copics tho 'Colloction of Surpribe Major Methods.' Fe pointed out that the sals of the 12 copies would give the association a profit of 38 and that the book would not be advertised for geveral zale untal the arsoniations had the fullest opporthoity of disposing of their coples. Mr. G. E. Deberhmm secanded, and this was agreed to.


## THE NEW PEESIDENT.

Mr. G. E. Dehenham proposed that Mr. A. Day, of Harpendem, ha president for the ycar, and in doing so emplasised the capabilities of Mr. Day as at rimgen, together with his great interest in the asaciation. This was scconded by thie secretary and carried unazimously.

Mr. Day, having been invested tuith the badge of office, said the day was tho greatest moment in lis ringing career. His endeavour would be to carry out his dities to the satisfaction of ail, and he mould strive to give his support to the districh secretaries by attending as matay meetings ang porsible.
Mr. G. F. Debenhim was elected treasirer and proposed Mr. G. W. Cartmel as secretary, pointing out that he was elected assistant secretary to his father at the meeting at Herlford in 1890, and four years later was apoonted gecretary on the resigation of M. N. $P$. Debenlam. Mr. Cartmel was now entering his fiftieth year of office, and he expressed his thanks for his long service.
On the motion of Mr. G. Radieg, seconded by Mr. Cooke, the folluwing were elected members of the Cental Council: Messrs. W. Ayre, Harold Coghmure, C. Wealles and H. E. C. Goodenough.
Mr. Frost was appointed librarian, and, in reply to a question, mentioned that no reguects for books had hean mane during blie year
Mr. G. Radley, in a few approptinte words, thanked the secretary Cor his long services, and Mr. Don Mears thenked the members for the sultseription towards the Hitehin resteration. Mr. F. Kirls also congratulated Mr. G. F. Dehenham upon being elecled on houorary member of the Central Council.

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and his fellow-incumbents, lie thanked them warmly for the work they had puk in dariag the vear ou behalf of their yatish churches. - Yours is a very real spiritual contribution to the spiritual life, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ suid tho President, "and I an fure where ringers conse together in ihe rimht spirit, realising they are taking part in at corporate act of worship, the ringing of hells does cnluatece that athoosphere in which wo all seek to warship God." They mast, lie added heen in mind that it, was a spiritual undertaking fad that bells were not rulag for their devotion, but for the gloty of God as an integral jart of His

## worship. L. Coleman seconderl the motion, whels was cartied,

Mr, Cofeman then moved the reeelection of the Rew. Hugh McMulan as pregident and spoke of the great, services Mr. Machintlan had rendored in that capacity. Mr. J, G. W. Farwood setmaded the proposstion, which was carried with enthusiasm. The President, in reply, satid lie was zlad he was not sackad becelthe lie really had beconic attached to the diocesam ringerg and looked forward to the Easter Mouday meetings especially. He appreciated the work of the ExecuMouday mentings especially. He
tive Committee and the members
The vice-presidents were re-nlected, Canon Ralph I. Whatehead being added in place of the late Canon Enraght.
Mr. Nolan Golder was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mu', Golden spoke of the fine worl doule by the branch secretaries and their committees.
Mr. Gearge P. Burtou mas reelected hon, auditor for the 3lst time. Three new members-Messrs. A. Durant (lReednam), J. Green (Wroxham) and W. D. Richmond (Garveston)-were elected.
Kesers. A. T. Coleman, F. N. Golden and L. W. Houghton were elected to represent the association on The Central Council.
Certain miner changes in the association rules were agreed to. and standing orders werp suspended to bring the revised rules into forch.
Tho Secretny spolie of the Centra! Council's fortbconing beok on Surprise Major methode, and it was ngreed that tho essociation slould tako up 30 eopies of the book.
Mr. W. C. Duffield thanked the incmubents of the city churches for permission to have the use of their bells throughout the day; and the Rev. F. W. Blyth for lis part in the eerwice.
Mr. C. H. Moore thanked the nstociation for itc fomation fo the Hethersett Bells Realoration Fund.

## NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. P. D. Ellis. High tea at the Express Dairy, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements as follows:-St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) from 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from about 7.30 to 8.30 (one hour only); St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) from about 7.30 to 9 p.m.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Latkswood 1959.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-E. Berks and S Bucks Branch.-The annual meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at is. per liead.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexhan\}, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and nonmembers cordially invited. Please make this a bumper meeting. - F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hollingbourne ( 6 bells) on Saturday, April 2and. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Frequent buses pass on main London-Folkestone road (io minutes from village).-R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec. Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District. -. A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting follows at Yateley Hall by the kind invitation of Miss de Winton Corry-J. G. Stilwell, Lea Cottage, Yateley, Camberley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Wilingham-by-Stow (excellent ring of 6, tenor $12 \frac{3}{3}$ cwt.) on Saturday, April 22 nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a small charge. A special invitation is extended to visitors.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burtor District.-The next meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to try this handy peal. Visitors cordially invited. - J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Soutlo-Eastern Division.The next meeting will be at All Saints', Maldon, on Saturday, April 22 nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting after. The bells at St. Mary's (6) will be available after tea.-H. W, Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, chelmsford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Portsmouth District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., at the Reading Room. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech Branch.-A meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea at 5.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Frome \& Midsomer Norton Brancli.-A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.-E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Branch. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkstone on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m.-C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The rext meeting will be held at Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, April a2nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-A meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, April 22 nd. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn. All ringers are welcome. J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67 , Hedley Street, Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A mecting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at $5 \cdot 30$--C. Sharples, Branch Sec.
1.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Lancaster Branch. -..The nexi meeting will be held at Morecambe on April 2ind, where the new ring of eight bells will be available from 3 p.m. All members and friends are warmly welconed to come and try out the bells for themselves.-E. Swain, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Western Division.A meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday. April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at $4 \cdot 30$, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers wetcome-W. Wheeler, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch.
A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-W. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be lield at Potton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Alf ringers will be welcome. Please come. I mean you.C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).-A meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. -C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. S. Hammond, 9, Meadowside, Newtown, New Mills.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. - The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.-I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughborough District.-The next meeting is at Ibstock on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Reports are now to hand. Come and get yours. Buses every few minutes from Coalville (Marlborough Square). - A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, April aznd. Bells, at Christ Church, available from 2.30. Emmanuel, after tea. Tea will be free, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 15, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be beld at North Creake on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please try and let me know if you are coming, as it is not so easy to cater in a small village as in a town.-W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newbury Branch. -The spring meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea, $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., at 6 d . each. All ringers wel-come.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-Annual meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, April 22 nd . Tower open 3 p.m. Service and meeting to follow.-O. Sippetts, 10 , Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester District. - Quarterly meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, April 2and. Bells available at St. George's 3 o'clock. Service at $4 \cdot 30$. Tea will be taken at Co-operative Cafe (five minutes from church) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Abbans District.-A combined practice will be held at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Monday, April 24th. Bells (ro) from 8-9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome--H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Practices for April; ${ }^{* S t}$. Paul's Cathedral, $25^{\text {th }}$; St. Magnus', 27th. All at $7.3^{\circ}$ p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Sec., I, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A

 mid-week meeting will be held at Hartfield (6) on Wednesday, April 26 th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. K. Garwood, 28 , Brooklands Way, East Grinstead, Sussex-who is now organiser of the Guild's mid-week meetings-not later than April 24 th. All are welcome-B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.
## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The monthly practice will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, April 27th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.-G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 29th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. and S. Nicolas' and Shalford (8) after the meeting. Service will be held in the Cathedral

Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (is. each) in Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Those who require tea must let me krow by Tuesday, April $25^{\text {th }}$. Business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall immediately after tea.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.I5 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at is. 6 d . per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing, at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m., and in the evening. Also at St. Giles' (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Those requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 26th.-F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 2gth. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing a.30 to 4.15 and in the evening. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 to 9. Service at St. Peter's $4 \cdot 30$, tea, price 25.6 d . (is. to members) at the Pavilion Grill Room, 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Names for tea by April 24th,-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70 , Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

## WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

 -Southern Branch.-The spring meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Walker Hall. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division. -The next meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells avallable 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please let me have numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 25th.-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7 , Cedar Avenue, Chadweli Heath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Noth Norfolk Branch, - The next meeting will be held at Northrepps on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 25 th, to Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpooi Brancl. -The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2gth, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, Liverpool. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 . Tea will be provided. It is many years since a meeting was held at this tower. Please help to make this one successful and send word to me if you are coming for tea not later than Wednesday, April 26th.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Hereford Dis-trict.-The next quarterly neeting will be held at Kingstone on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) avaitable from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 6 d . each, to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 25th. -R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Holhies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The annual general meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturdat, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting and election of officers 7 p.m.-H. Jofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wartley Road. Leeds 12.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chester Branch.The quarterly meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than the previous Tuesday.-J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

BUSHEY HEATH.-Saturday, April 2gth. Tower open from 3.30. Tea $5 \cdot 30$, Parish Hall. Nearest rail station Bushey. Coach and bus services stop at church. Excellent service. Arrangernents having to be made for tea, names MUST be in by April 26th.-C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270 .

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUIL.D.-Devizes Branch. - The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury (8 bells) on Saturday, April zgth. Ringing commences 3 p.m. ; service at $4 \cdot 30$; tea at 5 ; meeting to follow.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584 , Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Derby District. -The next meeting will be held at West Hallam on April 2gth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify me by Wednesday, Aprit 26th. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83. Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Bridgwater Branch.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, April 29th. Bells a. 30 p.m. Service 4 p.rn. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea. All ringers welcome. - C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bridgnorth Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Chetton on April 2gth. Ringing 3 p.m. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please inform II. G. Thornas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) \& HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).-A joint mecting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, on Saturday, April 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and discussions at the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers will he very welcome. Methods: Plain, Surprise and Spliced. -F. J. Plummer and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham Dis-trict.-The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Cireenwich, on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, to those who notify me not later 1han Tuesday, April 25 th.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please inform me not later than Thursday, 27 th inst.-J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch.A meeting will be held at Herley on Satırday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea in the Chantry House 5.40 p.m., gd. each. Please let me know by Wednesday, 26 th, how many for tea.E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401. London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Ifchester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, April 2gth. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Next meeting at Wellington, Saturday, April 2gth. Ringing 3-4-30 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea. - W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfeld Road, Shrewsbury.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. - The annuat meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Asfiton-under-Lyne, on April 2gth. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.-Carus Wilson, Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Ross District.-
The quarterly district meeting will be held at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please let me know not Later than Wednesday, a6th? All are welcome, so let us have a bumper meeting.-E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.
PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.-Next meeting, Tidewell, Saturday, April 29th. Beils (8) available 3.15 p.m. Will all members who possibly can turn up to make this a good meeting. Please write to the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 26th? -H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.... Northern District. - The next meeting wilt be held on Sat., April 29th, at Llandefaelog. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , tea and business meeting to follow.J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, May 6th, not April 2gth, as proposed. I shall be grateful if members and others will notify me if they require tea.-J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodliny Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at rs. each to those who notify Mr. J. Dugdale, 38, Ramsden Wood Road, Walsden, by Wednesday, May 3rd. Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Andover District.-A quarterly meeting wilt be held at Highclere on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by May 3 rd to the undersigned.-F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory:

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-St. Michael's, East Peckham ( 6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Look out for further details next week. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, May 2nd.-Alec E. Richardson, L.aurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIAFION, ... The half-yeariy meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Cafe at 5.15. Names or numbers to Mr. E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe, by Wednesday, May 3 rd. -W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday; May 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service $4-30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 3 rd? -W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guiledford.

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## 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS FOR CHESTERFIELD?

It is not surprising that members of the Midland Counties Association, at their annual meeting, heard with some alarm that a proposal is on foot to use 'synthetic ' bells at the Parish Church of Chesterfield. It seems almost incredible that a church with a ring of ten bells should toy with the idea of installing a gramophone and amplifiers in their place. Chesterfeld is famed for its crooked spire, and it was once the centre of great ringing activity, when the late Arthur Kaights had charge of the belfry. Then came doubts about the stability of the structure; the bells were stopped on the architect's advice, and, as far as ringing is concerned, have been silent for a number of years. A large sum was spent in the restoration of the tower, but still, apparently, consent to ring the bells is withheld. If, now, a gramoplane is to be substituted, well may the people and friends of Chesterfield ask, "Was it for this that we restored our tower?' It can hardly be imagined that when the structure was repaired it was not made safe for ringing, and why the bells are still silent seems to us something of a mystery when there are so many ringers in the district who are anxious to get them groing again.

When the matter was discussed at the Midland Counties Association's meeting, the president expressed the opinion that the proposal was only a suggestion, in view of the known sympathy which the Vicar of Chesterfield has with ringers. We hope that this is all there is in it, and that it will not be for a moment entertained. The installation of the gramophone apparatus would probably be the end of all hopes of any early restarting of the celebrated peal, which have been the pride of Chesterfield. If there are still doubts in the mind of any of the responsible people about the stability of the tower, would it not be a wise plan to call in further advice before the bells are condemned to eternal silence and a 'tinned" substitute employed?

If there is a case for the use of a gramophone and amplifiers at churches which have no bells, there seems to us not the slightest excuse for installing the apparatus where a fine peal of bells aiready exists; and if the scheme is seriously put forward, it is to be hoped that it will be successfully opposed. It would be far better that Chesterfield's own bells should be merely chimed for the services than that alien bells, recorderl on discs, should be broadcast from the church where the celebrated peal hangs mute. When the views of the Midland Counties ringers are put before the Vicar of Chesterfield, we trust they will prevail. What would be interesting to know is exactly why, now that the tower is restored, the bells
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cannot be rung. Is it that the restoration has not been sufficiently extensive to make it safe to use the bells? Or is it for some other reason? In any case, it would be an extremely unfortunate happening if the suggestion to instal the gramophone, to replace Chesterfield's own bells, were allowed to materialise without the most determined opposition.

TEN BELL PEAL.
DALTON-IN-FUINESS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANOASHTRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hows, Ayter Cburce of Sy, Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANEES; Tenor 21霊cwt.
-Tbomas Torner ... ...Trable "Jogn Bagnall ... ... ... 6 "John Askrw ... ... ... 2 Erank Forsgaw ... ... 7 George M. Wabat ... ... 3 NicboLas M. Newby ... 8 -James E. Borles ... ... 4 Fred H, Crawley ... ... 9 -Azan Capstice ... ... ... 5 Tbomas Mexcalfe ... ...Tenor Composed by J. Cartar. * First peal in the method. Rung in honotre of Si. George's Day.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOREEAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 10, 7939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minule, At the Chorct or St. Anderw,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEWENT'S COLLEGE BOB hMJOR, BOR8 GMANRES; Tenor 13 cwt 19 lb .

Grorge Gritin .... ....... 3 Norman F. Gringam ... 7 Composed by G. H. Cross, Conducted by A. H. Everert. * First peal in the method. + Fil'st peal "inside." Pirst peal in the method as conductor.
BLAEFNHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOE THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Tero Howrs and Fifty-Seten Minutes, At the Cegrce of St. Loke,
A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 508 CHANEE8, Tenor 9 cwt. $3 \mathrm{qr}, 16 \mathrm{lb}$.
 Harold Smith .......* .... 4 Barnazas G. Kry ....... Tmor Composed by Rrv. H. Earla Bolwrr. Conducted by B. G. Kby. 7 * First peal of Treble Bon Major. + First peal in the method. WOLSTANTON STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Fruday, April 14, 1939. in Three Howrs amd Nine Mirwtes, At the Chuech of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BO40 OHAREES;
Rebvig' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tener idy cwt.
William A. Fitchpord ...Tyeble "William A. Edge ... ... 5 Dodglab R. Whaliey $\ldots \boldsymbol{H}^{2}$ R. S. Anderson $\quad . .$.
Mrs, V. Miers ... ... ... 3 T. Leslie Walley ... ... 7
Grozge E. Katter ... ... 4 |Geo. Wallby ..* ..* ...Temay Conducted by Doogras R. Wealeey.

+ First peal.
HOLME-LAGY, HEREFORDSTIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Sadwrday, April 15, 1939, in 7 hre Howrs and Fowy Minmtes,
At tee Cefach of St. Corgeert.
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, SOHO CHANEE8;
Paremr's Twslvg-parz (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt .
Willam H. Symonds ...Tybbie Ausian T. Wingate ... ** 5
-Wilfaed Moreton ... .... 2 George T. Cousins ... ... 6
 Jobn D. Worsey ... .... 4 Erarst Williams ... ...Tomop Condected by Ernest F. Salmons.

[^21]BOCEING, FSSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Twalvo Mimstes,
At far Dranery Chuach

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES!

 Tenor 18\# cwt. in E.| Sambil Warnz ... | ...Treble | Ronald Suckling |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hilda G. Smowden ... | ... 2 | Jobn G. Nasb ... |  |  |
| abderice Ridewell... | ... 3 | Lewis W. Wiypen |  |  |
| Frane Claydom... | ... | Joon H. Crampion |  |  |
| mposed by G. Lind | FP. | Conducted by L. |  |  |
| Rung for the Easter $\mathfrak{f}$ | stival. |  |  |  |
|  | LETCH | Y, BUCKS. |  |  |
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|  | Morth By | s Brance.) |  |  |
| Saturday, April 15 <br> AT | 1939, im ter Pa | wo Hows and Fifty- <br> se Churce, |  |  |
| A PEAL OF GRA | NDEIRE | TRIPLES, 5040 CH |  |  |
| Holt's Ten-part, |  |  | or |  |
| - Ronald H. Pearson | ...Trable | Jostrig Marks |  |  |
| "Leonard F. Stonion | ... 2 | - Donald J. Mbagra |  |  |
| Frederick J. Sxonton | ... 3 | Harry Srar |  |  |
| Walter Sear |  | arso |  |  |

Conducted by Harry Sear.
First peal and first altempt
BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALTSBURE DIOCESAN GULID.
(West Dorsex Branch.)
On Saturday, April 75, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifly-Two Minutes,
At the Chuece of thie Holy Teinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, boAD CHAMEE8!
Parkir's Twelve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 13 cwt .9 lb .
*Harded C. R. Vine... ...Tyebfa Cutberri W, H. Powell...
-Hfegrt Smite ... ... ... 2 Henby G. Kebley ... ... 6
Joan E. Pailarice ... ... 3 H. Dennis W. Bishop ... ${ }^{7}$
-Arybor G. Cebbb ... ... 4 Cbarles H. Latbey ... ...Temby
Conducted by H. D. W. Biseop.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor other than of

Doubles.
SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Cbrist Cedrch Society, Soutbgatr.)
On Saturday, Apyil 15, 1939, in Thres Hours and Ten Minwtes, At Carist Cerrce,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANEES;

Tenor 2 cmt .
Dayid Wajget ... ... ...Trebla Norman A. Tomlinson -.. 5
Sidney Wade ... ... ... 2 Harry Millbr ... ... ... 6
Walter ]. Bowden ..... .3 Jobn E. Miller ... 3 ... ... 7
Edward H. King... ... ... 4 Jobn Abmstrong... ... ...Tmor
Composed by C. Midoleton, Conducted by Johe Arhstrong.
GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GULDD. On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutor,

At rag Cedrch of St. Loke,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE SURPRI8E MAJOR, 5162 GMANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt . [ qr .9 lb .


## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY

THE GOLDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Thyee Hows and Two Minntes, Ai fer Church df SS Maryand Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANREE,
Arthur C. Otway ... ...Treble
Alfred H. Wince ... ... 2
E. Wieliam J. Wuiting ... ... 6

- Ernist W. Bogdbn ... ... 3 William G. Newberry ... ${ }^{7}$

Grorge Mareinrr ... ... 4 Albbrt Harman ... ... ...Tenot
Composed by C. Midiliton. Conducted by A. Harman.

* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev P. W. Isdell-Carpenter curbte of Leatherhead, and Miss MonjerWilliams, which took place at Leatherhead the came day.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BCCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in favo Howrs and Fifty-Thrse Minufes, At tel Churce of St. Mari,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE WAJOR, 5056 GHANEES; Tenor 94 cwt.
Roland Blgga .... ... ...itroole Fredzrice G. Biggs... ... 5 Gborge Martin ... ... ... 2 Jbsbr Harrison... ... .** 5 Rev. R. F. R. Rotib -.. 3 "F. Donald Borebam ... 7 Wilfaed Edwards ... ... 4 Harry Wingrove ... ...Temor
Composed by C. H. Hatiersley. Condacted by H. Wingrove.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT BEDWORTH, CHESEIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fiftem Minstes,
At ter Cgurce of St. Mary and All Sainis,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8
Heywodd's Transposition of Thursians' Fodr-part. Tenor 23 cet.
RobertiSprering $\quad . . \mid$
Lbetrer L. Gray ... ... ... $\quad$ a Grorge R. Newton ... ... $\quad 6$
Thomas R. Butibr ... ... 3 Frank Varty .... Wililam E. Fletcrer ... 4 Ralph G. Edwards .... -.. Thay

Conducted by Grorgr R. Nrwion.
First peal of Stedmen on the bells. Rung in honour of the comphetion of 53 years as a service ringer at this church by the towerkeaper, Mr. Harry Dickens.

> MANCHFSTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOLATION
On Saturday, Afril 15, 1939, in Thred Hows and Six Minwtes, At the Churge or St. John, Miles Platifeg
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGEs,
Tenor 12 cwt.
Alfard Frost
...Treble
Harold Jones
William Brammer ...

- Jocelyn B. Gardiner
$\ldots$
Composed by B. Aneabier. Ricaard Benson... ... ... 5 Colamere 4 Albert Ford ... ... ...Ther
First peal of Majot The canduchacted by Albert Ford.
THE MSLEWORTH, MDDDLESEX
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Apris 15, 1939, in Threa Howrs and Four Minwies, at the Ceusce of All Saints.
A PEAL OF gTEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGE8;
Hzywood's Transposizion of Tadrstans' Fodr-part.
Tener 164 ewt
*Miss Doris E. Lidabtibr Tyedia Clarence H. Dobitg.... ... 5
J. Armiger Trollops ... 2 William H. Coles ... ... 6

Artbur B. Wiffen ......$\quad 3$ Ernest C. S. Turner $\quad . . . \quad 7$
Herbert W. Lidbetter... 4 Harby Broors ... ... ...Tomop
Conducted by Ermest C. S. Tormer

* First peal of Triples. Ruog as a farewel! peal to H. W. Liabetter and in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock.


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THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
in Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Eighteen Minstes. At tee Church of St. Mazgaxet,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, goad CHANGE8।

On the light eight.

- Reginald M. Hile ... ...Tyrbbe Sidney Harrisom Artider Cattrle ... ... 3 $\dagger$ C. Raymond Hill ...
Composed by T. Tburstans.

Тепот 10 cwt .3 qr .7 lb.
*Firas peal on eight bells.

Joseph W. Cotyon ... ... 5 Ernast Morris ... ... ... 6 Arterr Dbbenbam ... ... 7 - Jobn H. Hill ... ... ...Temot

Conducted by Ernest Morbis.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Howrs and Five Minstes, At the Parise Churce.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, s040 GHANGES;

Hocts's Ten-part.
Frahcis A. Whitr
Henty C. Wbits
...
...Treble
Fipentace moscrnaen ... a
frederice mbesenger ... 3
Arteor $H$. White

Tenor 26 cwt .
Fredraick C. Weita... ... 5 Grorge Honifield .... ... 6 Rtcanad Whitr ... ... ... 7 Cotabert G. Waite ... ....Tenor

Conducted by 'G. Hozifield.
WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Moxday, April 17. 1939, in Thyec Howrs ayd Ten Minstes,

Ax tae Ceurch of St. Benedict.
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 GHANEE8;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 10 cwt

- Victor Guest ... ... ...Troble |fArceitald Clares ... ... 5

Macxicb G. Tarner ... 2 Rogrr Hawesworrb ... 6
Barnabas G. Key ... ... 3 Cyrll Taberner $\quad . .$.

- Waltrr Caddjer ... ... 4 引Kbnnatb A. Handegy ...Thar

Conducted by B. G. Kby.

* First peal. + First peal of Triples "inside.' $\ddagger$ First peal on eight bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
the lancasbire assoctation.
On Morday, April 17. 1939, in Thret Hours ane Thirty-One Minutes,
At ter Cherce of St. Mare.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH CAURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHAMCE8;
Tenor 24 cwt .

- Ariedr James ... .... ...Tyeble Pbibr Croor, sen. ... ...


Composed by H. Jounson. Conducted by J. H. Rinyard.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 5oth anniversary of the firat peal of Double Norwich rung iv Lanceshire.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Ow Monday, April 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Five Minutes, At tha Chorch or St. Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANQES; Tenor 11 awt.


Sxanley F. Wege
Composed by H. Hebbard, Conducted by J. H. Crampion.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Morles.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Wedmesday, April 19, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Elasom Minntes, At the Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, SO24 CHANEESI
Tanor 21 cm t. in $\mathbf{E}$.
-Clarence Worley ... ...Tyeble Oliver G. Barnard.a. ... 5

- Robert H. Blond ...

Beremard S. Nichols
tallan R. Poyniz ... ... 4 Alan R, Ping ... ... .... Tenor Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Pine.

* Firth peal. † Firat peal of major.

BROMLEY, EENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Fowr Minutos, =
At thif Churce of SS. Peter and Pabe,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEES;
Pitsiow's Transposimion of Tgerstans' Fodr-part.
Tenor 17 cwt . I q. 84 lb .
Pbilip A, Corby... ... ...Treble William G, Grace .. ... 5
Harry Hoskins ...
Percy J. Spice ... ... ... 3 James Bennett ... ... ... 7
Fraderice E. Pitman .... 4 Edmond Mouater $\quad . .$.
Condacted by J. Banseit.
Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. Gearge Huxley, senior memoter of the Bromley Youths.

FOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
On Wednelday, Aprol 19, 1939, it Three Hours and Ten Minutes, Asthe Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 GHANGEEI Tenor 16 cwt .
Rey. A. Rays James ...
Treble Rev. J. H. B. Andrews
Rev. Hoge Benson ...- ... 2 Rev, W. P. Wriget ... ...
Rev. E. S. Foweli
Rzy. B. F. Sagprard... ... 4 Rey. C. Elliot Wige... ...Teinor
Composed by J. S. Burion. Condacted by Rev. E. S. Powell.
QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Thurtay, spril 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Farty Mitutes,
At the Parise Cefrce of St. Bartholomzw,
A PEAL OF STEDNAN TRIPLES, 50AD CHAMGES;
Washbrook s Variation of Thorstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 owt.
Walter P. Weitgread ...Tvebie Abtber Derengam
Cbarles Marsball ... ... 2 William Bottrill ... ...
Ronald W. Swann .... ... 3 Ralpe Narsorodgh ... .... 7
W. Aether Riddingion ... 4 Edward R. Waizebead ...Temo

Conducted by Wigliam Bottrill. BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fiffy-Six Minutes,
At tere Cgorch os St. Jamrs,
A PEAL DF DOUGLE MORWIGH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHAMGES; Tenor 13 crtt .
Hemry F. Sodthall... ...Treble George W. Debengam ... 5
Frederick W. Brinklow ... 2 Francis Kirk ... ... ... 6
Cecil C. Maynz ... ... ... 3 Edwin Jennings ... ... ... 7
Eric B. Hartley ... ... a Matrice F. R. Hisaert ... Tmoy
Composed by E. Morris, Conducted by Madice F. R. Hibsert. EXNSIFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Apyil 20, 1939, in Thres Hows amd Three Hinwes. At the Cberch of St. Martin.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANEESI

 Tenor 12 ewt.Pbilip A. Corby ...Tveble ${ }^{\circ}$
Thomas H. Francis ... ... 2 Artgor S. Ricgazds ...
Dennis G. Brown ... ... 3 John O Weller... .... ... 7

- Robert W. Hazgll... ... 4 Derge M. Searp... ... ...Tenay Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Condacted by Demais G. Brown
* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor.

BISHOP AUCELAND, CO. DURHAK.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATJON, On Friday, April 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minates,

Az she Collegiatr Cefrce of St. Andrem,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 GHAMEESI Tenor 12 cwt .
Samobi Bryant ... -. ...Treble | Ricgard Bosby ... ... ... 5
George W. Pare ... ... 2 James T. Titi ... ... ... 6 Robert B. Robinson ... ... 3 Roland Pare Grorge W. Peverrll ... 4 W. Norman Pare... .... ...Tbitay
Composed by N. J. Pissrow. Condacted by W. Nornan Park.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. T. P, Williams, the newly-consecrated Bishop of Durham.

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. <br> THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. <br> (Northern Brance.) <br> On Suturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Bowst: At tee Chorce of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 8TEDHAN TRIPLEE, 6040 DHANDE8;

Thorsiang' Fodr-part
"Mrs L. L. Neal
Fredericr W. Stores
Walter Tomlinson.. .12 John Freyman ...
Jobn Walden ... ... ... 4 | George Flintiay ... .....tenay
Conducted by Josn A. Frebman
First peal in the method and first on eight bells. HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCLATION Ln Saturdny, April 22, 7939, in a hree Howrs and Fowr Minutes, Ax tee Cefrace of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MANOR, 3088 CHANEES Tenor 10 evit.
"Joan Halc.

- ...
..Treble Sidney T. Hoet
*Ralpe Harris . ... Tenor Composed by H. W. Wicar, Conducted by Josepr D. Jonnson.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Oxford on the bells, Rung ons the uccasion of the marriage of two members of the assecinition, Miss F. A. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. T. W. Levis, of St. John's and the Cathedral. Worcester, which took place at this church earlier itn the day


## WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHTRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOGLATJON
(Western Brance.)
On Satwrday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minntes,
At ter Chorch of St. John-the-Baptisi,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, B050 CHANEES; Tenoz 15: cwt.
-Ralph W. Sayers ...
Teeble Allan Morgan ...

Robert G. Knowles
Gborge E. Large
†Horace Hodge..

EErket F. Cobberley ... 6
Joan J. Jrfpbries ... .... 7 Reginald Woodyatz ...Toho
 Composed by Gro. WiLLiAms. First of Bob Major. + First pal of Major "inside. ${ }^{\ddagger}$ \# Firs peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. W. Lew is (a member of this tower and of Worcester Cathedral) and Miss F. A. Jolinson (a member of the Hinton, Evesham, balid), who were married at Hinton the same day

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS. CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCLATION.
Im Sumday, April 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Two Minules At the Chupce of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;

Being one 720 of Double Boh and two 720 's each of OxFord Treble Bob, Keat Treble Bob and Plain Boh, Temor $10 \frac{1}{2}$ ewt
 Conducted by H. T. Rooze.

* First peal of Minor in more than one methori. Fung for the 25 th annifersary of the instaliation of tite bells.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOOIATION
(Barnsley and Degtrict Society,
Ow Monday, April 10, 7939, in Two Howsamd Fifty-Five Minuts,
At the Ceurch of All Sainti,
A PEAL OF BOB MIMOR, 5040 CHANEES
Being beven extersts, in seven different callings.
Tedor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.



* First peal in the method. + First peal attempt. $\ddagger$ First peal in the mathod on six bells. First peal in the method as a conductor and first in the method on the beths.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thyee Minules At tab Parisa Cherce,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 3040 GHANEES;
Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, York, Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose and Durianz.

Tenor 19룰 cwt
Cutabert T. H. Bradley Treble
Cbarles Wood ...
Josept O. Landon Conducted by H. M. Day.
Rung for tha silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Ciarke. UPPER ARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Twesday, Apoil IT, 1939, in Two Houts and Forly-Seven Minwtas, At the Cgurce of St. Peter,
Being 12 six-scores of Stedmau, 14 of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob and eight of Reverse Cabterbury. Tenor 9t cwt.

Hargies G. Torner

> Conducted by B. G. Ksy.

* First peal in four methods. $\dagger$ First peal of Doubles and in more than one metliod, $\ddagger$ First preal of Doubles 'iuside.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSITRE GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939. ix three Hows and Thivteom Mimmes, At fer Cerrce of St. Andrzw,

## A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANRES;

With $4-6.8$ covering, 42 six-scores ( 10 callings). Tenor 19 cw . 2 gr .4 lb .
Willam H. Bond ... ...Treble E, James Jordan ... ... ... 5
Leonard Werbler ... ... 2 Robert Morrisg... ... ... 6
Josepb B. Brtaly ... ... 3 EgWard W. Biffes ... ... 7
James Upton
Conducted by Edward W. Bifginn
Firat peal by all except the coudsetor:
STISTED, LSSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
(8t. Andrew's Goild, Earls Colne.)
On Satwrday, April 15, 1939, in Teu Hours and Forty-Fowy Minutes, At the Churge of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 8PLIGED MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Soven extents in 34 methods, viz. ; (1) Willesden, Old OxFord, Newdigate and Callege Bob IV. Treble Bob; (2) Cumberiand, Enaerdaie, Killarney and Horsmonden; (3) Frodsham and Windermere; (4) Lytham, London Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, College Single, St. Clement's, Childwall, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Plessure, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Fulbeck; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bab; Hereward and Double Coutt; (6) Capel, Sandal, Londorz Scholara' Pleasule, Kingston aud Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and

Harry Cartgr ... ... ...Tyebla Alegrt L. Dixey Primrose Surprise.
Victor Morley ... ...... .12 Alerc M. GEnbry... 2 ...
Reginald G. Simmonds ... 3 Ralph Bind ... ... ... .... Tenor

## Conducted by R. Bren.

The highest number of methods fet rung to a peal for the association. One hundred and forty-two changes of method,

## TaXAL, CHESEIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Iwo Hours and Fifty-One Minntes,
Ax mae Churce of Sx. James,
A PEAL OF sPLIGED TREBLE BOB MINDR, 50F0 DHANGE8;
Peing seren axtents in 29 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vala Royal, st. Werburgh, Abbeyvitla and Canterbury Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford College Bob IV. Willesden, Marple and Texal Delight; (3) Wragby, Braintree and Humber Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight: (5) Ockley, Morning Star Treble Fob and Disley Delight; (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Fanercise and Norbury Treble Bob: (7) Cape!, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford' Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 s cwt .
Albsat T. Bancrort ... ...Treble
C. Kennetr Lewis

Thomas Tayzor .** $\quad$ **
Conducted by C. Kennete Lewis.
There were 64 changes of method.

# APSLEY END, HERTS <br> THE HERTRORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION. On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nim Minutes, At tee Caurch of St. Mary, 

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

## Seven different extents.

Tenor $14 \frac{8}{2} \mathrm{cmt}$.
Brian McKay
Harold
Walter Ayrz
"Harold I. Hazbll ... ... 3 Adgustine V. Good .... .... Williau J. Podifrooz ... 3 William J. Randall ... ...Tenoy Conducted by William I. Randall.
First peal of Loadon on the hells and by all the band except the ingger of the 4th.

HaRSTON, CAMBS.
THE ELT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 15. 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy Minutes, Ait tee Chorcs of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB HINDR, 5GMO CHANGES; Tenor 9 cmt .2 gr .24 lb.
ack Green ... ...Trebla Jack Green ... … Beri Dean ... ... … ... 3 Albert Horsi Conducted by C. W. Coos.
First peal of Treble Bobl by all except the conductor. Rung for the Eacter festival.

BINFIERD, BERKS.
THT OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Salurday, April 15, 1937, in Two Howy and Thirly-Fivo Minstes, At the Chorch of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGES

doing 720 each of Double Court. Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Osford
Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treblo Bob anत Plain Bob. Tenor 10 ewt. in $G$.
Grorge Gilbert... ... ...Trebie William Wblling Alfred J. Rance ... ... $\quad$ ? William Henley

| ... | .. | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\cdots$ | ... | 5 | ... ... 3 Tony Price ... ... ... ...Temop Conducted by Tony Price.

Specially arranged for the wedding of Miss Joan A. Blackman, of Wokingham, and Mr. Arthur J. N. Rance (son of the ringer of the 2nd), of Binfield, both well-inown ringers in the district, who were married at All Saints', Wokingham.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE

THE MTDLAND CODNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, April 15, 1939, iin Two Hours and Forty-Fivo Minutes,
At the Carrce of St. Alemond,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor $17 \mathrm{cwt}$.2 qr . 11 lb . in E.

- William Byard... ... ...Treble | William Lancastrr... ... 4

Fred W. Stone...... William Barer... ... ... 3 †Grorge Tandy ... ... ... 6 - Wilithm R. Werster ...Temoy Conducted by Grorge Tandy.

* First peal. t Firsi peal of Minor. Rung helf-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Tited Hickling.


## LYMPSTONE, DEYON.

THE DEVONSHIBE GEILD.
On Saturday, April 75, 1939, is Two Howrs and Fitty Mixwe, At the Cequch of the Nativity of ter Beessed Virgin Mary, A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8; Comprising 42 siy-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwi . in G .
Cbarles R. Lilley... ...Tveble Erhest E. Rettrr ... ... 4

- Stdeley H. Sbagra ... ... 2 -FrankN. Bastin ... .... $j$ Gborge West ... ... ... ${ }^{3}$ William E. Pidsley ...Tenor Conducted by Charles R. Lillgy.
* First peal and teeal mers.

ADDINGHAM, YORESHRE.
THE YORKSHTRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Appil 15, 1939, is Two Howrs and Forty-Two Mindes,
At teif Chugch of Sx. Peifz.

## A PEAL OF HINOR, $50 \$ 0$ CHANGES।

Being two extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.
Ernasy H. Simpson


KGMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturiay, April 15, 1939, in Three Howrs,
At ter Cluech or St. Jamis.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, st. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 193 il cwt.
-Ernbst F. Cchberley ...Treble Willam Ranford : ... ... 4 Ailen Morgan ... ... ... 2 William Lewis ... ... ... 5 Gborgr E. Largr ... ... 3 Reginali Woodyatt... ...Temow Conducted by Grorge E. Large.

* First seven-method peal.


## DUNSFOLD, SCRREY

THE GUILDTORD DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Wednosday, Aprul 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Nine Minutes, At the Cburce of St. Mary and All Sainis,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDCE SURPRISE MINOR, 5056 CHANGES;

## Seven differcht 720's.

- William F. J. Cope...

| ..$- T r e b l e$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | $z$ |
| $\cdots$ |  |

William T. Bebson... ... 3
William T. Berson..... $.3^{3}$
Coaducted by $C$.

* Jobn S. Goldsmith .. ... 2 *Ernest J. Ayliffe ... ... 4
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. C. Fepmer Smite irst Surprise peal on the bells.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

TEE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, Apyil 74, 1939, in I'wo Howrs and Fifty-مne औinutos In zee Belfry of the Cudrce of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, BOLO CHANGES!
Gboffrey V. Murpey... ... $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{z} \mid$ Cyril Brett-Smita
Derex M. Starr... ... ... 3-4 Evwin A. Barnett
9-10
Composed by H. J. Tocker. Conducted by Derek M. Searp. Arranged as a compliment to Mr. E. Barnett on his birtbday. BRATNTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Eviday, April 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirly-Two Minves, In ter Balfry of ter Cedref of Sx. Michael,
A PEAL DF BOB MAJOR, E040 EHANGE8;
Basil Redgwell... ... ... $1-2 \mid$ Levis W. Wifren ... ... 5-6
 Composed by Rev. E. B. Jamas. Conducted by C. W. Woolezy.

## VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At the Perish Church, Blackmoor, Hants, on Easter Sundoy morning, belore service, a quarter-peal was rupg as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Norris on attaining the age of 84 years. He has been a ringer at Blackmoor for 56: years and lias several sons and grandsons also ringers there. The touch was also a birthday complimest to Mr. G. E. Norris, liis son. Those taking part were F. Windibank (first attempt) 1, V. Shadbolt 2 C. Pay 3, G. E. Norris 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, G. Hall (first quarter-peal on tenor) 6.

## AN 80th BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT

For the 80th birthday of Mrs. A. MI. Wayet, widow of the tato Ficar, a quarter-perl of Bob Major ( 2,264 chnnges) was rung at Pinchbeck, Lincs, on Aprit 5th: A. Patrick 1, G. Ladd 2, J. Pepper S, N. Hollingworth 4, G. Tewell 5, A. J. Farr 6, W. Alan Richardson 7, J. G. Arres (conductor') 8. First quarter-peal end Erst athempt by ringers of 1 and 3 .

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## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## A DIOCESAN GOLLD FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE?

Tho 53rd annual meeting of the Nortio Notts Association was held at Ratiord on Saturday, April 15th, when the bells of the three Retiord towors wero at the ringers' disposal during the afternoon and evening. Ringing conmenced at 3 p.m. on the ten ot the Parist Churuh and on the six at Ordsall, but West Retiord was not visited until after tea. The strikigg was weak at first, but with the advent of more talent jt improved and the variety of methods with its. There were about 35 members present and beveral visitore, including the Masterg of three eocieties and the treasurer of one of the tluee.

A short service was held in East Retford Church, which the Vicar (the Rev. D. Jones) conducted, while the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, gave a short address. He chose the words, "Be not weary in wall dongs, for his text and mentioned the distractions and substitutions which are constantly being met with. He called for pergonal service fot the cburch, particulanly in the tower where young men should be trained to ring and ring wel!. Not every tower Gourished at any ont time, eaci laving its ups and downs; it was the assoctation's duty to mainiain the balance as ovenly as possible.
Tea followed the service, in the Ehsworth Hall, which the Parish Church suthorities kindy Ient, At the meeting the Rev. D. Janes expressed his refret at not boing able to stiay and preside. The Rov. R. F. Wilkinson therempon proposed a vote of thanks to himand and over tha duties of chairman.
The balasee sheet and report were passed. The sceretary explained certain items on the balance sheet and poimted out that the gurnber of ringing members who had paid their subscription for 1938 had risen by screll to 136 , and all expenses except for printing were down.

## WORK SLOWED DOWN

In his report, the sccretary said the association's work appreared to have slowed down sonewhat during 1838 . He had three reasons for making this statement, firstly the attendare at meetings had dropped, secondly the cup contesti faited to materialise, owing to lack of support, and, lastly, fewer towere were having a regular practice might. He apprecinted that evergae seemed to lead a busier life nowalnys, particularly since the National Service schemes had come into operation, but it was regretable that the art all over the country was oll thr wane. There werc, in their own associntion, certain points to offset this, among obhers scveral towers had gained recruits, and ringers hat wisited of her towers to assist learners. However, to those who had nat already done so, be yecommended that (1) the interest, active if passible, of the clergy be obtained: (2) choirlhoys, when their bervices ate no longer required as such (and only theu), be reernited
as learners; (3) every ringer obtaing a copy of "Standard Methods" and learas how to read it, and (4) a regulay practica bo held and new methods attempted. The number of peals, the report added, was down to 16 , of which 15 were of Minor and one at Triples. There were five conductors ; the number of first peats was sever; and 21 members zang other "frsts." The secretary urged a larger attendance at neetines, expressed the hope of a good cup contest this year (it is to take place at Cuckney on June 10tb), and concluded by thaning all who had lelped him in the past year.
All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the year 1939-40, and ten now menbers were elected, eight from Worksop Priory, one from Warsog and ane from Sutton.
The Chairman reforred to the question of a Diocesan Guild for the whole of Nottinghamshire. If such a guild were formea, the North Notts Association would form an excellent Nonthern Distriet. However, no resolution was made as to the furtherence of the idea, and the position so far as the association is concermed remains as before.
The Chairman also referred to the sad loss Sutton-on-Trent has sustained in the passing of their popular Yicar, the Rev. W. O. Bates. The association's sympathy went out to the payishioners and ringers of that village
After the meeting ringing continued unti] 9.30 p.m. Minor ant Doubles pealed nut (almost, as regularly as clackwork on occasions) from West Retford and Ordsall, while at Elast Retford Minor (on the hack six to Roral methods, such as Kent, Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge, Double Norwicl, Dulield, Little Bob and Plain Bob mere rung. Only one touch failed to come into rounds at this tower during the afternoon and evcning; two false starts were due to a misunderstanding and, on the whole, the day's ringiug was thoranghly enjoyable.

## SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

Tlse annual mecting was held at St. Paults Cathedral, Dundee, oll Saturdey, Appil 15tl. The ring of eight at St. Paul's has recently been relming by Messes. Mears and Siainbank. The Freat improvement in the "go, of the bells was commented on by all present.
The meefing did not attract so many members as usual mainly owing to the lones journey, but 30 wele present. Touchea of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Prorast of the Cathedral, the Fery Rer. Sutherland-Graeme, welcomed the ringers and conducted the sarwice.
At the business meeting which followed the ringers from Ergland, Miss Kirton and Mr. E. W. Fates, fomerly of Worsley, were elected members. After tea there was more ringiug at the old steeple.
Mr. Steplhouse, of Liverpool, and Mr. Leach, of York, were visitors.

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## MEARS \&

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The meeting of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ta-morrow is not at Bridgwater as advertised last week, but at Greinton.
Continaing the experiment of mid-week meetings, the Farnमam Districe of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is to hold a mecting at Ash on Wednesday, May 3rd. Thess meetings are primatily for the benefit of those who are unuble to atteod meetings on Saturdayg, and it is Loped they will take advantage of the opportunity.

Miss Sylria Bowyer, of Ipswich, wha et the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guila last Saturday was elected to the committee, is the first ledy to serve the Guild in any official capacity.

A recent report in the "Deily Herald ' that Retty Rayfield, of Eastbourne, was believed to be the only girl beliringer in England, prompted one of the youthful members of the Erith company to write to the paper and point out blat in his band are ibreo girl bellringers, gaged 14, 13 avd 12 years, and five boys, aged 13 (including himself), Who ring regularly each Sunday.
Thers are, in fact, quite a number of young girls now taking their place in the belfries, and anly last Saturday yet another rang her first peal. she was Gladys Willars, and the peal was rumg at South Wigston, Leicestershire.
fiter the anmual meeting of the Midland Counties Associalion at Burton-on-Trent, six very conscientious Leicester members would not deign to wait for the last train home-Nol This would be breaking faith, es they had promised to be home early. Dnforiunately, bowever, the train they boarded took the wrong turning and they arrived at Birmingham, non-stop! Aiter an enforced wait there of over an hour and a baff, a slow train got them to Leicester early-but it was early next morring l
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, of North Mimms, Herts, upon the birtil of a son and heir. Both the parents are wellknown ringers. Mr. Lock is bon, becretary, having previously been Eingieg Master, of the North and East District of the Midaleser Associetion, and his wife (formerly Miss Kathleen Bradiord) is one of the most accomplished of the lady ringers. Iust before ber martiage she took part in a peal in nime spliced Surprise Major methods at Witlesden
Mir. W. A. Stoke, of Coventry, one of the N.U.T.S. has now rang in over one thousand towers. 'Collecting' new bowers is his hobay, and, as Mr. Stote is only 31 years of age, be has bean quite busy. If you don't believe it, ring in 500 lowers and then see what it means to add every hundred efterwards.
After the meeting of the Midilesex Association in London on saturday, an informal meeling of the Ladies' Guild was found in progresa in another place. Under the circumstances, no oflicial communique wes issued, or expected, when the conference broke up, but it is not anlikely they discussed the failings of the men.
The continued pressure on our space, owiug to the large number of meetings recently held, makes it again necessary to hold over a number of Teports.

## ST MARTINS GUHLD

INNOVATION AT ASTON MEETHNG.
A very enjoyable quarterly meeting of St. Martic's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham wes held at Aston Parish Church on Satarday, Aprit lat. Abont on members and frieuds attended and enjoyed ringing on the peal of twelve bells in various methods daring the afternoon and again in the evening. At 5 a'clock an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, wnere an excellent meat tea was partaken of.

The Guild's form of service in cluuch was dispensed with and instead the assembied company was addressed by the Ficar, the Rev. In, MeGowan, immediately after tea. He firgt welcomed them to Aston and then proceeded to give a short homily on the season of Holy Week, which commenced the next dey, and what Christ's attitade would be to many of the world's troubles to-day.

In the absence of the Mreter (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed. Messts. J. W. Smith and C. W. Cooper, both of St. Thomas' tower, Stonrbridge, wers elected life members, and Messrs. J. Fifield, of Coleshil!, and J. D. Pratt, of Perry Bart, as country members.

It was decided to hold the zext quarterly meeting on Saturday, July Ist, at Sutton Coldield, and the bi-quarterly on May 13th at Knowle.

Tho hon. secrefary Mr. T. H. Reeves) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Aston ringers, who had very kindly defrayed the cost of the tee; to Mr. W. Davies for the excellent mrraggements made: and to the ladies, ringers' wives and friends who hed so ably arrenged and served it.
Owing to the absence of Mr. Devier, who was in bed with an attack of infuenza, Mrs. Davies suitably responded.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his eddress, referred to the innovation of doing without the service in church. He often thought it unreasonable to ask the clergy to arrange a gervice for a mera handful of ringers. On this occasion thero wis quite a good number present, but, even 50 , the charge was a good one. Fe thanked the Ficar for his interestime and helpful address.
This cancluded the meeting, but before returning to the tower for furtber ringing, several good touchea were ruag on the bandbelle, including one of Stedman Cinques.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-68.

## GEORGE E. FEIRN

Sowe conductors are bork and mot made, and one such is sutely Mr George E. Feirn, nas of Grasby, Lincoln, who, still only 25 years o ege, has shown un apitude that few can clame. He raug his frst peal only a lirtie ove sis years ago, but je has conducted peals of Minor with up to 53 methods in seven extelts, in the tower, and up to 19 methods in huud, hon also a peal in six spliced plain methods on handbells. Thuse are performances which speak for themselves. He is awother of the men who are putting Lincalnsinice in the verg forefront and one of those for whom the most dificult of ringing tasks eeen to be child's plaf. For example, the first peal of Original Major ever tung witl fourtin's place bobs he composed and called on liandbells from an inside pair. And there were 780 bobs! Men who ean do such things are rare.
Mr. Feirn was born at Bigby on April 10th, 1914, and took up ringing at Bighy tower towards the end of 1951 . He rang his first peal on December 10 th , 1832. This was four extents of Kent Treble Bob and illiree of Plain Bob.
His first peal as conductor wes one of Bob Minor ou band bells, Tung on Juno 22ad, 1933 , and his first in the tower was two days later at Bigby, when be called a peal in three zaethods. Now his penls. which range from Bob hinor 10 stedwanth 29 have been on handwellich 29 have been on hand-
bells. he conducted 62 . of whicle 15 have bean in hand,' but, as will bave been gathered from what has been meutioned above, many of them inave
outstanding periormances If Winchester Bob Major for the


MR. GEORGE E. FEIRN. Lincolu Guif and condacted the first pead of Wymondiam Bob for the Guide, as well as the Original Major. He nouducted the first peal of London Surprise Minor in the Northery Branch, and rang in the first peal of Little Rob Royal on handbells for the Guitd, and the Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung on the same day and the peal of Ninor in 19 methods which he conducted is still the record number ' in lant.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from next columv.)
Association. Chertertimet was a famous tower not only for its wique crooked spire, but also for the record number of peals rung on the bells tbereiu, especially during the timo of the late Mr. Arthur Knights and his cnergetic hand. The bells were silenced some years ago owing to the tower being deemed unsafe, but now that this defect bad been remedied, surely some means aould be brought about for the bells to be rugg in a proper manner, and not to have this zuechanical contrivance installed. Whels was abborrent to atl real lovers of bells. Mr. Siduey Palmer spoke at leagth on the matter, and said that as soon as he saw the article meationed he had passed it on to the president of the Central Coancil end requested him to do all in bis power to avert such a catastrophe, He urged all present to add all their weigit in as strong a protest as possilite, and he would do all in his power to prevent this auggeated scheme being put into action. Mr. Futchinson, of Saviey, also spoke in condemation of such a clicrne.
Mr. W. E. Winte explained that a few years ago a committee of the M.C.A. had met the Archdeacon of Cheaterfield and the churchwardens. Mr. E. H. Lewis lad also taken up the matter with regard to having the bells restored, but as the thon architect had deemed the spire unsafe for a swinging peal, pothing further lad been done.
The President said lae also saw the article mentioned, but pat quike a different construction on the mafter to that of the previous speakers. He promised to have a word personally with the Archdeacon about jt because be knew him to be quite sympathetic with the bellingers and thair side of the question, and that he was most saxious to have the bells rung. This not being, at the moment, deemed possible, he had simply suopested this scheme of graniophone records.
This concluded the meeting. The association handbells were then thed to advantage, while further tower-bell ringing and a convivia] ofterwards terminated a very successfil day's outing-

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.

## Chesterfield Tower Threatened With Gramophone.

The andual meeting of the Midiand Counties Association wes beld, following the usual rota, at Burton-ott-Treat on Fagter Monday. Taking advantage of the glorious weather, a large number of members and l'menda arrived at an enrig hour and inept the bells of St, Paul's (10), Rolleston-on-Dove (8) aud Winahill (6) going thoughout the day. A variety of methods ware rung to suit all comers, aud, cenerally speaking, the striking was not too Dad. The committee met in the Vieni's Room of 5L. Yaul's Institute, ard, in the abserice of Mr. J. Oldham (vice-president), the chair was taken by Miss I. B. Thompgon, supported by 20 committeemen.

The usual routine duties were cerricd through and it was pointed out that the sub-committee had ajpioved of suilable dessin for special association badges. Hhe matter now rests in the hands of the secretary to get libe design redrewn and estimates fol badges in ailver and bronze.

The annual repolt had been printed and was now in circulation. Four places were chosen to lay before the general meetiog to decide on three for quarterly meetings, and ili was proposed that a by-meeting be held at Staveley in May to revive interest in, and appoint new local officers for, the Chesterfield district.

It was also decided to support the Contral Cowncil's appeal in the matter of the publication of Surprise Major methods.
Tea followed in Sb, PauI's Institute, whet about 100 memberg and friends sut down to an excellent jepast. At the subrequent meeting apologies for Blisence were read from tie vice-pres ident (\#1. J. Oldam, of Loughbohough) and mombers of the Kelhaz Theological Collece band. All districts of the associstion were represelsted, viz. Burton, Chegterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Lourghorough and Nottingham. Many non-resident members and friend were welcomed, iacludiny Mr, S. Fi. Palmer (how. treasarer of Yorkshire Assaciation), Mr. J. Brothwell and Miss Brotjwoll, wild Mr. N. Cheddock, of the Shefield District Society, and Friendis from Birmiuthmm, Wolverhamptos, Kottering, Hulton Latimer and eisewhere. The mambers were also delighted to have with them the Rev. Canon H, E, Fitzherberb, of Derbr, the Rew. W. R. Lloyd Jones, of West Iallann, sud the Res. A. W. Fathergill, of Slarnford, Hinckley.

The Rev. Canon H. 色. Fitzherbort of Derby, wis unanimousty elected preaident and was received will scclemawion. He said that Mr. Ferguson, of Ropton school, would liave been more fitted for the position, being a practical ringer, but his duties made it fiffichit for him to aftend meetings, and so he had to withiraw lis nominationAlthongla he (Canon Fitzherbert) had not the practical gift of being a ringer, he bad, simee lis ordination, been fortunate enumpli to have been conncted with churcher where there were keen bands of rimgers, nnd he particutariy recalled lappy memories of both Motherseale and Oversenle and the great enthusiesm of his ringers there. He would do all he could to further the art and for the association's welfare.

## MR. COLIN HARRISON ELECTDD VICEPRESLDENT.

Fov the post of vice-president, Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough,
 White, of Gotgrase, Xottq, and general loon. secrettry, Mr. Ereest Morris, of Leicester, were re-clected. Fach of the shree last named thanked the menberm for their confidence and support, and pronised to do all in their power for the association's welfare and prosperity.
Foting for four representatives on the Central Council ind meanwhile been taken by ballot; there having been six nominations. It resulted in the Eollowing being elected: Mr. A. A. Harris (Leicester), Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Burton), Mr. Paul I. Taylor (Loushborough) and Mr W. E. White (Cotgravel.
Once again $a$ good Jist of new members was presented, and 21 ringing, four rejoins, two howorary and two life were duly elected. The anmurl report and balence sheot were passed on the proposition of Mr. C. Harrison, geconded by Mr. P. L. Tarlow (anditors). The general hon. secretary npologised for the jatencss of its isste to members this being entirely due to the printer's delay and no faull of the facal or general secretaries.

The Pragident stated that they were delighted to hase witis then two of the origisal members of the association, who joined at iss juception in 1882-57 years ago. Ho congratulated then and trustea? they would contitue to be with bhem for mony yenrs jeh to eome.
Mr. J. Griftin and Mr. J. Jaggar, the "Youngsters' pamed, bath briofly replied, and eome merrjment was oaused when Mr. Jaggar got up, turned to bis old friend and asked, "What slall I tell them, Jop?
Places for next quartery meetings were decided upon as followe Bakewell, June; Newark, September; Earl Shilton, January, 1940. A DISTURBTNG REPORT.
Mr. A. J. Harris rased an intereating and, at, the same tinye, very disturbing matter ilat had been brought to lis notict. It was an artscle in the "Shefficid Daily Telerrapli" relative to the suggested installation of amplified gramophome recotds of bells in the tower of Chesterfield Parish Chumeh. It was with deep concern he had received this newe, and he stressed most strongly the peed that this matter be taten up by the Central Cotucil and members of the Mjdand Counties (Continued in previous column.)

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING IN THE CITY.
The City of London was the scene of the munal meeting of the Hiddleser County Assaciation and Leadon Diocesan Gaild on Saturday, and the focal point was St. Botolph's, Bighopagate. Hbout hundred members atiended aud there was no lack of ringing in the ariternoon and evcuing. In addition to Bishopsgate bells, the twelve at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the eights at St. Lawreace Jewry and Sk. Olave's, Hurt Street, were made full use of.
Servive at st. Dotolpn's was comducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. D. Ellis), who gave a striking address based upon the symbolism of the spire and the tower. The president (Prebendary W. P. Cole Slieane) also took part in the service.

Later he presided tht the business meeting, which followed tea, and was supported by the Reetor of St. Potolph's, Mr. 3. A. Trollope and Mr. G. W. Fietcher (vice-presidenta), Mr. C. T. Coles (bon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Oram (hout treasurer) and other officers of the association,

The president first, thanked the Rector of St. Botolph's, who had to lears early, for the servico and his address, aud also for the use of the bells.

## MEMBERSFIP DECREASE

The amual repert, noted with sntisfaction a considerable improvement in the attendances at meetings in both districts, and, referring to the joint meeting at shoreditch in October with the Royal CumberInud Youths and the Essex Association, wieu some 80 ripgers attended said it was the first occasion an whivh the ascociation had co-operated in this way with one of the two oldest of the London societies, and the success of the meeting gave much hope for the future. But while the increased support given to meetings caused some satislaction, there was still congiderable room for improvement, 'Too often,' said the report, "it is only the "regulars " who attend, and it is quite apparent that some members never take that trouble. We repeat what we sid last year, "If every member made a point of attending at least one meeting per vear, what a difference it woutd make-especially to thelr

## own ringillg

The report proceeded: "Our memberslijp again shows a deerease. We regret that three members have beez lost by death, whilst again a large number have had to be deleted from the baoks through nonpayment of sutuseriptions. Mosk of these occur in the Soutt and West District, fut dit the balance slucet of that district actually shows an increase in income, it is to be hoped that we have reached the stage when no further teletions need be made. Only by a great effort, however, on the part of all members, can this district again attain its former prosperiky. The munber of new members elected duriag the vear was two lonoraty and 58 ringing memberg, and the tolal on tho books st the end of the year was 856.

We aro giad to report some progress ab St. Mathew's, Upper Clapton, where an onlirely new bund has bena formed, which is receiving instruction from Mr. G. A. Pursons. There has also been a considerable actuisition of members at Eamontoy and Enfield (St. Mary's). Several members of the SL, Dunstan's, Stepaey, band have joined us, and we give these lalented liugers a sincere and hearty elcome to the nssociation.
Duriag 1938 exactly 50 peals there rung, in increase of 15 on the previous yewr. Of theae, four were rung on bandbells, and 46 on tower bells in 28 diferent towers. Eight members rang theiz first puals; four their firsi haudbell peals; 68 their first peals in a new method oz on a different muntber of bells; whilst 142 members in all took part in the peals. Thero were 17 conductors, Fhere was a slight increase is the quarter-puals rung, but further improvemenc is still possible. The Soutlgate band again headed the list, both in numbers und in variety of melhods, all thess quarier-peals being rupe for Sunday services. This Heston band, too, had done very well with trelve yupter-peals.
The seport went on to express regret of the associaion at loting the valuable services of Mr. G. R. Goodship, who has left the county for business reasnos. After a pertod of mine years as assistant hon.
sectary, he hecame hon. secretary of the Noith and East District last year. He also did very, good work at Harrow Weald, where lie formed and thught a new band with mach success. It was mainly through his efforts that the peal at that chturch was amgmented to pight a few yesrs ago. "We desire, said the report, 'to place ont recard nur sincere appreciation of his services to the pssociation, and wigh bim success in his new career.'

## CHANGES LN OFETCERS.

The report went on do refer to the various changes whicls had taken place anong the offecrs, both in the districts and by the roorganisnthon of the association, and expressed thanks to those who had rendered valuable service in the past, including Mr. T. Collins and Mr. W. H. Oram, the district treasurers, whose offices lave now lapsed. FThe repori enmeluded: We bare ngein to express our indehtedoess to Mr. C. T. Coles for his services as honotary secretary. Mr. Coles long term of offee must, in the nature of things, he digwing to jts close, but we hope to keep him for some time yet. The success of the association has depended very much on the work he liss done for us, and its continnance depends largely on our finding a successor who will carry on the wort in the same spirit.'

The report was adopted on the motion of the hon, secretary, who emphasised tha utmost importance of the prompt payment of members


Under the reorganisation scheme the Central Fund recaived the whole of the balances from the two districts, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram) presented the statement, which showed regeipts amounting to $99716 s .2 d .$, mado up of 22411 s . 7 d . brought forward, £50 4s. 6 d . received from the Nortli and East District and e13 0s. Id. from the South and West District. The expenses emounted to 22815. 10d, leaving a balance in hand of $E 69$ 14s. 4d. In addition to this amount, the balsace Eheet showed other assets of $27513 s .8 \mathrm{~d}$. 3 . per cent. War Loan Stock and £16 7s. 104, in ibe Bell Restoration Fund transferred from the Soulin and West District.

The accounts were adopted.
Prebendary W. P. Cole sheane was re-elected president, amid applause, and the active vice-presidents, Mr. G. W. F'letcher and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, ware also re-elected.

Mr. Fletcher expressed regret at the resignation of Mr. A. W. Coles from the Mastership of the assocjation. Mr. Coles, he said, had intimated that, as his work had tuken him out of London, it wos very difficult for him to ettend to the affairs of rlae association. The Central Committee, therefore, felt with regret that they must accept the resigration, as it would not be fair to ask Mr. Coles to carry ou under the circumstances. He had served the association as Mastcr since 1935 and served them very well indeed. Before that be was District Master in the North and Bast District, and the members of that district knew ful! well the excellent work he did, includiug teaching bands at. St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Jamese, Clerkenwell. They were all gratefu] to Mr. Coles for the work he harl done through so mauy yars. They felt they could not let the opportunity go by withaui showing him they apprecinted what he had done, and lo (Mr. Fetcher) propesed that Mr. Coles be elected an honaraty life member of the association (applause). That wes the least they could do and it was the only thing they were permitted to do under the rules (applause).

## NJW MESTER

The motion leving been carried, Mr. Fletcher zlien proposed the elaction of Mr. Harry Kilby, of Willesden, as Master. Mr. Kilby had all the attributes for tha offee. He lad been member of the association fot 30 years, and mithough le liad not hitherto beld ofice he thought that was ouly because the associution bad not enlled upon bims
Mr. E. C. S. Turmer seconded and said he had known Mr. Kilhy ever since be (Mr. Turner) started ringing, nad he felt sure le would make a very good Master- - ${ }^{4} h \mathrm{me}$ molion was arried with applause, and Mr. Killy, ecknowledging his election, said le would endeavour do his best.
Mr. W. H. Oram was elected bow, treasurer, ald Mr. C. T. Coles, acknowledgiyg his re-election as hoy. secretary, said that was his $29 t h$ year of office and would be his last ('No'). Ho eld intimate to the eommittee that he would like to resign this Fear, but thave bad been several alterations in the offlers, especialy th the districts, and he consented to go wn for another year. He delanitely intended to retire mext year. Will that in prospect the commitice consitlered it would be advisable to appoint an assistant gecretary with a view to carrying on. He thought the commithee's choice was a good one and had much pleasure iu proposing Mr. E. C. S. Turner as assistant bors. secvotary (applase). Mr. Kilhy seconded and the motion was carried.
Mr. G. W. Fetaber tras appainted audilaz, Xessrs. Oram, C. T, Coles and Turcer trustees, and Messrg. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, J. E. Lewis Cockey aud W. G. Wilson represcutatives on the Gentral Council.
In recognition of their peast services to the association, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (who thal filled affices since 1929) and Mr. G. B. Lucas (who has betved on the Central Committee sirice 1897 and was for many years Master of the North nad East District) were elected honorary life members.
The new members elected were Messis, F. C. Shorter and G. W, Fogden (St, Lawrence Jewry), A. J. W. Hughes (Streathau), P. Bond (Brasted), A. Jarvis and G. W. Cecil (St. Dunsian's, Stepney).

On the motion of the hon. secretary, it was decided to expend a sum mof exceeding ${ }^{2} 2$ in the purchase of copies of the Central Couycil's mroposed mew book ons surprise methods. which is to be published at. 3 s.
It was decided to hold the next anuual meeting at St. Mary's. Acton,

## ATTENDLNCE AT MEETINGS.

Duder "otice busjoess, Mr. Fletchey suid Jooking at the report, ho was struck by the number of nembers they had, lut looking at the atteadences at dietrict mestings he was very struck with the lack of enthusigsm shown lby some members. He felt that overy member ghould attend at least one mecting a rear-ilhat was the minimumand at the next meeting of the North and East District ho should propose that they keep a register of attendances, so that they might be able to see who attended and who did not.
Mr. G. L. Joyce said, if they kept the register, and found out who did not attend, what was wile district going to do ahout it? He thought they should offer some inducement to members to attend the ineetings. It wonld be interesting to hear what could be done to make the meetings more interesting

Mr. T. J. Lack thoughi they could get some valuable inforation from a register. It would be a guide as to where interest in the assamiation lay and eaable them to endeavour to create interest where it did not exist.
Mr. J. E. L. Corkey said an attendance hook was already kept in the South and West District, and the information had been ased in (Continued on next page.)

## A DOUBLE JUBILEE

PRESENTATION TO TWO HORBURY RINGERS．
Barngley and District Sociely beld the April meeting at Horbury， the following towers being represented ：Armley，Cawthorne，Eastwood， Earlsheaton，Felkirk，Gorton，Headingley（St，Chad＇s），Ossett，Sandal， Shelley，Wall and a good number of the local company．
The bells were rung during the aftermoon，and after tea，served in the band room，the business meeting was presided over by Mr． Widdop，of Horbury．
Hoylaruswaine was chosen as next place of meeting，ta be beld on May 6th．
After other business had been disposed of，a very interesting cere－ mony took place，to pay tribute to two uf the local company，ifessrs． H．Rowley and R．Thickett，on havirg completed 50 yearys service as ringers at Horbury，which is without a doubi，a performance worthy of praise．Alter two or three present had expressed appreciation of the great service that had been done by these two ringers for the Church aud for change ringing in general，a presentation was made to then an bebalf of the riugers and church olicials of Forbury and lriends．

The presentation took the form of an enlargen photograph of the church tower，with a photo of the fingerg inset．The presentation wns mande by the youngest menter of the local company，who is only 13 years of age，a ceremony which he managed very well．He also presented a copy to the local secretary to haug in the tower．
Mr．Ruwley llanked the ringers for whal had been done and recalied some of the iuterosting thitgs whinh had taken place during the lalf－century he had been a singer at Horbury．Fe added that although 50 years was a lig slice of oue＇s life，it lad not seemed long to him and he did not crer once remember that he regretted becoming a ringer．

Mr．Trilichet．supported all Mr．Rowley had said and added that althongl tbey had had theil uph aud downs，he had always enjoyed what he had done．
Mr．H．Pickles，the loonl secretary，who had ormanised the pre－ sentalion，spoke of those who had bean ringers diring the 50 years and hal prosed on，and while the members stood in silence a course of Boh Jajor was rung on hardbells in en adjoining room．This enme as a surprise and the effect was impressive．Nr．Pickles then went on to thrak atl those who had altended and who had lielped in any way to wake the gatherisg a success．
Mr．F＇，Ravment，of Armley，said how pleased he was to be present and adred that anather ringer was present，who had dowe over 50 years＇ringing，Mr．J．Thackray，of Arnley．He thanked the Barnsley and District Society for the hearly welcome given to them．
Mr．Moxen，Sandal，expressel thanks for all the artangemenis that had been made and alsa thanked the ladies for the splendid tea they had provided．
Mr．H．Cliant，Felkirk，supported and assured the Leeds District ringers that it whs more than pleasing to have them present．
Further ringing followed，tonches of Major and Caters on liandthelis and s variety of Minor and Major and Stedman Triples on the tower balle being rung．

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dzawing up the report．Personally，he would be prepared to go into it further
Mr．C．W．Raberts arged that learmers shauld be excouraged to do more in the way of starlying methods at fonse and gelting practiee before they came ta district meetings．The distriet meetiugs would then tre of greater advantrge to them．
After furtber discossion，in which Mr．E．Holna日n suggested in－ structional courses for begunvers，Mu，Fletciliey suggested that further consideration should be refered to district meetings，and this course was adopted．
Reference was made to the recent dealh of Mr．Arthur Knighto，of Chesterfield，who was a member of the association．Mr．J．A．Trolippe said most of the youngrer people only lnew Aythur Knights by reputa－ tion．He was a maz who，for 50 years or more，had held a position as one of the leading comprokers．He was well on in Jears when he died and was held tn honour．＇We sometimes，＇said Mr．Trollope， sda not altagether realise the deht we，as an Exercise，owe to the men Who have worked with a sirrgleness of mind ror the good of ringing end without very much expertatjon of credit or reward．They investio gate some of those things which are not fully usderstood and give The Erercige the advantage of what they have done in the highest parts of comprsition．It is ton often thought these things just come，some－ how，but Astlur Knights unst have spent ans enormons amount of timo and trovble in huvestigation，and he is one of those men we，as ringerg，ate entitled to be prond of．＂

The members stood in sileace for a few moments as a mark of respect．

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the churches where bellg kad been placed at the disposal of the members， and to the respective steepiekeepers，especially Mr．J．E．Davis at St． Botalph＇s．

The meeting then terminated with thanks to the Editor of＂The Ringing world for his presence，and to the chairman for presiding and his many kindneases throughout the year．

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The first session of the seventeenth Conncil（47than－ nual meeting）will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guidhall，Westminster，on Whitsun Tuesday，May 30th， 1939，at 11 a．m．precisely．

The morning session will be adjourned at $1.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．， and the afternoon session will commence at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．，or as may be decided．

## AGENDA

Roport of the hour secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subseriptions．
Apoloyies for absence．
Presentation of new members to the president（Rula 11）
1．Election of president for 1939－1942．
Mr．E．H．Lewis retires and is eljgible for re－election．
2．Plection of hon．secretary and ireasurer for 1939－1942．
Mr．G．W．Fleteher retires atid is eligible for re－election．
Election of hon．librarian for 1939－1942．
Mr．W．H．J．Footan retires aud is eligible for re－election．
4．Election of lion．auditore（two）for 1939－1942．
Mr．C．T．Coles and Mr．A．A．Hughes retire end are eligible for re－election．
5．Election of honorary members．
The following retire and are eligible for re－election：The Rt． Fon．the Earl of Sllaftesbury，Alderman J．S．Prikctiott， Major J．H．B．Hesse Messrs，C．Dean，J．S．Goldsiuith， C．F．Johnston，C．W．Roberts，J．A．Trollope and E．Alcx． Young．
6．Losg of members throngl！death．
7．Minutes of the last meeting．
8．Roport of the hon．libratian．
9．Repart of the committee appoinled to revise Madel Rules for Licenl Company．＂
Committee ：Re！F．Ll．Edwards，Messrs．W．H．J．Hooton and S．F．Wood．
10．Stafement of accomes．
11．Report of the Truetees of the Carler Ringing Machiac．
 following committees．
To pass such recolutions as may be necessary on matters arising Tout of the reports．
To reappoint or alter the constitution of the coumittees as ruay be consiciered desirable，fud to appoint eonveners of Euch committees．
（a）Standing Comnitites，
The 告ilowing retire und are eligitale for remponintmenti： Ven．Archdeacon H．T．Pasty，Alderman J．S． Pritehett．Majov J．H．B．Hesse，Messrs．W．A．Care， T．T．Dyke，C．F．Jaluston，R．Miehardson．E．Denison A Facunct oceurg through the denth of MT．WT．T． Cocherill
Note，The ex－oflicio members are：Tlie Puesident，Fon． Librarian．Hon．Secretary，Hon，Auditors，Conseners of Committees and phat officers（if still members of the Council）
（b）Peal Collection
Fiembers eligible for reappointiant：－
Tev，F．S．Powelh，Messrs．G．Lindoff．G．R．Newton， G．R．Pre，C．W．Roherts，J．A．Trallane and T．B． Wurgley．
（c）Methade．
Members eligible for reappointmen：Mesens．J．A． Trollope，E．C．S．Turner and S．H．Wood．
（d）Peal Analysis and Records．
Members eligible for renppoinkment：－
Mrs．E．K．Fletcher．Messrs．W．ATre，©．Deau，G．L． Mis．E．K．Fletcher，Messrs．W．Ayre，O．Deau，G．L． Grover and G．R．Pye．
（e）Towers and Belfries．
Members eligible for reappointment ： Mr．E．H．Lewis，Major J．H．B．登ese，Messis．．． Funt and E．Alex．Toung．
（f）Literature，Press and Broadcasting．
Members engible For reamointmeat Rev．F．Lh．Fidwards，Messrs．J．S．Goldsmith．A． Padton Smitlo and A．Waller．

## （g）Peal Boards

Members eligible for reappointnent ：－ Rev，©．E．Wigg，Messie．W．Ayre and W，G．Wilson．
（i）Binaraphies．
Momlters eligible for reappointment：Mrs．E．K． Fleteher，Messrs．W．A．Cave and J．S．Goldemith．
（i）As to the circulation of The Ringius World．＇
（j）As to the mufling of bells．
13．To fix the place of tine next meeting．
14．Other business，if any．
GFORGE W．FLETCHEL．Hov．Secretav．
45，Walsingham Read．Enfield，Middesca．

## PEAL NOTES.

## FATE THEY RTNNG A PEAL

Five Crilompton (Devon) ringers and one from Tiverton rang their IIrst peal' on Aprit 10th, wien a peal of Doubles was brought round on whe back eight of Cullonpton's fine ring of ten, with $46-8$ coverngy: W'e do not want in the least to detract from the performance of any of these ringers or to damp the encouragement which this peal may have given them, but as a matter of principle it would be interesting ho know if it can be snid that two ringers who strike over one bell 5,040 times can strictiy be said to hare rung a pean. hecame others hare done ft before them, but it does raise asain tho doubt which exists in some prople's minds.

Three local men at Lympstone, Devon, also rang their first peal, on April $15 t_{1}$, when they took part in 42 six-scores of grandsire Doublee.
Mr. H. W. Lidbetter a ringer at Isleworth, Middlesex, is moving to Acle, Norfolk. A peal of Stedman Triplos was rumg in his olk towet a April 15th as a farewell.
Mr. Arthur liverett ealled a peal of St. Ctement's Colicge Bob Major from the treble at Boreham, Essex, on Easter Mosday, apd thus omplated the circle" at this towner
The silver jubilee of the jnstallation of the bells at Cumbaey, Notes, wns celeluated on April 9th by a peal of Minor whicle was also a complinent to Mr. Upex. on completing 16 years as verger and towerkecper.
Intil April 15th a peal had not been rung at Addinglam, Yorkshire, for 27 years. A peal in three Minar methods hnoke the spell, and the band wish to thank all those who made this peal possible, and purtieularly Mrs. Mitchell, of Crofi House, for entertajning then to tea after the peal.
To enable three brothers, Reginald Hill, of Shotley, Ipswich, Ravmond Hill, of St. Margarets, Lcicester, aud Jolin Fill, of St. John's, Luecester, to ring a peal together, a peal of Grandsire Triples wh- arranged at St. Margarel's and rumg on tho light elght an April 75th. The long and the short of jt were io be seen side by side in this peal 'Big-hearted arthur,' orev 6ft. of brawn and muscte, on the seventh, and diminutive 15 -year-old Jolin Hill on the tenor. Two of bite brothers rang their firsi peal on cight bells and the ather his first peal of Triples.

## a Jubilee

An interegting unniversary was celebrated at Worsley, Lancaskixe, on $\Delta$ pril 17 th , when a peal of Donhle Norwich Major was rung it honour of the jubilee of the first peal in the method rulig in Lancashitre on April 8th, 1889. That carly performance was achieved by the Worsley company, and in the commemoration peal were two sons and a grandson of members of the original company, aud the same composition was rung.
When a band met short for a peal of Spliced Treible Babs at South Kirkby, Yorks, on Easter Monday, one of the local ringers Mr. A. Ĺ. Hartison, was pressed into service at a minute's notice and rang his fist peaj at the first attempt. A penl of Bob Minor was substituted for the Spliced Treble Pob, and aithough he has not called a peal of Bot Minor betore, the coaductor, Mr. Danicl Smith, was not ati a loss. He called seven different extents, which, between them, contained 49 bolss and 144 singles, one 720 contaiving 42 singles.

Owing to the late arrival of one of the band for a peal at quorm, Leicestershire on Thursias, April 20tb, it was unfortunate that the anticipated Major metlod had to he cat out. Fowever, with what time was left at their disposal the haud guickly rang a peal of Stedmaf Triples (2 hours 40 minates). Mr. William Bottrill very nobly uadertook the calling. He had only called this first peal of Stedman a few weeks ago.
The preal of London Surprise Minor at Apsley End, Herts, on April $101 h^{\prime}$, when five of the bard ravg their first peal in the method, was specially arranged as a birthdey compliment to the conductor (Mr. W. J. Randall), as a wedding anyiversary peal for Mr, and Mrs. W. Ayre and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Good, and to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese of Chelmsford, which formerly belonged to the diocese of St. Albans.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilitam Clarke, of Deeping St. Tames, Lincolnshire, have just celebrated their silver wedding and a peal of Surprise Minor in honour of the event wes rudg on April 10th. Mr. Clarke is a regular eervice ringer at St. James
Mr. Fired Stokes, the popular hou. secretary of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang his 200th peal on Saturday, when be took part in a peal of Stedmars Triples at Harmston, Limes.
The newly eppointed secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association (Mr. Fa, F. Cubberley) arhieved his first peal of Minar by riuging the treble to a seven-method peal at his own tower at Kempery on Saturday week. Afterwards lie entertained the band to ten, which was wuch appreciated.

Having rung their first 720 of Kent Treble Boff for early celebration on Faster Day, and the first in the method on the bella, five lacal ringers at Farston. with Mr. G. W. Cook as conductor, rang their firkf. peal in the method on Saturclay week
The quarterly peal of the Hereford District of the Fereford Diocesan Guild was rimg on April 15 th at Holme-Lacy. It whs Grandsire Tripies and one ringer rang his first peal at the first attempt and another lis first of Grandsive Triples on an "juside" hell.

## FASEX SPLICED MINOR RECORD.

St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, ias put up the Spljced Minor acord of the Essex Ascociation to 34 methods, which were Tung in geven extents at Stisted on Saburday week. There were 13 methods in one 720 and 142 changes of method in the peal.
Another peal of Spliced Minor on the same day was that at 'raxal, Chashire, whero 29 Treble Bob methods were rung

Mr. J. G. Nash was another to ring his 100th Surprise peal on Saturday week. This hedid at Bocking, Essex, when a peal of London was rung, which was Messrs. Fred Ridgeweli and Frank Claydon's 100f. peal together.
Messrs. Mears and Stajnbank insialled the ring of eight at Gray: shott in 1931, but it was not natil Saturday week that eny attempt wes made for a peal there. The vilage of Grayshott in in Surey, but the church is in Hampslire, the centre of the road which passes the church being the county boundary. The parish is in the diocese of Guildford, but for good and sufficient reasons the peal of Super ative was rung for the Witchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.
Alter the preal the Ficar (the Rer. E. (G. Ireland) uame to the ringing chamber, congratunated the ringers and generously offered to provide a boatd recording the merformunce. For this kindness and for the use of the hells he was cordially thanked.
At Bletcliley, Bucks, on April 15th, a peal ul Grandsire Triples wis ung by the Sunday service riogers at the Parish Church,
After an interval of nearly ging years, another peal has been rung on the fine ring of eight at Southgate, Midulesex. There have been difficulties in getting permission, but we hopo it will not be as long before the next is rugg
It is gratifying to note thint the ice lias been broken by the local band, for they were all Sumday service ringers who took part in the peal of Cambridge on April 15ti. Some of them, lowever, seem to be getting a wee bit towards "the sero and yellow leaf" for the average age of the bard is 60. But perhaps it is mot really as bad as it fooks, for one of them, Mr. David Wright, formerly of Croydon, who jomed the Southgate Society twelve months ago, is 78 gears young. If was Mr. John Armstrong's 250th peal and jins 100th Surprise peal. Three Evershot (Dorset) ringers rang their first peal of Triples on April 15th, when with their conductor, Mr. Dennis Pishop, who called his first peal other thar Doubles, they took part in a peal of Grandsire at Bradpole.

## LONG SERVICE

Mr. Hary Dickens has completed 53 years as a service ringer at the Parish Church at Efreat Bedworth, Cheshire, where he is 10 w towerkeeper. In his bonour the first peal of Stedman on the bells was rung on Saturday week.
Allother riager with over half a contury of service at one church is Mr. W. A. Fitehford, captain of the tow'er at Wolstanton. StaffordEhire, where he has been a ringer for 53 years. He is one of the foremost inslructors in Staffordshire. On Friday week a pesl of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang the treble, was rung in his honour and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wyluern, churchwarden, on his 70tls birthday. Faxcept for Mrs. F. Milan and Mr. G. E. Kettle, who belong to Newcestle, Staffs, the band who rang the peat are eervice ringers at Wolstacton.
Mr. Fred Hickling, an original member of Sit Arthur Heywood's celchrated baud at Duffield, lias receutly died, and a bali-muffled peay of Grandsire Triples had been arranged as a last token of respect. The band, however, wet shott, and a pead of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, was substituied, on April 15th.
The first Surprise peal by the-Jocal band at Jeatherhead was ring on April 15th, when Cambridge Surprise was rang in honour of the wedding earlier in the day of thie Rev, $P$. W. Istell-Carpenter, for 2 years curate of Leatherlead. and Miss Manier-williams, By a coincidence it mas Mr. George Marriner's 250 Hly peal and Mr'. A. H Winch's 250 th peal in Surrey as well as his 5hth peal on the bells.
The notes to the peals rung in the Bristol district and recorded last week need correction. The compasition of the Double Norwich should have been given ag containing in each part a courge with S1 S3 S5 B8 and not with four singles as printent. The peal at Berkeley was a 5,040 , not a 5,008 . The time of the peal at Clevedou was 2 lours 56 minutes. In justice to the conductor (Mr. Nolen Golden), we should gay that lie was not responsible for bending in the reports and the errors were not his.
The ringer of the treble in the peal at Sherburn-in-Emet on April 10th was Horace S. Morlev, not Worsley as printed
In tha report of a peal of Kent freble Bob published lest week, Narton-in-Hales was fiven as in Staffordshire 'A Salopian in Exile" informs us that it is in Shropshire, the river Tern, fowing near by, formig the comety boindary.

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## NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 2gth. The bells of the Cathedral (8) will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., S. Nicolas" (id) from 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. and S. Nicolas' and Shalford (8) after the meeting. Service will be held in the Cathedral Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (is. each) in Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Halt immediately after tea.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual meeting at Lincols on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at $3.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at is. $6 d$. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from a p.m., and in the evening. Also at St. Giles' (8) from 6 to 8 p.m.-F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 to 4.15 and in the evening. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 to 9. Service at St. Peter's 4.30 , tea, price $25.6 d$. (is. to members) at the Pavilion Grill Room, 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon, Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division. -The next meeting will he held at North Weald on Saturday, Aptil 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea to follow.-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, Liverpool. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 . Tea will be provided. It is many years since a meeting was held at this tower.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Hereford Dis-trict.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 6d. each. -R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUIL.D.-Chester Branch.The quarterly meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, April agth. Ringing from 3.

Service 4-30. J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham Dis trict.-The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Satirday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stammore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch.A meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea in the Chantry House 5.40 p.m., 9 d . each.-E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Raad, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, April 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) \& HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).-A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, on Saturday, April 2gth. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and discussions at the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. Al! ringers will be very welcome. Methods: Plain, Surprise and Spliced. -F. J. Plummer and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Derby District.-The next meeting will be held at West Hallam on April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

-Ilchester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, April 29th, Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock.
SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Next meeting at Wellington, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3-4-30 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea. - W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. - The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 29th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.-Carus Wilson, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Bridgwater Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Greinton to-morrow, Saturday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.-C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The monthly meeting will be held at Warmiey on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-West Dorset Branch.-A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea and meeting to follow. Chardstock ( 6 bells) also available from 3 to 4 p.m.-C. H. Lathey, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.Owing to Clselmsford Cathedral bells not being available on Saturday next, April 29th, the monthly practice will be held instead at Writtle at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The methods will be Double Norwich and Cambridge.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for May: Southwark Cathedral, 2nd and 30th; St. Clement Danes, 4 th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 9th; St. Magnus", 11th and 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16 th ; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd. All at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. * Business meeting afterwards.A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MID-WEEK MEETING.- A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held at Ash on Wednesday. May 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m.

Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Evensong at 6 p.rn. All welcome! A postcard (if you require tea) to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rachdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at is. each to those who notify Mr. J. Dugdale, 38, Ramsden Wood Road, Walsden, by Wednesday, May 3 rd. Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Andover District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by May 3 rd to the undersigned.-F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-St. Michael's, East Peckham ( 6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Bennitt). Notify Mr. T. Saunders, Peckhan Bush, Paddock Wood, by Wednesday, May 3rd Book on bus to Forge Gate, on the Tonbridge-Maidstone Road.-Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The hall-yearly meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Café at 5-15. Names or numbers to Mr. E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe, by Wednesday, May $3^{\text {rd. }}$ -W. H. Sbuker and T. Witson, Hon. Secs.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Putterham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 3rd? -W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

PETERBOROUGH, ST. MARY'S CHURCH.-The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by Bishop Lang on Saturday, May 6th, at 3.30 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Thrapston Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previons of those requiring tea.-W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec., Woodview, Brigstock, near Kettering.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Cary Deanery Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, May 6th. Other towers available. Bells $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting following at the Schoolroom.-W. A. Osborn, Gaihampton, Yeovil.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 3rd. A good attendance is hoped for, and a hearty weicome will be extended to all.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Eastern District.- $\AA$ meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Magee's Cafe, for those who send postcard to Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Bawlby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance requested.-F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartiepool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bicester Branch.The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Ambrosden ( 8 bells) on Saturday, May 6 th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . Nice little peal. You will be very welcome.-Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.
gloucester and bristol diocesan asso-CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Yate on May 6th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m, at the White Lion.W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield ( 10 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441 a , Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street, near Town Hall, fare $1 \frac{1}{2} d$. All wel-come.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Konan's Road Sheffield 7 .
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Leek ( 10 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea Kindly notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 3rd? All ringers wel-come-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-A combined practice will be held at Sonning, near Reading, on Saturday, May 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m.W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham. NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - South Norfolk Branch.-The spring meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 6th. Belis afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob Minor. As this is a difficult place to arrange tea, do let me know by May 2nd, please. All ringers welcome to this fresh tower. -A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfoik.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch.-A special deanery meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe ( 5 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. The Rev. Couclman, Vicar of Kingsthorpe, will give the address. The bells of Guilsborough and East Haddon will also be available. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, please-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Bucks Branch.-A ringing meeting will be held at Hanslope ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 6th, from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A good attendance is desired. -Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND TVECLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Axbridge Deanery Branch. -The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill (Weston-super-Mare) on May 6th. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting at Howe's Cafe 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.-H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-superMare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. This is a country village, and a postcard with numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 10 th. All ringers and friends welcome.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Tewkesbury Branch.-A meeting will be held at Hasfield on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, May 9th.-A. G. Puliey, Branch Hon. Sec., Dumbleton, Evesham.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on Nay 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 1s., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Busincss mecting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea. All names for tea should be sent to Mi. W. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex, not later than Wednesday, May 10th.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hoń. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Eccleston ( 6 bells) on Salurday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Particulars later by circular. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's 'Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5 , followed by business meeting. Notifications must be sent to Mrs. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, by Wednesday, May 10th, without fail. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, May 8 th.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsharn.

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The business before the Central Council at the meeting, to be held in the Guildhall, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, judged by the agenda published in our last issue, will consist largely of elections and reports, but that is not to say the meeting will not be an interesting one. It is, of course, unusual to find not a single notice of motion entered for discussion; it has seldom happened before, but it would seen that the position that has now been reached is that the art of ringing, so far as it needs guidance or ruling, has practically settled dowa to a level which, if it does not please everyone, at least meets with very wide acceptance, aud complics generally with the requirements which modern advances demand. There are, at the moment, no outstanding questions upon which opinion is sharply divided, as it was on some subjects a few years ago. Indeed, there must come a time when, on the technical side of ringing, at any rate, there is little to discuss. Probably that position has now been reached.

On the other hand, however, there are matters of general interest which are of no little importance to the future of the art, and there is no place where they can be better ventilated, in the hope of obtaining representative views, than at a meeting of the Council. The range of subjects in this respect has by no means been exhausted, and, although the Council is only an advisory body, it can speak with collective wisdom and authority. But as far as the London meeting is concerned nothing is on the agenda for discussion.

The meeting, however, bas much business to transact. It is on this occasion that the triennial elections of officers and committees take place, and there is a very considerable list of committees' reports for consideration. These things alone may well produce a full session of business, although it is almost impossible to forecast how much discussion these reports will produce. What is weil to remember, however, is that the most important part of the work of the Council is embodied in these reports. The Council meets for a few hours once a year; the committees are active throughout the year, and some of them almost week by week. The reports themselves seldom reveal the time and labour which individual members of the committees put into their task which, be it not forgotten, is not merely in the interests of the Council, but for the ultimate benefit of the Exercise at large. This is a fact that is often overlooked by many ringers. The work of the committees is never spectacular, but the labours of those who have served on them have, through the years, raised the standard of ringing to a degree not
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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SDFFOLE.
TEEE SUFFOLK GDILD.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.) On Saturday, April 29. 1939, in Fowr Howrs. At ine Ceurct of St. Mary-le-TowBr,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMERIDCE SURPRIGE MAXINTI8, 5280 GHANGESI Tenor 32 cwl.
William P. Garrett o.treble William J. G. Brown ... 7
Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... 2 =Alan R. Andrews ...
Cearles J. Sedgley ... 3 J. Frank Smallwood ... 9
Hobart E, Smith ... ... 4 Cegil W. Pipe ... ... ... 10

- Albert Walrer ... ... 5 Gborgr E. Symomds ... II

George A. Febming... .** 6 Fabderice J. Smith ... ...Temor
Composed by John Carier. Condected by Alberi Wahkrr.

* Tirst peal of New Cambridge Maximus.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Salmrday, April 29, 1939, in Thoee Howrs and Forty-Thres Minules, At xhe Ceprch of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside,
A PEAL OF STEDHAR CINQUES, 5014 CHANQES;
Wilcian J. Nodids Tenor 54 cwt.
Thomas H. Tapfender


## TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTEAMPION, HAMPSHIRE.
TEE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTE DIOCESAN GU以D. On Wednesday, April 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Eorty-Five Minwtes, At zer Cburge of St. Mary
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES; Teuor 22 cwt I qr. 7 ib.
Grorgre Williahs ... ...Treble | Ernest J. Ayliffe ... ... 6
"Jobn W. Faitaficl... .** 2 John H. B, Hesse ... ... 7
Alfrgd H. Polling....- .13 John S. Goldemith $\quad . .$.
William J. Robinson ...t 4 Reginald A. Rerd .n .... 9 George Pollinger ... ... 5 Harold P. Reed ... ... ....Tomor Composed by A. Knights, Conducted by Alfrad H. Pelling.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the visit to Southampton of H.R.H. the Duke and Ductues of Gloucester. PONTEFRACP, YORKSHIRE.
THE TORKSEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, Apyl 27, 7939, in Thres Howers and Nireleen Mixules, At thr Chorch of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANEE8; Temor 18 cwt.
Jobn H. Lenton... .... ...Tyeble | Edward Bradley ... ... 6 Frad Nrwion ... ... ... 2 Harry Nbwton ... ... Mrs. E. Bradley .... ... 3 | Thomas Holdrg... ...
 Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted bv Harry C. Walters.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bois Royal ly all the band on the bells and at the first attempt.
NTW ALRESFORD.-At the Parisl Cburch for evening service on april 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandaire Triples: W. Wearing 1, J. Allan 2, E. Lane 3, H. Newnliam (conductor) 4, A. Tremeer 5, J. Roniface 6, L. Tremeer T, G. Allen 8. First quarter-pegl of Triples for sll excepting the conductor.


#### Abstract

SOUPHIEND-ON-SEA, JSSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION, On Saturday, April 27, 1939, in Thyee Hours and 7 wenty-Two Ginutes, Ai the Parisfi Ceurch, Prittlewele, A PEAL OF BAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, EOGO GHANGE8; - Dennis T. Broce ..Treble Fregerick W. Hodsden .. 6 Mrs. F. W. Hocsdem $\dagger$ Eric B. Haryley Ernest W. Ferbank Robert Hbazel Robert Hbazel Composed by William Pr Firat Surprise peal. Royal peal : Royal peal "inside." First Supprise Royal as conductor. DUDLEY. TAE DUDLEX AND DISTRICT GUILD. On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Thyee Hows and Five Minutes, At the Cbirch of St. Thomas, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANOES; Tenor $20 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$. Tom D. Whorion Hemry Hugball... Waltar Farley... Hbrbert Sgbppard Jobn Goodman Composeft by j. Cartar." Conducted by John Goodman. Rumg as a birthray compliment to Mr. G. Guest, also to Mrs. d Goodman, wife of the conductor.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## CRAYFORD, EENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATTON,
On Friday, Aprii 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Five : Ifinutes
Ax ter Church of St. Padelmes,
A PEAL OF PAIH8wICK SURPAISE MAdOR, gOS6 CHAMGES Tenor 12 cwt.
Derek M. Saarp ... ...Treble | Herbert E. Acdatey
Edwin A. Barnety ...
-Jaurs Benneti... ...
Harry Hosecns... ...
Composed by E. Timbrall. Conducted by E. A. Barnetio.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Trenty-Nine Minutes,

- At ter Absby Cefrch of SS. Mary and Thonas-of-Cantrrbury,
a PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, fobs Ghanges
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
Walter Elsgy .
-Gborge Maybrs
- Henry Tooke ....
Frederica C. Ropgr
... I reble

Composed and Conducted by Nolas Golde

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOOLATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Tato Howrs and Fifty-Nime Mimutes, At the Cburch or St. Michagl and All Angele,
A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, fo8s CHANBES; -Donald Coomers ... ...Trable Wililam S, May... ... ... 5
 Georgb A. Wightman ... 3 Garald Frost ... ... .... ${ }^{7}$ Frane C. May ... Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Frane B. Luprim. * First peal of Kent Treble Boh. Ruys in honour of the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Chelusford.

NORTHOWRAM, HALTFAX.
THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
(Lezids and District Amalgamatbd Society.)
On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Thred IHours and Eight Minutes,
At ter Cedrch of Si. Mattaew,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK 8URPRIBE MAJOR, EOEG CHANGES;
Tenar I 5 ewt . 3 qr , r 6 lb . in E .
Wilelam Woodabad ... ...Treble | Herbert Davenfort... ... 5

 Composed by F. Dains. Conducted by Leslib W. G. Morris.
Firsti peal in the method by all the band, in tine county and by the essociation.

## SEVENOAKS, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Appil 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Tar Minates,
A: tee Cberce of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANEEA, Tenor 2 It c cwe.

Artger S. Ricgards

- Doris E. Colgatr ... ...Treble
Edin A. Barmbty ...
. 2 Harry Hovbrd ...
Clabenge H. Dobbib...
... 3 Herberi E. Audslay ... 7
...T 7 ©
Composed by C. Midoleton.
Conducted by P. A. Corby,
* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

SOETH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASEOGIATION
On Suturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minules,
Ai the Choreb of St. Tromas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, B040 GHANOES; Tenor If cwt. I gr. Ig lb. in F.

- Miss Gladys Willafs ...Tyeble Ernest Mondis... ... ... 5

Jobn E. Clabki ... ... 2 ]. Leslie Willars ... ...
Charles Marsbali... ... 3 †Wieliam ]. Root ... ... 7
Sidney Cox... ... ... ... 4 George E. Spencer ... ...Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitana. Conducted by Ernegt Morris.

* First peal. + First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of St. Gearge's Day and the apening of the great Leicester Churoh Gampaiga. BURLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Salurday, April 22, 1939, in Two Houys and Fifly-Fowr Minutes,
At tee Caurce of St. Mattaias,
A PEAL OF RRAND8IRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
J. J. Parerr's Sik-patt

Tenor $7{ }^{8} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Mrs. E. Brabley ... ...Treble|†Charles Parker ... ... 5
Jogn W. Scbolefirld ... 2 Frank Scholefirld... ... 6
-Harold Drake ... .... Edward Bradlry ... .at 4 Frank Gibbard ... .... ... Tenoy

Conducted by Lromard Drare.

* First peal. * First peal of Triples. Iung as a compliment to Frank Schotefield on his 2lat birthday.

KIRBY-LESOEEN, ESSEX.
TEE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sotwrday, April 22, 1939, in Tero Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
At this Choech or St. Miceame
A PEAL DF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MASOR, 5184 CHANGE8; Tenor 8 cw . 3 qr. 7 lb.


[^23]CEIDDINGFOLD，SURREY
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Salurday，April 22，1939，th Three Howrs and Five Mituks At the Cberce of St．Mary，

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES，5040 CHANGE8I

Holt＇s Original
Jom H B HEsce Artecr J．Bartleit ．．． 2 RtChard T．Carpenter ．．． 3 Alan E．Brown．．．

Tenor 12 要 cw
Mafrice Smitber
Wicliam J．Romisison ．．． 5 Alfred H，Pulling ．．．．．． Henry Mollard．．．．．．．．．Tenor Conducted by Alpred H，Poleing．
＊First peal and first attempt．Rung in honour of the golien wedding of Mr．and Mrs．E．Carpenter，parcuts of the ringer of the 3rd．

## TPSOM SURRTY

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION．
On Saturday，April 22，1939，in Three Houys and Thirten Minutes At Carist Cefrca，
A PEAL DF GRAND8IRE TRIPLEB，5040 CHANGEB；

Davirs＇Five－part，No．z． －Mrs．W．Massry ．．．．．．Tvebl Jorn Beams ．．．．．．．．．．．． Artare A，Hadley Haspy E，Goode
．．．．． 3

## Conducted by

Tenor II㝵 cwt．in F．sharp．
†Wiekins Massey
Harry J．Smerdon
．．．．．． 5 Farry ］．SMERDON ．．．．．． 6
Frank H．Randall ．．．－＊． 7
－Harry Scotcerar

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$$ Conducted by J．Baams．

＊First peal．＋First peal in lle method．Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a boken of respect to the iate Conon Hunter，for many jears Vicar of this parish．

> HINCKLFY, LEICRSTERSHIRE,

THE MIDLAND CODNTIES ASSOCLATION．

## （Hinckley District．）

On Saturday，April 22，1939，in Three Howrs and Ten Misweta，
Ay ege Cgurcy of St．Mary．

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES， 5040 CHANEE8；

Dhater＇s Variation of Tgorstans＇Fodr－part．Tedoz $22 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ ． Alpred Ballard ．．．．．．Tteble William A．Woon ．．．．．． 5 Ernest W．Tipler ．．．．．．．． 2 •Brri Ridgway ．．． Crril H．Ison ．．． $.2 . \quad . . .3$ Frank K．Measures 3 ．．． 7 George Thompsom ．．．．．． 4 Alfred Jordan ．．．．．．．．．．Tenor Conducted by Frank K．Measdres．
＊First peal in the method．Specially arranged to celebrate Mr． G．Thompron＇s 50th year as a ringer at St，Mary＇s Church．It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs．W．Measures，mother of the conductor．

CAMPSALT NEAR DONCASTUR，YORKS．
THE FORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION．
（Barnsley and District Sociris．）
Un Saturday，April 22，1939，in Jhree Hours and Four Minktes，
At tee Cburce of St．Mary Magdalinh．
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 5028 CHANCES； Tenor IId cwt．in G．
 Composer by G．Lewis．Condacted by D．Smizq． ＊First peal of Major and first attempt．+ First peal in the method．$f$ First peal in the method on eight bells．

## SWANAGE，DORSET．

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GULLD．
On Saturday，April 22，1939，in Three Howrs and Eleves Minutes， At tab Chorca of St．Mary－the－Virgin，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 6024 CHANEES： Tenor $22 t$ cwt．
Lodis J．Locrybr ．．．．．＋．Treble $\mid$ Percy W．Witham Mrs．F．J．Marsealisay ．．． 2 F．Franeland Rigby ．．．．．． 3 Edward T．Grifein ．．．．．． 4

Composed by A．Kwiguss．

Percy W．Witham William C．Sbrif Francis S．Beatmont Abthur V，DaVls 7 Cooducted by Arigur V．Davis． onductor．

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## OXFORD．

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD，
On Twesday， 4 pril 25，1939，in Two Howrs and Forty－Fonr Minutes， At the Ceurch of St．Ebse，

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR， 5056 CHANGES；

Richard T．Sargent
Charers Coles．．．
†Geqrge Ayris ．．
Gegrgr Horwood
Composed by J．R．Prischard，
Conducted by F．E．Thylor．
＊First peal on eight bells．IT First peal of Major．
CHLRCT，LANCASHIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION．
On Wednesday，Ap＋1 20，1939，in Two Howes and Forly－Nine Mintets，
At tar Chorch of St．James，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 5058 CHANGES； T＇enor $14 \ddagger \mathrm{cwt}$ ．


| Hbrbbrt Holden | ... | ... | 2 | Robrrt Hargrzaybs | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| James Barnes | 6 |  |  |  |  |


＊First peal of Treble Bob．First peal as conductor．
MARKET DRAYTON，SHEOPSHIRE．
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCLATION．
On Thurstay，Apvil 27，1939，in Thee Howrs and Nine Minutes，
Az the Chorgh of St，Mary，
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR， 5040 CHANGES； Tenor 17童 cwt．
－Pbieip Pajer
．．．Tyble Alan M．Hickman
Thomas Price
．．． 2 Wicliam J．CaEster＂ Frgdretcr Price
Willam Weataemby
$\begin{array}{cc}\ldots & 3 \\ \ldots . & 4\end{array}$ EdWard V．Rodanierst ．．． 6

Composed by H．Hobsard． Artera Paitcgard ．．．．．．Tenor

FFirst peal Rung for the wedaing of My ARTaCR Pricuard． Crpt．Algernon Heber－Percy．

> BISHEY, HERTS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
On Thursday，Apyil 27，7939，in Two Hous and Farty－Two Minwtes，
At mee Cherca of St．James，
A PEAL OF COUDHURST gURPRIgE MASOR，SO24 PHARCE8 Tenor 13 awt．
Joan E．Rootrs．
．．Treble

## Henry Hoderiss

Cecil C．Mayne．
Franeis Kire
Composed by A．Kingets．
The first peal in the methot．
BECKENHAM，KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
On Thursday，Apvil 27，1939，in Two Hoars and Fi／ty－Two Minwes， Ar ter Cagrca of St．Grorge，

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRI8E MASOR， 5058 GHANGE8；

Tenor I4 14 ewt．
Ggorge W．Rogdrn．．．．．．．Tribla Jack M．Chipes ．＊．．．．．．．
 Harry Hoselns ．．． Composed by A．Knights（No．A8）．Condtreted by F．A．Corby，
＊Frot attempt for a peal in the mellod．Rung in honour of St．

## George＇s Day

BRIERLEF HILL，STAFFORDSHIRE．
THE WORCESI＇ERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Saturday，April 29，1939，in Three Howfs and Three Minntes， At zae Crorge of St，Micharl，
A PEAL OF 8PLIEED LORDON，RUTLAND，BRI8TOL，PUDSEY， YORKBHIRE，LINCOLN8HIRE，CAMBRIDCE AHD SUPERLATHE EURPRISE MASOR，B120 CHANCES； Tenor 14t owt．

| Jorn Bass ．．．．．．．．．．．．Treble | Sidney T．Holy |
| :---: | :---: |
| William B．Cartwrigat ．．． 2 | C．Howard Stanley ．．．．．． 6 |
| Climpord Skidmore | Roberi Matterws ．．．．．．． 7 |
| Tgomas Hemming ．．．．＊． 4 | Charlbs Camm ．．．．．．．．．Teroy |
| Composed by A．J．Pitann． | Conducted by Sioney T．Hozt． |
| First peal of Spliced Surprise | eight methods by all the ha |
| on the bells and for the associatio | This peal contains 1，2 |
| 1，600 Rutland， 640 Bristol and 32 | each of Pudsey，Yorkshire， |
| Canbridge and Super | with 110 changes of metl |

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATTON.
On 1hursday, March 9. 1939, in Two Howys and Fifty Minutos, At the Ceurch of rhe Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES

Being 42 six-zcores.
Jorn Gifson

- James Turabr

Temor 12 cwt . in F Eherp.

- Wilfred Butigr

Reginald L. G. Lambery
Joan W. Ward
$\qquad$ ...Tenor
Conducted by Rgginald L. G. Latbadry.

* First peal snd first attempt.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LLNCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Monday, Aprilio, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minates,

## At tar Parish Ceorce,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGEg;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob,

Samerl Wood
fames Goddard ... ...Treble i Weptimos Neave $\ldots 2$ James Ceapman.... .... .... ... 3 Arifor W, Hoodless ....Tmot Condacted by A. W. Hoontgss,

* First peal. Fung for the 28th anniversary of the induction of Caman W. E. Tarah as Vicar of Barton.


## DAVENHAM, CHESHRRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUHD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minulas,
Ar the Ceurce of St. Benedict.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Seven different extents.
Tellor 15 cwt
Cecir Tomminon
 tGeorge A. Packer ... ... 3 Harby W. Howard ... ... They

Conducted by H. W. Howard.

- First peal and first attompt. † First peal of Bob Minor. MIETON REGIS, EENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Whatesday, April 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifit-Tirca Minwies, At tee Church of the Holy Trinity,


## A PEAL OF MINOR, EO40 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of OxFord Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bols and ore of Cambridge Surprise. Tenar $10 \mathrm{cwt} 3 \mathrm{gr}, 13 \mathrm{lb}$. Ernast J. Dobbir ... ...Treble Arjhor S. Boar... ... ... 4 - Dorts G. Dobbie ... .... 2 Stanley B. Dobrie ... ... j Walzrr H. Dobeir .... ... 3 Grorgr A, Naylor ... ...temor Conducted by Grorge A. Naylor.
First peal in four methods. A farewell peal to the Rev. E. C. Pitman (assistant priest), who is leaving for Eaton, Nurwich.

## MELDRLTH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION
Un Thusday, April 20, 7939, in Two Hows and Forty-Eight Minutes, At the Cedech of tee Holt Teinity.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 42 six-scorcs.
Tenor 12 cht. in F sharp.
-Grorge Newrll $\qquad$ Tyble ${ }^{\circ}$ Bald Tuck … $\quad . . .3$ Jobn W. Ward Reginald L. G. Latbbery 4 Tencr
Condacted by Reginald L. G. Latbedry.

* First peal and first attempt.

NASSINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCDSAN GURD.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly Minutes, Ax the Cenorce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, סOMO CHANPESI
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb
Cbarles Cooprr ... ...Tyeble

- Bertie Edwards ... ... 3
*Harry Stramgward.... ... 3 W. Reginald Butcebr ... 4 Robert G. Black Conducted by Robart G. Biacg.
* Firgt peal and first attempt and local ringers. The first peal on the belle.

MORRISTON, GLAM.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, lin Tuo Howrs and Forty-Five Minwfss, At iber Caurca of St. Joen
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8!
Consisting of $240^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ by Lindoff, Pitpian and Morris, and 30 six-scores. Tenor 9t cwt.
 Wallace Dobeins ... .... 3 David G. Williamb .... ....Tenor Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis. PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHTRE.
THE MTDLAND CODNTLES ASSOGIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes, Ax the Chotch of Sx. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, London, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 9 ewt Fredericr Watson ... ...tyeble Frane Batless ... ... ... 4 Jorn H. Bailess... ... ... 2 Leohard P. Wahd ... ... 5 Grank T. Long ... ... ... 3 Edwin A, Hall ... ... ... Thay Condacted by Jobi H. Balless.
First peal in seven Doubles methods lyy all. A compliment to the tenor ringer, who is retiring after 24 years' service as sextom at this charch.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturduy, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Femy Minutes, Ar tex Church of St. James,
A PEAL DF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720 's. Tenor 13 cwt.
S. Ronald Fethers... ....T*eble Miss E. Millicent Feteers 4 Arkold Worth ... ... 2 Johs Worta ... .4* .** 5 Cgarles W. Lawton ... 3 Josepb W. Whittarer ...temoy Conducted by Jone Worte,

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a 2lst birthday compliment to Miss N. Jones.


## TICKNALL, DTRBYSBIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sumday, Aprit 23, 1939, in 7 wo Hours and Forty-Two Minufes,
At the Charce of St. Grorgr.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Being one axtent exch of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Court Bob and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plaiu Bob. Tenor $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
 Conducted by Aribde E. Rowrey.
Wirst peal in five methods. Rung for the patronal festival. BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
(Norzhern Brance.)
On Friday, Apyil 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirly-Seven Minutes, At ter Cenmeh of Al. Satits,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED MINDR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 60 methods:-
Charlwood, Measden, St. Albans, Wragby, Braintree and Humber Delight.
2. Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Marple and Taxal Delight.
3. Clarence end Elston Delight.
4. Capel, Sandal, Loudou Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exarcise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Dogotar and Pontefract Deliglst
5. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfeet, Spalding, Pincbbeck and Gosberton Aliance and Kent Little Court
6. Chalfont, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenliam, Tulmer, Walsingham, Lammas and Olney Alliance, Crayford Littlo Court and Little Bob.
7. Lytham, Theiwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, College Cnidmall, St, Clement's, CanterbuFF Pleasure, Fulbeck, Teverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob

Tenor $6 \mathrm{cwt}, 1 \mathrm{qr} .8 \mathrm{lb}$.
 Conducted by Grorge E. Feirn.
There were 166 changes of method. First peal in 60 methods by all. (Many ather peal reports are unavoidably helft over.)

## PEAL NOTES.

## A TWELVE-BELL RECORD

Recent 'searching Willisin P. Garrett, of Maximat lpswich, bas the highest total of peals of Groun asd he added another on Saturday, which spought the number to 101 . But what makes this record more conand that Mr. Garrett lias taken part in the first peal of every Surprise Maximus method that has beer rung.
Saturday's peal of New Canbridge was called by Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, who rang his first peal in the method on twelve hells Mr. Frayk simallwood, of Bath, returned to Ipswich for the occasion to see that the job was properly done.

A ringer from the four-bell tower of Goxhill, Lincs, Mr. Septimus Neave, rang his first peal on Easter Monday when be took part in seven Mincr extents in two methods at Bartomoon-Humber-a peal rong for the 28th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Camon W. E. Varah.

## WORCESTHRSHIRE BAND'S FINE PERTORMANCE.

The Worcestershire band, with Mr. Sid Holt as conductor, has achieved another success in surprise ringing by scoring their first peal in aight splicedे Major methods. It was rung at Brierley Hill on Baturday, after an attempt, made without any pravious practice a fortnight ago, which failed after 2 hours 10 minutes' ringing.

The baad had previously rung perls in four, five and six methods. Their chief dificulty lies in the fact that they are an extremeiy scaltored party and cannot meet for practice. The conductor lives in Worcester, Messrs. Matthews and Bass in Sitourbridge, Cartwright and Stanley in Birmingham, Skimore and Hemming in Brierley Bill, and Camm at Uptollon-severn.
Members of the Kent Courty Association raug a peal of Superlative Surprise at Beckenham on April 27 th in honeur of St. George's Day. They wish to associate Mr. W. J. Rawliugs with the peal. After getting everything in readiness, be could not take part, owing to pressure of busimess, and his place was taken by Dennig Brown, who scored his first peal in the method at the firsw attempt.
The peal of Sob Minor at Davanbam on April 10 oth was Mr. Harry Howard's 50th peal for the Chaster Diocesan Guild.
The peal of Stedman Triples reported last week as rung at Great Bedworth. Cheshire, was rlug at Great Budworth.
T.R.H. the Duke and Duchass of Gloucester wisited Southampton on April 26 th to open the Art Gallary. whinch completes the magnificent yew Civic Centre. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung ats St. Mary's Church is honowr of the event, and the band inoluded five visitors from the diocese of Guildford. What was more notatle was tive fact that two of the Winchester and Portsmozth Gaild half of the band included two one-armed ringers, J. W. Faithfull and G. Pullinger. Tha treble was Fung lyy the oldest member of the party, George Wilianm, who will be 82 on Sunday, mand the tenor by the yourgest member, Harold Reed, who is 17 L . There nre few finer tens in Fg . land than St. Mary's, Southnmpton, and the peal was worthy of the bells
To celebrate the completion of 50 years' eervice as a ringer at $S t$ Mary's, Finchley, Leicesterslire, by Mr. George Thompson, a peal of Stedman Triples was ring thore on April 22 nd . It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Measures, whose son, Mr. Frank Measures, called the peal.

A composition by Mr. G. Lewis, of Oxford Treble Bob Mirjor, was rune for the first time on April 22 nd, when it was called at Campsall, Forks, by Mr. D. Smith.
Mr. E. A. Hall is retiring frous the oflice of sexton itt Peckleton, Leicestershire, aiter 24 years' service. On April 2and he rang the tenor to a peal in seven methods of Doubles, arranged as a compliment to him, and afterwards he and Mre. Hall kindly entertaimed the ringers
Mr. Frankland Rigby rang his 50th peal and Mr. F. S. Beaumont his 2sth peal when they took part in a peal of Keat Treble Bob Major et Swanage, Dorget, on April p2nd.

## ANOTHER FINE PERHORMANCE.

The North Liacolnshire band, who have recently been pushing ahead with Spliced Minor, have improved upon their previous 50 methods performance by ringing. last Friday, at Bigby, seven extents in 60 methods. The hootur of Lincolnthire seems to tave devolved on worthy shoulders.
The present record of 84 methods goes to Cheshire. It was rung at Dieley in July last year. The South Lincolnshire band, which seems now to have dissolved, through removals, had previously carrjed the tots t to 80.

Sixty methode in a peal wes rung for the first time in Lincolnghire in August, 1936. Since then the record bas gone up as follows: 61 (Iines), 66 and 68 (Cheshire), 70 (Lincs), 73 (Cheshire), 80 (Lines), 84 (Cheshire).

The first peal of Goudhurst Surprise Major was rung at Bushey Herts, on April 27th. It was Mr. Edwin Jennings' 50th Surprise peai,

The funeral of Canon Humter for many years Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, cook place on April 20th, and two days later a muflled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the church he served with so much devotion.

There is a team of youmg magers at Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, who learned to ring the five bells there when their average age was 14, the youngest being 12 and the oldest 16. That was two years ago. They have now all rung their first peal, three of them on March $96 t$ and the other two on April 20th. On each occasion they were assisted by Messrs. R. L. Lathbury and J. W. Ward. These youngsters are to be congratulated upon their perseverance in loaraing to ring and upon their excellent striking. They are George Newell, aged 14, Wilfred Butler and John Gibson, each aged 15, and Archie Tueh and James Turner, eacli aged 18.

A band of service ringers at Church, Lancashire, rang a peal of Treble Boh on the bells of St. Janes' Church on April 26th, when Mr. Leslie Willians scored his first peal as conductor.
The peal of Minor at Apslev Find, Herts, reporteil last week, was ruag on Aprit 17tls, not the 10th as printed.
The ringer of the treble to the peal of Grendsire Donbles at St, John's, Leicester, was Raymond V. Hubbard, not Reginald as pripted in our issue of April 21st.
Nesta and Richard Smith rang their first peal at the firt attempt on Friday, whem they took part in a peal of Kent Preble Bob Minor at Wonston, Hants. All the rest of the band rang their first peal of Treble Bob Minor. It was the third peal attempt made by Leslie Tremeer and Leouard Knott within a week. They had lose a yeal of London after ans hour and a quarter on the prepious Saturday and a peal of Stedman after a hours 10 minutes on Easter Monday,

Another peal in honour of the 25 th anniversary of the enthronement of the first Bishop of (helmsford, which took place on April $23 \mathrm{rd}, 1914$, was rugg on Saturday week at Galleywood.
There is a growing tendency to troak away from the rut in Surprise Mejor ringing, apart from the activities of the bands who are out to ring a new surprise method every time they meet. On Fridny week a peal of Painswick was rung at Grayford, Kent, and the lirst peal it the method in Yortshire was rung at Northowram the next diy. On the same day a peal of Ashtead was rung at Wymondhan, Norfols. All evidence of the progress that is spreading in method riaging.

Ln acdition to being the first. in the county and by the Forkshire Association, the Painswick at Northowran on April 22nd was the first by all the band and was rung at the firat attempt.

Hfiss Gladys Willars, a schoolyirl of 14 years of age, reng her first peal on the eve of St. Georges Day at South Wigstom, Leicestershire. She struck her bell perfectly throughout. Tho peal marked the openinf of the great Leicester Church campaigo.
The peal of Doubles at Nassingtow, Northants, on April 22 nd , was arranged to enable the conductor (Mr. R. G. Black) to ring is peaj on the bells of his native village, which he left in 1889, and where three previous generations of his family have been connected with the belfry. Messes. Strangwood and Fowraris rang splendidy and scolved their first peal. They are the firgi members of the Oundle Branch to Ying a peal. It must also have been almost like a first peal for Mr. Cliarlea Cooper, for he had not pung one since 1914. Further, it was the first peal on the bells.

## MORECAMBE BELLS RECAST

## CORPORATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST.

The Bishop of Blackburn, on Pelm Sunday, dedicated the Testored and augmanted hells of the Parish Church of Morecambe, Lancashire. The tower was buitt in 1841 and tate original six bells have naw been recast and two more added. The restoration has cost over 5600 , tawards which the Corporation have contributed s100.

The dedication service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation as well as by representatives of the various religious denominations of the town. The firgt lesson was read by the presideat of the More cambs Free Church Cauncil, and the Mayor's chaplain (Camon Royds) rend the second lesson. After the dedicatory prayers, the Mayor unvelted a tablet commemorating the occasion,
The Bishop, in lis address, compared the harmony of the hells of England with the discord in interantional affairs. After the servica the bells were rumg by J. P. Fidler 1, G. Bosworth 2, E. Swain 3, R. Grisdale 4. J. Srain 5, \&. Clifford 6, T. B. Worsley 7, H. Palmer 8. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., end evertonb was loud in their praise of the tone of the bells and their every'
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Only a small amount remains to be raised to defray the complets cost of the scheme.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

INCREASE TN MFMBERS.
The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society wan held on April $25 t h$ in St. Peter's Hall. Oxford. Considerable progress was noted as having been made in the past year under flie able Mastership of Mr. St. J. Smith (Jesus Coplege), and there had been a welcoma increase in the number of ringing atembers.
Mr. P.J. M. Bryan (Sf. Peter's) was elected Master for the ensuing year, with Mr. M. A. C. Frewar (Merton) and Mr. J. Wrigley (Merton) as secretary and freasurer respectively.
It is to bo noted that the retiring Master (Mr. St. J. Smith) has now served both as Master of the Cambridge Unirersity Guilu (1935-7) and Master of the Oxford University Society (1938-9). Such a carecr is unprecedented in the history of either sceicty, and Mr. Smith's many friends will wish him surcess in his campanological and professional rareers.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

## STRUGGLING BANDS NEED.

The annusl meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Coventry on Saturday, April 15tl. The bells of Stoke Church were aqailable daring the afternoon and ovening and were kept gaing in rounds and various methods. Service was conducted by the curate (the Rep. E Lucack), the Guild's form being used. Tee was partaken of at the Biggin Hall Hotel, when 35 members gat down.
Tho basizess meeting followed, Mr. F. W. Perrens heing voted to the chair. Apologieg were received from Messes. T. W. Chaproan and D. H. Argyle

The hon. secrelary reported that for 1938 the membership stood at 364 , being made up of 17 honorary members, 189 ringing members and 158 zon-resident members, an incrense of 43 over 1957 and of 71 over 1956. Peals rung during the year numbered six, the lowest total for any year since 1929 . Ten rang their first peal in the method and seven their first peal. The conducting was shared by F. W. Perrans (3) P. Stone (2) and F. E. Pervin (1). The low total is compensated by whe fact that Stratford Surprise Major, Fugg at Nuneaton on April $28 t h$, was the first peal ever rung in the method, and the peal of Ashtead Surprise Major was the first in the method for the Guild.
The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of 805 19s. 8d., was adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. H. Beamish, seconded by Mr. L. J. Hirde.

The election of officers resulted ag follows: President, the Ven. the Archdeacon af Coventry; vice-presidents, the Fen. tho Archdeacon of Warwick, the Rey. Canon J. L. White, MI.A., the Rey. O. M. Jones, M.A., the Rev. J. H. Dingley; Master, Mr. J. H. White; bon. secretary and treasurer, Hers. D. E. Besmish; hon. nuditor, Mr. A. H Beamish; Central Council representatives, Mr. T. W. Perrens and Mrs. D. E. Beamish
The resalt of the vote for the meeting places for the next three months was: May, Newbold-on-Avon; June, Kineton; July, Solinull. New members elected were Miss O. Moreton (Cbilvers Coton) 5 . Howell (Charch Lawfori), A. F. Barlow (Rugby), Mrs. Vann (Bilton), W. Starley (Southam), G. N. Knitht (Stoke), H. Lewis, O. Waker and G. Edmunds (Brinklow), T. Warner (Solihull) and Miss C. E. Pocock (Arley).
Mr. N. Maskell nsled if assistance could be forllacoming for struggling bands. An oceasional Guild meeting, he said, could not possibly ment the need.
Mr. E. Stone suggested that districts be re-formed and the committee of each district make arragements which would most benefit the hands in that disfrict.

The question was lefb with the Guild Committee to discuss and report at the next quasterly meeting.
The hon. eecretary mentioned the letter received from the secretary of the Certre] Council regarding the "Collection of Surprise Major Methods,' in which the Guild was asked to advance 16 g . 6d. for 818 copies. The letter was well received, sud ten members signified their inteation of purchasing a copy when awailable.
Mr. E. Stome proposed and Mr. I. J. Finde seconded that the secretary write to Mr. M. Melville, secretary of the Guild from 1935-38, to wish him Godspeed in his mew sphere after his ordination by the Bishop of Wincluester
The reports for $1937-38$ having been distributed, Mr. E. Stone proposed a vote of thanks to the non, secretary for preparing them for pualication.-The hon. secretay thanked Mr. F. W. Perreas and Mr. A. F. Beamish for the help they liad piven.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. W. White, a wote of thanks Fas accorded to the Rector, the curate mad organiat of Stoko, and to Mr W. Cox, of the local bend, who had kindy arranged the ten

At the close of the meeting a retura was made to the tower for furbher ringing, and a coctal evening followed at the Biggin Fall Hotel, thus bringiog to a close one of the most successful maetings held in Coventry.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

## AN ANNUAL DINNER SUGGESTED.

The spring meeting of the Society for the Archdescoury of Stafford Wres held at Cannock on Saturday, April 28nd. A variety of methods was rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C.), who also delivered a helpful address. Tea, which followed at Stanton's Restaurant, was kindly provided by the Vicar
The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and measurer, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity and for his address, and to the organist and others who helped to make the meeting a succesg. This was recelven with applause.
Mr. B. G. Key, Ringing Master, suggested that an annual digner should be arranged in the autumy. and the project was supported ly Mr. C. Wallater. It was eventually agreed that the matter should stand over till the annual meeting.
It was decided that the society should guarantee its quoth for the fortheaming publication by the Central Council of Surprise Major Methods."

The annual meeting is arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 17th.
Handbe!ls were brought into bse for tones and rhange ringing, after which the members returmed to the tower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

At the Eent County Assaciation's meeting at Greenwich on Saturday, Mr. W. Berry, now aged 84, put in an aippearavee and took part in several touches. It was, indeed, a pleasure to the members to see and ring with him again in the tower in which he spent so many hours in days gone by.
The number of nembers of the Midlsud Countieg Association, eccording to the annunl report just issued, is 835 ringing members and 158 honorary members. In addition, there are some hundreds of nonresident lifo members.
The subscriptions to the association during 1938 amounted to ${ }_{59} 93$ 11s. 6id., and there was a balance on the year's morking of 88 12s. 9d. The association has $£ 500$ in reserve Yuds, $84744,4 \dot{d}$. halance on appropriation account, and $£ 13$ 6s. Id. in the Bell Repair Fund.
Who was the crack Derby ringer who spoiled his life's recard by breaking the treble etay at the M.C.A. meeting at West Hallam last Suturday?

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## RELATYONS IN OVERLAPPING AREAS.

1 meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. John's, Leytonstoue, on April 15th. It is at this ehurch that the national memorial to that truly great ringer, the late Mr. William Pye, is situated. Two trebles were added to the old six, and the faot is recorded on a tablet in the porch underneath the tower.
Tinging took place from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. till $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{ml}$., and then a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canan W. T'. Brown), who gave a short but delightiul and rauch appreciated address.
Tea whs served at a nearby restaurant, and Canon Brown extended a cordial welcome to the members. He assured them that he was always very pleased to lave visits at bis church from ringing eocieties. The business meetivg was beld in the ringing room. Apart from the routine busimess, there was only one item of importance, that of a proposed joint meeting with tha North and East District of the Middlesex $\Lambda$ ssociation.
The district secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior) said that, in his opinion, in consequence of certain recont corzespondence in . The Ringing World,' the impression had been giver that the London County Association had no wish to co-operate with the utber London socjetiea and lad no respect for the legitinatee clains of these societies. As far as the Northern District was concerued, this was emplatically not so. सelations with the secieties whose areas overlapped that of the diatrict had, in recent years at least, been quite mood. Speakjag paricularly of the North and Jinst Distriet of the Middlesex County Association, who wero most concerned with the averlapping, he said that as the resuit of exchange of correspoufence between the district secretaries, only once during the last nine years hind there been a clash of meetimes, and that an unavoidable one. He thought that a joint meetive with the Middlesex Assaciation would have a very good effect, and he, therefore. proposad that they be invited to join the district in such a meeting at the Churches of St. Dunstaz"s, Stepney, and St. George-in-the-Tast towards the end of the Fear, probebly in November.-The propositioni whs unanimously adopted.

Fotes of thanks to the Rectar and to Megars. G. Dawson and I. D. 5 mith , of the local band, for making the arrangements, conchuded the business, and further riuging then took place.
It was a highly enjoyable and successful meeting, both socia!ly and technically. Kethods rung during the day ranged up to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, an unusuai Peature at Londoll County meetings.

## WORCESTERSHIRE RINGERS WEDDING

MR. T. W. LEWIS AND MISS FLORENCE JOHRSON
The wedding of two well-known Worcestershire ringers was solemnised at St. Peter's, Hiuton-on-the-Green, on Ssturdey, when Miss Florence A. Johnson, fith daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Johnson and of Mrs. Johnson, was married to Mr. Thomas W. Lewis, eldeat Bon of Mr and Mrs. W. Lewis of Worcester. The whate of the bride's family have been service ringers at Hinton, her brother (Mr. J. D. Jobnson) being hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association, whilat her mother is an honorary member of the assaciation. The bridegroom's father is towerkeeper at St. John's, Worcester, and both father and son are members of the St. John's and Cathedral Guilda
Fully choral and conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Binyon), the sarvice was attended by many ringers. The bride's dreas was of beapy white satin trinzmed with lace and she was attended by three arnall nieces dressed in frilted net in Vietorian atyle, who carried dolla dressed as replicas of themselves; and a nephew of the groom, Mater Tommy Martin, dreased in white satin and velvet.
Mr. S. T. Holt was best man, and the bride wes given eway by her eider brother, Mr. J. D. Johnson.
A reception was later held in the schools, where, among others, a greatings telegran was received from the ringers assembled at the greozn's home tower, St. Johu'g, for a peal.
The happy couple's future home will be in Worcester, and, as already recorded, a celebration peal of Double Oxford Major was rung at Hinton and a peal of Bob Major at Woreester.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-69.

## C. KENNETH LEWIS.

For nany years the Chestor Diocesan Guild has had the good fortune to include in its ranks bands of eaterprising riagers, particularly in the sphere of Mizor ringing. Although in the early days of method splicing the plan was experimented with in various parts of the country, it was iu Chesinire that it was firsi developed on the lines that have led up to the present advanced standards, and it is Cheshire that, at the moment, holds the record for the highest number of methods included in seven extents. There has been in vine docese a steady succesaion of ringers expert in this branch of the art, and there is happily still no lack of them. Sonse lave come to the front very rapidly, and among these is Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, of Marpic. who, although he rang his first peal only five years ago-by a coincidetce, exactly five years ago to-chy-and did not call a peal until Norember, 1035 (this was in uive methods at Taxal), has already to bis credit the honour of conducting a peal in 73 Treble Bob metlods (the greatest number of Truble Roll methods which is believed possible of jucorporation in seren extents), and the peal in 84 methods, whicl। atands as the greatest number jet rung in sever 720's.
Mr. Lewis first became interasted jn ringing wards the end of 1931, but, owing to the fact that the baud which was gatleered together at Marpie was practically all raw material in change ringing, very Jittle grogress was made. Early in Inly, 1933, Mr. Lawis began to visit Disley, three miles away, and as a result of the instruetion received there he was, by the end of the year, taking an interest in
Spliced Mitat. His fitst peal was not rung unil May in the following yenc sisted of Kent Of con sistied of Kent. Oxford and
 Plajn Bob), luut he hat made several fruitless attempts before that. Fis second peel, two montlis later, wa in 18 methods, and his third, in September, was in 21 methods. He becane a member of the band which, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Worth, was carrying on the work started at Norbury in 1923. To reach the record number of methods the band. of course, have had gradually to build up the total, and the later stages have ineluded peals in $40,42,46,52,66,68,73$ and 84 methods.
But while Mr. Lewis has devoted so much attention to the ligher figltts of Minor ringing, lie lias by no means confined his aftention to this, and among oflyer things lie hes rung almost 50 Surprise Major peals in six methods, peals of Grandsire frome Doubles to Cinques: and of Plain Boh from Minor to Maximas. He rang in the first peal of Rochester Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in the only peal of Carisbrooke Delight Major, as well as calling the first peal of Stafordshire Surprise Major to be rung by the North Staffs Association in its own territory. Among the performanees which he greatly values is the first peal (Doubles in two methods) ruag at Marple for the Cormation by an entirely local band. Altogether Mr. Lewis has rung 100 peals, of which he has conducted 43.

Borm at Marple on August 23rd, 1913, Mr. Lewis is now secretary and treasurer of the Stockport, Mottram and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and an ex-offio member of the Guild Commilitee

## KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. F. G. Burden, of Rolrenden, Kent, died in his sleep on Friday, April 14th. Deceased was 67 wears of age and bad been a ringer for over 50 years and verger for 25 Fenrs. He had rung several peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and of Major.

When Mr. Burden celebrated his jobilee as a ringer he broadcast in the B.B.C. featore. 'In Fown To-nighti:' He was a good sportsmatt. kindly and cheerfal. and much liked by all the villagers.
The local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral on Monday, April 17th. On Saturday last a band of the Kent County $A$ ssociation rang a litif-muffled peal of Grandsire Tripies.

## CHESTERFIELD BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir-At a quartery meating of the Oxford Society lield on Saturday evening your loading article re Ghesterfield bells was discussed witle great interest. It was umanimously bgreed that the followint resolution be sent to you for publication:-

Tlat thas society wiews with regret the proposed suggestion to instal an apparatus for " synthette " bells in Chesserfield epire v. BENNITTT, Hor. Sec., O.S.C.R.

## SHAMS OR STNTHETICS.

Dear Sir, Is there any real reason why we should play inso the hands of the opposition, by using the word synthetics, when there is nothing like srathesis? The combiration of the recording of the sounds of bells, with a loud speaker, produces a simple reproduction, which may be called a substitute, a slam or a pretence, but can never be a syuhbesis. Moreover, actual synthetic bells are a possibility, sy we had better keep our wrath for them till they appear.
Now to ame people the word 'synthetic' appeals, and produces in their mind the idea of a sturt which they wish to attaoh to their churches So let us avoid the misleading term.
Again there are occasions (such as weddings) wheu some people like shans or pretences. I see no reason why they should not have them, as long as they keep the sound to the room, or other place of enter tainment. But let us keep shams of all kinds away from our ehurches. A further point is the law about these things. Churches have a conmon law or customary right to use the sound of bells. Places of worship not belonging to the Church of England have no such right. But as no one is likely ever agajn to conteat this matier, ona may takg it that the C.E. Common Latr right cowers them also But reproductions are quite a difierent matter. It cannot be claimed that these are customary: and very disagreeable legal procedings are sure to follow these installations unless they be confined to indoors.

HERBERT DRAKT.

## RESTORATION OF BRONLLYS BELLS.

## NEW TREBL E ADED.

The restored and augmented bells of St. Mary's, Bronlys, Brecknock shine, were dedicated lyy the Bishop of Swansea ald Breconk un Easter livg. Messts. Taylor and Co. have tunet, quarter tumed and rehung the old five and added a new treble. गlue restoration was made posaible by a generous donation by the harron Pell Trust and by various bellriuring friends. Beforo the service the Bishop ascended the towel and inspeated the work and congratulated the Vicar upos the way in which it had been carried out.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies) intoned the service and the lesson Was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer, Glasbiry-omWyo). After the formal dedication the Bistop gave an address ot the words, 'We love the place, 0 God.

The opening ringing was net done until the conclusion of the gervice, Fhen it was carried ont by D. F. Bennett, T. P. Curtis, P. J. Davies, D. A. Witiams, E. D. Daties, J. Owezs and W. Drew.

Ringers were present from Brecon (St. David's), Cefa Coed, Cadoxton, Clifford, Easdisland, Ebbw Vale, Glasbury, Kington, Talgarth, Stauntan-on-Arrow, Iygonchall, Ross-on-Wye, Morriston, Newport and the lacal band, and included Messrs. D. G. Williams (guld secretary), J. P. Hyett (district secretary), A. Hunt (Distriet Master), J. W. Tones (hon, secretary, Llanda and Monmoulli), the Rev. Iror Richards (Lianleanecli) and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon);
All present expressen their pleasute at the excellent 'go' and tome of the bells, and Messrs. Taytur and Co. are to be congratulated on the work of restoration.

All the wigitors were entertaiged to tea at the school, and Canon Hilary w. Lewis proposed a liearty vote of thanks to tie Vicar and parishomers for their hospitality.
An interesting point about Bronllys Church is that the tower is the onis detached tower jo Wales with six bells. The tenor is 7 cmt .8 lb . Visiting ringers will always be welcome to ring on the Bells, if they will write to the Ficar.

## DEATH OF MR. W. ALLHN

FORMER TTCE-PRESDDENT OF EAST DEREFSHTRE ASSOCIATION.
It is with regret we have to record the passing of Mr. Wilson Allin, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who died on April 12th at the age of 68 yesrs.

Mr. Allin was $\begin{gathered}\text { a member of the East Derbyshire and Notbinglam }\end{gathered}$ Association and Midtand Counties Association. He was for some time vice-presideat of East Derbyshire Association and always looked forward to the quarterly meetings. He was also instrumental in having three new bells added nas part of the church war memorial and was hoping to see the six made into an octave. This wiel, however, has not heen granted, for he passed away mille the necessary funds were being collected. Mr. Allin was a ringer at Sutton-in-Aslifisld for 40 years, beigg captain and towerkeeper during part of tiat time. His last peal was rung on December i3th, just before his illmess.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. <br> Gili TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL <br> Increase in Membership

At their anaual meeting at Guildford ons Saturday, the members of the Guildiord Diocesan Guild undortook to provide the bell that will be necessary for the portion of the new Cathedral which it is hoped to complete in two years' time. This gift will be entirely apart from tha scheme, which has been in operation for some few years, to accumulate a fund towards the provision of a ringing peal of bells when the tower is edded some time in the future. The beil which is now offered will be temporarily housed, but eventanlly will be placed, as a 'sarctus " bell, in a turret over the Lady Chapel.
The meeting at which this fiecision was taken was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, and was attended by over a hundred members and visitors from many places outside the diccese. Mr. Walter Harrison (yice-president) presided, supported by the Master (Major . H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mfr. J. Corbett), itbe hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the Rev. L. Starey (Merrow) who had
conducted the Guild's service in the Cathedral, and Mr. J. 8 . conducted the Guild's se

## MEMBERSHIP

The committee, in their annual report, said the decline in memberslip in the two previous years had abated, and in 1938 there was a welcome intux of new members, a net gain of 30 having brought the total to 78 honorary end 405 annual subtseribing ringing members. Special thanks were extended to Mr. W. James, of Coblam, for the introduction of sever new life members last year, and a substantial increase of honorary members in the Lentherhead District, which will be apparent in pext year's balaze sheet. The report continued:

In apite of the increake in memberslip, however, the position as regards ringing membars is a long way from being satisfactory, Ono of our distiricts only, varmely, Furnham, is in the lappy position of having members from every towef in its, area. In the remaincug districts there are several towers either with no members at all or with less members than they lave bells. As the belfs of most of the towers which stand aloof are rung regularly there must be many
ringers ja the diocese who have yet to be convinced that this Guild ringers ia the diocese who have yet to be convinced that this Guild
is not just the plaything of the officers gnd a few experts, but is realiy run with the object of promoting ringing generally throughout the diocese and for the beneft of every individual ringer.

The Benevolent Fund, now with a balance of $£ 58$ 16s. 8d, continzes to crow, and, in connection with the New Cathedral Bells Fund, whick stands nt ferl 7s. 7d., the committee reminds all memhers that they are part of a diocesan organisation getively engaged in a branch of diocesan sife, and as members of such an organisation it should be their plensure, and it is certainly their duty, to contribute as generously as possible to this fund. Perbaps never before bave diocesnn ringers had such an opportunity of leaving for future generations at more obvious witness of their enthusiasm and service ss is now presented to memhers of this Guild. The Cathedral will be built and the towner oventually completed. Other diocesan organisations are already taking steps to provide the furnishing of various parts of the new building, and it is not out of reason to ask thit on you, as menbers of the ringing oryanisation of the diocese, should rest some at ieast of the responsibility of ensuring that the tower is equipped with a ringing peal.

RELATIONS WETH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS
Having referred to the district and joint mectings beld during the year, the report said thess mestings emplasised the very friendly relations which exist between the Guild and neighbouring societios generally. 'With thouglits of further joint meetings in mind,' added the report, 'all members will fee] relieved that the attempt to promote antagonigm between the London County Association and this Guila has been frustrated. The Guild was accused in "The Ringing World " of poaching on the preserves of other societies. Happily, owr vice-president, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, as a member of the London County Associskion, was able, without involving this Guila in a dispute, to convince the annual meeting of that bodtr of the gross unfairness of the charge, and it has now heen withdrawn fin such a manner as will, we hope, leave no suspicion of animosity betwean the Lindon County Association and orrselves. The Guild was launched and is continued with the approval of the diocessn authorities as part and parcol of the diocesan organisation. There can be no question as to the right of the Guild to embrace every tower and claim the support of every ringer in the diocese. Ascocisthon with Church life in the diocess ahould entail loyalty to that part of the diocesan scheme whith is charged with the care of ringing. This does not mesn that the Guild challenges the right of any other ringing organisation to purswe its legitimate actinties within our borders, but jt does imply that tha allegiance of every ringer resident within the dincese of Guildford is fue first and foremost to the Guild.'

PEAL JRNGING ACTIVITIES.
The twenty peals rung durige the year wes the lowest total ever recorded by the Guild, but the peals included the first peal of Painswick Surprise Royaf ever rang and the first peal of Forkshira Surprise Royal by the Guild. There were only three "first peals" againt 15 in the previous year

The committee, continued the report, 'feels that there is room in the field of peal ringing for greater activity hr the fuild. Nat.
merely ectivity for the primary parpose of inereasing the numbers of peals rung, but activity designed to stimulate the life of the Guild by introducing to the peal ringing brauch of the art a preater proportion of our members and to encourage younger members to aspire to the laurels of conductorthip. If such an effort is to be made, however, more towers must be made available. So muclk has been said on this subject in previous reports, both district and annual, that the committee feels that there is little that can now be aselully added, but tine cammittee members do think that if Iocal ringexd were just a litile more helpful to the officers many towers at which there is mever eny peal ringing would be available for peal attempts occasionally. Local objectors who can remain adamant in refusing requests of comparative strangers are often to be mollified by the efforts of local ringers in personal tounh. The committee suggests too, that no peal organiser shauld be unmindful of the fact that loca ringers arz often inclined to be a little more amenable if some mem bers of their tower are asked to join with visitors in peal attempts.

Since the formation of the Guild eleven Fears ago only thn menbers can chaim to lhave rung their first peal as condnctor, and of these ter only three or four remain on the list of active peal ringers For a Guild which has always bad in the aeighbourhood of 400 rimging members these figures give rise to some misgivings is to the future and the committee appeals to all nembers to assist any efforts to effect remedy.
The report concluded with thanks to the incumbents, the district officers and all who had worked in the interests of the Guild.
The Chamman, in moving the adontion of the report, anomatulated the Culd on the of the Brotent Fum which, entirely due to Major Fesse, who fathered the scheme. There was still plenty of room for further encouragement, bowever. He also expressed gratification at Mr. Grover's auecession to Mr. Goldsmith as genermi shareza
Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) moved the adoption of the accounts and thanked the Parochial Church Councila, the general secretary and the district secretaried for their sapport.
The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Hall (Shere), . Parks (Croydon), G. Clobe (Cathedral Church), E. W. Iasard (Canada), A. R. Reed (Eastlelgh), R. J. Balchus, J, and D. Lickford (Chiddingfold), P. Finey (Bramley) and G. W. Massey (attached to Epsom), Capt. D. C. Standem, Miss M. White (Pyrford) and Mrs. B. M. Martin.

Officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Bishop of Guild ford: vice-presidents, Bishop C. \#. Golding-Bird, the Ven. E. J. Newill and Messrs. W. Farrison and J. S. Goldsmith; Master, Major J. F. B. Hesse; Hon. treasurer, Mr. I. Corbett; hon, secretary, Mr. G. I. Grover; bon auditor, Mr. R. Hasted ; Central Council representatives, Mesgrs. A. H. Puiling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman: committce, the offeers and the Revb. F. A. Woodard and G. H. B. Coleridge, Messrs. W. Massey, E. W. Morey, W. A. Dollimore, $F$. Nre, $T$. Upshalh, $\mathcal{R}$. Whittington, $\mathcal{F}$. Cherrymav, E. J Ayliffe, A. J. Adams and G. Marriner; member of Diocesaz Advisory Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse.
It was decied to hold the summer festival at Haslemere on July 8th. ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEMBTRS.
Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) moved that 'any district may provide out of funds one bronze Guild badge for any Guild member (ather than a member whose subscriptions are compounded) who after the 1st day of May, 1939, shall ring his or her first quarter-peal.' He said it would enconrage members to progress and use the ladge. The motion was earried.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, it wes decided to guarantee El 13 s . to the Central Council in connection with the publication of 'Surprise Major Methods." He considered 梳 was a hook that ahould be made available to members, as it contained a history of Surprise ringing and an extensive collection of compositions, In return for the guarantee the Council would provide twelve copies, which could be sold for 3 , each.

Genction was granted to the Leatherlead District to expend not more than 52 10s. on Davis silencers, and to the Guildeord District to contribute 85 to the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

## PROFISION OF BELL FOR CATEEDRAL

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith esked that the Guild should provide a sametus bell for the first part of the mew Cathearal as its donation to the appeal. The bell woald be wsed for services until such time as the tower was built, and he could see no fner gesture than to give it Ther had some two years co raise the money, and a bell of 3 cwt. would cost with all fittings, about 540 . There were over 450 membera in the Guild, and if esch one qave a mlilling a weat for two eama they would iave more than emove a to pay for the for two yeara going to make a real drive to get the money, and would like. if possible, to get half the gmonnt before Christmas and the other half before Iune rext vear. It was hoped to dedicate the first portion of the Cathedral at Whitsin, 1941, but there wonld he no ringing peal in the Cathedral for perhaps 20 于ears.
He did not propose touclsing the Cathedral Bells Fund, and it was an opportunity for them to show the clergy that thay were not merely out for what they could get, but that they were prepared to give something Proviaion had been made for a turret over the Lady Chapel to take a sanctas bell of about 3 cwt., and that was the hell he suggested they should give.-The Chairnan thought they should (Continued on next page.)

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

## SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BURSLEM

There was a successful gathering when the members of the Nortin Stafordshire Association held their second annual dinner on Saturday, April 15th, a campany of 69 spending a most enjoyable evening at the George Hotel, Burslem. During the aiternoon Hanley tower was open for ringing, and the bells were fully employed.

Supporting the presideat (the Ven. Archdeacon Hertill, of Stoke-on-Trent) were Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretazy), Miss Ada Hourne, the Rev. S. F. Linsley (clerical secretary) Mr. Arthur W. Hall (vice-chairman), Mrs. A. W. Hall, Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon secretary), Miss D. Bull, Mr. W. H. Shuker (bon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, and ringers and friends from Brown Edge, Stoue, Langton, Kingsley, Norton, Draycott, Leek, Stoke-on-Trent, Fantey ana Tunstall.

After the toast of 'The King' Mr. F. A. Ridgway proposed 'The Clurch, which, be sqia, was concerned with overy important phase of their lives. He ruminded the ringers that their appointment was a divine call. Within a radius of twelve miles of whore he stood thero must be, he said, a population of at least three hundred thousand souls, and. roughly, 300 ringers; only one-tenth of one per cent. Why was it they were content to be shuk of from the world, out of sight, out of mind, yet eager to send forth God's message on the loud crmbals? The suswer was they had got the "urge "which impelled them to do so, an 'urge, which was given them by the Crestor. Let them give, then, the best that lay within them both in atudy and in service. It rested an them to teach and to eveourage those who wond follow after and impart any knowledge they possessed so that the good work might advance throagh the ages.

The President, who replied, said it was becoming clearer every day that the only hope of civilisation for the world was by looking up to the Church. It was only by a rallying of people to the charrela and by the rallying of the Church to its principles that there was asy way out of the political unrest that was present in the world to-day. The activities of the Church, he continued, were tho bighest and best activities of human life. Bellringing was defnitely linked ap with the life of the Church; the best and highest duality of music had always been limked up to the life of the Church. Onfortmanaty during tle last two or three centuries very many of the activitios of luman lifa had somehow or other got separated fromz the life of the Christian world, but there was gtill one activity which remained linled up with the life of the Church, and that was the art of bellringing. It was an art which was ased to call the people to church, and when it was done earnestly it was an art at jts lighest and best.
Mr. E. Steele, who suhmitted the toast of "The Visitors," referred with pleasure to the presence of the secretary of the Lancashire Aspociation and welcomed many new friends.
Mr. C. S. Bowers, who responded, declared himself a friend nat ouly of the ringers at his own church, bat of all the members of that association. He went on to say that bells were like everything else, they never missed them pntil they bad not got them. They had an experienc? of that when the bells of his church were being rehung. A series of complaints reached him, one of them being that when the beils were silent the good ladies who lived near the churel didn't know what time to put the potatoes on to boil (laughter).
The Rev. S. F. Linsley pronosed the tonst of the North Stafford. shire Association, and referred to the valunble work that was being done week after week by the ringers.
The Hon. Secretary, who responded, first referred to the passing oi their old friend, Mr. George Walker, who, had he been with them, mould assuredly have replied to the toast. Mr. Thompson weat on to say it was true of the whole association that they took a keea interest in their work. Dwring the past three years they bad increased their membership ly 60, but they still had a few towers which were left unathended. These could be helped by other nembers of the assonia-

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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evdorse Mr. Goldsmith's scheme with all their seal and fervour and the proposal net with unanimous epproval.
Mr. G. E. Smith brought forward a suggestion, made at the annual meeting of tha Surrey Associstion, that the Guildford Guild shoulit appoint a soember to act on the Surrey committee as the two sacieties overlapped but worked in harmony. The Surrey Association had approved the idea of one of their members servige on the Guildford cuild Committee.-Tite meeting approved the idea im princtple. Mr. T. W. White wondered if it was an appeasement policy or encirclement (laughter).

Mrs. Jessia Kippin: We are not dictators in the Sureey Association.
Mr. T. S. Goldsmith announced that Mr. J. Armiger Trollope had presented the Guild with a manuscript ligtory of Lonten ringing frem In856, entitled 'Angsble and his times.' On Mr. Goldsmith's proposition, a vote of thanks was moved to the donor.
Thanks to the Rev. I. Starey for preaching, the Provost for the use of the Cathedral Church end the chairman were proposed by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

The bells of the Cathedral Chmreh and S. Nicolas' Church were rung before the meeting, while further use was made of S. Nicolas' and Shalford bells in the evening.
tion, apart from those who undertook ollher duties. Referring to peal rioging activities in the association, Mr. Thompson said they were, of coutse, ringing mure peals to-day than they Jad done for the last 20 vears, although their total now only stood at 432 . It seemed to take then a long time to reach their 500, probably longer than it took some of the associations to reach 5,000. Nevertheless, they had the unity and their Sunday ringing, wbich was of just as ruuch service to their Church as the associations who had reached the tatal of peals in the thousends.

The committee, he continued, were very satisfied with the dinner proccedings. When they remembered the conditions they had had to weather and the difficulties that the cammittee had had in obtaining peraission to hold the dianer in the George Hotel, he thought, the results were very gratifying. He hoped all the members of the association would look up to the work that had beea done by the sommitfee. Mr. Thonpson added that he had received apolagies for abseuce from Mr. J. Bourne and Mr. E. A. Sherratt. The latter wes ill in the North Staffordghire Infirmary and wrote wishing the dinver every success. The secretary thanked the Leek ringers and also the Indies from Leek for entertaining them so well. He felt sure the committe: would he lost without the help of the Leek rimgers, the president und the new clerical secrotary (the Fer. S. F. Linsley).

The toast of 'The Press ' was proposed by Mr. A. W. Hall, who first referred to the services rendered to the Exercise by "The Ringing World, ${ }^{3}$ and appealed for wider support for the paper. He niso expressed the indehteduess of thio association to Fhe Evening Gentinel " and "The Dity Times, newspapers for tha publication of reports.
Solections were given on handbells by the Leek ringers, and songs were su刀g by irr. G. E. Plant, pianofarte duet were reodered by Mre. E. Thouger and Miss H. Bamlord, while commanity singing, led by the Rev. 太, Finsley and the Archdeacon, was very much enjoved. A very happy evening was brought to a close with 'Audd Lang Syne

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

THE MFMORLAL TO THE REV. B. H. TYRWETTT-DRAKE,
The antual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was lield at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Good use was made of the bella at Great St. Mary's, St. Bene'b's, St. Andrew's, Chesterton, and Our Lady and the English MartyTs. Permission to ring at Great St. Andrew's had not been tranted.
The Ficar of Great St. Mary'b, the Rev. E. C. Essex, was prevented by a long standing engngement [rom being present, but sent apologies ror absence and good wishes for a heppy meeting. Service was conducted by the Rew. S. Senior.

At the business meeting, held iv the Cousistory Court, the chair wa: kindly taken by the Rev. S. Senior.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the officers and committoe clected as follows: General secretary and treasurer, Misg K. Willers; quditor, Mr. T. \&. Dennis; representatives on the Central Comacil Mr. ©. W. Cook and Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Messrs. A. J. Abrans, A. T. Gnenery, C. Cousins, R. W. Grofts, H. Fields, I. G. Hibbins, F.' W. Lack and W. Seekinge.

Wishech was agreed upon for next year's general meeting, and the summer festival this year will be held at St. Neots.
In connaction with the proposed memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, it was decided to accept Mr. Mansfield's estimate of Elo 10s. for erecting a tablet of Hopton Wood stone in Watlington Clurch. A faculty will be needed, makiug a total cost of 11212 . Money already in hand and promiees amount to 810 \%s. 6d. The memorial is approved by the Rev. F. W, Fulford, Rector of Watlington. A hearty vote of thenles was passed to all those who lad hetped to make the menting a success

## PILGRIMAGE TO EAST GARSTON.

On Wednesdar evening. April 19th, a fem members of the Onford Diocesan Guild met in the churchyard of the beautiful old willage of Enst Garston, Berks, to pay their annual visit to the grave of the Rew C. W. O. Jnnkyn. for many jears their good Master and friend. The bells were raised in peal and a 720 of Bols Minor rung lyy Mrs. E. J. Hibhert 1, ㅗ. C. Davis (conductor) 2, W. Hibbert 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, C, J, Fiblert 5, W. Hibbett jun. 6. Grandsire Doubies were thon rung, Messrs. G. Woodley and $R$. Powell, of the local band, taking part, the latter ringing a good 120, although he had not tried to hunt the treble before. The ringing was of the character the dear ald Master loved and would have enjoyed talting pare in. Then home across the Rerkshire Downs to Basingstoke, Reading and East Meiey, all full of the memoties of bappy times speat with the *Reverend when he was witli vs.
R. T. H.

## FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

d 4 Hauley, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was ruug on Easter Suadar before eveding service to celebrate the Easter festrval, also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who has been ringing for 50 years: H. Allock 1, H. Sargeant 2, A. Millward 3, G. Jones 4, J.J. A. J. Jack 5. J. W. Miliward 6, N. Sargeant (first as conductor) 7, *H. Jones 8, \% Nirst quarter-pcal.

## NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at is. each.-Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-St. Michael's, East Peckham ( 6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Book on bus to Forge Gate, on the Tonbridge-Maidstone Road.-Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Ruad, Southborough.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The half-yearly meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Caté at $5 \cdot 15$.-W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 6 th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

PETERBOROUGH, ST. MARY'S CHURCH. - The ring of six bells, rehung by Joln Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by Bishop Lang on Saturday, May 6th, at 3.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bicester Branch.The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Ambrosden (8 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bicester beils (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester. Оxоп.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 6 th. Bells (6) ready from 3 pim. Tea at 5 . Nice little peal. You will be very welcome.-Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, , Bedford.
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield ( 10 beils), on Saturday, May 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441 a , Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street, near Town Hall, fare $1 \frac{1}{2} d$. All wel-come.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ranon's Road, Sheffield 7.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - South Norfolk Branch.-The spring meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 6th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting foltows. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob Minor. All ringers welcome to this fresh tower.-A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., go, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Bucks Branch.-A ringing meeting will be held at Hanslope ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 6th, from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A good attendance is desired. -Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Cary Deanery Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, May 6th. Other towers available. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and mecting following at the Schoolroom.-W. A. Osborn, Cialhampton, Yeovil.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Axbridge Deanery Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill (Weston-super-Mare) on May 6th. Bells (6) open at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{ml}$. Service 4.30. Tea and meetingi at Howe's Cafe 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed. $\mathbf{H}$. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-superMare.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Service ringing, May $7^{\text {th, }}$, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, May 8th and 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary, Lambeth, May 3oth, at 8 p.m.T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-A combined practice will be held at Harpenden (bells 8), on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7.45 p.m. Please support !-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for May: *St. Mary-le-Bow, gth; St. Magnus', 1 ith and 25 th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16 th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd; Southwark Cathedral, 30 th. Al at 7.30 p-m. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfiẹld Road, Reigate.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. This is a country village, and a postcard with numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 10th. Asl ringers and friends welcome-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Tewkesbury Branch.-A meeting will be held at Hasfeid on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Please notify. me for tea by Tuesday, May 9th.-A. G. Pulley, Branch Hon. Sec., Dumbleton, Evesham.

St. Martin'S guild for the diocese of BIRMINGHAM.-Bi-quarteriy meeting will be held at Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, May 13th. Beils available at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .-T$. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.
LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on May 13th. Bells (8) available at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, price 1s., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea. All names for tea should be sent to M: W. G. Felton, 42, Panfieid Lane, Braintree, Essex, not later than Wednesday, May 10th.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Burbage on Saturday, May ${ }^{13}$ th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea and short meeting at 5 p.m. You will get a better tea if all who intend coming send a card to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, as early as possible. I have a few reports left. Have you had yours yet? W. A. Wood. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Eccleston ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Particulars later by circular. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.
1.ADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's ' Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5 , followed by business meeting. Notifications must be sent to Mrs. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, by Wednesday, May 10th, without fail. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Colaton Rateigh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) avaiiable from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, May 8th.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday. May 3 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual service, followed by tea. If you need tea, it is necessary to let Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, Kings I.angley, know by Thursday, May inth. All ringers welcome.-W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch. - Newport Pagnell Deanery. - A meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, May 13 th. 2.30 , ring up; 4.15, service; 4.45, tea. - Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vinarage, Olney, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be heid at Worth (bells 6) on Saturday, May $3^{\text {th }}$. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 (please notify). Everybody welcome. - B. Saunders, i8, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, May I3th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at is, fod. per head. A hearty invitation is extended to the Northwich and Bowdor and Stockport Branches. Will those who intend to be present please notify me before Thursday, May 1th? -H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the Grimshy District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May reth. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Cafe Regent, at is. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Barlver, Tennyson House, Quebec Road, Mablethorpe, not later than Thursday, May ith. Come and try the seaside air.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chipping Norton Deavery Branch. - The Spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, May r3th. - J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The next practice mecting will be held at Cartmel Priory (bells 6) on Saturday, May 13 th. Bells avallable at 2.30 p.m.-N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Monthly meeting at Castle Eaton (6 bells) on Saturday, May ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$. Usual arrangements. Cars from Swindon G.P.O. 2.30 p.m. Names by May 8th.-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Fictoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Joint meeting, Wigan and Liverpooi Branches.-This meeting will be held at Aughton on Saurday, May $3^{\text {th }}$. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided, free, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.-S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester

 District.-A mid-quarterly reeting will be held at Thurmaston on May ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$. Ringing ( 6 bells) will commence at 3 p.mi. Service 4.30 p.mi. Tea, at 5 p.mn., for thosc who notify me by May roth. Please note cliange of tower, as Humberstone belis are not available-W. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.- The Guild Festival will be held at Caine on Saturday, May r $3^{t h}$. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Collection for new issue of Guild office. Luncheon in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers avallable: From 10 a.m. to 12 and 3.30 p.m. to 9,8 bells, Calne. Wootton Bassett; 6 bells, Bremhil!, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton. Atso Chippenham, two towers ( 8 bells ), 4 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 8 th, at the latest.-F. LI. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Eastern Branch.The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Leake on Saturday, May ${ }^{3} 3^{\text {th. }}$. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at White Hart Inn at 5 P.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, May gth? W. E, Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Barkway, Saturday, May $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .$, followed by tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, May Ioth; no postcard no tea. Annual subscriptions due. Two practices have also been arranged: Baidock, May roth: Craveley, May $88 t h$; both at 7.30 .-R. T. Newman, Dis, Sec., Salislury Road, Balciock.

BATH AND WVELIS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Taunton Deanery Branch.-A quarterfy meeting will be held at Pilminster on May i 3th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.n2. - R. IV: Hayward, 24. Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting is at East Markham (8) on May 31 h. Please look up your Minor and Major methods; then come and ring them. Cards for tea must be sent early to me. - $\mathbb{R}$. Towler, Hon. Sec., 6g. Ordsall Road, Retford.

I,ADIFS GUIID. - South Midland District.-A meeting wifl be held at St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, on Saturday, May I $3^{\text {th }}$. Service 4.1 . Important: Numbers for tea should be sent to Mrs. F. Boulton, Isham, Kettering, by previous Tuesday.-S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western Division) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). - A joint meeting will be held at Bisbops Stortford on Saturday, May 13 th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at the Chequers 5.15 p.rn, Please notify number for tea.-W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common; A. Lawrence, Hatfield Park, Herts, District Secretaries.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol-City Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Sat., May 13 th. Bells (8) from 3.15 . Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-A. M. Tyler, Branch Hou. Sec.

HANBURY, NEAR BROMSGROVE, WORCS.-The bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, May 14 th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Dudley. A ring of eight recast by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION. A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Wednesday, May ifth. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Tea at $5-30$ p.m. at Williamson's Restaurant, 55, High Road, Balham, S.W.iz. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. T. Smalley, 29, Kirkstall Gardens, S.W.2, not later than Monday, May I5th. A!l ringers welcome. - I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEDDINGTON, NEAR CALNE, WILTS. - The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will re-dedicate the bells on Thursday, May 18 th, at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. A ring of five bells restored by Joln Taylor \& Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May zoth. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 . A good attendance requested. - C. S. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (rs. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?-A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., i3, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May zoth. Church of St. Catherine (bells 8, tenor rim cwt.). Ringing from $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, and in the evening. Further particulars later. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Norwich Court Bob Major: other methods wil! be rung as required.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms. Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (is. head) at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, only to those who notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, not later than May 18th. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we lope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., ${ }^{24}$, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Acle on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea in Church Room at 5.15 , and please all send postcards of names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May ${ }^{1} 7^{\text {th }}$, to J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A meeting will be held at Great Tey on May zoth. Bells (8) available at 2.30 . Service 430 . Will all those in. tending to be present please let me know as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 2oth, when the beils of St. Mary's will be available from 2.30. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at $3.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. prompt. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{f}}$, followed by tea at 3 p.m. Details as to price and place of same will be published next week; also place where general meeting will take place immediately following. L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5r price is. Half rail fare (maximum is. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by May 17th.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 7o. Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6), Saturday, May $20 t h$, not the $13^{\text {th }}$, as previously arranged. - W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Peteriborouglt on WhitMonday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at I p.m., followed by business meeting; is. 6d. will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of rs. to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 2 s . 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 2and. Bells avail-
able : St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from io a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and, it is hoped, the Whittlesey towers will be also available. - Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-The 6oth annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 2gth. Lunch will be provided free to all members who apply for tickets not later than Wednesday, May ryth. Ringing members, please apply to district secretaries, nonresident members to general secretary, Non-members can obtain tickets from the general secretary on payment of 2 s. 6d.-L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynntouth Avenue, Chelnsford, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-South Forest Branch are holding the annual salmon supper on Saturday, July 8th, at the Angel Hotel, Ruardean. Particulars will be issued later in "The Ringing World.' Please note date.-O. Thomas, W. Scott, R. Pownall, Joint Secs.

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The other side of the question is raised in a letter, published elsewhere in this issue, by a correspondent who believes that more could be done to make meetings attractive. It is undoubterlly true that many meetings proceed on hum drum lines. Methods are pat on haphazard; the official in charge does his best to suit the capacity of all who want to ring, but often a ringer goes away with his special desire unsatisfied. Speaking generally, we agree that ringing at meetings could be better organised, and in some quarters efforts are being made to encourage progress by giving special attention to the practice of some particular method announced beforehand. But these things cannot, at present at any rate, be run to a syllabus, and it is not always the best attended meeting that produces the best results from the ringing point of view. The bigger the crowd, the less practice can the individual get. Ringing Masters, Jowever, may find some useful suggestions in our correspondent's letter, and his appeal to the experts may well be taken to heart, if there be any who fail in the direction he indicates. Usually the experts are ever wilting to help when they are present, but we would put in a word, suggesting that more of them should ring in the touches of the simpler methods, and even in the 'rounds ' which are sometimes put on. Elementary methods are too often left almost entirely to the indiferent ringers or those with little knowledge, with the result that those who take part get little or no benefit from their experience. More real progress would be made if fewer beginners were included at one time and more touches in the simpler methods rung with the aid of a larger number of competent ringers. In this and in other respects there are numerous occasions when more practical use might be made of meeffigs, but if can only be done by a Ringing Master (Continued on page 294.)

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if the ringers will give him sufficient authority to＂com－ mand＇in the tower．

There are，however，other things which might make meetings more attractive，and our correspondent sug－ gests，among them，＇talks＇on various subjects of in－ terest to ringers．There are many societies connected with other pursuits，which hold periodical meetings，and have no difficulty in providing talks and discussions upon matters relating to their particular interests，and there are in connection with ringing a great many things which ringers would find instructive if they could be introduced by speakers competent to deal with them．This is a thing which has not been very extensively tried among ringers，and a well－thought－out scheme，carried through by one or other of the associations，might prove a useful experiment．

## TWELVE BELL PEAL．

WALTHAM ABBEY，TSSEX．
THE MTDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，May 6，1939，in Three Hours and Fifly Minutes，
At the Abbey Cburce op St．Lacrence and the Holy Cross， A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CINQUES， 5007 CHANGEE； Tenor 39 年 cmt ．

[^25] ＊First paal on fwelve bolls．First pal on twelve bells as conductor．

## TEN BELL PEALS．

KIDDERMINSTEE，WOROESTERSHIRE，

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRIGTS ASSOCIATION．

 （Nortbran Brance．）Fow Saturday，Aprid 29，1939，in Thre Honys and Fifteon Mrinmias，
Ay ige Cuorce of St．Mary．
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERG． 5038 CHANAE8； Tenor 24 cwt， 2 qr． 24 lb ．
Joan Woodbrary ．．．．．．Treble｜Ernest Hall ．．．．．．＊．．． 6
Cearees H．Woodrerry．．． 2 Jobn Smitr．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 7
＂Jobn H．Pagety ．．．．．． 3 ＂Bernard C．Asepord ．．．．$\quad$ b
†Wilpred E．Davies．．．．．． 4 Acbige J．Wriget ．．．．．． 9
Frederice G，Handley ．．． 5 －Percy Riceards ．．．．．．Tenof Composed by M．J．Morris（No．I 3）．Condacted by C．H．Woodsrery ＊First peal of Caters．f Fisst peal and firss attempt．

KINGSTON－ON－THAUTDS，SUREEY． THE SDREEY ASSOCIATION．
On Wednasday，Muy 3，1939，in Three Heurs and Twenty－Two Minwles． AT TEI CHOECE OF ALL sarts，
A PERL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS，EO39 CHANEES』 Tenor $27 \frac{1}{1}$ cwt．in C sharp．
－Wileins Masshy ．．．．．．Trable＊Goffrey C．Goodean ．．． 6 Miss Gwindoline Kippin 2 Walter Claydon ．．． Charles H．Kippin ．．．．．． 3 ＊H．William Barrett Mrs，Cearles H，Kipein 4 Jogn F．Galyer ．．．．．． 9 Frane E．Hawtrorne ．．． 5 Fgederict E．Collins ．．． 7 enot Composed and Conducted by Chas．H．Kipin．
\＃First peal of Caters．First peal on the tem belis since their restora－ tion by Messrs．Mears and stainbank in 1937.


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DAVID MAXON，ROPE WORKE，CRAMTHAM

NORTH STONT:HAM, HAMPSETRE
THE WINCEESTER AND PORTSMODTH DIOCESAN GULLD. On Sattrday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Eightem Minutes, Ai thr Chorch of St, Nigholas

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, B040 CHANGE8,

 Tenar 9 cwt .26 lb , in GGeorge Willinus ... ...Ireble Tower R. Taylor ... ... 6 Jobn W. Faithbill... ... 2 Alan R. Pinx ... ... ... 7 Jobn S. Goldgmita ... ... 3 'A. Patricz Cannon ... ... 8 - William E. Cegaigr.. .4 Reginald A. Rebe ... ... 9 Fribdericr S. Bayley ... 5 Alpred T. Greenwood ...Temoy Composed by F. Dence. Conducted by Grorge Williams.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his gend birthday.
WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satweday, May 6, 1939, in There Howys and Sixtern Mimutes,
At the Chigch or SS. Petcr and Paul.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt .
Fredrrica W. Stozes
Troble Joun A. Frbsman
-Joen Frebman ... ... Cearles McGainess
 Jobs Walden ... ... fFred Wigmore ... ... .... 5 †Lewis Besb ... ... ...Temoy Composed by Sir A. F. Heywoon. Condacted by John A. Fresman * First peat of Caters. + First peal in the method. The first penl of Caters on the bellis.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SODTHWARK DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Thyee Hows and Twelye Minetes, Ai far Cborch of All. Sainis,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, GGHO CHANGES; Temor 18 cwt.
Migs Olive L. Ashbroon Treble Clarerge H. Dobbie ... 6 Tgomas W, Taffender ... 2 -Roland Biges ... ... Ernest J. King ... ... ... 3 Harry Wingrove ... ... 8 Tbomas H. Taffendere ... 4 F. Donald Borebam ... 9 *Cableb W, Otrexy ... 5 Edward D. Smith ... -Temar Composed by W. Pys. Conducted by Edward D. 5мize. * First attempt for a peal of Surprise Toyal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HTNDLEY, LANQASHIRE

THE LANOASHREG ASSOCIATION
On Friday, April 21, 1939, is Three Howss and Thyte Minwtes,
at the Church of St. Piter.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Day's Six-part.
Arthdi Rothwill ... ...Treble Sidney Forsbaw... ... ... 5
Edward B. Wbbiter ... 2 Gborge T. Jemks

- Lamrence Wod ... ... 3 Peter Croor, 58h. .... ... 7
*Harry S. Cooprr ... ... 4 William O, Farrimond ...Temoy Conducted by Peter Croox, sen
* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-mufled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Sargent. HANLFY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFIFORDSHIRE ASSOOLATION. On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Taree Howys, At tee Cbince of St. Jobn.


## A PEAL DF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANQE8;

Tburstans' Four-part.
Norman Sargeant ... ...Tyeble |albern ]. A. Jack ... ... 5
Harry Sargeany
Cbarlis h. Page ... ... 3 Grorge jones ... ... ... 7
 Conducted by Gzorge Jones.
Rung as a memorial peal to the late Preb, H. A. Tamplin. First peal of Stedman on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sra.

## BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
(Hawsherst and District Guild.)
On Sunday, April 23, 1939, in 1 hres Howys and Thivteen Minutes, At tbe Cedrch or St. Gborge,

## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANEE8;

Vicars'.
Artacr Relr Tenor 20 cwt .
Archibald
Georgr Maskell ... ... 3 Jambs G. Powrll ... ... 7 Grorge Sims ....... .... ${ }^{4}$.A. J. Adstim ... ... ...Tonow

* First peal. - First peal on eight. Rung in homour of St. George'a

Day.
LTTTLEEAM, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, April 24, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Five Minnths,
ar tefe Ceurch of St. Margayet,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, $\operatorname{som}$ CHANOES; Tenor 7t cwt. in $A$,

- Joen Deem

$\ldots{ }^{-. . T v e b l e}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$
Charles R. Lilley ...
... 2 Cbarles S. Bird ... ... 6
- Bryan Pideron... ... ... 3 Cearles J. Turner ... ... 7
-Jobn L, Glanvillz ... ... 4 Jambs E. Lilley... .... ...Temoy
Composed by N. J. Pissiow. Conducted by Caarlag R. Likery.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (Ellor Deanerigs Branch.)
0n Tuesday, April 25, 1939, is Theee Hours and Twi Minuts,
At the Cedrch of Sy. Ladrencer,


## A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, f0Ge CHANQES|

Tenor $12 \mathrm{cwt}, \mathrm{glb}$.
Mrs. R. Ricbardson... ...Tyeble Cearlbs C. Rawding... ... 3
Ernest T. King ...... ... $^{2}$ John Cerry ... ...
Jobn W. Carter......
Cyril Dobngy ... ... ... 4 Roprrt Riceardsom .... ....Tenor
Composed by F. Berneit. Conducted by Rupgri Ricearpson.
Rung with the bells half-mufled as a token of respect to Mr. Soseph W. Flowers, for 41 years a ringer at this church, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the above date.

> RISHTON, LANOASHIRE.

THE LANOASHRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blacebern Branch.)
On Tuesday, April 25, 1939, in Three Howys and Fiftetn Minules,
Ay tre Chorg of SS. Pgier and Padl,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHAMCES; Tenor i 5 cwt .
Ricbard Atberton ... ...Tyebif Jack Clbgg... ... ... ... 5
Tom Hillman ... ... ... 2 *William Miller $\quad$... ...
Tom Wixson.. .1 Albert Yates ... ... ... 4 Frbd Read ... ... ... ...Tmoy
Composed by J. Trorpr. Conducted by F. Rzab.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of Galipoli Day as in tribute to all who fell there.

KIBWORTE BEADCHAMP LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Theee Howrs and Saven Minulds, At tae Parish Caurce of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NOBWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 14 awt .
Edward R. Whitraban ...Tveble 'William A. Wood ... ... 5
Cbarles Marbball ... ... 3 W. Artelog Ridnington .... 5

- Nigel W. Bolton ...

Walter P. Weitbezad... 4 "Arthidr Dbrenham ... .... Temar Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Weiregead.

* First peal in the method. J. B. JOYCE \& CO. LTD.


## WHITCHURCH, SALOP

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ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION. On Satwyay, April 39, 1939, in Three Howrs, As the Churce of Se. Helen,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor th cwt. i qr. is lb. in F.
Stedman Steble.
Mrs. E. Bradley
... ...Trebla Wilejam Hawley Ronald H. Dove Composed by A. Wilson.
... 3 Fred Terry...
 Cbarles Browh … ... Edward Bradley ... ...Temor Condected by E. Bradley. A birthday compliment to Miss D. M. Hewley. WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Thve Hours and Ten Minutta, At teq Chorch of St. Mart,
A PEAL OF STEDNAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEES;
Hzywood's Transposizion of Taurstang' Tenor igit cwi.
Caarles T. Coleg ... ...Treble 'Thomas G, Fox ... ... ... g
George R. Pye... ... ... 2 "Herbert E. Tbompson ... 6

- Leonard J. Fox... ... ... 3 Frbd C. Maynard ... ... 7
†Josgra H. Bоomsma... .-- 4 †Frederice C. Taylor ....Tmok Conducted by Czarles T. Cores.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. + First peal. $\ddagger$ First peal of Triples. UTFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GULD. On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Threa Hours,
At the Cburce of St, Mary-tbr-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, GOLG CHANGE8!
Tenor $13 \mathrm{cwt} .\mathrm{I} \mathrm{qr}$.8 lb .
 Frane L. Fisagr ... ... 4 James G. Rdemsey ... ...Temoy Composed by J. R. Pritceard, Conducted by Frank L. Fisher, * First peal.


## IPSWIOH, SUFFOLK.

THE BUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, Apvil 29, 1939, in Two Houys and Ftfit-Eight Minutes, At the Church of St. Margartr,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TRE日LE BOB MAJDR, 5184 CHANGES:

Frederick C. Niceols
James Rose
... .at 2 Frbbbrice S. Morilock ... 6
Hinsey... ... ... 3 Grorge More ... ... ... 7
CbarlbilSbemming ... ... 4 Charles E. Fisebr ... ...T Thow
Composed by A. Knigets.

* First peal in the method.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX
THE MDDLEEEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULD.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minntos, At tar Ceurce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE8;

Parker's Twelve-part,
Tenor 13 cwt
-Frrdrricr W. Garner ...Ttebleり †Herbert G. Andrews ... 5

| J. Edward Cebrceill | .. | 2 | Wilpred G. Wilson |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| J... | 6 |  |  |

J. Armagar Troelopl ... 3 Ernest C. S. Turner ... 7

Prrcy E. Clark ... ... 4 Frank Miller ... ... ...Temoy Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turarer.

* First peal. F First peal on eight bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. E. Clark.


## LAWTON, OHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satwrday, Apyil 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Two Minwles,
Ax the Cedrce of All Saists.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:



Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by Grorge A. Pacerr.

* First peal of Eent Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROOESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in 1 hree Hours and Seyen Minxtes,
At the Ceface of St. Miceabl.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGE8।

Edpard Strele ... ... ...Tyeble Cearles H. Page .ar the 5
Wileiam Carnwell ... ... 2 Andrbw Tbompson ... ... 5
Ricrard J. Warrilow ... 3 Jobn G. Cartlidge ... ... 7
Tgomas Hitd ... ... ... 4 Arther W. Hall ... ...Tehay
Composed by H. Hobbard. Conducteci by J. G. Cartzidge,
A birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcestle-underLyme. Firsi eight-bell peal as conductor.

GUILDTORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Tuetday, May 2, 1939, in Thret Hokts and Situen Minutes, At xae Cathedral Cagrch of the Holy Thinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original

- Edward W. Izard

RD
Henry Hutron...
Henay H. Hessa $\quad . . . \quad . . . e^{2}$
(... 3 Alfrid H. Polling ... ... 7 Joen S. Goldsmite ... .... 4 Ernast \}. Ayliffe .... ...Tenay Conducted by Alfred H. Polling.

* First peal and comes from Victoria, British Columbia.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOOIATION.
On Twesday, May 2. 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minwies, At tae Cburch of St. Edmard.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGEE!
Pitstow’s Transposition of Thorsjans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt .
Mrs. F. W. Hotedre ...Trebic |'Frederice W. Hodsden...
Hbnry J. Ranzbita ... ... 2 Ernest J. Butler ... ... 6
George R. Pye ... ... ... 3 James Benhetr... ... ... 7 Ermbet W. Forbari ... ... 4 Robert Heazel... ... ...Tenor Conducted by I. Bennety.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHFSTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wedresday, May 3, 1939, it Three Honys and Nineteen Minutes, At tei Cbuyce of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES! Tenor 13 cwt I qr .24 lb .
Alan R. Pink -...Trebla Fredbhick S. Baylby
Mrs. F. J. Marseaclesay ... 2 Willam R. Melyille ... 5 Edward T. Gripfra ..- ... 3 Gborgr Williams ... ... 7 Ernest J. Monday .... .... 4 A. Patrice Cannon ... ...Tenar Composed by C. Mideerion. Conducted by Grorge Williams. BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Thees Hours, At the Ceqreb of St. Ilityd,


## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGEs;

 Tenor 16 cwt .-Percy J. Bergoyme ... ...Tteble Cearles H. Perry ... ... 5
Frane Rowsbll ... .... 2 Alfred W. Wrigex ... William H. Bloor. R.A.F. 3 Ernbst Stitch ... ... ... 7 Trevor M. Roderick ... 4 Albbrt E. Bacon .... ... Tenot Composed by Rev, E. B. James, Conducted by Cafrees H. Perry * First peal and first attempt. Rung lalf-muffled to the memory of the Re. Rev. Timothy Rees, Bishop of Llamdaff.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Гwo Fours and Fifty-Eight Minules, At fee Cegrch of St. Ignatign-tge-Mantyr,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANEE8; -Gborge Haryey ... ...Tetbic| Harold B. Ditchborn ... 5 †Wicliam Armodr ... ... 2 Frant Ainsley ... ... .... 6 Gborge S. Taylor ... ... 3 Thombs H. Rarves ... ... 7 Josipb W. Parker ... ... 4 J Robert L. Patterson ...Ttmot Composed by C. Mideleron. Conducted by R. L. Patrerson. * First peal on a Treble Bob bell. + First peal of Cambridge Major.

EGHAM，SURREY
THE GULLDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Thursday，May 4，1939，in Two Fours and Fiftr－Seven Minutes， At the Churce of St．John－tar－Bhpist，

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLE8， 6040 CHANGES：

J．J．Parker＇s Six－part．
Tenor 16 cwt 3 gr． 26 Ib
－Walter Pbge
Leonard Stilcwell
．．Treble
＂James A．GLass．．．．．．
．．． 3
．．．＊＊ 3 William Hgaley ．．．．．．．
－Norman V．Harding ．．． 4 ＂Jozn E＇Greqnogge ．．．．．Temor Conducted by L．Stilloprl
First peal in the method．First pal of Osford Bob Triples on the bells and for the Guid．

CRAYFORD，KENT．
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
On Friday，May 5，1939，in T wo Hours and Foriy－Six Xinuts
At ter Cgorce of St，Patlinos，
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR，5OEB GHANGES； Tenor $22 \frac{8}{4} \mathrm{cw}$ ．
Hzrbert E，Acdsley．．．．．．Tveble Drrex M．Sharp．．．．．．．．．． 5 Harry Hoverd ．．．．．．．．． 2 Gedffrey V．Marpay ．．．． 6 Herbert A．Holden．．．$\cdots{ }^{2}$ Frederick W．Hoospren ．．． 7 Edwin A．Barnett ．．．．．． 4 Tgomab G．Bhnnister ．．．Tmpy Composed by C．Midoleron．Conducted by T．G．Bannistar． First peal of Surprise as conductor．

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS． WHBURTON．CAMDSS．

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOOLATION，
On Wedmesday，April 26，1939，in Twa Houys and Foriy－Fow Minutds， At the Parish Church of St．Peter，

## A PEAL OF HINOR，5040 CHANGEB；

Consisting of 720 each of Gambridyo Surprise，Oxford and Fent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob（ 26 singles）．

Fenor 時 cwt．（8pprox．）
Latrie Norfolx ．．．．．．Treble A．Rossell Padl ．．．－．．． 4

Franx Warringeon ．．．．．．Tmer
Conducted by F．Warrington．
＊First attempt for a peal．

## WALCOT，NORFOLK

THT NOTWICH DEOCLSAS ASSOCIATION
On Weduesday，April20，1939，i⿻丷木 Twa Howrs and Forty Minutes，
At the Church ob All Sainis．
A PEAL OF DOUBLES， 6090 CHANGES；
Twenty－one extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsice．
Edward Howes ．．．．．．．．．Tveble｜Henry E．Woodgouse ．．． 3
Eric Durrant ．．．．．．．．．．． 2 Williay H．Frence ．．．．．． 4
Walter C．Medler ．．．．．．Temor
Conducted by Whlera C．Medeer．
First peal on the bells．First peal of Dables by all except the conductor．

CLYST ST．GFORGE，DEVON
THE DEVONSHIRE GULLD．
On Thursday，April 27，1939，in Thred Howrs and Five Minutes， At the Cborce of St．Grorge

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR， 5040 CHANGES；

Seven 720＇s malled differently．
Tenor 12 cwt．in $G$ ．
Jorn Dram
Henry G．Lewis．．．
$\begin{array}{|cc|}\text { ．．．} & \text { ．．．Treble } \\ \text { ．．．} & \text { ．．．} \\ 3\end{array}$ Cearlers．Bibd

Cbartes R LtLequ
．．． ．．．．．． 4 Bryay Pideron a Conducted by Cgandes $R$ ，Lillay．
＊First peal of Minor．First peal of Minor on the bells． GREAT MONGEHAM，KENT．
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASBOCIATION．
On Thursday，April 27，1939，in Two Hours and Thirty－Siz Minwts； As ief Cerreg of Si．Martin．

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES，5040 CHANEES；

Forty－two extents，ten callings．
－Erarss A Nigwing＊．Trut
＊Prircy G．Wood
Charles Termer ．．．．．．． 3 ＂Henay E．Axon．．．．．．．．．．Temoy
＊First peal．

STEVENTON，BERKSHIRE．
THE OXFORD DIOCDSAN GUILD．
On Thwrsday，April 27，1939，in Two Howrs ard Fifly Mimules， Ay the Cetrci of St．Mrceazl and All Angels

A PEAL OF MINOR， 5040 CHANEES；
Being one 780 of Cambridge Surprise，and two 780 s each of Oxford
Treble Eob，Keat Treble Bob and Plain Bob，emch called differently． Tenor 11 cwt． 2 qr． 21 lb.
－Jogn Nobes ．．．．．．．．．Treble＊Bernard S．Nichols
－Albert E．Logr
．．．．．Trobl Bernard S．Mogals
．．．．．．． 2 WILLIAM C．PORTER．＊＊．．． 5 Conducted by Alan R．Pink．
First peni in four methods．First penl of Minor in more than one method on the bells．

## WHKCKHAN，CO．DURHAM．

THE DUREAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOGESAN ASSOGLATION，
On Thu＊sday，April 27，1939，in Two How\％s and Thirty－Nine Minstes，
At the Parise Churct of St．Mazy，
A PEAL OF MINOR，巨0s0 CHANEES：
Being 720 eath of Cambridge Surprise，St．Clement＇s，Double Oxford， Oxford Bob，Oxford Treble Bob，Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob， Temor 8 ewt ．in B ．
William J．Davidson ．．．Treble｜Ernest Wallack ．．．．．．． 4
JOHM ANDEREON．．．．．．．．． 2 Stepren Tgowpson ．．．．＋4 5
－Cbrigtoperr Hereerington 3 Kenneth W，Chbesbman，Thay Condacted by E，Waliacr．
First peal of Minor．First peal as canductor． GREAT BROMLET，ESSEX． THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION．
On Friday，April 28，1939，in Thre Hours． At rife Cerrce of St．Grorge，
A PEAL OF MINOR， 6040 CHANEES；
Consisting of ane extent each of Normich Surprise，Candridge Sur－ prise，Double Court，Court Bob，Oxford Treble Bob，Oxford Bob and Plain Bab．

Tenor 15 ewt．in E．
Alan R，Andrevi ．．．．．．Trebla Violet A．Frost．．．．．．．．．． 4
＂Aleert Hales ．．．．．．．．． 2 Harry J．Millats ．．．．．． 5
Cearles A．Andrews ．．．． 3 Grorge．A．Andrews ．．．．．．．Tanor Conducted by Alan $R$ ．Andrewg．
＊First peal in seven methods＇inside．＇Arranged as a birthday complimeat to Miss Frost．

FINCHAMPSTEAD，BETKS．
TEE SOOIETY OF ROYAL COMBERLAND FOUTHS，
On Saturday，April29，1939，in Two Hours and Foriy－Two Minutes， At the Chorch of Sx．James，
A PEAL OF MINOR， 5040 CHANGES；
Being 720 oach of St，Clement＇s Bob，Reverse Csnterbury Pleasure， Oxford Treble Bob，Reverse Collega，Kent Treble Bob，Oxford Bob and Plain Bob．

Tenor 8 cwt （approx．）in A．
William J．Paice ．．．．．．．Tytuble
＊Miss S．M．S．Fleming ．．． 2 Grorge H．Limmer ．．．．．．．
Bryan O＇Nbill ．．．．．．．． 3 Georgr Gilbert．．．．．．．．．．．．．
＊First peal．
Conducted by Gro．Gilbrry．

## IGHTHAM，EENT．

THE KENT COUNTT ASSOCIATION．
On Saturday，April 29，1939，in Two Hours amd Forty－Nine Minutes， At tar Chorce of St．Peter，
A PEAL OF BOB WINOR，EOUO CHANGES：
Seven different $720^{\prime}$ s．
ROBERE COLINS ．．．T＋able FREDBRICK WOOLWAY－．． 4

Azthor Wghban．．．．．．．．． 3 Frederice Paige．．．．．．．．．Tenoy Conducted by Robert Collins．

SUNDIERLAND
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION．
On Saturiay，April 29，1939，in Two Hows and Fifiy－Two Minuts， At tee Chorca of St．Ignatios－tae－Martyr，

A PEAL OF MINOR， 6040 CHANGES；
Being two extents of Double Oxford Bob and one extent each of Cam－ bridge Surprise，Oxford and Kent Treble Boh spliced，Oxford Treble Bob，Kent Treble Bob aud Plain Bob．
－William Armoer ．．．．．．TYible William J．Davidson
Cerigtoparr Hetereingtonz Harold Walker．．．．．．
 Conducted by W．J．Davidson．
＊First peal of Minor．

RETTENDON, LSSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOOIATION.

## On Saturday, Apyil 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Six Minutes,

 At the Chorce of Ail Saticte,A PEAL OF MINOR, bOHO CHANEES,
In the following methods ; 720 of Woodbine Treble Bot, 日nd two 720's each of Kent Trebla Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 10 cwt .
 Conducted by Franz C. May.

* First peal. Firge peal as couductor. Rang as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Norman, for 19 yers Rector of the parish.


## DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE OHESTER DIOOESAN GULDD.
On Saturdxy, April 29, 1939, in Two Howys and Forty-Nine Mismes, At fir Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 5040 CHANGE8

## Being seven extents called diferently. Tenor 84 cwt .

Jocelyn B. Gardiner ...Tyeble fjoun Anzbony Beadmont
 Coaducted by C. Kemeria Lewis,

* First peal away from treble. + First peal, $\ddagger$ First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rer. Frank Bonner, who has just commenced duties as curate at Disley; also as a birthday compliment to J. A. Milner.


## DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTE STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOGLATION.
On Sunday, April 30, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At she Cadrct of St, Margarbt,
A PEAL OF BOB MIHOR, 5040 CHAMGES:

- William J. Carter
 Conducted by H. Hall.
First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rugg to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steel.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOOLATION.
(Newcastle Caterdeal Geild.)
On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Howrs axd Twotvo Minntes, At 3, Salter's Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 504O CHANGES! Tenor size 15 in C .

## Joen Anderson

 Wilelam H. BarbeerComposed by H. W. Wilde
t-2 ${ }^{\text {Coberis. Abtazrington }}$ 3-4 -Erngst Wallace ... 5 Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conductediby Wu. H. Barser.

* First handbell peal.


## CRAYFORD, KENT,

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION On Friday, April 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minules, In ter Belzry of ter Caurch of St. Paflinds, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

## - Norman H. Manning Derbe M. Sankp

 Composed by F. Bennett| I-2 | Gboffrey V. Merpiy | ... | $5-6$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3-4$ | Dennis G. Brown |  |  |

 Conducted by D. M. Searp.

* First attampt for a peal * in hadd.'


## DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GOILD.
On Twesday, May 2, 1939, in Two Howrs and 7 wenty Minutes,
At Norte Lodge, Bilion Grange,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5OB8 CHANGES; Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

(Many ather peal reports are unavoitably helid over.)

## PEAL NOTES.

## THE THURSDAY-TTES.

The Leicester Thursday-ites were again successful on April 27tle, when at Kibworth Beauchamp they were happy to record a peal of Double Norwich Major.
Thanks are accorded to Mr. Nigel Bolton, who is a member of the local band, for standiag in the attempt at the last minute. Mr. Bolton previously bad had little practice in the mathod, and the way in which he rang his bell fally deserved the compliments that were extended to him. The peal was specially arranged for 'our Arthur," who ecored his first peal of Norwieh, as did Mr. W. A. Wood. Further complimente were paid to 'Ted Y. Ted,' who scored his 200th peal.
The band were delighted, upon their arriwal, to find that Canon H. J. T. Eacott had very kindly got the bells up, and had left averything in readiness for the attempt. Previous to the start he sinceroly hoped the party would he successinal-he certainly heard some good ringing, and at the finish was soon in the belfry congratulating one and all upon their performance.
The party desire to thank Canon Eacot for the personal trouble he took in raizing the bells, furthermore they would have been deliglated to havo him ring in the peal-hut age wilj tell.
The first peal in seven methoda on the five bells at Great Bromiey, Fasez, since April 13th, 1907, was rung on April 2ath.

Miss Sylvia Fleming, a member of the tower at Buralan, Bucke, thoroughly earned her first peal 'star,' when she took part in seven zethods at Finchampstead on April 29th, After ringing 1,100 changes, the attempt came "unstuck ' (through no frult of hers) and anobler start was made, which bappily came to a successful conclusion.
All the ringers belong to St. Peter's Socieby, Burnlam, except Mr. W. J. Paice, the local capthin, and bhe peal was rung as a birthday compliment to lis wife. The ringers were indelfed to Mr. and Mrs. Paice for their hospitality after the peal.

The Rev. Frank Bonner, one of the most petive of the present ringing elergy, has just taken up a curacy at Disley, where come of the Gheshire Guild's Spliced Minor records bave been set up. A peal of Bob Minor was rung there on April $29 t h$ to welcome Mr. Bonner. It was aleo a birthday complinemt to Mr. J. A. Minlwer, who took part in the peal.

Mr. Banner did not ring his first peal until March, 1937, but before the end of that year he had rung, among other things, peals of Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

On 'Gallipoli Day,' April 25th, in memory of all who feli there, a peal of Kent Trable Bob Major was rung at Rishton, Lancastire.

## A NOTEWORTHY PEFTORMANCE.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, received hearty congratulations and good wishes for his B2nd birthdey, at the conclusion of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at North Stonelam, Hants, on Saturday. It is a tribute to his continued amazing keenness and freslness of mind that at ehis advanced stage of 'youth' Mr. Williams not only called the peal, but 'conducted' it in the real sense of the torm. George Williams has forgotten more than many of us know, but to conduct Cambridge Royal at 82 is, nevertheless, is noteworthy performatuce.

Everyone who had the privilege of cinging in the peal was delighted at the opportunity of honouring the veteran, but none more so than one of his pupils, whase first peal of Major Mr. Williams called 46 years ago.
North Stoncham has the liglitest ring of tan bells in a chucch tower, the tenor being anly 9 cwt . 26 lb . The trebles were given by Mr . and the late Mrs. Williams in celebration of their golder wedding some years ago. The very handsome oak sereen, which divides the church from the tower and thus forms an enclosed ringing chamber, was given by Mr. Witliems in memory of his wife.

Three days before the North Stoncham peal, Mr. Williams conducted a peal of Cambridge Major at the vilfage of Soberton. This was the first peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung in a new frame six months ago by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. It was at Soberton that Mr. Williams rang lis first peal in 1883. The band that rang the yeal on Wednesday week come from eight different places
A birthdey peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Rocester, Staffs, on April 29tJ, as a compliment to Miss Ada Bonrne, of Neweastle-under-Lyme. The method was rung after meeting short for Gambridge.

In bonour of St. George's Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. George's Church, Bonenden, Kent, on April 23rd, Arthur Relf, who is only 14 years of 㫙e, rang the treble. It was his first peal and he rang excellently.
It is rather astonishing how a series of successes or failures can ruv in peal ringigg. Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambridgeabire, called a peal of Minor at Willurton on April 26th; his first peal eince November 2ath, after a string of 18 losers,
The frat peal on the five bells at Walcoti Norfolk, was rung on April 26th.
The first peal oy the bells at Rettendon, Essex, by an entirely local band was rung on April $29 t h$ as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Norman, who is leaving after 19 years as Rector of the parish.

## FLEST PEAL, FOUR HOURS.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Kidderminster on April 29th was arranged to enable Wilfred E. Davies to attempt his first peal before being transferred to Warrington. It is not often a beginner is called upon to ring upwards of four haurs at his first atiempt, but after ringing for 37 minuter a fresh start was made and the peal rung in 3u hours. It was atso the first attempt for Caters by Messrs. J. Pagett, B. Ashford and Percy Richards.

The frst peal of Bob Major on the bells at Lititleliam, Devon, was rung in honour of St. Gearge's Dry and faur ringers scored their first of Plain Bob on eight bells. They were Messrs. J. Deem (Littleham), B. Pidgeon (Eest Budleigh), J. L. Glanville and E. Sprague (Withycombe).
After the peal the ringers were met by the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, former secretary of the Salop Guild, of which the canductor of the peai, Mr. C. R. Lilleg, was at one time Ringing Master.
After meeting short for a peal of Major at St. Ignatius' Charch, Sumderland, on April 29th, peal of Minor was substituted. Five methods were rung, including 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Boh opliced.
Oa May 4th, however, a full band met and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. They were all local ringers, except Mr. T, H. Reeves hon. secretary of St. Martin"a Guild, Birmingham.
The late Bishop of Elandaff, the Rt. Rev. Timothy Rees, was buried in his Cathedral on May 3rd, and on the same day a balf-mufled peal in his mamory was rung at St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend.
By the death of the Rev. W. A. Sargent, Viear of St, Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire, ringers in that district have lost a good friend. He was a great lover of bells. He was buried at Kiridale on Aprid 17th, end on April 2lst a peal of Gravdsire Triples was rung et Findley with the bells half-muffled as a tribate to his memory.

## RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs, E. Carpenter, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, was celebrated on Saturday, April $22 n d$, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, in whicy their youngest son took part, was rung at the Parish Ghurch in honour of the event.
Mr. Carpenter has been a ringer at Oliddingfold since he first came to the village about 25 years ago, and, except for illness, has mever been known to miss ringling for e Sunday service.
After the poal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter at Pitl Cottage. Major Hesse proposed the toast of 'Bride and Bridegroom' and wished them many more years of liealth and happiness. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Garpenter suitably replied.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general mesting of the Leeds and Dictrict Society was held at Bramley on Saturday. April 29th. The members were slow in turning up and verious regsoni were suggested, such as a whage in the bus terminus owing to a Defence Services Civic Week parade through the main streets of the fown, whicir caused much congestion. The broadeast of the cap fleel was also blamed, but the trutio of tho matter probably whs that there were far too many peal attempto fzed for the meating date
The attendance was much improved after tea, when nembers mare present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Guiseloy, Elimd, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell and the local company. Mr. Edward (Ned) Redshaw, of the local company, who fas now reached the age of 84 , was present during the afternoon and evening. Congratulations were offered him on the splendid way he rang in various touches.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) being in the chair. In addition to the minutes of the previous meeting, the record entered in the minute book of the jubilee gathering was read, which, together with the report from 'The Rifging World ' and local Press cuttings, will make a lasting record of this very interestiog and pleasant gathering.
A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company wes proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior, seconded by Mr. L. Drake and acknowledged by Mr. S. HelliwelI.
The election of officers for the year 1939-1940 resulted as follaws: President, the Rep. J. H. B. Andrews; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H Senior, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ripging Mfaster, Mr. L. Drake: sedrotary and treasarer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.
The balance sheet and the jubiler accounts, audited by Messrs. S. تelliwell and A. Armitage, were aubmitted and adopted.
The secretary's report was read. It showed that the membership was 233 , that 00 peals were rung by the members daring the year. Oniy ten meetings were held, but were well atteaded. The jubilee Fathering filled the other meeting date. Methods rung at the meetings had heen varied and sonse mombers were able to report progress as a result of attendance at the meetings. The financial side continued to improve, although, owing to jubilee expenses, the balanced carried forward were slightly down
The next meeting is to be held at Batley, and the suggested anta is May 27 th.
A special vote of thenks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and scconded by Mr. A. Armitage to Mr. F. Rayment for his work in connection with the presentation made at the golden jubilee celebration to the secretary.

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Four new members were elected at the monthly meeting of tho Doncaster and District Assaciation at Barnby Dou on Saturday week. The next mecting wilt be held at Campsell.

The many friends of Mr. A. Stoneley, of Doncaster, will bo pleased to hear he is home again and mating good progress after his operation in Doncaster Royal Infirmary.
ME. John W. Fraithfull, of Southampton, who took pert on Saturday in a peal of Cambridge Royal at North Stoneham, Hants, has only rung two touches of Cambricge on ten bells-and bath were peads. Mr. Fajufinll is are of three peai ringing members of the Winciserfer and Portsmonth Diocesan Guild who surmonnt the handicap of baving only on a arm.
The daughter born last week to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, of Dartiford. Is the fifth generation living on her mother's side. Her great-great-grandmother is an active old lady of over ninety, and her great-great-uncle is still a regular reader of 'The Ringing World."
Both tha young lady's parents are active ringers, Mr. J. E. Bailey beivg son of one of the famous brothers who made ringing history at Leiston some years ago. There are three ringers, blso, ou Mrs. Bailey's side of the fumily, so great things-if heredity goes for enything - may be expected in due sourse from the new arrival. Already several ringers lisva oftered to call her first peal.
Mrs. Paul Field, of Stoke Wake, Blandford, is now improving, and it is hoped that she will soon be out of hospital.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AN TNVITATION FROM THE PRTSIDENT AND MRS. LFWIS. ME. and Mrs. E. H. Jewis rould be pleased to see members of the Council and their friends at Moorcocks, Brasted, on the alternoon of Whit Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. It would be a convenience if those hoping to come would send a postard stating numbers by the morning of Seturday, the 27 t , to Moorcooks, Brasted, Serenoaks. A train leaves Claring Cross at 2.4 p.m. for Brasted' Station, changtug at Dunton Green.

## COMPOSED 40 YEARS AGO.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, I am sarry to say that the ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples pulbished fin your issue of Apri] 2lst has previous] been published and rang, but witls ordinary singles conmecting the two halves. I called it at St. Putrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1925, laving composed it some 25 years before that.
It is not permissible to use both ordinary and Folt's singles in the same peal. G. LINDOFF. same peri
Thblic.

## LINCOLN GUILD'S BESE PERFORMANCE,

To the Rditor.
Dear Sir,-Although rather late, I would like to congratulate our Lincoln friends on ringing the peal in ten Surprige Major methodg, which, in my opinion, is the best ringing performance for this county up to date on any namber of bells. The fact that Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and John Freerann, jun., have visited our bower, bave just looked ast half a dozen Surprise Minor methods and Lhen rung them quite as well as Minor ringers is enough to malte me realise that qhere is store in the above peal than a 30 Surytise Miror peal.
H. M. DAY.

## DUDLEY GUILD FOUNDER.

PEAL BOARD UNFILLED.
On Monday evening: May lst, a peal board was unveiled in the belfry of Dudley Parish Cluurch in memory of the late Mir. John Goodman, sen., wio was known as the 'father ' of St. Thomas' hand of ringers. Mr. Goodman commenced his rimging career about 1871 at Sedgieg, and after a few years identified himself with St. Thomas' Church, where, for upwards of 50 years, he was a regular Sonday service ringer. He rang his first peal in 1872 and had rugg altogether 130 peals.
He wes one of the pioneers in the formation of the Dudiley and District Guild in 1899 and remained a membex until his death two Years ago. His one aim was always that the ringing of the bells and the striking should be nothing short of the best.
It was decided a few months ago tinat St. Thomas comppiny siould perpetuate lis memory by placing a board in the belfry recording the memorial peal rung on April 25zd, 1938. It was unveiled by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd (Archdeacon of Duiley), who is also president of the Guild. Amongest the ringers assembled in the belfry wore several ol $\eta$ friends of the late hr. Goodman, and the company also included Mr. J. MeDougal Tait and Mr. W. R. Edwards (churehwardens).
After the dedication Mr. Herbert Sieppard, on behali of the Dudley band, presented the board to the Vicar and wardens to be kopt by them in perpetuity, and the Ficar, who gratefully accepted the hoara, handed it over to the care of the churelowardens.
Mr. Sheppard then expressed the ringers thanks to the Ficar for so kindly conomg to perform the dedication service, and to the churchwardens for their preseace. The board bears the particulars of the peal of Grandsire Caters, whish "was rung with the bells half-mufled to the mevory of the late Jofn foodman, sen., on the frst anniversary of his death.'

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-70.

## JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

The hon. secretary of the Worcestershirc Association, Mr. Josepin D. Johnson, of Euesham, is a member of a family of ringers and croated a record by ringing and calling on handbells his first peal at the uge of 13 years. This was in peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at his home at Hintan, Worcestershire, with lis fatlier and eldest sister, on Aggust 5th, 1912, the youthiul conductor ringing 5-6. He then tanght his second sister to ring and in December of the same year Joseph and the two girls created a record, wilinh still stands, , , the youngest baud to ring a peal. Their ages were 12,13 and 10 respectively, and the peal, which was also Grandsire Doubles, was independenty witnessed. It was a remarkable nchievement for three children.

Mr. Jolinsan was born at Hinton-on-1heGreen, on March 19th, 1899, and he is atill a ringer at the church in that wilage. It was only natural that the early in-
terest lie developed in ringing should lead him to greater things, and lie has now rung peals on tower bells from Grandsire
Doubles to Cambride Maximus, and nn handbells from Doubles to Treble Twelve. We believe he is the only conductor who has called peals 'in hand' on all
numbers from five ta twelve and all from morking pairs. His peals now has conducted 111, thase on handbells numbering 51 , of which Ite luas conducted 39. Out of his total Mr. Johrison lias ring 185 peals for the Worcestershire Associttion.

When be was ondy 16 yenrs of age he paid a
visit to Birmingham and started on 7-8 for a peal of Stedman Caters without having previously struck a blow in it. The peal fatlen after ahout an tluree days later. Mr. Jahnson conducted the


MF. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
opening peal of Stedman Cinques on the recast twelve at Worcester Cathedral in 1928 and called the first peals ever rung of Persinore Bob Major and Hinton Surprise Major. He also conductad the first peals by the Worcestershire Assoriation of Spliced Treble Bob Minar in 14 methods, Erin Ceters, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Bob Mastmus and Spliced Bob and Little Bob Maximus, on tower kells: and Donbles and Minor, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Bols Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus and Erin Caters on liandbells.
Mr . Johnson, in addition to his peal ringing setivities, bas served the Worcestershire Associabion in a number of offices. He was Southern Branch Ringing Master from 1922 to 1925 , and Master of the Association from 1926 to $198 \%$. Fie became general seeretary in 1935 and is still in office, while he has been one of the representatives of the association on the Central Coumcil since 1831 .

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

TO BECOME INDEPENDFNT ORGANISATION.
The arnuat busimess meeting of Oxford University Bociety was held at St. Peter's Hall on Tuesday, April 25th. In the absence of the president, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Keble), the Master, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Jesus) presided.
The main business was the election of officers. The Master apd the treasurer. Mr. M. O. G. Hayter (Christ Church), both handed in their resiguations, as they would shortly be leaving Oxford. The secretary, Mr. P. J. M. Bryan (St. Peter's Hall), was elected Master, and Mr. M. A. C Framer (Merton) to suceped him in tle secretaryship. Mr. J. Wrigiy (Merton) was elected treasurer. Mr. R. Tydeman (St. John's) was re-elected on the committee, and two vacant places were filled by the election of Messris. Palmer (New College) nnd Statt (Balliol).

A resolution, which had beon passed at the previous meeting that the society should cease from being affiliated to the Diocesan Guild, was ratified. It was exphasibed that this was not due to nuy disagrevment ar strained relations witil the Diocesan Guild: but it was felf that the time had come for the society to become an eatirely independent organisation.

Ringine arrangements for the term were explained.
A pood deal of discussion fook place on the guestion of the possibility of a summer tour, but no definite decision was reached.

## ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

HOW TO ENCOUPAGE LARGER NOMBERS. To the Edicor.

Dear Sir, When, under "other business" at the aunual meeting of the Middlesex County Association, Mr. G. W. Fletcher spoke of the Lack of enthusiasu shown by some members in this respect, I rose to say that 1 suspected thet there wero sonte "tan minutes to spare." I would dwell spon this thought. Il cannot remenalber a bime when there las , been found opportunity to discuss a matter of general intercst an a meeting of this kind. The agend is geverally too loug to allow of it, or the time is too shori ; or, perbaps, matier is not forthconimg. More likely, I happen to inve beet absent when such has been the case.
I reminded the meoting that something of the sort had been discussed wheo the assomation visited Clerteuwell, whd that I had then asked whether the officers were entircty free from blame. There wes no question of attacking the Master. I consider thai Mr. A. W. Coles is the finest Master that ever stepped inte a beliry-the most courteons and helpful ringer who ever endeavoured to pilot me through a sirange method. I offered certain suggestions, which Mr. Goies afterwards said were unworkuble-and he explained why.
The first thing that occurs to me is the necessity lor lopaity, to the Muster, by, a sufficient number of experts who would be willing to stand behind or take a rope during the whole of the ringing time -only to take a rope where it carnot be filled by others. Wach wouid he responsible for the success of the man ringing "his, rope. The Master would encourage members to ask for something they wantedsomething they could not get at lome; sumathing they, in all probability, had conse hoping to get; but which they seldom did get, urd of whiel the experts already (by reason of ther ability) had probably sickened alsewhere. I believe these able men could be found-who does not expand to fattery? Mr. C. W. Roberts, who arged that learners should practise at home, is bhe very type I would choose to ' stand behind ' me!
Can it be doubted that ringers, of all sorts and sizes, fair, indifferent and bad, would flock to meetings where there was an outside chance of trying something they lad 'looked up'? I lind ' looked up 'Some-thing-Triples, for clerkenwell, and was done out of it! I came awny a tiay bit disappointed-of courge I did, and I expect this happens time and again to hundreds of ringers up and down the country.
And I would ask Masters to carry along touclies in the same methad until those wino specially wanted that method had been satisfied, instead of coming back to the method later on. I onee longed for a colurse of Bristol, and asked for it. It was put on at intervala, and mare than one rieger got in two or three ar the courses- $I$ wns uthlucky; unable to grab," I suppose. Ha those courses followed, nobody would have had the cheek to stand in a second one running, unless specifically asked to do so. In this connection I wouli ask the Master to be strong, ard tactfully to point out to the greedy (hut very often thouglatless) ringer that he was getbing too much.
So much for the man who goes mainly to ring. There are, however, many who attend neetings for the sociability of the tea arnd mating. To meet ofd friends, to meet ney faces; to chat over things of mutual interest-peals, compositions, ideas and what not? And there are many who would attend, if something could be put over in tive way of a talk on some mattor, ajter the meating-as witnass the popularity of the radia 'talks.' I should lite to listen to some tips on conducting Stedman-given in a simple manare on the lines of the articles recently printed in this paper; or to a critioism on common mistakes of handling, and their effect ow striking. Aud what about an exposition on the "Proof of Treble Bob,' sullig in Larmony by Messrs. Baker, Joyce, Trollope aud Turner

GEORGE L. JOYCE.
Hornclurell.

## PRESENTATION TO A SECRETARY.

APPRECIATION OF MR. T. GRANT'S WORK IN BATH DISTRICT. A quarterly mpeting of the Bath Brancl of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Assaciation was bele at Bathampton on May Bth. The Vicar very generously provided a splendid tea in the Village \#\#all, which was greatly appreciated.
The meeting was made the oncasion of presenting Mr. T. Grant, the esteemed local secretary, with a birthday gift, which consisted of a wallet or notes and a framed illuminated address. Preb. Ross (the chaimans presented the wallet to Mr. Grand. He spoke very highig of the good work he lias done and is stili doing for the association, and sadid how much all the members and himself rejoiced in his help and gaod work.
The Ringing Master (Mr. W. J. Prescott) then handed Mr. Grant the address, whicla he himself bad kindly framed, and read the nantes of the difermbe towers and friends who land contributed so gemerously. He also proposed a hearky vote of thanks to those mho had worked to belp forward the presentation.
It should be added that Mr. Prescott's name slauld be associated with the athers, as he had put in so mach work himself
Mr. Grant suitably respanded and expressed hearty thanks for tive gift, sdding that be was surprised he had so many friends.
The meoting concluded by singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow ' and the giving of three hearty cheers for Mr. Grant.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL FOR DIVISIONAL RINGING MASTERS

## Future Annual Meetings to be In Brighton.

## The annual general meating of tire Sussex Countr Ascociation was

 held in Brighton or Saturday, April 29th. An attendance of over 80, which is a record for some years past, was representative of 30 afiliated towers and included visitors from the neighbouring counties.During the afternoon and evening the two ten-bel! towers of st. Nicholas and St. Peter's attracted large numbers of ringers from the opening time of 2.30 ㅍutil their closure at 9 p.m. The Good Shepherd, eqght bells, was available in the evening, but, partly owing to tiie bad weather and the recent changes in the town'g transport not a large number was present. Ringing at the towers was generally of a high standard and the bells were kept fully occupied.
The service took place in St. Peter's, and the address uras given by the recently appointed Vichr of Brighton, Canon G. H. Warde, M.A. In the couree of his address the Ficar disclosed the fact that, although nof limself a ringer, both his father and grandfather had been members of tie band at Little Horsted. Previous to his appointment at Brighton, the Ficar had met ringers at similar gatherings at Granthana.
The text was taken from the Gospel for the second Sunday after Faster, "I am the Good Shepherd," and the differeace was pointed aut between the British idea of a slyepherd and that common in the East. There it was a truly manly occupation with many risks to run and dangers to overcome. There the sinepherd never drives his Rock, hut goes in front to protect it from the encounters with wild beasts. In the 2otin century man required more than ever before a leader, a gulde, s shepherd fowards the ideals of harmony and peace. The clergy werg the repregentatives of the Shepherd, and the rimgers' art was a great and important addition to the power of the priest to lreep God in the minds of the people. For this reason the ringers should be prominent in the councils of the Ghurch, so that God was not oaly represented by the parish priest, but alsa by the ringers as shepherds. With this jdeal casried out, the churches should be full to consecrate prayer tu peace.

STRONG FINANCLAL POSITION.
At, the business meeting, which followed tea, the Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), who presided, was supported by the hom. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Stone), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) and the divisional secretaries. The meeting welcomed Mr. J. T. Rickman, H past Master, and Mr. G. Wijlinms, the Master of the Wirchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The Rev FI. E. Collins was elected an honorary life member
Despite heavy expenses by benefits to members for rail fares and teas, the general necount revealen an increased balance of $25 \mathrm{~g}_{5} 7 \mathrm{~d}$. The recejpts included 276 2s. [rom subseriptions. The balance in band at the end of the year was $£ 1315 \mathrm{~s}$. 9d. In addition there is a balance of 250 in the reserve fuad, $£ 88$ 7s. Si. in the Benerolent Fund and ©4 897 d . in the certificate account.
The annual report, signed by the Master and hon. secretary gaid:
The constant cry that the number of ringers is rapidly falling has caused us to examine the mamhership lists in the past reporta, taking As a basis only those rivgers who are definitely atached to towers. The present membership is 681 , with 65 towerg in affilintion, as compared with 694 and 66 towerg in 1934. There has been a decline of only 13 during five years. An even more significant fact emerges When tha number per tower is examined. The 1937 list showed thet there were 10.4 ringers to every peal, or more than enough to man the bells fully on every occasion they are likely to be required. The town towers seem to have experienced a decrease in membership, while those in the country have practically made up the logses. Nevertheless, Wef are forced ta one conclasion: that the main fault lies with the ringers themselves. It should be possible among a body of men united int the practice of such an urt as ringing, which demands the utmost of concentration and co-operation. to avoid petty irritations caused hy unpunctiality and absence, which are almost always the first steps ta digruption.

We are also of the oninion that much more could be done towards the well-being of ringers by the clergy and church officials. The Ficar And churchwardens are often elected as presidents or vice-presidents of a local bind, but there the interest ends. The ringers are generally out of sight, not very accessible, and the sound of the hells is too often rather casually regarded as a familiar and sometimes objectionable noise in the bacleground of religion.

TMPORTANCE OF SUITABLE JFADER
Apart from the question of recruitment, in which church officials could be a rery real help, there still remains the difficulty of leeping a hand together once it has been formed,' proceeded the report. 'On this point we can offer no siagentions. It js purely a matter of select3ing e suitable leader who bas the requisite tact and personality to namy the hand through the diffeulties which are cerfain to arise. It is very often the leader on whose shoulders the burden of making ontside contacts falls, and this is a point to be considered on his election."
The report concluded with thanks to the clerry for help given at meetings, the organists whe had assisted with the musical arraggements, and to the dixisional secretaries.
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## WATERFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS <br> RESTORED RING REOPENED.

A Peal That Insuenced Ringing in Ireland.
The fine ring of eight bells at Waterford Cathedral, Ireland, have been completely restored and were reopened on Easter Day, the dedication being performed by the Dean (the Yery Rev, C. Stevenson), who, in the course of lis address, spoke of the joy with which they heard the bells ringipg egain, after several months of silence. He added: I believe this work hes been thoroughly well done, and now the fittings of the bells and the arrangements for the ringers have been moderaised and put in good order, so that for many years to come we shall have no anxiety with regard to our bells. I am thankfulwe all are thankful-to hare this work completed so satisiactorily.
The hells were cast by Mears in 1870 and lave a tenor of 20 cwt . The first peal in Ireland was rung on them by the College Youths at the opening-Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Pettitt. chis was followed the next year by the first peal by an Irish Socioty, Granisire Triples rung by the local society, conducted by C. Lee, who had been left behind by the College Youtlse as instructor.

In this peal the gecond was rung by $\mathbf{R}$. $R$. Cherry, who lafer became Lord Chief Iustice of Ireland. It was through his influeace that the fine ring of ten were erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, by the late Lord Iveagh, and afterwards Lord Chief Justice Cherry himself presented two trebles to make twelve. He was also the founder of the Irish Assomiation sad its first president, so that Waterfurd Cethedral and its bells lave extended their inftuence to the whole of Ireland.

After about 70 years of continuous work, it wes found that the freme had become very loose in its joints and most of the fittings worn out. The present restoration was therefore decided wpon. The old frame was found to be in sound condition, and has been retained. It Las been stremgthened with angle brackets and vertical tie rods, and refixed on a heavy steel grillage Gft. lower in the tower than previously. The two tenors have been fitted with new steel headstocks and, with the remainder of the bells, placed on ball bearings

The work has been carriel out by Messis. Gillett and Tohnston, of Croydon, in a most satisfachory manmer, both in regard to the 'go. of the balls and the sound in the inmoediate meighbourhood, which is mow modulated, where previously it had been very moisy.

## QUARTER CENTURY AS CHURCHWARDEN.

Before evening service, on Sunday, May \&th, at Calperley Parish Church, Forks, e quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of Dr. Fughes, who has completed 25 years' service as Vicar's clinurcharden. The ringers were S . Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell foonductor) 2 W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, G. Thompson 5, W. Scrimsluaw 6, 0. Scott 7. W. Luee 8.

## DISTRICTS REARRANGED.

Contioued from previous column.
The peal secretary reported a fall in the number of peals rung during tha yoar, and Mr. Oliver Sippetts was congratulated on being the 'chanpion conductor' for the year, passing Mr. Relfe's tot fl by one cimost in tiat last days of the year.
The preaident, vice-presidents, Master, hon. treasurer, hon. general secretary and hon. peals secretary were reelected without opposition. The hon. auditors and trustees were again placed in office.
For the better working of the divisions it was decided to transfer Rotherfield to the Eastern Division, and Stoyning and Upper Beeding to the Western. The members at Rotherfield felt that it was not very convenient. under the existing transport facilities, to reach the Northern Division meetings, while a meeting recently held there had been wery poorly attended. The transfer of Steyning and Ipper Beeding was interded to zncrease the number of eight-bell towers in the Western Division

On the motion affecting the place of the next general meeting, an amendment to the original proposition was carried by a large majority, fixing futare meetings in Brighton. It was strongly argued that a long narrow county such as Sussex made it difficult for members to move with facility from one end to the other without great loss of bime anA expense. The jnetances of the meetings held in Chichester A brisk discussion took place on the motion to appoint ringing masters for divisional meetings, some representatives strongly supporting their aecessity, others being as strongly in disagreement. Finally it was decided to alter the rules 50 that such ringing masters could be appointed if the annzal meeting of the division concerned so desiced. The general secretary pointed out that thet was one of the things in which $h=$ would wisis the divisions to decide by their own government, and not for a general meeting to force, either one way or the other.
The final item on the agende was the consideration of a letter from the Contral Councif with reference to a subsidy for the printing of the Surprise Major hoak. The association was asked to guaranfee the purchase of twelve copies, and it was noted that no sindication was given at th what form the book would take, or when it would lof likely to be in distribution. Nevertheless, promises were received for the taking up of 26 copies.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the clergy of the various churches for their assistance in the arranging of the meeting, and to others who had helped.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## BY-MEFTINGS OPPOSED.

The Maidstone District beld a quarterly meeting at Hollingbourne on April 22nd, when 25 members attended from West Malling, Maidstone, Staplehurst, Charing, Linton and Ightham, together with the local band. This heary ring of six were put to good use, both before and after service, in methods ranging from Doubles to Treble Bobs The arsociation service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newmen), Miss Thomas being at the organ.

Fea was served in the Parish Rom, kizdly arranged by Mr. Colemen, of the local band, Mrs. Coleman and afhers.

At the businesi meeting, with the Ficar iu the chair, enght new members were elected, two from Wrotham and six from Aylesford. The nexf quarterly meeting will be held at West Malling on July 8th.

A discussion follawed upork by-meetings, Mr. Leeson and Mr. Grice wisliug to wipe them out, pointing out that membors should make every effort to attend the quarterly mreetings. It was said that if the district hald meetings with a disputable quality of ringing, the AntiNoise League would have someting to say in the matter
Mr. Wenban moved an amendment that there was a need for bymeetings. He pointed out that by-meetings were held for the good of the younger ringers so that they could improve their efforts to cacry on change ringity.
On a vote being talken, the amemment was carried by 14 votes to two, and it was decided that Hnnton be wisited for a by-meeting on Saturdey, June 3rd

Mr. Leeson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for laking the service and presiding at the meeting; also to Miss Thoman for her services at the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Coloman for arranging such a splendid tea.
The Vicar, in reply, gare the members a very hearty welcome to his church and tower

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## DRRBY DTSTRICT AT WEST HALLAM

A very successinl meeting of the Derby District of the Midand Counties Assoriation was held nt West Hallam on April 29th. The Rector (the Ror. Lloyd Jones) assisted in raising the helis and rang the treble to the first touch of Grandsire Doubles. Stedmam, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and tea followed at the Punch Bowl

At tha business meeting the Rector was voted to the cheir.
Members were urged to uttend the meeting at Staveley on Saturday, May 20th, when it is hoped to re-form the Chesterfeld District. All ringers were invited, but especially members of the Derby and Nottingham Districts
It was decided to hold the noxt monthly meeting at Melbourne on Saturday, Juthe 3rd. Tliree members were elected.
Mr. J. Pagett, of the Cathearal company, moved a very hearty vote of thank to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the welcome extended to ringers at West Hallam.

The Rector, in humorous reply, said he had been told that, before ona could be considered a ringer, he had to break a stay. Well, he had broken one, but he monli hardly consider he was a ringer yet, though he loved to hear the bells and was alwaye pleased whee ringers came to frisit him.
On returwing to the tower, frest errivals were met from Derby, Melbourne, Ticknall, Sawley, Nottingham, Kimberley and Duffid, Learners were well catered for in the simpler methode, and the experts rang some well-struele touches in Stedman, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Duffield.

## VICTORIA RINGER'S VISIT

## PEAL SUCGESE TOLTOWS TNFORTTT ATE FATLURF

On Tuestay of last week, Mr. Edward W. Izard, of Victoria, British Columbia, who, with Mrs. Izard, is visiting the homeland after 25 years in Canada, taok part in a peal of Grazdsire Triples at Guildford Cathedral It had been arragged to emable him to ring his first peal before returaing to Fictoria at the end of this month. Mr. Izard, who is an engineer by profession, holds on important position in a obipyard at Vfotoria, and he was responsible for hanging the aew ring of eight bells at the Gathedral. The bells, it will be remembered, were cast at Whitechapel Foundry about three years ago, and, before being shipped, were blessed bv the Bishop of London at an impressive Eervice held jin the foundry.
Mr. Izard, whe is a native of Slindoc, Sussex, rang in Glasgow before he went to British Columbia, and has taken up the art aqain sertouly now that there are bells in his own city. He has got round him a band of 20 ringers-some from the old country and others who have been taught there, and they ring Grandsire extremely well. They broadeast tefore the service every Sunday evening.
an attempt for the peal had previously been made three weeks earlier, but had unfortimately to be abandoned after only twenty minutes' ringing becsuse an insecturely fastened shutter in the clock case fell out, owing to the oscillation of the tower, and interfered with the seventh rope. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Graudsire Triples was rung in which Mr. Anthony Trotman, now of Belfast, but who was in Victorin when the bells were ingtalled and the band formed, took part. The ringers were E. W. Izard 1, F'. Bowden 2, J. S. Goldsmith 3. W. J. Robinsan 4, A. E. Trotman 5, Rev. J. P. Pelloe 6, A. H. Puling (conductor) 7, E. T, Aylifte B.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SUPPORT FOR BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME.

A meating of the North-Western Division was hald at Harlow on Saturday, April $22 n d$, when ringers from Stansted, Brozboume, Hertford, Cambridge, Wansted, Harlow Common, Sawston, Woodford, Exning, Sawbridgeworth, Newmarlet, Roydon and the local company onjoyod touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman on the belis at the Parish Chureh.

A hearty weloome was extended to the curate (the Rev. D. W. Breakey), who conducted the service in the absonce of the Ficar. Tea, arranged by Mr. C. H. Tucker, was enjoyed in the Church Hall close by. An interesting meeting follower, the Rev. D. W. Breakey taking tre chair.
It was decided to hold the next meeling at Littlebury and Elmdon.
The secretary (Mr. W. Wheeler) reported that a joint meeting of tho Essex and Ferts Associations would be Leld at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, May 13 th, and that arrangements were being made to hold a meeting at Epping early in September.

Mr. J. Chalk (Master of the S.W. Division) was asked to speak on the suggested Benevolent Fund for Essex ringers. He mentioned the coming Gath anniversary of the Essex Association and hoped that it would see the izauguration of a Benevolent Fund. Ho thought that an association with a memberslip of over 700 ringing members should embrace some sort of benevolence. Up to noy Essex ringers had had little opportunity to assist is faithful member when in trouble. A considerable number of ringers were eager to ses a fund established. A whip round by a local band or even a collection at a district meeting could not do justice to a deserving case, but a well-organised central fund, backed up by all towers, could do effective work. Reference was made to the great work the Kent Association had done in assisting many of its old ringers. Was Essex, proud of its members fod their ringing accomplishments, going to ignoce the "humen touch" that characterises practical benovolence?

After hearing the details of the suggestad scheme, a proposition to support it was carried unamimously.
the meoting concluded witli \& hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. L. Cordell (Master of the division), to the Vicar for the use of the bellis, to the curats for conducting the service and afterwards for taking tis obair, to the organist, to the ladies for serving ter, and to Mr. ©. F. Tucker for all he had done to make the meeting a success. SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION'S APPROVAL.
A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Norilı Weald on Satarday, April 29th, and, despite unfavourable weather conditions, was well supported by 40 members and friends from Loyton, Lebtonstone, Wanstead, Woodiord, Romford, Hornchurch, Beritley, Harlow Cowmon, Springfield, Little Waltham and the local band. A short service was condacted by the Vicar (the Rey. O. Gerney), who gave a hearty welcome to all and expressed his delight at seeing such a large gathering. Tea, lindly provided by the local ringers, and much apprecisted by all present, was partaken of in the sohoolroom
The District Master (Mr. J. Chalk) presided at the business meeting and referred to the enthusiasm and loyalty of the North Weald band both to the church and the association. Ble tharled the Ficar for his wery warm welcome.
Seven new members were elected, including three from the North Weald band, and Rayleigh was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held on July 8th.

A lengthy discussion then took place with regard to the proposed Benevolent Fund. Mr. Chalk stated he had been in touch with all towers in the association, snd from what he land heard he feit there was a definite desire for a fund of this nature, and that the inauguration of such a fund this Fear would be a most fitting mark of the celebration of tha 60th anniversary of the association. This was greeted with applause, whereupon Mr. Chalk stated that be hoped the district would give him every support at the innual geveral meeting to be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday.
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, to Mr. King and the local ringers for providing the tea and making all arrangements, and to the ladies for serving at the tables. This was carried with applause and responded to by Mr. King on behals of the Jecni hand.
The tower whs then revisited, whero touches in various six-bell methods were brought round.

## FAMOUS PEAL TO BE RESTORED.

ST. MARGARETM, WESTMINSTER, BELLS TO BE RERUNG.
Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just received from Canon Storr the order to restore the famous peal of bells at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. The work will consist of rehanging with entirely new ftatings of the latest type, including ball bearings and metal headstocks. The bells alscu are to be carefully tuned. The existing oek framework, which is in sery sound condition, wil] be retained.

In addition, the belfry pindows are to be specially treated so as to modulate the sound of the bells outside the tower, especially on the side adjacent to Westminster $A$ bley.

## NOTICES.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey District. -The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , followed by business meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.-F. E. Hawthome, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on May 13th. Bells (8) available at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, price 1 s ., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Scc.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Burbage on Saturday, May 13 th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to $S$ p.in. Tea and short meeting at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. You will get a better tea if all who intend coming send a card to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, as early as possible. I have a few reports left. Have you had yours yet?-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Eccleston ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Sub. scriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's 'Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5 , followed by business meeting. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.--I. R. Housder, Hon. Dis, Sec.

HERTHORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, May 13 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual service, followed by tea. All ringers wel-come.-W, Ayre, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-A meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, May rath. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at is. 6d. per head, A liearty invitation is extended to the Northwich and Bowdon and Stockport Branches.-H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Worth (bells 6) on Saturday, May $3^{\text {th }}$. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 (please notify). Everybody welcome. - B. Saunders, i8, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The next practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May r3th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.-N. M. Newby. Sec., Furness and Lake Dis.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May r3th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Café Regent, at is. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Come and try the seaside air.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. - The Spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, May 13th. - J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Char bury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Joint meeting, Wigan and Liverpool Branches. This meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$. Bells available from 2.30. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea will be provided, free, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.-S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A mid-quarterly meeting will Be held at Thurmaston on May 13 th. Ringing ( 6 bells) will commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m. Please note change of tower, as Humberstone bells are not available. -H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-The Guild Festival will be held at Calne on Saturday, May 13 th. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Collection for new issue of Guild office. Luncheon in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Is. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: From 10 a.m. to 12 and 3.30 p.m. to 9,8 bells, Calne, Wootton Bassett; 6 bells, Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton. Also Chippenham, two towers ( 8 bells), if to 9 p.m.-F. Li, Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GllIT.D.-Eastern Branch.The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Leake on Sattrday, May I $3^{\text {th }}$. Belis (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at White Hart Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99 , Norfolk Street, Boston.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION,--Barkway, Saturday, May $3^{\text {th. }}$ Bells avatlable 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, May toth; no postcard no tea- Annual subscriptions due. -R. T. Newman, Dis. Sec., Salisbury Road, Baldock.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western Division) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). - A joint meeting will be beld at Bisbops Stortford on Saturday, May 13 th. Bells (Io) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at the Chequers 5.15 pm. Please notify number for tea.-W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common; A. Lawrence, Hatfield Park, Herrs, District Secretarjes.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.- Bristol City Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Sat., May i 3 th. Bells (8) from 3.I5. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

HANBURY, NEAR BROMSGROVE, WORCS.-The bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, May 14 th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Dudley. A ring of eight recast by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -Titere will be ringing for service at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday evening, May 14th, at 5.30 p.m.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Miton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.-A peal board wili be unveiled at the evening service at St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, May 14 th. Ringing from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and after the service. All ringers welcome.-Robert $C$. Heazel, Master.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for May: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23 rd; St. Magnus', 25th; Southwark Cathedral, 30th. All at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Wednesday, May 17th. Bells available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., and again in the evening. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Williamson's Restaurant, 55 , High Road, Balham, S.W.12. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. T. Smalley, 29, Kirkstall Gardens, S.W.2, not later than Monday, May 15 th. All ringers welcome. - I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEDOINGTON, NEAR CALNE, WILTS. - The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will re-dedicate the bells on Thursday, May 58 th, at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. A ring of five bells restored by John Taylor \& Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May zoth. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 . A goodi attendance requested. - C. S. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.30. Sérvice 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (is. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly jet mee know by Wednesday previous to meeting?-A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 20th. Church of St. Catherine (bells 8, tenor int cwt.). Ringing from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and in the evening. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Norwich Court Bob Major; other methods will be rung as required.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57. Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May 20 th. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (rs. head) at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, only to those who notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, not later than May ; 8th. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we hope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24 , Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Acle on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea in Church Room at 5.15 , and please all send postcards of names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May ${ }^{1} 7 \mathrm{th}$, to J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobiden Terrace, Nortligate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A meeting will be held at Great Tey on May zoth. Belis (8) available at 2.30 . Service 4.30 . Will alt those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Hon. See., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -. The annua! meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May 2oth. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5, price is. Half rail fare (maximum is. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by May ${ }^{5} 7^{t h}$.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70 , Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brightor 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northers Branch. -The annual meeting will be ield at Sleaford on Saturday, May 20th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., free to members; non-members 15. 6id. Usual business meeting following tea. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. H. Hinkins, Elmside, 41 , The Drove, Sleaford, by the Wednesday pre-vious?-J. Bray, Hon. Sec.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names by May 17th. Dibiden bells after tea.-(i, Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.
ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.-P. Page, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. AIbans District. A meeting will ظe held at Essendon on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.rn. Tea near church at 5 p.m. Bus services: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford,-Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at St. Leonard's ( 8 bells), 2.45 to 5.15 p.m., and at Immanuel ( 8 hells) from 7 to $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. . followed by business meeting 6.15 p.m. All visitors welcome. N . H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUIID.-A meeting of the Wirral Branch will he held at St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. The tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Chapel 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will visitors please let me know not later than 17 th inst. if they will require tea? -Harry S. Brocktebank, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Banbury and District Branch. -The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6) and Rousham (6) open in the evening.-E. Pearson, Branch Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Berks Branch.-Annual meeting will be held at East Hagboume on Saturday, May 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by the 16th.-Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Hexham on Saturday, May 20th, when the Abbey bells will be available. Tea will be served at the Abbey Hotel at 5 p.m., preceded by committee meeting in the tea room at 4 p.m. Requirements for tea to reach me by Wednesday, 17th inst.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting will be at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. -D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Leatherhead District.-A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 20 th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea and business mecting to follow. Please send notifications for teas to Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate, by May 17 th. -A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Cotterham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Schoolroom, followed by meeting.-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-A meeting for practice will be held at Tickenham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells a vailable from 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

 -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Fivehead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please notify early for tea.-D. G. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Braeside, Ilminster.PETERBOROUGH GUILD.-Towcester Branch.The annual festival will be heid at Cosgrove on Saturday, May 20th. Luncheon 1.30. Service 3.30. Names, etc., for lunch by Tuesday, 16 th, to Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon, Towcester.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughhorough District. The next meeting is to be held at Oaks-in-Charnwood on Saturday, May 20th, at the usual times. What about a Saturday afternoon in the heart of the picturessque Charnwood Forest? Hikers, bikers, or motorists will all be welcome. But as catering is rather uncertain, and appetites will be keen in the open country, you will be well advised to let me know that you are coming. Send postcard by Wednesday.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 2oth, when the bells of St. Mary's will be available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea
(1s. 3d.) will follow at 5 p.m. in the British Co-operative Cafe, Market Street, and all requiring same must notify Mr. C. Brinsley, 177, Sheffeld Road, Barnsley, not later than the first post on Thursday, May 18th. The general meeting will follow immediately afterwards on the same premises.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradtord.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested. - C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON.-The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27 th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afterioon. A ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, followed by tea and a short meeting. Names for tea must be sent not later than Wednesday, May 24th, to Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master will arrange methods as required, and members should malke every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated and tea arranged for you if notification is sent to the undersigned by Thursday, May 25th.-J. W. Cotton, Hon, Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on WhitMonday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at ro.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. (1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 15 . to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 25. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 22nd.) Bells available : St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from to a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.-Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Starnford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmarsh (6) for parties making own arrangements. Tea (2s.), 1s. to members, if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before May 24th to Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarape, Hereford. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply to district secretaries.
ing will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at $11.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. , with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Lunch tickets must be obtained, members free, non-members 2s. 6d. Please apply not later than May 17th-ringing members to district secretaries, non-resident members and non-members to general secretary. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested. L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.-Prittlewell's 10 bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies' Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.-F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual shield (six-bell) contest will be held at Kirkthorpe on Saturday, July 8 th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per band. Tower open for practice until June 24th. All entrance fees and voluntary subscriptions for prizes fund must reach me not later than June 24 th. Those wishing to practise please notify Mr. W. Riley, 12, Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

## BIRTH

BAILEY.-On Thursday, May 4 th, at the County Hospital, Dartford, to Jean Margaret (nee Thompson), wife of James Edgar Bailey, 20, Swaisland Road, Dartford, the gift of a daugtter (Janet Margaret).

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In a letter in another column, the Rev. W. W. Lucas returns to the question of the use of technical terms in the reaching of beginners. He holds to the yiew that technical terms are used a great deal more than is necessary or desirable, and goes on to suggest that there should be a school of teachers formed from men whocould teach change ringing by the use of the ordinary English language. It would be interesting if our correspondent would give in greater detail what technical terms should be abolished in the teaching of beginners. and what language equally concise could be substituted for them. We realise that when a beginner first hears the terms used in ringing they may sound a strange jargon ; but every pursuit has its technical words, and, if in ringing these are at first less understandable than in most others, it is, we think, not because they are really less intelligible, but because the public are not brought into such close contact with the terms of ringing as they are with those of sport. From early youth the common language of cricket, football and the like, although technical, becomes part of every boy's verbal equipment, as his knowledge of the various games grows. The public read them constantly in books and newspapers, and they become almost part of the general vocabutary. It would be difficult, nevertheless, to get on in these pursuits without the use of technical terms. The need for them in ringing instruction is just as necessary; but they sound strange to the beginner because they have not previously been part of his everyday training, as it were. We cannot believe, however, that the few terms used in connection with the elementary stages of ringing can offer a real obstacle to a beginner of average intelligence, if the instructor will take the trouble at the outset to explain them. It may be that, having been steeped in these terms for years, we cannot see that what they are intended to convey can be more concisely substituted by ordinary words, and we would like to learn how they can be improved upon, bearing in mind that, while ringing is in progress, instructions have to be given in the briefest possible time. In any case, there must come a stage in the beginner's career when he will have to master them.

Nevertheless, we feel there is still much to be desired in the way many beginners are taught. The misforture is that beginners not infrequently get into the hands of men who, however well intentioned, are thernselves inefficient; that is to say, their own standard is not such as to make them competent instructors, and it is difficult to see how this state of aftairs is to be overcome. There are two sides to the teaching of ringing; one is the prac(Continued on page 310.)

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tical and the other the theoretical, and if a beginner is to make real progress both these things must proceed side by side. The instructor in one may not be equally competent in the other, and it would be a good thing, although we cannot see how it is to be made easily attainable, if there could be a course of instruction given in the areas of the various associations which would improve the qualifications of those who wish to instruct beginners. These ringers could then be made available for giving lessons in other towers, but we are afraid such a desirable state of affairs is scarcely realisable, and that beginners in many places will continue to be taught by ringers, enthusiastic men without question, but of doubtful qualifications for the task, who will pass on to their pupits their own faults and failings !

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On Sathrday, May 13, 1939, in Three Howrs and Twonty-Fouy Menults, At ref Churce op Sx. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMERIDEE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt I qr. 20 tb . in E flat.
Horace Belcarr ... ...Treblo Daniel D. Cooper ... ... 6 Williay H. Hewett... ... 2 Hemry G. Miles... ... Cbarles H. Kıppin ... ... 3 Jack M. Cripps ... ... ... 8 Willian H. Pasmore ... 4 Alfred E. Phex ... ... Frane E. Darby ... ... ... 5 Herbzrt Langdon ... ...Tamur Composed by Rev. H. L. James, Conducted by Frank E. Darby. Rung on the 71st birthday of Mr. F. Darby, father of the conductor. EASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUTLDFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Thyee Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes, Ai tre Chorce of St. Baryholomew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGE8; Tenor $13 \mathrm{cwt}, 8 \mathrm{lb}$. in F sharp.
William J. Robingon ...Tybile Ernest J. Aylifye ... ... 6 Alfred H. Pulling... ... 2 Ereest J. Munday ... ... 7 - Dodglas R. Hayes ... ... 3 Joan Hoyle ... ... ... 8 Grorge Marriner...$-1 . . \quad 4$ Jorn H. B. Hesse... $\dagger$ Albert J. Adams ... ... 5 Albert Harman .... ...Tenoy Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by A. H, Pelling. * First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Royal.


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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FAEENHAM, NORFOLK THE NORWICH DIOCDSAN ASSOCLATION. Un Sunday, April 30, 1939, in Threa Howrs and Siz Minutes, At the Cbupce of SS. Petir and Pafl,

## A PEAL OF DOLBLE MORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Temor rg홀 cwt. in E Aat.

- Roebri W. Coore ... ...Tveble Warar Notan GoLDen .... 2 Jorw Alon ...
Compoged bre Wigrial
Composed by E. Wigrrman.
* First peal in the method. Ru
of Mr. C. V. Ebberson's first peal
SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOGESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 3. 1939, in Three Howss and Five Mimutes, Ay ter Chorce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MASOR; 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 8 cwt. I qr, 20 lb . in G .
Sydnhy Flint ... ... ...Tteble fogn Aldig, jun. ... ... 5
Nolan Goldrn ... .... ... 2 Grorgr Poyniz... ... ... 6
Joan Aldis, sen. .... ... 3 R. Willials Barber... ... 7
-Tbobas Simyons ... ... 4 Tbomas H. Erancis .an ....Tenor
Composed by F. Timbrele. Conducted by Nolan Gorden.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEIOESTIRSHTEE,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGIATION.
On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fourteen Minutes, At the Bell Foundry,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE8।
M. J. Morrig's Variation of J. J. Parrha's Twrlve-part. Tenor 64 cut.
Ernest Morris ... ...
$\ldots$ Trable
Walter P. Weitbagad
... 2 Willfam Boztrill ... ... 6
J. Frederice Milngr...
W. Artagr Riddington .4. 4 Leslie Stevens ... ... ....Temot Conducted by Ernest Morris. CLTEFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Salmytay, May 6. 1939, in Thyed Howrs and Eight Binwtes.
At the Cherce of St. Helbn,

## A PEAL OF PUDSEY 8URPRISE MASOR, 5184 RHANCES

 Tenor 15 cwt.Herbert A. Holden
Arthor S. Ricrards
Edwin A. Barnety
...Trebla

Grorgr I. Botcerr.
Harry Hoverd .... ...

- Harer pazara
- Peilip A. Corby...
$\cdot 7$

Grorgr A. Coong
Henry Tookr ... ... Cladde Coosins ... ...Temor
Conducted by Nolan Golden.
to celebrate the 25 th anmiversary

On Salmaday, May 6, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty Minutes, At Cerisi Cerorea,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLE8; 5040 CHANEE8; Teorsimng' Four-part.


| Cliffard Sridmore | ... | ... | 2 | Jobn Lloyd... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tboad Hemming | ... | ... | 3 | Harold Sbock | ... | .. | .. | 7 |

Branard Lawron ... ... 4 Bernard Asprord .... .... 4 Tenoy
Coadacted by Harold Sefce.
First peal of Stec゙man as conductor.


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William A. Kitcebns!de ...Tyeble, Frbderaek H. Dallaway... 5
 LesLir w, Jarvis ... ... 3 Albrat Retpe ... ... ...
 Conducted by Frana Benfett.
First peal of Triples on the bells.
WEM, SHROPSFIRE
THE SEROPSHTRE ASSOCIATION.
Ow Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Howr and Fyfy-Sis Minntes,
At tee Cetrch of SS, Peter and Padl,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 508 CHANCES; Tearar 13 cwt .




TEE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Safurday, May 6, 1939, in Thred [Iours and Eleven Minutes,
At rer Croper of Sx. Hari,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, E088 CHANEE8; Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb .

John Curry... ..- ... ... 2 Nevil Hollingworta ... 6 Gromge Sewtil ...... Harold Barsley .... ... 4 Joun G.Ames ... ... ... Tonoy
Composed by W. Hodson. Conducled by John G. Awes.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the weddisg of Mr. William A. Richardson, ringer at the above church, and Mas Edra Mattock, of Pinchbeck.

HILGAY, NORFOLE.
THE NORWICH DIOGESAN ASSOGIATTON On Salurday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hosirs and Two Minutes,

Az the Cegrch of Ale. Salnts,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 DHANCES| Tencr 17 owt.


* First peal of Major.

MTLNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satarday, May 0, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thre Minutes,
At tee Parish Caurci of St. James,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGE8:
FAlRWARP, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in 7 hree Howrs and Two Jimutts,

## At Cerist Chorct.


Thorsians' Foor-pari. Teror ry cwt.

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## ROTHWELL, YORKS

THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
(Lieds and District Amalgamated Socizty.)
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Howys and Ten Minwfes, At tez Churce of tei Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DGUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Thior 13 cwt .
-Gborge Ward ... ... ...Treble Tbos. W. Strangeway ... 5 Agtedr G. Wood ... ... 2 Albbrt Wormald ... ... 6
Grorge Wh. Siezl... ... 3 Percy Massam ... ... ... 7
†Gborgr Copley ... ... 4 Harry Homer ... ... ...Temor Composed by A. Crayzn. Conducted by T. W. Strangeway.

* First peal in the method. + First peal in the method away from the treble.


## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLX GDILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hows and Twelve Minutes, At fez Cecrch of SS. Pbier and Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5R58 CHANGE8। Tenor 24 cwt.
Sgrlford Sparrow ... ...Treble Horace J. Manspield ... 5
Edwin A. Cracknell... ... 2 Harry D. Lister ... ... 6
Kbita W. Weitible ... ... 3 Arthor Grinwood ... ... 7
Gborge W. Ablity ... ... 4 Garnbam A. Blaxcele ...Temor Composed by Grorge H. Cross. Conducted by Harry D. Listrr. NORWICE.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Twestay, May 9, 7939, in Three Hows and Thirty-Eight Hinmbs,
Ai tee Chtreb of St. Peter Mancrofy,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE HAJOR, 5088 CHANGEs; Tenor 37 cwt .3 qr . I 5 lb . in C .

- Ernest G. Shorting ...Treble William G. Maybrs ... ... 5

Nolan Golden... ....... $\quad 2 \quad$ William Clover Henry Toorb ... ... ... Gborge Mayers ... ... 4 Composed by N. J. Pirszow. grorge Bailey ... ... ... 7 Fredericz Sbager .... ...Tteror Condacted by N. Golden.

RTPLEY, DEREYSEIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
Oa Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Two Minutes,
At xer Chuech or All Sairts,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGE8; Tenor 17 cwt .
-G. Abjaur Bowmer ... ...Trable Franr F. Hill ... ... ... 5
Fred. W. Hila ... ... ... 2 Franx Bradley ... ... ... 6
"Jobn E. Hobrs ......
Fred. A. Saleter ... ... 4 J. Frederich Milner.... ...temon
Composed by C. Midderton. Condacted by J. Fredericr Milmer

* First peal of Cambriage.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.
THE WINOHESTER AND PORTBMOUTH DIOCESAN GULLD On Wedmasday, May 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventecm Minutes,

At the Cuetra of the. Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MDRWICH COURT BOE MAJOR, 6088 Chances Tenor 16 cmi , in F .

- Miss Mabrl Scott ... ...Treble |R. Gordon Cross


Composed by Jamas Henr. Conducted by A. Paricer Cannon.
* First peal in the melhod. First peal in the method on the bells NUNEATON, WARWICESHIRE.
TEEE WARWIOKSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, May 11. 1939, in Two Howrs amd Forty-Eight Misutes,
At ibe Parisa Cherce of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5059 CHANRES, Temor 14t Cwt. in E.
*Benjamin Beebz ... ...Tyeble Alpred Ballard ... ...
"Cbarles Marsball.... ... 2 † Frank K. Mbasuris
Waltbr P. Weitebead .. 3 Williay Botirill ... ... 7
W. Artiger Ridington ... 4 Edward R. Weitehzad .... Tomor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. P. Weirebrad.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Turo Minutes, At the Ceurch of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK 8URPRIBE MAJQR, 6088 CHANGES
Tenor 13 cwt. I qra 2 iz lb . in F .
 ductor in the method.

TWIORENHAM, MDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX CODNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Thred Hours and Two Minutes.
At tar Caurch of Sr. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE COSLANY COURT MAJOR, 5056 Changes; Tenor i8it cwt .
Edward Lanristbr ... ...Treble |Ernest C. S. Torner... ... 5 J. Armger Trollope... ... 2 Wilprid G. Wilson ... ... 6 Gborgr M. Kilby ... ... 3 Harry Kiley ... ... ... 7 Jobn S. Goldsmita ... ... \& Jamgs C. E. Simpson ... ...Temor Composed by A. Knigers. Condacted by Einegt C. S. Turaer. The first peal in the method.

PALGRAFE, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATTON
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours und Fifty.Three Minwtes, At teil Church of St. Perze.
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGE ; Tenor 7 cwt .3 qr. 6 fb .
Ernest Wbising
... ...Troble
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Whlter Elsey ...e } & \text {... } & \text {... } & 5 \\ \text { W. Arcbie Lock } & \text {... } & \text {... } & 6\end{array}$
Frederick C. Gunton
Fredrrict C. Roper

- Leonard H. Loce Composed by C. Middreion, Conducted by E. Wbitimg.
* First attempt for a poal in the method.


## LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUIED.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Howrs and Two Minwtes,
Az tar Cebrch of Sx. Matterw, Bbibnal Grebn,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGER;
Parker'sTwilve-pary.

G. A. Parsons ... ...
G. W. Cecic
...
... ...
Conducted by E. Matrice Ainins.

* First peal away from tenor. + First peal. Rung as a farewoll to the Rev. S. L. Sarel. M.A, who is shortly resigaing after $2 \hat{2}$ years service ss Rector of Bethanal Green.

ALVERSTOKE, HABIFSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOOESAN GULLD.
On Sulurday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Tfinutas,
At fer Ceurce of St. Mary
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 13k cwt.
Robery H. Robinson... ...Tyebig William T. Berson ... ... 5 Grorge Williams ... ... 2 Reginald A. Rerd ... .... 5 Frbderacr S. Baylby ... 3 Frederick W. Rogers ... 7 Tower R. Taylor . Composed by I. W. Parker
 First peai of Briztol on the bells.

## PEAE CORRECTION.

The peal at Great Mongelam, Kent, on April 27til, was rumg for the Kent County association, and mot the Sussex Association as printed in the report.

HUREST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXTORD DIOCESAN GOLLD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
un Saturday, May 13, 1939, in i Aree Hours and Eight Minutas,
Az yee Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, bO4D CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. I qE. r6 lb.

Edgar Homprby
Williad J. Paice
"Norman H. Makins...*
Ernesi Mitcrell
Composed by Rey, E. B. James.

* Firat peal. + First peal of Grandsire. Rung to welcome the Bev. N. J. Raper to the benefice.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
(Lerds and District Society.)
Do Wedresday, April 26, 1939, in Thyes Howrs,
At ter Churce of All Saints.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being one 720 cach of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxfori Treble Boly and two T20's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. it $G$.
 Miss D. M. Hawley ... .... 2 Mrs. E. Bradley ... ... William Hawley ... .... 3 Labanard Drazz ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Leonard Drakr.
First peal of Minor as conductor. Arranged as a farewell peal to the retiring Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Fieks.

## IDEN, SDSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY AESODETION.
On Sathrday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Gme Minutes, At the Chorca or All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MiNOR, bO40 CHANGE8;
Tenor 15 cwt.
-Miss E. M. Orlebar

- Trebla | Edward Bisgop, R, A.F. Leslig W. Jarvis ... $\cdots{ }^{4} 2$ Frank H. Hicks ...

Conducted by Albery Relfg.
员 First peal of Minor.
CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHTRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Sunday, Aprit 30, 1939, in Tev Hours and Forly-Siz Mivutes, Ax the Pagish Chunch,

## A PEAL OF DDUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being life $\$ 20$ 's alach of Canterbury Pleasure and London Donbles, five 240's of Pitman's, five of Lindoff's and six of Morris' arragement of Grandsire.

- Horace D. Wriget.,

$$
\cdots \text { Trebls }
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James P. Hyeit...
Frrderick J. Watifins
ALbrRt E. JONES .. ...
†Tracey H. Young
3
Artaig InsEal ... .... ...Tinor conducted by A. E. Jonss.

* Firat peal awsy from the tenor. \& First pea] in three methods.

APSLBY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD GOLNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, Mayt, 1939, in TuO Brwfs awd Forty-Four Minates, At tar Cborge of St. Mary

## A PEAL DF SURPRISE MINOR, 5048 CHANEES;

In 14 methods: (1) Beverley. Berwich, Hexham and Surfleet; (2) Normich: (3) Lightfoot and Wearmoeth; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Walls; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Netherseate. Tenor 145 cwt.
William Ferasey... .-* ...Treble|"Harold J. Hazbec.... ... 4
 Adgugrin V. Good ... .... 3 Walter Ayre ... ... .... Temor Conducted by Wactar Ayrz.

* Firsh "spheed" perl. There were 67 changes of metiod. First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band and in the county.


## WANSTEAD, ESSEX <br> THE ESAEX ASSOOLATION. <br> On Twesday, May 2, 1939, in Two Hows and Twenty-Dra Minutes, <br> At Curist Cefrge, <br> A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt
Mrs. John H. Crabrion ...Tyeble
Jona C. Pbity
4
Eric J. Cor ...... Aleart G. Petty ....... 3 Joan H. Crampion .... ...Temor Conducted by Jogn H. Crampion.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Basil T. Guy, curate at Wanstead, to Miss M. L. J. Ritson, only caughter of the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Ritson, of Beckenham.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION
On Wedmesday, May 3, 1039, in Twro Howrs and Fifty Mirutes,
At the Cberce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, B080 CHANBES,

Being an axtent each of Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob ard Plain Bob.
Samorl Danizis... ... ...Trebla | Ronald J. Searp ... ... 4
Andrew C. Sinfleld... ... 2 Reginald J. Hobgeron .... 5
C. Henry Harding ... $\ldots . .3$... 3 C. Edwardijepfries ... ....Temor

Conducted by C. E. Jeqprifs,
Rung with the bells half-mufled as a last token of respect to Mrs.
C. Sharpe, wife of the former sexton of this church, and a member of the chair.

## BRISCOL

THE GLOUORSTER AND BRISTOL DIOOESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wodmeday, May 3, J939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Etght Minnte,

## At the Churce of St. Werrubgh,

A PEAL OF MINQR, 5040 CHANGEB;
Being three $790^{\prime} s$ of Flain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Trable Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt .

William S. Beimble... ... 2 Leslig E. H. Frence ... 5 Ertc M. Beddoe ... ... ... 3 Sidney G. Riches ... ...Tator

Conducted by Sidney G. Ricars.
First peal for all except the conduchor. Rung to colebrate the birth of a daugliter to Mr, and Mrs. If. W. Pame. FELKIRK, YORKS.
THE YORESHIRE ASSOOTATION.
(Barnslby and Digtrict Sacrbyy.)
On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Hows and Fiffy-Three Minwled,
At the Cbyrce of Si. Peter.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;

Being T20 eech of Huil, Cambridge, Bourne, Anvabie's London, Netherseale, Westminster and Allendale. Tenor 10 cwt .
-Ronald H. Dove ... ... Trabre
Ronald H, Dove
J. Thomas Waite
+.** *** 2

- Rorand Hill
$\begin{array}{lll}\text {... } & \text {... } & 4 \\ \cdots & . . & 5\end{array}$
Harold Cbaky ... Conducted by Dantel Smith
* First penl of Surprise Minor.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM,
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Dn Satwray, May 6, 1939, in Tw Hours and Fifty-Tw Minwes, At tbe Chorch of St. Joen.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE 日OB MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;

Being seven different 720 s.
Tenor 8 ewt.
*Jorn L. Bloxiam .... ...Treble| Benjamin Williams ... ... 4 Travor M. Roderica ... 2 Harry Boyge ... ... ... 5
 Conducted by Gwyn 1. Lerpis.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal af Treble Bob Minor on the belis. Rung balf-muifled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of the diacese, the Right Rer. Timotly Rees.


## WEDDING BELLS.

On Maturday, Mby 13th, for the wedding of Mr. Exnest Cousias and Miss Ada S. Kenworthy at Moorside Church, a quarter-peal of Sfedman Triples (Odd Boh) ; Frank Lawtion 1, FHarold Armstead 2, Joe Ogden 3, Iseae Garifide 4, John W. Traelove 5, Fred Pollitt 6, Ivan Kay (conductor) 7, James Brooks 8. Firbi quarter-peal.

BRONLLYS, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND bRECON DIOCESAN GULID. On Satwrday, May 6, 1939, in Two Howys and Fifty Minultes, At teg Caurce or St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores ( 10 callings) and one 240 of Morvis' arrangement Tenor 7 cmt .8 lb .

 Conơucted by D. H. Bennetr.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the installation of Canon E. A. T. Roberts, branch chairman, as Desn of Brecon Cathedral; also in honour of their Majesties' visit to the Dominion of Canada and the U.S.A. First peal on the bells.

DONINGTON, IINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Sutuyday, May 6, 1939, in Tuo Howrs and Fifly-Five Minutes
Ax tee Cborce of Sy. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, EO40 CHANGES;

Bcing one extent each of Court Bob Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
-Grald Short ... ... ...Teeble falbert H. Firta ... ... 4 Alegri E. Flattbes ... a *Albert H. Bennbti..... 5 Artacr Young ... ... ... 3 Cyril Wander ... ... ... Temo, Conducted by C . Wander.
*First peal in seven methods. $\dagger$ First peal in seven methods "inside." filirst peal as conductor.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Thete Hours and Four Minutes, At iee Cherch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 DHANOE 1

Being seven 720's each called diferently. Tenor 273 cmt .
Ernest Williams ... ...Ttebla †Traczy H. Young ... ... 4
*William Howeles ... ... 2 Gborge T. Cousing ... ... 5 William H. Symonds ... 3 Ernegt F. Salmons... ...Tomor Conducted by E. F. Salmons.

* First peal of Minor 'inside,' + First peal of Minor. SaXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK. THE BUFFOLK GUILD.
On Salkrday, May 6, 1939, in I wo Howrs and Forty-Five Minules, At the Chuech of St. John-the-Baptigt,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two $720{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$ each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 81 cwt . in A flat.
-Pbilip C. Bicenell ... ...Treble Jambs W. Jenmings ... ... 4
Frank L. Figher ... .... 2 Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... 5
George A. Fleming... ... 3 Cecil W. Pipr ... ... ...Temoy Condacted by Sylvia R. E. Bowyer.
* First peal of Minor.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturdky, May 6, 1939. in Two Hows and Forty-Five Minwifs At ibe Church of St. Winspred,
A PEAL OF MIHOR, 5040 CHANGE $\$_{1}$
Being two 720 's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Mies Ida Thompson ... ... 3 R. Alan Hicrion ... ... 5 Cbarlas Hitcbinson ... 3 Edmond C. Cbasty ... ...Tenoy Conducted by E. C. Ceasty. HALSALL, LANCASHTRE.
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCTATION.
On Satuyday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hows and Foyty-Five Minutas, At the Cedrcb of St. Cotbbert,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5BAO CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Chester, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Durhans.
-Wilperd Core

-Tromas S. Horridge ... 3 -Ernist F. Bennett... .... Tmper Conducted by Grorge R. Newrox.

* First peat in seren Surprise Minor methods.


## KIRDFORD, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Satheday, May 6, 1939, in Thre Hours,
At the Ceureh oy St. Jobn,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGESI

 Tenor 14 awt.

- First peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Hall, who was 15 years old on the following day. It was also a birthdey compliment to the ringers of 2ad, 4th and 5tle.

SPRTNGFIELD, ESSEX

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Houys and Forty-7 hyee Minwles, At the Chorch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 504D CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, and two 720 's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Harry Joyce ... ... ...Tyeble Albert e. Norib ... ... 4 Gbrald Fross ... ... ... 2 Frane C. May ... William S. May ... ... ... 3 Frane B. Lufbin ... ... emor Conducted by Frank B. Lefrin. WIVETON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWIOH DJOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Twosday, May 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minntes At the Cetrach of St, Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bobs, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12t cwt.
L. V. Page ... ...
J. H. A. Pompgrey
...Treble W. R. West...
... $\cdot . .2^{2}$ W. C. MedLer

Conducted by Eric Durrant.
First peal as conductor.
WESTONING, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939. in Two Honys and Forty-Fowy Miкutes, Ay fer Gedrch of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF MINOR, BOAD OHANGES:
Being 720 eack of Londor, Norwich and Cambrifge Surprise, College Fxercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Eoh Toncr 12 cwt . in F sharp.
Jobn Cacrcb ... ... ...Trebla Ronald J. Sifaf. Reginald J. Hodgeton ... $\quad$ a C. Edward jeffaigs... ... 4 Andegw C. Simpield... .... 3 Lewis H. Bywatbrs ... ...temer

Conducted by L. H. Bywhters.
TACKIEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Thre: Howrs,
At ter Cherea of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8:
Comprising an extent eaclt of St, Clement's Bob. Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Biob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Erngst Pbarbon
-Gborgra Ayres.
... ...Trebls

Marie R. Cross
..Treble
Herbert h. Albxander Rev. C. Elliot Wige ... alan R. Pink ... ... ....T mor $^{5}$

## Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First paal in seven methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells.


## RREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHRE

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hokys and Fiffy-Five Minstrs,
Az the Caurch of St. Anderw,

## A PEAL OF DDUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Can terbury, Cliford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, London Doubles and Graudsirc

- Josepa T. Moras ... ...Tyeble Albert E. jongs ... ... 4
-Lisele Evans ... ... ... 2 James P. Hyett... ... .... 5
G. James R. Paicr ... .... 3 -Arther Imseal ... ... ...Temor
* First peal in seven methods.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLAESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND ST. MARY ABBOT'S GULLD On Friday, May 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes
 Tenor, size 18.
Clarence H. Dobeie
Wilelam E. Jodo

| I-2 | Eanest C. S. Torner. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3-4 | Artapr J. Wingeres |

5.6
7.8

Composed by J. Plazt. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Tuener.
First handbell peal in the method by all and by St. Mary Abbot's Guila

## ITCHFLEL, STAFFORDSHIRE

On Swddy, May 7, 1939, int Two Hows and Thirly-Fowr Minntes.
Ax the Thrological College,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLEE, 5040 GHANGES;
Forty-two gix-scores, with ten diferent callings. Tenor size 14 in D. Riceard A. C. Brodribi .... I-2 Malcolm C. C. Melyille... 3-4 Micrarl M, K. Warren ... 5-6
Conducted by Ricgard A. C. Brodriges
First ettempt for a peal as conductor
ROTHERTAM, YORKSFIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOOLATION.
On Thuysiay, May 17, 1939, in Tu Howy ard Fiftan Mimity,
Ai ig. Middle Lane Sodie,

## A PEAL DF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

T. Colin Ryder

Alegrt Nast
Composed by H. Dans
1-2 $\begin{aligned} & \text { Harold Cbant }\end{aligned}$
3-4 Sidmey F. Palmer Conducted by A. NASB ${ }^{7-8}$

## OXFEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASEOCLATION.

Dn Friday, May 12, 1939, in Two Honrs and Soventern Minutes, At 28. Figed Road,

## A PEAL OF SPLIGED LONDOH, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE \& BUPERLATIVE

SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 EHANGES
Henry Hoderizs
Cgristoparr W, Woolley
I-2 Harold G. Casemore
Composed by A. J. Pitman
44 peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 608 Superlative and 544 Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

## LONDON.

THE MDDDLESEX CODNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOQESAN GDILD, AND ST. MARY ABBOT'S GULLD. On Friday, May 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Nime Minutes,
In ter Belpry of the Cuurce de St, Mary Abbot, Kbnsingion, A PEAL DF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Odd-Bob.
Tenor size 18.
Clarince H. Dobbir... $\quad . . . \quad$ I-2 $\quad$ Ernist C. S. Torner.
Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held ower).

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRTDGE DISTRICT AT FAST PECKEAM
The spring meetigg of the Tombridge District, was held at East. Peckham on May 6th, and proved a great success.
The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening in the standard Minor methods, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd, althorgh some difficulty was experienced in getting the members into the beliry, as the urge to evjoy the sunchme and magnificent view was great,

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Benmitt).
Tea was partaken of on the lawn at the vicarage by 50 membars. It was kinuly provided by Mr. R. M. Cook, of Roydon Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, supported by Mr. T. Seunders, the local secretary, Mr. E. J. Ladd, and the district seoretary. Among those present were Mrg, E, H. Lewpis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. G. ㅍ. Cross and Mr. T. Groombridge. Five new members were elected.
A report of the last quarterly peal attempt revealed that it had been a failure, someone having blundered, after ringing Stedman Triples at Edenbridge for 2 hours and 25 minates.

Mr. Ladd intimated that the next attempt would be for Minor, and asked for names from which to pick a band.
The Chairman thanked the Vicar for his kind welcome, for conducting the service and his interesting adiress.

A rote of thanks to Mr. T. Saunders for all be bad done to help make the meating such a success concluded the meeting.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCE TO VISIT MLLTON ABBEY
A very successful mecting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salishury Guild was held at Maiden Newton. It was the first meeting lield thero for about seven years and welcomed the return of this tower to the Guid.

The Gaild Office was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck). assisted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. W. Markby). The Rector qave the address, and after the service the wembers and friends, to tive mumber of about 70 , adjourued to the Parish Hall, where a suraptuous tea awaited them.
At the busizess meeting which followed, the Rev, A. W. Markby presided, scpported by the Mester of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), Canon Slemeck, the Rev. A. A. Godley (Stratton), the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Wpwey) and ilie Rev. R. P. Farrow (Bast Lulworth), vico-chairman of the branch. Several hon. members were present and the following towers were represeated: Bere Regis, Bradiord Peverell, Chariangter, Fast Lulworth, Dorchester, Stratton, Bydling, Shroton, Meidea Newton, Epwey, Wool and Wyle Regis. Welcome visitors were Messrs. C. S. 3ird (Heston), R. Bird (Isleworth), and L. Rumsay (Teddington, Middesex).

The hon. secretary rentinded members of the nauual festival of the Guild, to be hold at Calne on Baturday, May 13th. He also reported he bad been successfil in obtaining permission for a ringers" gatkering at Milton Abbey, probably on Saturday, Jume 17th. It was five years since they visited this glorious spot.
Tho announcement was received with applause.
The quarterly meeting will now be held in July at Upwey.
The hon. secretary whas asked to send a letter of congratalation to Mr. H. H. House, correspondent for Frampton tower, as the meeting oincider with his wedding day.
The Master said he would let them into a secret, A noted ringer, whom they all knew well, was to be married zeat month, and le hoped they wrould ring their bells for the occasion.
Onv new honorary member and one ringine member were elected.
The Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the wisitors, and the ustal votes of thanks were passed with acchantion, especially that to the Rector, and the local band and their wives who provided such an excellent tea. A welcome was given to the locel band on their returu to the fold.
The Rev, R. P. Farrow, as a change ringing parson, said a few words of encouragement to the members, and urged them to study the higher methods of change ringing.
The Hon. Secretary said lie repretted the money had not been forthcoming for the repair of Wyke Regis bells, which were still silent, and kept then all from an eiglit-bell practice tower.
The memaliers afterwards returned to the hower, where this fine light peal of sis were kept going for prsctice for the learners untijl nearly $90^{1}$ clock. Some went on to the neighlouring tower of Cattistock and had a slore fouch, and listened to the carillon of 35 bells.

## SURFLEET RINGER'S DEATH

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Foseph W. Flowers, of Surfleet, Limednsinre, who passed away et the Johnson Hospital, Spalaing, on April 21st. after an operation.

The funeral took place at Eurfleet on the following Thesday.
Mr . Flowers had been a ringer at St, Lanarences for 41 years, being one of the first to join up in response to an appeal for rjogers by the late Rey. H. Law James, when he first wont to Surfleet in 1888. During his life Mr. Flowers gerved as sexton for atumber of years and also filled the office of sidesman.

Although he was not a great peal ringer-he rang about. 15 pealshe was regular in his attendance for service ringing until about a year ago. when failing health compelled him to give it up.
It is interesting to note that his grandfather, Mr. Henry Robinson, was in ringer at St. Laurence's Charch for 60 years, so that between them they gave over 100 years' serviee.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The emnual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Heene (Worthing) on Saturday, April 22ad, when members were present from Angmering. Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton Chichester, Heene, Shorcham and Storington. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Havitand), who gave the ringers a cordial welcome.
Tea and business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.
The whole of the ontgotng officers were re-elected, and a wote of tharks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, also for providing the excellent tea.
In the evening both Heene and Tarring belfries were visited by the members for further ringing.

## CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL RINGER' ${ }^{\text {O }}$ DEATH.

The deatli oceurred on Easter Monday of Mr. Charles William Brett, who was for many years a member of the band at Canterbury Cathedral. He was $53^{\prime \prime}$ years of age.
At the Cathedral on Apri] 13 thn a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung with the bells half-mufled as a lase tribute of respect: J. Walter 1, G. G. Jenkins 2, F. A. Fairbeard 3, P. F. Small 4, E. E. Trendelf 5, F. G. Brett (composer nud conductor) 6, R. Baldock 7, F. I. Weller 8, B. J. Luck 9, G. Simpson 10.

## PEAL NOTES.

## METHOD WITHOUT A DODGE.

Double Cosleny Court Major, the first peat of which was rung on Saturday at Twiekenbam, is a method of the beater track. It is a plain method by designation, but by mo means plain to ring. There is not a dodge in the whole of the plain course, and, looking at the diagram, it seems as if the bells hop hither and thither iudiscriminately, to settle for a lead in front or at the back to practice Stedman 'whole-turas.' Aetuaily the method is of the Bristol type, and one of the ringers, mathematically trained, not inaptly described it as ' Bristol Surprise square-rooted.'
But if you would life to know wore of the method, turn up the Contral Council's 'Collection of Plain Major Methods,' where Double Coslany will be fould, as well as a great many other methods well worth ringing.
The peal on Saturday was rung with fourth's place bobs, which brings up repeating work for the bells above. It was, in facti a Bristol Surprise composition doubled by the use of singles, and when a single is calied all the seven working helis are affected. The method can he ruag with a sixth's plene bob if desired.
The first attempt for ar peal in the method was made about 13 years ago at Willesden, but it was lost not very far from the end and a further attempt at that time was prevented ly the general strike (not of ringers) which necurred. Three or four of the band wha were in the attempt in 1926 rang on Saturday
It is not often that Carter's Odd-Boh peal of Stedman Tripies is ruag, anf orly on very few occasions has it been rung on handbells, but Mr. Ernest Turner called it from an inside pair on May 12th ut St. Mary Abbot's, Konsingion.
The first peal on tine bells at Ripley, Derbyshire, since they were rehung, was rung on May 10 h . The method was Cambridge Surprise.
Mr. W. A. Richardson, a nepherr of Mr. Rupert Rickareson, Master of the Lincoln Piecessa Guild, was married to Miss Edns Mattock, of Pinclilyeck, on Msy 6th, and a peal of Kent Treble Bolb Major in bonour of the event was rumg.

## THEOLOGICAL COLUEGE STUDENTS' PROGRESE

The progress that is being made in ringing by students at Lichfield Theological College is further marked by another handbell peal of Gramdire Doubles, rund on May 7hlu. It was their second peal, and bolh were rung at the first attempt,
It was called by Richard Brodribb, who, with Michael Warren, who ravg 5-6. began double.handed rioging less than four monthg ago, and neither has done any ringing on tower bells.
A peal of Superiative at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwicl3, on May 94 , and of Painswict: Surprise at Pullam on May 11th, were arranged for Mr. Fred Soager, of Keighley, Yorkshire, who was formerly a ringer at Tibenham, Norfolk.
The puickest peal of Maior on the bells at Wem, Shropshire, was rung on May 6th, when 5,088 of Kent Trelle Bob Major was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes. The tenor is $\frac{13}{}$ cowt.
Mr. Harold $S h u c k$, of Cradey, rang his first peal of Stedman as ronductor when he called Thurstans four-part at Christ Church, Oldbury. Worcestershire, on May 6th. It was bis first attempl to call a peal of Stedman nud was the quarterly peal of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

A peal in seven Surprise Minor mathods, the first by three of the hand, was rung at Felkirlk, Yorkshire, on May 4th, With the exception of Mr. R. H. Dove, all the fand are regular service ringers at the church.
A peal of Double Norwich at Fakenham, Norfolk, on April 30th, was rung to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of Mr. C. W. Ebbersen's first peal, which was rung on the same bell. Mr. R. W. Cooke was also in both pesils.
The first peal of Doulite Norwich on the hells at Holy Rood, Sonthampton, on Way J0th, was only the second peal there since 1892 The bells were rehung not long since, and a peal of Bob Major was rung on them in 1935
Mr. H. D. Lister rang his 150 h h peal when he called a peal of Domble Norwicli Major at Stownarket on Mey 6th.
The footnote to the peal on April 27 th at Clyst St. George is not correct. A peal in two methods whs rung there on May 19th, 1028. QUICK PEAL
At the Belt Foumdry, Loughborough, on Tharsday, May Ath, memhers of the Midland Comnties Association attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, ent it was most unfortunste that it wias lost after 30 minutes ringing. With the shert time left at thoir disposal, eight of the party cuickly tapped of e peal of Grandsire Triples, Mir. John E. Clarke and Mr. Ted Whiteheaid, who were in the attempt for Caters, vers findly consenting to stand nath, The time was 2 hours 14 minutes.

After ringing a peal in seren different Doubles methods at, Bredwardine, Herefordshire, on May 13th, fwo of the band, making their way to Hay, had the pleasure of bearing the mightingale siuging in the stillmess of the night. They stopped to listeu to the enchanting notes.
Of course we dou't know, but the incident may hure explained their very late arrival home. We heard the aightingale a fortuight ago, but it was at two o'clock in the mornigg, and we were not on our way home from a peal either.
Miss B. Fall, of Kiraiord, Sussex, stored hor furst peal at the first attempt on the day before her fifteenth birthday. She rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Daubles, which bad been arranged as a birthday compliment to her and three others of the band, Messrs. Q . Killner, P. F. C. Duncton nud P. Duncton, The peal was rung of May 5th.
A peal of Grandsire Eriples was ruvg at the famous Church of St . Mathew, Belhnal Green, on May 13 th , as a farewell to the Rectar, the Rev. S. L. Sarel, who is resigning after 22 years as imamoent.

The peal of Stedran Caters at Hygh Wycombe on May l0th was arranged for Mr. W. 互, Plumidge, who rang his first peal вway from the lever.
A peal of Grandsire Triples was ruag at Hurst, Berkshira, on May 13th, to welcome the rew Vicar, the Rev. N. J. Raper, who was inducted on the previous Wednesday. Eo was formerly curate at St Laurence's, Reading, and among the band who rang the peal, and which was drawn trom geven parishes, was Mr. Edgar Hamfrey, of St. Leurence's band. The other towers represented were Pinohampstead, Sonring All Saints', Wokingham, Twyford, Eurst and Sand burst.

Affer making nearly 30 unsuccessful attempts for a peal of Cambridge, Mr. Fragk Measures actually pulled one off whet at Numenton on May llth lie took part in the peal by members of the Warwickshire Guild. While his previous efforts for e peal of Combridge bave been fruitless, it is a noteworthy fact that he bes rung in peals of Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major'.
A peal of Bob Minor, rung at Iden, Sussex, on April 20 hb , wa arranged for a member of the R.A.F., Mr. Edwasd Bishop, who was home on leave
The first peal in 14 Surprise Minor mathods in Fertfordshire was rung at Apsley End on May Ist, conducied by Mr. Whatter Ayre. It was also the first peal of this kind by all the band.
peal that had heer 'on the boards" since Boxing Day was evenlitally rung at Chiford, Ferefordshire, on Amril 30th, after having been arranged and vancelled fivo times through illaes and otleer causes. It was a paiz in tiree methods of Doulbles and was arranged to oblige Mesers. H. D. Wright and T. H. YounE.

## AN INTERESTING COMPOSITION

Fare is an interosting new compositiots of 5,184 Pudsey Surprise Major by E. A. Brinett. It was rung on May bits at Clifte-at-Hoo. It will be rotioed that 4. 5 and 6 are in combleation in 5-6 at fiftem out of the possible 18 course-ends, and it is beiseved to bo the first rung containing more than nine of these. Incidentally, the romposition will not run true to Yorkshire, Superlative, Painswich, etc.

## B. M. W. H. 23456 35204 56342 43265 62534 23645

Twice repested
Canon E. A. T. Roberts, branch chairman of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, hes been installed Dena of Brecon Cathedral, and in his honour the first peal on the pewlw-augmented ring it Bronllys Church was rung on faturdas. It was also rung do celebrate the departure of their Majesties the King aud Queen upon their visit to Caradz and the U.S.A.
Tho penl at Fghan, Surrey, recorded last week, was not the first of Oxford Bob Triples rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The first was rung et Ewell for the Coronation in 1837.
Scrvice ringers at St. James", Milnow, Latics, ralla a peal of Bob Major on May 6th to celebrate the 70th ngniversary of the church.

Another local company who scored a peal on May 6th were the ringers at Fofhwell, Yorkshire, who rang Double Norwich Major
peal in three Minar methods at St. Werlurgh's Bristol. on May Srd, was the first peal hy all cacept the conductor, Mr. S. G. Riches, It was rung to celebrate tho birth of en daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Parne. Mr. Pasme lias been stceplekeeper at St. Werburgh's for eleven years, but was unable to take part in the peal owing to night work.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUPPORT FOR CENTHAL COUNCI'S SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK.
The anuaal meeting of Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held on April $29 t h$ at Lincoln. There was the usual good attendance of ringers at the Cathedral to ring on the peal of twelve in the afternoon and at the tower of St. Peter-at-Gowts, where there are six bells. Unfortrusetely the bells of St. Botolph's are at present out of order.

The Desn of Lincoln, president of the Guitd, conducted a special service in the Morning Clapel of the Cathedral, and afterwards upwards of $\pi$ hundred ringerg and frieuds gathered for tea in the Go-operative Hall.

At the meeting which followed, the officers were all re-elected, mamely, the Very Rey. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln, president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer. The Fen. Archdegcon H. T. Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Mr. Jack Bray and Mr. George Chester were re-elected as represeataives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.
It was unanimously agreed to nccept the Centra! Conncil's invitation to subgeribe towards the cost of printing the "Collection of Surprise Major Methods, and at the clase of the neeting 18 applications for copies of this book were receiped by the secretary.

The question of naming the methods was raised by Mr. J. Bray, one of the Central Council representatives, and although no formal resolution was moved, it was evident that the meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of the Central Council giving nanies to those methods whish were at present unnsmed, and so avoiding the confusion which foltowed the publication of the Minor methods.

The Master, referring to his report for 1938, congeatulated the Gnild on its peal record. Ninetp-nine peals had been rung, against 105 in the previong year, but the quality of the performances had, he thought, been more than maintained. Fe mentioned the loss of the Mjnor record during the year, 84 methods in one peal having been Fung by the Chester Diocesen (Ruild, whom he congratulated heartily on thif achievement. He loped, however, to see the recori come back to Lineclnshire at some foture time.

In his turn, the Mester received the hearty congratulations of the meeting on his compleling his 7ooll peal during the past year.
After the mecting there was more ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter-nt-Gowts, and, in addition the fine ring of eight at the new Church of St, Giles were available during the eveaing. These bells were formerly at the Church of St. Peter-ut-Arches, which was demolished a few years ago, and were installed in their new home after lying idle at the bell foundry for some considerable time. Many of the pisitors took the opportunity of renewing their acqueintance with them.

## AUGHTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

MEMORIAL TO LANCASHIRE RINGER.
On Satarday, May I3th, a joint meating of the Liverpool and Wigan Brancies of the Lancashire Association was held at Charist Chardi, Aughton, when the newly-tuned and rehung peal of eight was enjoyed by nearly 70 ringers. Owing to the bad going ' of the bells for a few years mestings at lihis popular tower have been sadly missed, but this being the first "turn out" gince Messrs. Taylors put them in order, meant that everyone was keen to try them, and no doubt a woilderful job has been done. Immediately prior to the serviee the Ficar (the Rev. J. P. Hobson), assisted by the Church Army Captan Jones, dedicated a peal hoard commemorating the work which lad been done, and at the service gave an interesting address.
No less than 80 partook of tea in the school, and alterwards Mr. Hutton, whose family bad, with Mrs. T. Warlow, defrayed the cost of the repairs to the bells in memory of his fathert said that he felt be could not bave fonnd a more suitable way of showing his gratitude for what bis fathar had done for him and his family than by seeing that the tower housed a fite peal. He sald his father, the late Alderman W. L. Hutton, was both ringer and warden at the church, and while alive hed begun to publish a boak on ringing. All the manuscripta and blocks were still available should any tower wish to accept them.
Mr. Peter Croak, of Bolton, moved a vote of thanks to all who had in any way assistee in making the meeting a success, and sajd he was pleased ta see that a closer co-oparation was being shown between the church and the ringers.
In the evering further ringing was indulged in unti] nearly niue o'clocls, when "one of the old brigade' had to returg home minus his headgear.

The hest thanke are due to Mr. Marsb and his ringers for all the a.rangements.

## WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Owing to the sudden illness of Canon A. Rust, it was decided not to attempt the peal of Hob Major arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Bowler, a rigger of Fushourne Crawley, on Saturday, Aprit 15th. At the request of Canon Rust, however, a quartar-pend of Bob Mijor was rung: H. H. Smith (Husbourne Crawley) 1, H. B. Whitney (Leightou Buzzurd) 2, I. Newman (Totternhoe) $\frac{1}{3}, ~ \sqrt{F} . ~ J$. Plummer (Leightom Buzzard) 4, J. Churels (Elenlow) 5, R. Howson (Newport Paghell) 6, L. H. Bywaters (conductar) (Fenlow) 7. F. Belson (Lafghton Buzard) 8. The ringers were afterwards antertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowles

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringere who intond visiting Streatham for the London County Association's meeting on Saturday are informed that Ste. Leonard's bells will not be available, but the bells at Immanuel Church will be open from 2.45 p.m.
The many frieuds of Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barmsley, wrill be sorry to hear that he is in the Royal Infirmary ab Sheffeld, where he is undergaing treatment, and wish him a speedy recovery.
Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guili, who was 82 on May 7th, wishes to thenk the meny ringing friends for their kind wishes for his birthday, and especially those who sent him greeting telegrams on the Sunday.

The meeting of the Mancliester Branch of the Lancaskire Association at Stretford, edvertised for to-morrow, has been cancelled, and, instead, there will ae a joint meating with the Bolton Branch at Walkder on May 27 th .

## LINCOLN GUILD'S BEST PERFORMANCE

## To the Editor

Dear \$ir, I was very much surprised and very borry to read Mr. H. M. Day's letter in the last issue of "The Ringing World.' I think it is a great pity bbat such a lelter was ever written. I am certain there is not one member of tho band who rang in the ten Surprisa Major method peal who would wish it to be proclaimed from the house tops as the best performance of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.
I an sure that every member of the band rang that peat, note with the spirit of boastfulness, but with the ides of adwancing the art of change ringing in Lincolnshire, and 1 think it very wrong for an officer of the Guild to stari drawing comparisona.

I em very pleased to bey that there is a very united and friendly gpirit throughout the Liacoln Diogesan Guild, and while I an Master I trust that spirit will prevail. Letters like Mr. Day's are liable to cause sparks that might turn into conflagrations and upset the whole unity of a Gutid.
R. RICEARDSON

Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

## RINGING UP AND DOWN.

To the Sditor.
Sir,-Tho letters appearing on this subject have been interesting. but they leave the practical ringer a littie bagy. In the west comntry festivals and certificatB competitions, the competing temms must 'rise' and 'fall' the bolls in peal, and often the results depend finally on how this part of the work is done. As a rule both 'rise ' and "tell" are done quickly, much more so thas with 'method' Tingers. Their method is somewhat as follows:-
Eaving regard to the 'pendulum' lengths of treble and tenor, it is obvious that in any rise the treble must swing off. In six belis, for example, the bells go (a) 123455 ( as close as possible); (b) $1 . . . .12456$; example, the bell (c) $12 \ldots 123456$ ( 12 ) 12.123456 ; (e) 1234.123456 ; (i) 12345.123456 ; (g) 123456123456 when all the bells are in souble tongue,"

Therefore, the treble should be swung off sharply to give place for ' double tonguing,' so that the tenor shall not be reduced to chiming and then if pulled off abarply become 'back-clappered.' Even with a temor a ton woight, the round ringers soldom back-clapper it. Nothing is so digconcerting to a tenor-man as to find himself under, ufter a few rounis. Hence the tenor ghould "tomgue " and 6 wing off et the same time, she must be 'ridden,' and the treble-man must swing off his bell so that she may keep clear of the tenor at hand when the tenor double tongues. The pace at which the treble goes up must depend entirely on the tenor. Usually, at steck-lovel the tresle has to close in a bit for a stroke or two; this will "ease' up the heavier bels. With a band who can "handle, the bells, the methodindicated above almost invariably produces a satisfactory rise.
In falling, the tenor comes away at once ond the pace given will guide the treble. No treble-man can come down well wnless the tenor comes down "seramely. Each of the other bells must be 'mang " down with quite as much effort as when up and ringing changes. If the tenor fall steadily and regularly, and is 'handled' in smartly at the 'chime,' the 'fall " is generally satisfactory.
Perheps the most importani bells in a 'rise' are the third and fourth, because if they be the least bit 'wide' the ring is divided and the back bells swing off, and, at donble-tonguing, the treble " hits' the tenor. A good "rise' depends on a snug initial 'pitch' of the bells thus 123456, as close as passible; if this be at all 'cloppy' the old round ringer would say "it's no rise at all." With eight bella the fifth and sixth musb be in close all the way up. Whatever the pace set by the treble may be, it must be continued all the way up.
F.O.E.

## A THREE-FOLD LOSS.

At St. Artrew's Church, Kiggshary, Middesex, on Friday, Mey 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Tripleg was rumg by H. Collier 1 , O. E. Lankester 2, R. G. Spears 3, G. M. Kilby 4, Mrs. J. H. Botham 5, C. Symm 6. E. B. Hartley (conductor) 7, A. Kitchen 8. This was followed by "the phole pull and stand and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Reginalif Pike. The loss to St. Andrew's Church by his death is tiree-fold, as he was an altar server, as well as a choirman and bellringer.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-7I.

## COLIN HARRISON

One of the most popular ringers in the Midlands, Mr. Colin Harrison, of Joughborough, Leicestershire, who has just been elected to the important office of vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, is a Yorlslhireman and comes of ringing stack, being a san of 3r. Robert Harrison, a well-known Shefleld ringer.

Horm on January 17th, I897, Mr. Colin Harrison learned bo ring at the Parish Church, now the Cathedral, Shefich, when only 10 years old. Four years in the Azmy put a temporary stop to his ringing activities, until demobjlisation in 1919, when, on March 15ill, he rang his first peal, Bob Major, at St. Mary's Church, Ruwnarslı. His first peal as conductor mas also Bob Major, when he turned in the tenor of the licervy ring of eight ets St. Marie's, Sheffield, on December $29 t \mathrm{~h} 1923$. I'his peal was quielry followed by his conducting Holt's Original and peals of Stedman and Troble Bob. For three years he was secretary of the Bhefficld District Society, and he also served on the General Committee of tlie York. Ehire Associstion.
In 2828 Mr . Harrison left. Sheffield to take up an appointment with Messrs. John Taylor and Co, and on the famous ring of bells is the Bell Foundry Campanile 80 of his peale lave been rung. He took part is the first peal of Royal by Eve falliers and five sons, lus rung in a peal in whicls the band ineluded three generations of his family, his father and his son Geoffrey. He lias taken part in the quickest peals on tower bells of Minor (Cambridge, in 1 hour 50 minutes), Triples (Stedman, in 2 hours 8 minutes), and Caters (Stedman, in 2 hours 32 minutes), all rung on the belle st the Foundry Campanite.

Out of a total of 162 peals, ranging from Minor to Maximas and including Stedman Caters and Cimques on handbells, he has conducted 52

For aight years he has been one of the auditors for the Midland Counties Association, and, as mentioned above, hes now been elected viec-president of the association.

## TEACHING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor
Sir, Some weeks ago you trere kind enough to insert in your paper a letior from myself, concerujag the continual use of techuical terms in teaching ringing. My opinion is still tle same as it was then, i.e., that tachnical terms are used a great deal more than is necessary or desirable in the teaching of legimners.

Might I be allowef to suggest that a School of Terchers be ormed of men who (1) know helringing well, and (2) could teacl it in ordinary Englisli, and (3) could attend lowert whed applied for and answer questions in oreinary English. There must be many beginners who would like to ask questions and get answers in ordinary language. This would require, not oniy a knowledge of bellinging, but also (1) an adequate knowledge of the Erglish language, and (2) the power to ase it in a fluent and perfectiy simple and uatural way. This would be of litile or no use to experlenced ringers, laut it would be very valuable for beginners, and it would also provide a response to minds who would like to begin by taking a pleasure in mastering the theory of rimging as well as in acquiring the power to ring one or many methods. It wauld be a good thing tu develop the strdy of bellringing theory smong beginmers
It mas be asked, are there not already many good seachers of ringing P My answer would be that very many of them have acquired all the technical terms, jncludiag some whirh are not in the 'Glossary, and, using them always in the tower, they go on using them, without modification, when teaching beginners. Hence the need of e new aim in teaching. W. W. LUCAS.

## Drayton Parslow Rectory.

P.S.-If thete werc teaching of ringing theary, there could be certificales for (1) theors and (2) for ringing, and even a ringing centre, somemhere in the country, Fith a hall and bells, where ringers could spend some days as part of their holiday and leara much about ringing and ringers' fellawship.

## LADIES' GUILD.

## DISCOURAGING ATTENDANGE ST EASTERN DISTRICT

 MEETENG.Tho annual mecting of tho Eastern District of the Ladies' Gaild was held at Braintree, Essex, on Saturday, The attendance was very poor, there being only five members, inclading one new member, present. The blame could not be daid on floods or weather conditions this time, as it was a perfect day. It is discouraging to those who attend, and it is very unsporting of members not to tura up when the meeting is in their district. No doulot other engagenents or peals are much more important, but they could be put aside for just the three or four occasions in the year when meetings are held.
The members present were Miss Snowden and Miss Miller (Halstead), Miss Barelam (Castle Hedinglam), Miss Le Beare (Bocking) and Miss Bowyer (Inswich). The meeting commenced with ringing at Bratntree Church, followed by a serwige, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Carpenter, in the absence of the Vicar, who was ill. Tea was served afterwards in the Clurch Hall to a party of 25, and at tile end Miss Snowden proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Carpenter, to the organist, to Mr. Felton who had kindly made uil avrangements for ter, and finally to the men for their much needed aupport.
At the business meeting which followed it was decided to elect new members first, so that they could vote at the ensuing election of officers. The new members were as follows: Miss Herrington (Lavenham), Mrs. Barber (Reedham), Misses A. M. and J. M. Greenhans (Ranworth), Miss A. Miller (Halstead) and Miss W. Elliott (Kelveden), The officers were re-elected, Miss Fi]da Suowden being vice-president and Miss Sylvia Bowyer secretary.
It was decided to lold the next meeting at Lowestoft in August, the date to be fiaally settled by the secretary.
During the evening most of the ringers visited Bocking, where the bells were also available.
The ringing during the day was of a ligh standard. It ranged from rounds througla all tle shandard methods to Londoa and Bristo! Surprise Major.
S. R. E. B.

## LONDON DHSTRET MEETJNG.

In glorious weather, the London District of the Ladies' Guild held a meeting on Saturday at lovely Stoke Poges, Eamous for its associaltion with the poet Gray

A merry party went by train from Paddington, and soon after 3 o'clock were welcomed at the cluurch by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. Ringing is the alternoon, which Faried from romens to Surprise, included a well-siruck coarse of Landon rung entirely by jadies. With the sum streaming through the belfry door, the birds singing outside and the peaceful quidet of the surrounding country, it was a perfect setting for a spring meeting.
At 5 o'clock friends with cars kindly volunteered to transport the ringers to tea at Stoke Green, where they were the guests of the Vicar of Stoke Poges. Over 30 peoplo sat down to tea, at least lalf the number being members of the Guild. The Vicar was duly thanged for his kindness.
At the short business meeting mambers were reminded that the annual district meeting would be held at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, on Saturday, July Ist, and the amoul general meeting of the Guild at Ipswichi on Saturdiy. July 8th. The monthly practices, which were being Leld at St. Gearge's on the first Wedpesday in every montl, were groving very successful. The next would be on Jume 7th at 7.30 .

Furtlier ringing took place until 8.45, when the visifors took their leave reluctantly, after baving ppent a most enjoyable time. Thanks are due to Mr. And Mrs. Barker for the excellent arrangements mado and the kind welcome extended.

## A TENORMAN FOR OVER 50 YEARS DEATH OF A PINNER BENGER.

Another old ringer has passed to his rest in the person of Mr r. T. Humphreys, of Pinner, Middlesex. He Fang the tenor to dwo pealis of Grandsire Triples for the Middtesex Associstion, wheu he was nearly 70 years of age, and these were his only peals, but he could be absolutely relided upon to le in his place for all clurch serwices and ols practice tight.

Mr. Humphreys learned to ring at St, Joln's, Hillingdon, in his younger days, walking from his lome at Hayes in the snow for that purpose, as the Hayes ringers of that fime would not be troubled with learners, and he had always been grateful to the Hillingdon men for their help. He afterwards moved to Ruislip, where he jained the St. Martin's band and rang the teror for five sears. Another move took him to Pinner, where he bad been a memaer of the band, and had rung the teaor for over 50 years.
He was laid to his rest in the дew Pinner Cemetery on Wedinesday aftemoon. May loth. within sound of the tenor he loved so much. The Middlesex Association was represeated at the funeral by Mr. T. Collins, and during the evening Pinner bells were rung half-naffled to his memary by a mixed hand from Pinner and Ruislip, the ringers being R. Colyer 1, C. Lord 2, W, Bunce, sen. J, O. Kirm 4, T. Collins 5, O. Johnson 6, J. Dulomore 7, H. Stratford and E. Ware, who rang the tenor alternately. The metlod whs Grandsire Doulles, with 4-6-8 covering.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD. <br> GROWTH OF PEAL RINGING

Ou th, Saturday aftor Easier, the Suffolk Guild held its amma! meeting at Ipswich. At the sarvice at St . Mary-le-Tower, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Basil Eiden, Rector of Bredfeld. Taking as his text, 'A man bearing a pitcher of water,' he showed how bipeessary to all arrangemeuts, even the most important, were the people who did the small unnoticed things; so ringers ought to feel bow recensury they are to God's work,
Tea was at the Co-operative Hall, and those who sat down-including mora lady ringers than before-made a company which seems to get larger year by yoar. The Bishop of Dunwich presided und said low pleased he was to be there and related some of his former attempts at rimging belly.
The statement of accounts slowed how prosperous the Guild now is, as the balance has nounled up to £ 42 . For this splenilid result, the treasurcr, Mr. C. E. Fisher, was suitably thanked.
In moving a vote of thanks to the Ringing Master for his report, the Rev. H. Drake said that it stated that the Guild had last year rung a record number of peals (116). He said the Norwiels Diocesan Association had also for the first time since they were separated topped th? hundred, and rung 103 peals. He wished to congratulate the ringers of Norfolk and to point out that each of the two societies were now topping a hundred peals a year, a result which, before they were divided, the siagle association always aimed at. Thus they were ringing twice as many peals, although the total number in the whole conetry was much the sarae: that is to say, the two counties were getting twice the share of all penls rume as they did before. He attributed this eutirely to the fact that they were now run as diogesan
institutions. He recalled the fact that Mr. Arthur Symonds, whose loss they now had to deplore, was really the originator of the Guild. Mr. Symonds wrote to the speaker and asked for bis help in what they liad just starteci in West Suffolk as the Suffolk County Associathon. He repled that he could only help a Diocesan Association. Mr. Symonds (whose son, Stedman, was with them, assenting to what was said) at once replied that they would change the name, and ever since they had been an integral part of the clocesan work.
All then stood in silence in mernory of Mr. Arthur Symonde, and of Mr. C. I. Tratman, who liad beon responsible for the revival of aingıng in Woodbridge.
The officers were re-elected. The Rev, H. Drake was added to the vice-presidenis and Miss 太ylvia Bowyer to the committee. The Iutter was thanked by the chairman, not only for the record of ringing 51. peals for the Guild last year, but for the oxcellent speech she made in thanking thie meoting for the honour done her.
Mr E. F. Poppy moved that the Report be fuller in future. He said it appeared vory sliripy, and left out a great deal that was in other reports. Mr. Poppy's resolution was evidently largely supporteg by those present, and was seconded by the Rev. H. Drake.
It was opposen by Mr. H. Herhert, the secretary, who said it was absolutely necessary to economise in this way. He pointed out that a naiglibouring Guild published an even smaller Report.
Mr. C. J. Sedgley took the responsilility for the changes whicls had been made, and said that the difficulty was of verification, and that it was better to leave out information than to print what was out of date.
At this stage the Bishop of Dunwich proposed, and it was carried, that this matter be considered by the committee. He was quite sure that the committee would take into consideration all that had been said that day
The meeting concluded with the usual rotes of thanks.
Many diferent methods were rung in the towers of Ipswich. It was good to hear blended together the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, and the zeighbouring ormamental tower of St. Lawrence, where there is the only ringable peal of fire which las survived the Reformation, and goes to-dny as well and sounda as beautifully as ever.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

## LEEK PEAL COMMEMORATED

A meeting of tho North Staffordshire Association was held at Leek on May 6 tb. Forty-five members and friends were present from 18 towers, namely, Burton-on-Trent, Busslem, Brown Edge, Cheade, Crewe, Cheddileton, Derly, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawion, Newcastlo-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent, Sutton, Tunstall and Wistaston.
During the afternoon the Rev. K. W. Milmard (Vicar of Leek) unveiled a peal board to commemosate $a$ peal af Stedman Caters rung by memkers of Leek tower. He congratulated his ringers upon ringing the pasi.
Ather tea the Vicar welcomed the association to Leek, and a vate of thanks was passed to lim as well as to the local ringers for the hearty welcome they had given the visitors.
The ladies who had mo kindly served tes were thanked by Mr. H. Carnwell.
Mr. E. A. Bideway, leader of Leek ringers, seid he wns plansed to see many old frierds, and he hoped that the young members would carry on with the good work, so that they could take the places of the older members. He also asked if someone could visit Horton tower, and try to induce them to become members of the association.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

INFLUX OF NEW MFMBETS

In glorisus spring weatlier, the South Norfolk Branch held a most successiful meeting for the first time at Buawell on May 6th. Ringers were present from 24 different parishes, vir., Attleborough, Burwell, Bergh Apton, Caston, Carleton Rode, Diss, Foracett St. Peter, Garboldisham, Lodden Mulberton Vewmarket Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham Market, Reedham, Sawston (Cambridgessire), Shelfanger, Saxlingham, Tasburgh, Winfarthing, Wynoudham, Walton and Yaxley.
The Rev. I. Graham Jones (Rector) conducted the association's special service in St. Michael's Chnrch ama gave an address, prefacing peciaa A. St. J. Heard (Bexgh Aptor) read the lesson.

Fifty-three members and friends sut down to tea in the Schoolroom. Mr. W. I. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. I. Grainau Jones, the Rev. A. St. I. Heard (honorary member), Mr. Nalan Golden (general secretary), Mr. A. G. Harrison, Diss (branch secretary), Messre. E. G. Bennett, E. Wliting, C. E. G. Banham and R. H. Drane (members of the committee) and Mr. H. W. Smith (churchwarden).
The Rev. I. Graham Jones was elected an honarary meniber, and twelve new ringing members were elected, Messrs. G. P. Chapmen, J. G. Chapmau, C. F. W. Phillipps, E. G. Arnold, T. C. Browne and R. Burt, ©ll of Buwell; L. G. Toake, A. Lone, C. Herbert, W. E. Blake sats W E Blake, jun., of Forncett St. Peter, and B. T Lammas, of Tashurgh.
At the close of the meeting Mr. Golden proposed a hearty vote of thenks to the Rev. Jones for taking the service and his address, and use of the bells, also to the organist, and to the ladies who arranged the tea. He congratulated the brameh on the large number of new members elected duriug the meeting.

## NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH

meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Northrepps Por the first time on Saturday, April 29th. The six bells of the Parisl Church were rung during the afternoon and evening to rarious methods from Plain Bob to Cambridga and London Surprise. The service was conducten by the Rev. E. W. Blyth (Rector and branch chairman). Twenty-eithit members sat down to tea in the Church Room and there were two very welcome wisitors to tea from Northrepprs Hall, Mr. und Mrs. Christopher Guracy.
Supporting tho chairman were Messrs. C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman (vice-presidents), the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Rentor of Bergh Apton), Mr. F. Nolan Golum (general secretary), Mr. IH. Tooke (hranch secretsry). Mesors. W. Clover. G. Maver ania W. R. West (menbers of the committee), and ringers from Aylsham, Cromer, Berch Aptors, Norwich, Northrepps, Norton Subcourse, Mulbarton, Halvergate, Wiveton, Wymoncham and London
At the business meeting which followed, the branch secretary i Mr . H. Tooke), on belalf of the members, yelcomed the Rev. E. W. BTyth to the chairmanslipy of the brancls.
The Chairmen, acknowledging the welcome, said he hoped in the near future to have an accomplished bend of ringere at hiss own church. Two nev members, Messrs. I. Miller and F. W. Wasey, were elected ringing memhers.
Mr. F. Nolan Golden, on hehaif of the members, proposed a. hearty vote of thanks to the Reator for allowing the members to visit Northrepps, for the use of the hells, for conducting the service and also Por entertaining the riugers to tea. He also thanled the organist und blower and the ledies for the grent essistance they had rendered
The Chairman, in replying, refereed to the help he had received from so many people in the parish. Whan they know the ringers were coming to Nortfirepps, he said, they all wanted to do semething.
The next meeting of the brancla will talse place at Hetherselt on Saturdey, June 3rd.

## A TEN-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

## Tn the Eilitor.

Dear sir-T have read with great interest Mr. Lindof's leter in 'The Ringing World ' about the ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of April 2lat, but I wish to point out that the peal, as published, cannot he connected by ordinary singles halfwav and at the end.
To show that this is so, I give the firsb few lead ends of Part 8 and Part 6 on the assumption that an ordinazy single is called half-way. Part 2
246375

## Part 6 324567

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## 352746 673452 246573 532746 573684 573624 465273

It will be ceen that the plain lend end followitg the second single in Part 2 is the eame as the first lead end of Part 6, so that the panl would be false. I wourd be gratefn! if Mr. Lindoff conld tell me how he connected the two halves by ordinaty singles.

Repton.
D. F. FERGUSON.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．

## LEWLSHAM DISTRLCT AFFAIRS．

Tho quarterly meeting of fhe Lewislram District was held at St． Alphege，Greenwich，and 60 membera attended from Deckenliam， Bromley，Bromley Common，Chislehurst，Crayiord，Dartford，Dept－ ford（St．Ioln＇s），Eltham，Erith，Lee，Penge and woolwich，together with some haff－dozen visitors from London．The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening．A ring of ten bells，not too easy＇going＇and equipped witl new ropes，afforded an opportunity for most of those present to enlarge their experionce some to＂spot＇ the extra ropes and some to manipulate more intractable materiala than they are used to in their home bowers．Many took advantage of the cliance offered，and under the guidance of Mr．T．Groombridge， sen．（Ringing Master），put up ly no means discreditable performances， although not every touch canae round cteanly．
The association service was canducted by the Ficar（the Rev．T．H． Thonas），with Mr．T．造eux at the organ．Tlie Vicar gave a shorit inspiriting address and welcomed the ssseciation to Greenwich．At the coaclusion of the service Mr．Meux gave an appreciative andience a short recital，demonstrating the resource and scope of his particu－ larly fine organ．
Tea was seryed in the Parish Hall，the Ficar and churchwardens being generous hosts and their ladyfolk kindly disponsing the good things provided．
it the busimess meeting，Mr．E．H．Sewell（Vicar＇s warden），who presided，apologised for the Yicar＇s unavoidable absence and extended a wavm welcome from the churchwardens and congregation of st． Alphege＇s．

The district semetary read replies receiven to the questionnare sent to the bauds in the district as iastructed by the last meeting，and gave a hriep sfalistical surver of meetings held durimg the last 15 years．After consideration of the points raised in the letters and the relevant $九$ details as exfracked from the minute book，it was decided that the disirict secretary should write Further to those bands whose previons replies were inconclusive or open to criticism．
One honorary member and flve practising menlbers were olected， involying the welcome reafiliation of．St．John＇s，Sidrup，with the associstion．Tlie elections of two members previous to peals were fatified．

Mr． E ．
Mr．E．Barnett read an report of proceedings of the committee mect－ ing licld at Erith on Laster Monday．This was adopted with a vote of thanks to Mfessrs．Barnett and Cullum for preparing it．
St．John＇s，Sidcup，was suggested as the place of next menting，to be held on Saturnay，was suggested as the place of next menting，to now been made and members are asked to book tle date！
It was decided to matce application to the Berevolent Fund Com－ mittee for further assistance for the widow of a．late member．
Mr．G．H，Cross moved a vate of thanks to Mr．T．Grombridge， sen．，for his many Fears ${ }^{1}$ faithful service as Central Counct repre－ sentative and offered a welcomo to lis succestor in this district，Mr． F．J．Cullum．This was seconded by Mr．L．Barnett and carried with applause－Mr．Groombridge responded．
Mr．H．Hoskins moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells，ronductivg the service and lis address，to the Vicar and Messrs．F．H．Sewll．Fi，w．Lowe and F．D．Backway（elurch－ wardens）for their generots hospitality，to the ladier for their graerous warceng）for their generons hoppitaity，to the adier for their graenous carried with acelamation．
In his reply，the Chairman stated that he had had a few minutes chat with the Vicar during the afteranon，and had learned that St． Alphege＇s bells were in need of expert attertion．He had made in－ guifies among the ringers present as to what was necessary to be done to put limem in first－elass order，and promised that the Ficar and his fellow－wardens would do all in their power to put a restoration scheme into early effect－he hoped in time for the Kent Conntr Association＇s approval on the occasion of their next visit to Greenwich （applause）
At the instance of the district secretary，a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr．H．Hoskins for his efforts in arranging such a success－ ful meetiag．

## LANCASEIRE ASSOCIATION，

The half－yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Morecambe on Saturday weelk．The hells were kept going frons 2.30 to 9 p．m．With an interval for a contest for male voices at the musical
festival close lyy，Members and friends turned up from Barrow， fegival close ly，Members，and iriends turned up irom Barrow， and the local company，and there was a welcome visitor［rom Bradford． Congratulations were offered to the tower eecretary on the birth of a daughter．

The president voiced the members＇thanks to the Rector（tlie Rev． Cason Nock）for the use of the hells．to Mr．E．Swain for his share in the preparation for the camfort of all．He also mentioned that the Canor Elsee Memorial will probably be dedicated on June 10tl．The Rector came into the tower neveral times during the ringing and kind！arranged the short service in the vestry so as nat to stop the ringing again

Methods rung during the eveaing were Kent Major and Minor， Stedman Triples，Grandeire Triples and Bob Major，most of the toucles coming round．

The new bells in the tower were a great attraction．

## RINCING MASTERS

## To the Editor．

Sir，－In your leading article of May 12th，dealing with rizging meet－ ings，you say，＂in this and other respects there are qumerous occa－ sions when wore plizctical use might be made of mertings，＂and comment，but it，can only loe done by a Ringiag Master＇！I entirely dissgree with this latter remark．This is a position which I consider is unnecessary in any association．Ringing can quite well do withaut outside dietators，and I am perfectly m sympathy with anyone who will refuse to tolerate their presenco in their belfry．What the world in general is suffering from of recent years is over－officialdom．In politics，zeligion and almost averything one can name atype of people who love the limelight and are trying to dictate to the rest of the world，hence the reason for all the chaos and urames we find in prac－ tically every corner of the earth．
In ringing tu must be borme in mind that meetings are fald only by permission of the incumbent and church authotities．The associa－ tions are hat cutside hodies，and no member of shy issociation， whether he be appointed a Master int what not，ghould rssume that he has the riglit to walk into a lyelfry and talke the phace of the captain of that tower．I know here I shall be told，＂but the towers are in union with the association．＇The towers are unt in union with any association $h_{r}$ and no stoch body has the rifht to think they control all the towers just because two or three ringers there happen to be members of the association．The jurgation over all church Furnish－ ings，ringers slould remember，is vested in the Vicar，wardens and Cluurch Council，and they only．
I know I shall be naked the question，＇What about the tower where there isn＇t a lyand，or where the xingers are only able to do one or two methods？Th all sucls cases it is the duty of the captain to offciate and to see that faimess all round is ensured，and，if not， then the one responsible for arranging the meeting can suggest certain things．In the case of the captain not furning out，and not appoint－ ing a deputy，then it is the job of the serretary or one of the com－ mititee to supperintend the ringing，but not before．

1．AMOS．

## Northampton．

## MISLEADLNG TWLST．

Mr．amos has omitted，in liss quotation from our article，an essential part of the sentence，and thus gives it a wwist which is nislcading， What we said was ：There are ュumerous occasions when more practical
 mand＂in tho tower．＂That does not mean that only a Ringing Master can make more practical use of meetings，but that the Ringiog Master，where－there is one，can do it only when he lias the support of the wingere－
of
We know that，to Mr．Amos，anyting like a Finging Naster is mathema and iffat the place of ringing mssociations is outside and not inside the towers，but，when an masociation lus been given by the incumbent the right to use the balls of a church，the association is rearonsilite，thraugla its offactu，for the ringing that takes place，and the local eapain，whether or not ho is a member of the association， is not entitled to assmme command on such occasions．Authority has placed the tower at the disposal of the association concermed，and it rests with flhe association ns to who shall direct the ringing．－Gorror， Ringiny Warld．

## RINGERS RAID SURREY VILLAGE． PCTTENHAM＇S CATETING PROBLEM．

Despite heavy raiu showers and thunder clouds， 55 menhers and visitors attended the Guildiord Guild meeting at the pieturesque Surrey village of Puttelnam on Saturday week．The tight peal of six were raised at 3 p．un and the District Ringing Master（ur．C．E
Smith）once again had a busy time seaing that everyone was catered for．Mr．J．R．Mackman kindly bronght along his landbells and did much towards relieving the congestion in the belfry．

With the welcome alaition of specially chosen lywnes，the Guild＇s form of service was canducted by the Rector of Puttenham（the Rev． H．Chapman）．In the absence of an organist，Mr．R．F．Kingham， a visitor from Basingstoke，did his best on the harmonimm，end，it is understood，scored his first in the method．＇
The Rector，in his address，confessed that he knew nothing of bett－ ringing，but added that his ignarance did not prevent his heing fond of nearing tho bells．Fe believed that they should be rung on as many occasions as possible．He emplasized tbat the services rendered br ringers were appreciated，even though that appreciation was not often expressed．
Tea proved to he somemhat of a problem，for only 30 motifications had been received．At the busincss meeting which followed，the filfi－ culties of catering for an unexpectedy large number，especially in a country village，were etressed．
The Rector，who presided at the meeting，pgreed，and jokingly remarked that ther in Puttenhen would probably have nothng left to eat the next day！

Messrs．C．Longliurgt and E．Rapley，of West Grinstead，were elertod compoundirg members．
The Guild general secretary（Mr．G．L．Grover）exprested tie thanks of the meeting to the Rector and to ell who lad helperl in any way．

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT LEEDS

Minutes of the third session of the sirteenth Council (46th annual meetingl, held in the Civil Court of the Leeds Town Hall on Whitsun Tuesdey, June 7th, 1938.
The Comncil was welcomed to Leads by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond an belialf of her futher, the Lord juyor. Canon G. ©. Marshall conveyed a very warm welcome on behalf of the Vicar of Leeds, together with an apology for his absence.
The Presideat responded with the Council's thanks for the welcome extended.
The President took the chair and the meeting opened with prayer. Present:-
Atcient Society of College Iouthts-Mr. A. I. Peck.
Barnsley and District Guild-Mr. C. D. Potter.
Beth and Wells Diocesan Association-Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt. Bedfordshire Association-Mr. A. King, Mir. A. E. Sharman.
Chester Diecesan Guild-Mr. A. Crawles. Mr. J. W. Milner, Mr. H. Parker.
Cleveland and North Yorksbire Association-Mr. J. C. Pollard.
Devon Guild-Mr. T. Laver.
Dudley and Distried Guifi-Mr. F. Colclouglz.
Durlam and Neweastile Diocesan Assoriatinn-Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. J. Davidson.

East Derbythire and Notts Association-Mr. T. Clarke.
FIg Diocesan Association-Mr, G. W. Cook, Mr. T. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.

Essex Assaciation-Mr. G. R. Pye.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesais Association-Mr. J. Austin, Ms. FiGuise, Mr. W. B. Kypaston.
Guildford Diocesan Guild-Mr. A. Harman, Mr, A. C. Hazehdem, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Fereford Diocesan Guild-Mr. I. P. Hyetf.
Hertford County Association-Mr. W. Ayve.
Irish Associntion-Mr. G. Lindoff.
Kent County Association-Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchelh Mr. T. E. Sone.
Ladies Guild-Mrs. E. K. Fletehor, 脏rs. R. Richardson, Miss F. Steel. Lancashire Association-Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Sliuker, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. T. B. Worsley.

Linealn Diocosan Guild-Mr. J. Bray, Mir. R. Ricluardson
Lhandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association-Mr. I. W. Jones,
Inndon County Association-Mr. F. W. Dave.
Middlesex County Association-Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Filetcher, Mr F. W. Gondfellow, Mr. W. G. Wilsan,
Mialand Connties Assonation-Mr. A. J. Farris, Mr. W. H. J. Hootor, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor.
Norwich Diocesan Association-Mr. A. L. Coleman.
Oxford Dioceshn Guild-Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rer. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.
Oxford Society-Mr. W. G. Collett.
Orford Trisversity Society-The Rev. C. E. Wigg.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild-The Rev. F. S. Powell.
Romney Marsh and District Guild-Mr. P. Page.
St. Martin's Guild-Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Dioceean Gnild-TWe Rev, Tr Li. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jeanings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youthe Mr. I. Parker
Stafforit Archieaconry Society-Mr. B. Harton, Mr. H. Knight.
Sufflk Guild, The Rev, F. Drake, Mr, C. Mee.
Sures Associafion-Mr. W. Cleydon, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr, C. H. Kippin.
Sussex County Association-Mr. F. H. Dallaway.
Warwickshire Guild-Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. Wr. Perrens,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild-Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Willianos.

Yorksilime Association-Mr. J. Hardeastle. Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev Canon C. O. Marshall, Mr. S. F. Palmer.
Honorary members-Mr. W. A. Cave Mr. C. Dean. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr, C. F. Johnston. Mr, E, H, Lewis, Mr. J. A. Trollope. Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. S. F. Wood, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

## REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHTP.

The hon. secretary reporteu that the Council was constituted as foltows:-
Asseciations afliliated
Total members to which entitled .... 5
Total members elected ... ... ... 1

| Honorary members | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |
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the alterations from the previous year being :-
(a) The Enst Grinstead and Disfrict Guild had become affiliated. (b) The Ladies' Guild had fucreased their representation by one member.
(c) Three societies had lost representatives by death and one by resigmation, but onjy tlirea of these laad filied the vacancies.
Subscriptions reported unpaid were North Waies Association and Trum Diocesan Guid.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO TEE PRESIDENT, In accordance with Rule 11, the folloming were presented: Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District), Mr. J. C. Polfard (Cleveland and North Yorkshire), Mr. I. P. Hyett (Hereford), Miss E. Siteel (Ladies). Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Middlesex), Mr. F. H. Dallaway (Sussex)

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were reported fron the following: Mr. E. M. Atkius (Cambridge University), the Rev, E. V. Cox (Devon Guihd., Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Neweastle), Messus. E. J. Butler, E. P. Duffield aud L. W. Wifien (Essex Association), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messis. A. Lawrence end C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. J. H. Cheeseman (Kent County), the Ven. Archteacon Parry and Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth) Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Messrs. C. E. Borrett and F. Nolan Golden (Norwicly Diocesar). Mr. K. Thacker (North Staffs), Messrs. R. G. Black and T. Tebhutb (Peterborough Diocesan), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire Association), Messrs. G. H. Closs, G. Gilbert and G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youtlis), Xessrs, C. J. Sedgeley and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Messrs. S. E. Armstroug and H. R. Butcher iSussex County), Mr. G. L. Lewis (Swansea and Brceon), Mr. H. Bartor (Winchester and Portamouth Guild), Mr. J. D. Jolnnson (Worcester ent Districts), Major J. H. 13. Hesse, Mr. A A. Hnghes, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. W. Roberts and Mr. A. Walker (honorary members).

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.
It was proposed hy Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Hurt and carcied, that Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker, the retiring memhers, be re-elected, and on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. T. Groomhridge, Mr. Gibbert E. Dehenham was elected.

Alderman J. S. Pritehett's resighation was nok accepted.
LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.
The deaths of the following mombers were reported :1937). Mr. F. Smith (1915-1935), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (1893-1937), MrF . W. Thorton ( $1891-95$, 189?-1902).
Mention was made of the deaths of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. T. J. Parleer.

A silent tribute was paid by all members standing.
MINUTPS OF THE LAST MTFTING.
It was proposed by Mr. T. Clarke, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson ond carried, ithat the minutes as putylished in "The Ringing World ${ }^{2}$ on April 15 th and 22nd, 1938 , puges 242 , 243 and 258 , and also circulated to all members, be taken as read and approved

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fleteher, steonded by Mr. W. Ayre, it wan resolved to delete from the Council's records a peal of Minor referred to in the 1937 report of the Perl Analysis and Tecoris Committee. rung for the Yorkshire Associntion at Felkirk on July 25th, 1936, as it did not conform to the decisiens of the Conncil.
The hon. secretary reported that Mr. C. W. Waolley had commenced the preparation of a book on double-liarded handbell ringing.

## REPORTS.

The following reports, ete., were circulated to all members and associations, and have been published in full, or in abbreviated form in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Couneil's records and are available for ingpection.

REPORT OF THE HON TIBRARIAN.
(' The Tinging World,' June 17th, 1938, page 395.)
The report, was presented by the hon. librarian showing sales of 503 publications and a surplus of 934 s .

The Standing Conmittee recommended that under the powers alresdy given the prices of the Peal Collection Nos. 1, 2 and 3 be reduced to 9d. each.
On the motion of Mr. W. F. J. Hooton, scconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report and recommendation were ndopted.
It was agrect, on the proposal of Mr. A. Padion Smith, seconded by the Rev. F. LI. Edwaris, to revige the hooklet *Model Rules for a Local Compang, and the following committee were appointed to nndertales the revision : The Rev. F. Ll. Edvards. Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and S. H. Wood, and on the motion of MTT. R. Richardson, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the Towers and Belfries Committee wern asked to revise 'Preservation of Bells.'

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.
(" The Ringing World. ${ }^{\text {. Tune }} 17 \mathrm{th}, 1938$, page 395.)
The hon secretary presented the accounts showing cash balance of £ 13016 s . $7 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{A}_{\text {, }}$ and investments of a market value of $£ 142 \mathrm{Is}$.
It was agreed to accept the signature of one of the anditors, Mr. C. T. Coles, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. A. Fughes, and on the proposal of Mr. C. T. Goles, seconded by Mr. E. A. Yourg, the accounts were adopted.

RIPORT OF THE TROSTEES OF THE CARTER RTNGEVG MACHINE
(' The Ringing World,' Jume 17 th, 1938 , page 395.)
Mr E. A. Young presented the trustees ${ }^{\text {a }}$ report. On the motion of Mr. E. A Young. seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, the report whe adopted. and it was agreed that the demonstration fees of 81 la . and petty expeases of 1 s . be paid, and that Mr. Slaarman he given per. mission to remove part of the machiae from the Museum for repairs.

REPORT OF THE STANDLNG COMMLTTEE
("The Ringing Word," Jume 17 th , 1938 , page 395. )
On ths President's motion, the rormal report presented by the hon secretary was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COILECTION COMMITUEE
(" The Ringing Warld." $\overline{\text { Fune }} 24$ th, 1938, page 410.)
On the proposal of Mr. G. Lindoff, secosded by Mr. G. R. Newton, the committee's report was adopted. RFPORT OF THE MEIHODS GOMMITTEE,
(' The Ringing World,' June 24th, 1938, pages 410 and 411.)
On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the report was adopted.
It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconced by Mr. G. R. Newton, and carried, 'that with a view to publiklving tho book on Surprise Major metheds at an early date this Council recommends afliated societies be inviced to fake wa one juaf of the ssacue.
Considerable discussion toak place as to whether names should be given to those methods which had not been rumg, as to substituting diagrams for letter press, and as to soparating letter press from the methods. but no decisions were taken, as it was agreed that the book could not loe printed before the next meeting
REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSTS AND RECORDS COMMIITEE The Riaging World,' May Etin, 1938, pages 297-299.)
Attention was drawn to a slight error in the committee's report Which showed that the Lancashire Agsaciation had rung 201 peals this should read Lincoly Dipcestan Guild. Subject to this alteration the report was adopted on the propesel of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by 31 F . G. R Pye.

On the motion of Mr. A. Pnddon Smith, seconded Gy Mr. S. F. Palmer, it was decided to prepare st record of the peals rung for the Coronation and endeavorr to obtain H.M. the King's acceptance of this record.

EEPORT OF THE TOWFR AND BELFRIES COMMTTTEE.
('The Ringing World,' July 1at, 1938, page 426.)
The committee's report was presented by the president, who referred in detail to certain towers dealt with by the committee during the year. The president asked for further information regarding representation on Diocesan Advisory Committees.
The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Foung, who also proposed that the Council should recommend the fixing of a hand rope or handrail on belfry stairs. The report and recommendation were geconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe and adopted, it being agreed thet the recommendation be inciuded in the revised innadbools on the presertation of hells.
REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND JROADCASTTNG
The Ringing World,' July lst, 1938, pages $426,427,444$.
The repart was adopted on the motion of the Rev. 1. Lf. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Arising out of the report, it was agreed to make a collection for the benefit of Mr, Charles Slingshy, find to forward this together with a letter of congratulation on the occasion of his 101st birthday. The sumt of 52 was raised.

Considerable discussion took place on 8 proposal brought forward by the Rep. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. C. Mee, deprecating the use of certain mechanical devices reptesenting zinging, e practice which has bern adopted in sevaral places during the year
Ou the proposal of Canon C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. T. Ifunt, it was agreed to refer the matier to ibe Standing Committee with power to act.

REPORT OF THE PKAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.
'The Ringing World,' July 8th, pages 444-5,
The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wison, seconded by the Rev, C, F. Wigg- Members were invited to nssist with the work and the need for accurake partioulars was stressed. Members were also reminded. When sending particulars, to include a report on the condition of the actual peal hoard.

REPORT OT THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.
The Ringing World,' July 8th, pape 445.
On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report was adopted. Members were reminded that the committee were still awaiting the return of the forms that had been circulated both as repards present and past members.
REPORT AS TO CIRCULATION OF 'THE RNNGTNG WORLD.
("The Ringiug World, ${ }^{3}$ Jriy 8th, 1938 , prges 445 and 446.)
The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis. seconded $h_{3 /}$ Mr. P. J. Johnson, and on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded hy Mr. P. J. Jolinson, it was agreed that a suitable letter be addressed to each Archdeacon throughout the country with the object of enilisting The influenco of the clergy with their ringers.

REPORT AS TO TEE MUFFLINE OF BELIS.
(' The Ringing World,' July 15tlh, page 462.)
The report was adopted on the propasal of the president, seconded by Canon C. C. Mershal., and it was ngeed tlist after further consideration by the officers, the finai report should bo submitted to the Standiar Committee for their approvaf, and then summitted to the Charch authorities.

THANKS TO ALL COMMTETEES
On the President's motion, chanks were accorded to all members of committees for their valued services.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith ${ }_{3}$ seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and carried that

This Council, desjring that peals of Doubles and Minor slaall be prit upon a similar busis, resolves that peals of Doubles as already defined may be leugthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes."

## PLACE OF NEXT REEETING

A formal anmentemeat was made that the pert meeting would be beld in London and attegtion was called to the Council's rules governing representation and nomination of officers and auditors.

GRANT TO 'FHE CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.
It was reported that the scheme for the alteration of the tower of St. George's, Holton, had been abandoned and that it was now proposed to crect a stained rias window. On the motion of Mr. T. Groombridge, seconded by Mr. T. Clarke, it was agreed that the cum of ${ }^{2} 33_{3}$ voted last year be paid towards the new scheme.
AS TO A BOOK ON CONDUOTING.

The President agreed that a look on the subject would be considered on the suggestion of Mr. J. Hunt

## AS TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER'S PAPERS.

On Mr. A. D. Barker's inguiry, the Conncil intimated that they Would be very pleased to accept any books and papers, as they would Gorm a very valuable addition to the library.
AS TO THE REROLUTION PASSED TO THE COUNOLL BY THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
The hon, secretary reported the receipt of a resolution from this assoctilioll suggesting that the Councils agenda be published and delivered one month at least before the meeting.
It was decided to take no nction, as for the last gix years the agenda had bean published six or seven weeks before the meeting.

VOTES OF THANKS.
On the President's motion, the thanks of the Comeil were accorded to the Mayor and Carporation of Leeds for the use of the Civil Court, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond and the Virne of Leads, Canon W. T. Elljott, for welcome, the Yorkshire Arsociation for thoir wonderful hospitality, Canon Q. C. Marshall, Mr. P.J. Johnsolz, Mr. Slerwood and committee for excelleat erraggements, Dr. Moany (organist of Ripon Cathedral) for conducting members round Fountaies Abbey, Mr. G. F. Woodhouse for demonstrating lis rizging machine, and to all charch authorities and towerkeeper for the use of bells.
The meeting terminated at abont 5.15 with a vote of thanks to the president, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, praposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge.
After the meeting the Conacil were the guests of the Forkshire Association at tee, with Canon C. O. Marshall in the chair.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. <br> WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCEF.

The annual meetimg of the Witney and Wroodstock Breneh of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was lield at Tackiey on at recent Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Churck, conducted by the Rector (the Rov. E. J. Ieee), while the Rev, H. Pickles, Rector of Woodstock and Rural Dean, read the lesson and gave a most interesting address,

After tea in the Fillage Fall, to which 33 members sat down, tha business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. Pickles, supported by the Rev. E.J. Lee, Rector of Tackley, and the branch secretary (My. W. Evetis). After introducing Mr. Pickles to the members of the Wituey Deanery, the secretary notified those present of the great. loss the branch had suffered in tho very sudden death of Mr. N Spindlow, of Ducklington. He spoke eulogistically of his capabiljties Before frocecding to the business members stood in silenee.
A short report whs read by the secretary on the work of the branch during the past year. The accounts showed the favourable position of the finances of the branch.
The Elev. H. Picktes was manimously re-elected as chairman of the lisuach.

In proposing the reelection of the secretary and treasurer, the Chairman remarked that in the 0oming October Mr. Evetts would have completed 15 years irs that office, The secretary's re-election was carried with applause.
Clanfeld and Aston were voted on for the place of the rutamn meeting, and the latter place won by the narrow margin of two votes
The Rev. Fi. Fickles intimated his wish to become a life member and tha Rev. E. J. Lee an honorary member, and these elections were made amid applause.
Members on the General Committee were then elected as follows Mr. Wh. Bond (re-elected), Mr. Furmer (to fill the wacancy caused hy the death of Mr. Spindlow) and Mr. Flord, of Cassingtoy
The (Guild secretary ( Mr . R. T2. Hibbert) mede a few remarks regarding the branch.
It was mach regreted that the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. F, Wigg was unable to be present owing to being on a ringing tour in Devonshire The Guild treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) was also absent owing to having amother meeting to attend.
Thanks to the Rectar of Tackley, the organist and the ladieg who prepared the ted brourbt, the meeting to a cloge. Members them re fraced their steps to the Parisla Chureb and other towers in the wicinity for more ringing.

## JOINING THE RAF

Two members of the baud at Preston Parish Clurch, Lancs, are jobning the R.A.F.-W. E. Martin and D. Dinumock, a probationcr On May 7th a quarter-peal of Kent Trebie Bob Major (1,280 chauges) was rung is a farewell to them, their colleagues wishing them every success: C. Crosghwaite $1, W$. K. Marlin 2, w. Timbrel 3, E. K. Martin 4, W. H. Hunter 5, J. Ashcraft 6, H. Davies 7, S. Blemseale \&

## BROADCAST FROM NANTWICH

The riagers taking part in the broadcast from NantwicJ Parish Church, Cheshire, on Sunday evening, May 7th, were: W. C. Sutton (conductor) 1, M. Boyer 2, J. Boyer 3, T. Astbury 4, F. Banard 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough 7, E. J. Boffey 8. The whole of the band nre regular Sunday service ringers at Nantwich and the tench was 336 of Bob Kajor

They have received many cangratulatory messages on their excellent ringiag.

## YORKSHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

Mr. FI. Orossland, who was in regular service ringet at Cawthozne orn Barasley, for over 60 years, and lito a liuger in the prize wimning team when he was 82 years of age, died at his home on Friday, April 21st, and was interred at Cawthorme on Monday, Apr 24 h . He wonld lave been 94 had he lived to July 6th.
Although he had not heou sble to ring for a number of Jears, Mr. Crossland was a keen listener whenever the bells at the willage church were runs and ako a critic if the striking had not suited ham.
the bells were rung fully mufted by the boenl company fol the functral.

## CLERICAL RINGER'S DEATH

The death occurred recenti- of the Rev. F. W. Lane, Vicar of Holy Lrinity, Bishop's Stortford. He was previously curate at St. Michael's, Tilchirst, Berks, for 15 yeats, and was a kees aud reliable change riuger

As a last token of respect the helis at Tilehurst were mang half mufled at the weekly practice, the touches including 504 Granderire Triplos, While the "whole pull and stand" wras mang 56 times, de noting his age.

## halifax and district association <br> MELIHAM WIN SIX-BELE CONTEST

The quarterly meeting and six-beil contest of the Halifax and 13istrict Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, April 2ist. Five teams hed entered the competition, in which each had to ring e00 changes, with a plain course for practice.
Tha draw for the order of ringing was as follows: 1 Shelley, 2 New Mill, 3 Meltham, 4 Liversedge, 5 Friezland. Liversedga rang Kent and the other teams rang oxford.
Tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which about 40 gat down, a natable visitor being Bishop Hone, of Wakefela, who always limker an interest in the Sandal ringers and ringing gencrally.

After the ringing had been completed, ringers and frieads agatn adjourned to the Parish Hal] for the meeting, the president being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Murray Smith (curate at Sandal)

After the business had been dispoged of, the judge, Mr. E. Cuti gave lis decision as follows

|  |  | Faults | Penglties | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shelley | $\ldots$ | 149 | 0 | 149 |
| New Mil | $\ldots$ | 74 | 10 | 84 |
| Melibaun | $\ldots$ | 58 | 15 | 73 |
| Liversedge | $\ldots$ | 93 | 0 | 93 |
| Friezland | $\ldots$ | 103 | 5 | 108 |

Helthan were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was pre sented to the Mrelthem conductor (Mr. E. Whiteley) by the Rev. Murray Smith.

Further ringing on the bells brought another enjoyable dny to an nd.

## HOLIDAY GAPS

To the Editor.
Sir,-The question of low to gel sutheient ringers to man the ropes on the occasions of the greaf testivals of the Church must be one wlich exercises the minds of most tower foremen. It is natural that ringers, in comman with the rest of the phblic, should wish to make mse of the holidays at Christuns, Easter aud Whitsun, but the iamentable consit is that, just at the sasons when it is most important for our ringing to be at its best, it is usually at its very worst It is most probable that in all large towns aud villages, for every inger who goes away from the pince for his holiday, rome other ringer comes there for his holiday, and surely it would not be too much to expect that all ringers when going on holiday should reciprocate by moing to one of the local charches and offering to help with the riaging. If such a procedure was carried into effect, there would be but few silent or partly maned towers on thege festjon]s. I wonld Eaggest thet much might be done by the various assaciafons to foster this apirit of reciprocity, and a few words from tower foremen shottly before a festival might also serve as a timely reminder to the forgetfil. There are few ringers who wolld not he willing to follow a lead in the direction which I lave sketched, if it was pointed out to them.

Goring-on-Themes.

## NOTICES.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 2oth, when the bells of St. Mary's will be availabie from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will follow at 5 p.m. in the British Co-operative Cafe, Market Street. The general meeting will follow immediately afterwards on the same premises.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance requested. - C. S. Sharples, Branch Sec.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 2oth. Church of St. Catherine (belis 8, tenor $11 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.). Ringing (ron 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea till about 8.30 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting at 5 p.m. at Railway Hotel, near the church. It is hoped, after tea, to arrange transport for those who wish to ring at Bedfont ( 6 bells), for about an hour. Reports available. Subscriptions due- J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Norwich Court Bob Major; other methods will be rung as required.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May zoth. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (Is. head) at 5 p. 71. -s in Church Hall. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we hope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A meeting will be held at Great Tey on May 2oth. Bells (8) available at $2 \cdot 30$. Service 4.30 . Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May zoth. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5, price is. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on Saturday, May 20th. Beils from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea.- (i, Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Berks Branch. -Annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, meeting to follow.-Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 20th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m., free to members; non-members is. 6d.-Usual business meeting following tea.-J. Bray, Hon. Sec.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, May 20th. Beils (6) from 3 p.m. Tea near church at 5 p.m. Bus services: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford. Northaw bells also available after tea. -Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The rext meeting will be held at Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at Immanuel 2.45 to $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. St. Leonard's will not be available, as previously advertised. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business mecting 6.15 p.m. All visitors welcome. N . H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Banbury and District Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 40 'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6) and Rousham (6) open in the evening.-E. Pearson, Branch Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Hexham on Saturday, May 20th, when the Abbey bells will be available. Tea will be served at the Abbey Hotel at 5 p.m., preceded by committee meeting in the tea room at 4 p.m.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23 , Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Fivehead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea.-D. G. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Braeside, Ilminster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. - A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 20 th . Bells (6) available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 in Schoolroom, followed by meeting.-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District. - The next meeting is to be held at Oaks-in-Charnwood on Saturday, May 20th, at the usua! times. What about a Saturday afternoon in the heart of the picturessque Charnwood Forest? Hikers, bikers, or motorists will all be welcome. But as catering is rather uncertain, and appetites will be keen in the open country, you will be well advised to let me know that you are com-ing.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting wi!l be at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Leatherhead District.-A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 20th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting to follow.-A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 2oth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Atl ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested. - C. J. Ball, 25 , Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS Meetings for May: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd; St. Magnus', 25tli : Southwark Cathedral, 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Sec., i, Eversfield Road, Reigate.
ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON-The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afternoon. A ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, followed by tea and a short meeting. Names for tea must be sent not later than Wednesday, May 24th, to Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master will arrange methods as required, and members should make every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated and tea arranged for you if notification is sent to the undersigned by Thursday, May 25th.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.- V.W.H. Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Please notify for teas not later than Thursday, May 25th.-R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Fafringdon, Berks.
LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 27 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained rear the church. Business meeting 7 p-m.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-A combined practice will be heid at Arborfield, near Reading, on Saturday, May 27th, fronz 6 till 9 p.m. Alt ringers welcome. Earlier starting time can be arranged if desired. -W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Tast Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Cookhan ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than May 22nd.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton and Manchester Branches.-Mceting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. - Peter Crook and J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Owing to the difficulties of catering, it will be appreciated if those who intend being present notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th. Don't forget your cards for tea, or your methods. -E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on WhitMonday, May 2gth. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at i2 noon, with addiress by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. (1s. 6 d . will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of Is. to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 25 . 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 22nd.) Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from Io a.m. througbout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.-Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting ( 1 s . each to members applying for tickets by May 22nd, non-members 2s.). Bells nvailable: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), St. George's, Stonehouse (8), and Stoke Damerel (6).-T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-Come to Hastings on Whit-Monday, May 2gth. Two fine peals available : Cbrist Church, Blacklands (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, St. Leonard's (8) from 6.30 p.m. All ringers very welcome.-J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmars! (6) for parties making own arrangements. Tea (2s.), is. to members, if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before May 24th to Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply o district secretaries.

SUFFOLK GUILD.-On Whit Monday, a meeting will be held at Halesworth. The bells (8) will be available all day, aIso the six-bell towers of Chediston, Wissett and Wenhaston. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m., at ine Church Rooms. Please advise Mr. F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth, of number for tea.-H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - The 6oth annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the mecting. Applications for lunch tickets (members free, non-members 2s. 6d.) must be received by the general secretary by first post, Tuesday, May 23rd. Please note: No ticket, no lunch. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Great Badddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Littie Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested.-L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. - The anr ual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit-Monday, May 2 gth. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by busidess meeting and tea (I/.). Will those attending please notify me as soon as possible. - W. Catherall, Hon. Sec, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.-Prittlewell's 10 bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, $3-5$ p.m. and $6-8$ p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies' Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.-F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea $^{\prime}$ at the New Inn at 5.30 , followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, 4, Cul-de-Sac Road, East Molesey, not later than Thursday, June ist. All ringers welcome. - $F$. . Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome-F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS. - The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 bells restored by John Taylor \& Co.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - The Annual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Sarurday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 . Tea at 5 , $2 /$ - each (1/6 to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; and Frodsham from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 pm . Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning please communicate with Mr. WV. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warring. ton, Runcorn, Chester and Frodsham. Tickets for tea are obtainable from the Branch Secretaries before June 1st. Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby district.-The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, Jure 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Charles Davies, Castle Street, Melbourne. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand, Subscriptions due.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-North Norfolk Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8), rehung and recast by John Taylor and Co., avallable from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Double Mancroft Bob Major. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 31st, as I shall book tea only for those members of whom I secure names or numbers. Good bus service from Norwich (Castle Meadows) . Leave $1.35,2.4,2.34,3.4$, and 3.30.-Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-A meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is essential that all who intend to be present for tea should notify Mr. W. Cutmore, Olive Cottage, Belchamp St. Paul's, Sudbury, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. All ringers welcome. Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The usual monthly practice will not be held this month. -G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.-Mr. A. B. Wiffen has removed to the Swakeley Hotel, 174, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W. 12.

## DEATH

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The new Council, which meets at Westminster on Tuesday, will be confronted with a long agenda of, mostly, routine business, but it is not unlikely that out of one or more of the reports of committees may come a subject leading to debate. In the past reports have often provided unexpected discussions, and there will probably be some such debates arising from them this year. Indeed, after what transpired at Leeds last Whitsun, it will be rather surprising if the report of the Methods Committee-often a good fighting ground-does not lead to discussion, particularly on the question of whether or not names shall be given to the methods still unrung, which are to find a place in the new Surprise Major book. A decision will have to be taken as to whether the book shall be printed and issued this year; but that is a matter which rests directly upon the Council and not upon the committee.

It will be remembered that, in view of the cost which is involved, the Council approached the various affiliated associations, asking if they would be prepared to guarantee, in proportion to their representation on the Council, one-half of the cost of publication in return for an equivalent number of copies of the book. As far as we are aware, every association that has replied, except Bedfordshire, has expressed its willingness to undertake this responsibility, although, in view of the ultimate price and the likely demand, the actual liability upon the associations will be very light, if indeed there is any at all. There is little dqubt, therefore, that the Council will go forward with the publication of the book, which, in its completeness, will be the mosi ambitious that the Council has yet undertaken.

But there is likely to be at issue the question of the method names, for, while the committee have given a name to all the methods in the book which up to now have not been rung, there are some people who still cling to the old idea that the band that rings the first peal in a method should have the right to name it. That view is all very well for methods that are rung before they are published, but there is no reason why it should prevail where methods have been printed, particularly in an official publication. Apart from any question of the right which those who produce the figures may have to name their own handiwork, there is one very serious and practical reason against leaving methods nameless in the book. After publication, an unnamed method may be rung and named by the ringers. In course of time, especialiy in view of the fact that a band so often ring a method once and discard it, the association of the name (Continued on page 330.)

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with particular fgures may be forgottern and someone else may ring the same method and give it yet another title. Thus the confusion which arose over the Minor methods would be repeated, and a great deal of the value of the book would be lost because, without the names as they are added it would be out of date almost as soon as published. There would still be opportunity for those who wish to name a method to do so, for the methods in the book are only a selection, and there are hundreds still outside it. Indeed, we believe, many of the methods recently rung in Hertfordshire are not included. There can, thercfore, be no rround for complaint on this score, and none has ever been made about the naming of the methods in the Plain Major collection. Utility and common sense seem to dictate that the names in this new book should also be settled before publication.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS. LONDON. <br> THE KENT COONIT ASSOCLATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Thetc Howes and Forly Minutes, At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CIHQUES, 5009 GHANEES; Tenor 50 ${ }^{\frac{1}{4} \text { cwt. }}$
Tbomas Groombridee, sen.Trehle| Henry G. Miles ** ** 7
Harry Hoskins ... ... ... 2 Derrk M, Saarp .... ... 8
Mes. R. F. Deal ... ... 3 Ricgard F. Deal .** ... 9
R. Congreve Pridgron ... 4 Frank E, Dagry - .... io

Herbert E. Thompson ... 5 Alpred B. Pgek ... ... II
Leonard J. Fox ... ... ... 6 James Romley ... ... ...t Temor Composed by C. W. Roberts. Couducted by Hengy G. Miles. * First peal of Stedman Cinques. IPSWICH, SUTPOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(Sr, Mary-cr-Townr Socieyy.)
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Thred Hows and Forly-Sevan Minutas, At tee Chorce of Sx. Mary-le-Tower.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGE8: Tenor 32 cwt.
Cearles A. Catcbrole ...Trable Willam P. Garabti... ... 7 Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... 2 George A. Fleming ... ... 8 Cbarles J. Shdglby ... ... 3 Willian J. G. Brown ... 9 Hosmrt E. Smitr .... ... 4 Frederice J. Tillett ... io Harey R. Roper... *." **. 5 Ggorge E. Symonds ... ... II Frqderice ]. Smite ... ... Conducted by Syzuia R. E. Bowyer.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSEIRE, THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
Om Sahriday, May 13, 1939, in Three Howrs awd Twanly-Thyee Minuth, At the Chiven of the Holy Tentixy,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANRE8; Tenor ig cwt. in D.
E. Deanis Paole ... ...Treble William J. Ceigster ... 6 - William Safnderg... ... 2 Ricgard D. Langrord ... 7 Harry F. Hozuing .. ... 3 Eifard V. Rodramorst... 8 -George A. Packer ... ... 4 *Arigor Pritchard ... .... 9 Harry Ovgeton .... ... 5 Arthor E, Pbgleb .... .... Thinor Composed by E. Morris, Conducted by Artaor Pritcaard. * First peal of Oxford Treble Boh Royal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the belis and for the assaciation.

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CHESTER
THE CHDSTER DIOCESAN GDILD． On Saturday，May 73，1939，im I hree Howrs and Forty－Nine Minwtrs， At fag Caterpral．

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL， $\operatorname{BOAO}$ CHANGES

 Tenor 33 cwt ．－George Lee ．．．．．．．．．Treble Jogn W，Grifites ．．．．．． 6 Robert Sperrime ．．．．．． 2 James Swimdley ．．．．．． 7 －John Best ．．．．．．．．．．．． 3 Ralpe G．Edwards ．．．．．． 9 Fred Hartman ．．．．．．．．．． 4 ｜Harry Pyz ．．． －William E．Fletcerr ．．． 5 Pbecy Swindley ．．．．．．Tenoy Composed by H．J．Tockrr．Conducted by Percy Swindley．
₹ First peal of Bob Royzl．First peal of Bob Royal on the bells． First peal of Elob Royal as conductor． ※TONHAM ASPALL，SUFFOLK． THE SUFFOLK GUIED．
On Saturday，May 20，7939，is Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes， Az teg Chorch of Sx．Lhamert，

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL，5040 CHANGESI

## Tenor 24 cwt．

Harry D．Lister James Betis WILCIAME．Waraine．．． Kbita W．Wartrell．．．
Edwin A．Cracrnell．．． ＊．Treble
．．． 3 Composed by H．J．Tuczar． First peal of Bob Roysl by all

Grorge W．Ablity ．．．．．． 6 Shermord Sparzow ．．．．．． 7 Ghrneay A．Blaxcell ．．．． 8 Horace J．Mansfield ．．． 9 Arthor Grimwood ．．．．．．．T Temor Conducted by H．D．ListaR． xeept ringers of 2 and 9 ．

## EIGHT BELL PEALS．

## ROLVENDEN，KENT．

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
Or Saturday．Aprit 22，1939，in Three Howrs and Nineteen Minutes， At the Parisi Churci，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES，5040 CHANGES； Parker＇s Twzzve－part．

Tenor I6 cwt．
Georger Maskbll
Arcaibald Strvenson $\quad . . .2^{2}$ Toby Want

Robart Edwards ．．．．．． 4 James Avery ．．．．．．．．．Tenor
Conducted by William Gorringe．
Rung with the bells half－maffled as a token of respect to Mr．F．G． Burden，for 50 years a ringer at this clturch and retger for 25 years． AYLESFORD，KENT．
THE EENT COUNTY ASSOCLAPION． On Saturday，May 13，1939，in Thres Hows， Ax the Chorch of St．Prite．
A PEAL OF BOB MANOR， 5184 CHANCES； Tenor rat cwt．in $F$
－Miss Joan Naylor ．．．
Wilfrid L，Raymer．．． Whltar H．Dobbie ．．． Grorge A．Naylor ． Composed by J．Carter． ＊First peal of Major． NEWCHURCE，LANCASHIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOIATION．
On Satnrdav，May 13，1939，in Twa Houys and Fifty－Sevon Minwfes， At the Ceurce of Sz．Prete， A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES， 5040 CHANQE8： Heywood＇s Transposition of Thorstans＇Foor－part． Tenor 12t cwt．
Josbra Leatgerbarrow ．．．Treble Joan Booti ．．．．．．．．．．．．． 5
Tbomas Wazewore ．．．．．． 2 Ladrbnce J．Wilciams ．．． 6


Eung to commemorate the second anniversary of their Majestijes Corocatiot：

[^27]LONDON．
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，May 13，1939，仿 Theec Hours and Twelve Minutes，
At xhe Churce of St．Mary．Lambeth，
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR， 5068 CHANEEDI
Tenor 16 年 cwt．
Edwin L．Miles ．．．．．．．Treble Joan G．Nasb ．．．．．．．．． 5
Tbomas f．Tapmender ．．． 2 Tmomas W．Tapfender ．．． 6
－Miss Olive L．Asebroox 3 James W，Cbapman.. .1 ．．． 7
ERNEST J．KIMG ．．＊．．． 4 Edward D．Swiry ．．．．．．Tmot
Composed by C．Middezron．Conducted by Tgomas H．Taprgnder
＊First perl of Surprise on an＂inside＇bell．
TUNSTALE，ETAFFORDSHIRE．
THE NORTY ETAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION．
On Sutwrday，May 13，1939，in Two Howrs and Fifty－Five Minutes， At Cerist Cefrce，
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES，E040 CHANREB）
Rebves＇Variation of Hole＇s The－parz．Tenor i2h cwit．
Acan D．Strele．．．．．．．．．Tyabla Cearles H．Pagk ．．．．．． 5 Dooglas R．Wealley ．．． 2 T，Leslie Walley ．．．．．．． 6
 Brian Fbrneybocge ．－．．． 4 ＂Wicmot C．Cadman ．．．．．．Thor Conducted by Dodglas R．Wballby．
粦 First peal and first attempt．Rung for the centenary of the Chureh Senool．

## HUGHENDEN，BLICKS．

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD．
On Saturday，May 13，7939，in Two Hours and Fifty－Three Minwtes， Ax ree Chorca of Sx．Micaare，
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDEE SURPRISE MAJOR， $5 O E$ CHANRESI Midoleton＇s．

Tenor $12 \neq \mathrm{cwt}$ ．
Percy Newion ．．．．．．．．．Tpebia｜Roland Biggs ．．．．．．．．． 5
Gborge Marin ．．．．．．．．． 2 ．．．Walier Ebe ．．．．．．．．．．．．
Rev．R．F．R．Rooig＂$\quad . .06$
Frederice G．Biggs ．．．．．． 4 F．Donald Boregam ．．．．．．Temop Conducted by H．Wimgrove．

GREAT TEW，OXON．
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GULLD．
On Sumday，May 14，1939，in Three Hours and Eigh Minwes， At tez Ceurce or St．Micharl and All Angels，
A PEAL OF ERANDSIRE TRIPLES，E040 CHANQEB｜
Cartrr＇s Variation of Parker＇s Twhive－pary．
Tenor 22 cwt ． 10 ［b．in E ．
Herbert H．Alexander．．．Tyoble Aerbrt e．Loce
Mrs．Alegrt E，Loct ．．．． 2
He．Alegrt E，loce ．．． 2 ＂Raymond P．Taplia．．．
－Herbery H．Morley ．．． 3 Walter E．Jodgr ．．．．．．． 7
－William J．Cross ．．．．．．． 4 Leonard Clieton ．．．．．．．Tomp Conducted by Walter F．Jodge．
＊First peel．

## DLSS，NORFOLK．

THE NORWICE DIOCESAN ASSOGIATION．
On Sunday，May 14，1939，tn Three Hours and Sixteen Mizules，
At fhe Ceurce of St．Mary－xeh－Virgim，
A PEAL OF BUPERLATIYE 8URPRIBE MAJOR， 6088 CHANEE
Teqor 23 cwit .2 qr .26 Ib ．in D ．

| David Weiring．．． |  | Treble | Albert G．Harrison |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nolan Goldes | ar | 2 | Ceciz V，Eereason | ．．． 6 |
| Eric G．Bennety |  | 3 | －W．Archir Logz |  |
| －Lemard H．Lock |  |  | Wieziam Cloyer | That |

f First Compoce and Conducted by Nozan Golden．
st attempt for a peal of Superletive．
DIBDEN，HANTS．
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTGMODTH DIOOHSAN GULLD．
On Monday，May 15，1939，in Tow Hows and Fifty－Nite Minntes，
Ax fere Churce of Ale Sainis，

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR，BOAO CHANEED｜



REGENALDA，REED ．＊＊．．．Tyebla EdWard T，Grifpin ．．．＊＊＊ 5 F．Frankland Rigry＊＊＊＊ 2 Harold j．Rogerts ．．．．．． 6 Erabst f．Menday ．．． 4 A． 4 A．Patics Cannon ．．．．．．Tmor F First peal．

Conducted by R．A．Rexd．

LEYTONETONE ESSEX.
THE FKSEX ASSOCIATION
On Monday, May 15, 1939, im Tue Howrs and Fiffy-Six Minwte,
At the Cborch of Sx. Jogn-tge-Baptist,
A PEAL OF YORK8HIRE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANRES; Tenor 13 cwt . in $G$.
Grorgr Dawson...
...Trebla
John H. Crampion $^{\text {Cin }}$
***
2
Jobn W. Cornford
D ${ }^{\text {nn }}$
** 3
Mrs. F. W. Hodsdre
... 4 BEXLEY, EENT.
THE KENTE COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Monday, May T5, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Seven Minutos. At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRI8E MAJOR, 5184 CHANGE8; Temor 7t cme
*ALan Hall.. .** ** **Trebli | Peilip A, Cozby *** .n 5 Harry Hoverd... ... ... 2 †Thomas G. Banntster ... 5
 Artadr S, Riceards ... 4 Janbs C. E. Simpson = Composed by A, Knighis. No, I40. Conducted by P. A. Corhy.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. + First peal in the method. SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLE. TEE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Twesdey, May 16, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eight Mintes, At taf Cgorce of St. Edmond.


## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 BHANOES

 Tunor 13 owt.Ricgard S. Paynz ... ...Tpebla Caarlfi F, Sayer ... ... James R. Gardiner ... ... 2 Riceard W. R, Coates ... 6 Miss Doedotey R. Constance 3 Edwin R. Goare

Composed by H. Dans. Alberi E, Colbman ... .... 7 William C. Bonn ... ...Tenor Conducted by Wm. C. Bonn,
First peal of Major as conductar.

## BROMLEY, KENT,

THE KENT COUNTT ASSOCI\&TION.
On Wedmesday, May 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, At tee Ceurce of SS. Peter and Padl,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDCE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 EHANOES: Tenor 17 cwt : qr . If lb .
Jace Dapters ... ... ...Treble |Pailip A. Corby ... ... ... 5 Artedr S. Riceards ... ... 2 Jambs E. Davis ..* ... ... 6 Edwin A, Barngti ** ** 3 Percy J. Spice ... Harry Hoskins ... ... ... 4 Jamrs C. E. Simpson ... ...Tomor

Composed by C. Midoleron. Conducted by P. A. Corby.'
CRASFORD, KENT.
THE RENT GOUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fpiday, May 79, 1939, in Two Hasrs and Forfy-Si* Minutes, At tar Cegree of St. Patlinds,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, EOEA CHANCESI Tenor 124 cFt .
Tgonas Groombribgr, esn.Treble Harry Hoverd
EDWIN A. Bannett ..... 2 Georfary V. Morpay ... Derer M. Sharp... ... Composed by C. Midelbron. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley

Rung an nearly as possible to the 40th anniversary (May 18th) of Mr. E. Barnett's first peal.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
FHE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOGIATION. On Salurday, May 20, 7939, in Two Houys and Fifly-Five Minutes,

Ar the Pasish Chtacta,

## A PEAL DF GRANOARE TRIPLES, TM EHANOEB

Parerr's Twezvg-part (7th observation), Teror 12 cwt,
 Jobi Darch... ... .... ... 2 William Laybert ... .... 6
 Herbert Davies... ... ... 4 | Robery Rebs ... ... .... 4 that

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRF

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GDILD.
On Saturday, May 30, 1939, in Three Howrs and Sean Minutes,
At the Cadrch of Sx. Micghrl-The-Arceangez,
h PEAL OF WARFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANPES;
Teno: 13 cwt. 2 gr .27 lb .
Rev. R. F. R. Rocte ...Treble | William Heniry .o. 4.
Gborge Martin ... ... ... 2 George Gilberi... ... ... 6 Wileiam Wrleing ... ... 3 Harry Wingrove ... $\quad . . .7$ Jobn S. Goldsmite ... ... 4 Leomard Stilwrll ... ...Tenor Composed by G. Lindoff, Conducted by Leonard Sinwell. The first peal in the methed

ALDENHAM, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Saturday, May 20. 1939, in Iwo Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE Churcif of St. Jown-the-Baptise,
A PEAL OF WALLABEY gURPRIRE MAJOR, BO56 CHANOEE:
Tenor $15 \mathrm{cwt}^{2}$
Јонn E, Rootrs ... ... ...Trebla Cecil C. Mayne ... ... ... 5
Freprrice W. Brinzlow... 2 Edwin Jgnnings... ... ... 6
Ceristoparr W. Woolley 3 Harold G. Cabemore ... 7
Francis Kire ... ... ... 4 James C. E. Simpson ... ...Tomo
Composed by H. Dains.
James C. E. Simpson ... ...Tomor
The first peal in the methoũ.
BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Thref Fiours and One /Finuto,
Ay tee Cgerch of St. Mart-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, EO56 CHANGES; Temor 13 cwt.
Ernest Howbll... ... ...Treble ! Edward ]. Cbarman ... ... 5
C. ErnestSmita ... ... 2 William T. Berson ... ... 6

Reginald V.Jounson $\quad . . \quad 3$ Fraderick W. Rogers ... 7
Kinnety Snelling ... ... 4 Oliver Sippettis n+* *i* ... Temor
Composed by G. Lindors. Conducted by Fredr, W, Rogers.
First peal of Bristol on the bells. BALDOCE, HRRTJORDSEIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
Un Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Threr Fowrs and Seven Minutes.
At fag Cedrce of St. Mary-tee-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 8T. BLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5008 OHANEES: Tenar 28 cwt .
Stanley Wallig... ... ...Tpble Stanlry A. Carter .... .... 5
Edwin G. Bock ... ... ... 2 Pricy Tomprims ... Eric B. Hartley ... ... 3 Gborge W. Dergaram ... 7
 Composed by C. W. Roberts, Conducted by G. W. Derengam.
The frat peal in the method by the association and by all the hand except by the ringer of the 7th. It was ruvg as a compliment to Mr. Arthur Day on fis election as president of the Hertford County Association.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOOIETY OF ROYAL COMBERLAND YOUTHS. On Suturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fi/iy-Eight Hinntes Ax teg Chorce of Sx. Jogn-tee-Baptist,
A PEAL DF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANQE8; Tenor 15 cwt .
Alan G. Ball ... ... ...Treble Gborge W. Sterre ... ... 5
Fredzaicr J. Cullem ... 2 †Tbomas H. Francis ... ... 6
James E. Bailzy $\quad . . \quad . . . \quad 3 \quad$ Haray Hoygrd... $\quad$ *. ... 7 Grorge H. Cross ... ... 4 Hefbert E. Audsley ...Tenoy Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.

* First peal. + First poal in the method. A birtiday compliment to Miss Rits Cullum, also in honour of the birth of a daugnter to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bailes, and rrandson to Mr, and Mrs, Fredk. G. Symonds.


## FAREWELL

At All Saints', Gawthorne, on Tuesday, April 4th, a half-peal of Minor was rung es follows: 720 of Capel, Oxford, Sándal, Kingston, London Scholars (Spliced), Te0 St. Albans, Wragby, Cluarlwood (Splicedd, 120 Neasden, 720 Plain Bob and 240 Kent and Oxford: A. Rusby 1, H. Rusby 2, L. W. Carbutt 3, Tr. Cullimgworth 4, D. Smith (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6. It was a farewell to T. Cullingworth, who is serving with the Royal Air Force and was on leave pior to setting out for three years' service in India.

## SIX BELL PEALS. <br> MATFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Three Howrs and One Mincte,
At the Cefrch of St, Donsian.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 GHANGES;
Forly-twa six-scores, with ten calliugs.
Tenor $21 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
Brex Standen ... ... ...TTreble "Ernest H. Everbet... ... 4

- William F, Moon ... ... 2 William A. Kitcerenside 5
 Conducted by Wirliah A. Kitcerenside,
* Firgt peal of Grandsire Dorbles.


## WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Wedmesday, May 10. 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Minufas, Ax thr Parish Ceorce,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE8, 5040 CHANGES

Being 24 six-scores of Grandisire ( 10 callings) and 18 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Ronald I, Raypired .. Treble Hapod G F Rey Miss Betty Raypield ... 2 Cgarles A. Savage ... ... 5 George Breney ... ... ... 3 "Jbsse Willodgaby ... ...Tanor

Conducted by Cbarles A. Savagr.
First peal. First peal of Doubles for all except ringer of 3 rid. First peal ever rung at the church.

BAETON STACEY, HANTS.
THE WLNGHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GLTLD. On Satnyday, May 13, 1939, in Two Howy and Fifby-T wo Minntes, At the Ceurce of Anc Sainsa,
A PEAL DF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Seven 720's called differently.

Conducted by Leslie A. Tremger.

* First peal on a workjog bell.

WOOD GRLEN, MDDDESEX
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOOLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GDILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hows and Forly Minutes, At the Cevoce of St. Micearl,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Seven 720's each called differeutly:
Teaor 11 cwt .
Fredericr Cabrarty ...Treble

- Thomas Bevar .

Conducted by Frbderick A. Barabr.
* First paal of Minor. Arranged as a Wedding compliment to Mis Doris Barker, daughter of the conductor.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOGESAN GULLD.
On Satnyday, May 13, 1939, in Twa Howrs and Fifty-Eowy Minwtes, Ax the Abrey Choreb
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 GHARGES
Being seven 720 s each called difterently. Tenor 9 cwt .
"Artadr H. Dakizy ... ...trabla A, Janer Yodng... .... ... 4
 Tracey H, Young conducted by E. F. Shlmons.

* First peal of Minor.

SIRATFORD ST, MARY, SUFFOLE. THE SUFTOLK GULLD.
On Satnyday, May 13. 1g39, in 1 hele Hours and Two Minutes,
Ay tge Caurcy of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANEE8;

Consisting of an extent each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Cout, Court Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt 2 gr.


[^28]BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE. TFE YORKSHTRE ASSOOLATION. (Barnbley and Districi Society.)
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Tem Howrs and Fifiy-Six Minutes,
At tee Cenech of SS. Perey and Page,
A PEAL OF 8PLIGED TREBLE BOR MJNOR, SO40 OHANGES ;
In 17 methods, viz. (1) Willesien ani College Bob TV. Delights; (2) Old Oxford and Newdigate Delights; (3) Wragby and St, Albans Delights: (4) Neasden and Clarlwood Delights; (5) College Exercise and Norbury: (6) Duke of Norfolk and Ochlev; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston, Capel and Sandal. Tenor 10 cwt .
*Ggorge Clare ... ... ...Treble John Tboaas Wgite ...* 4

- Howard Scott ... .... ... 2 Artedr Girl ... ... .... 5 Rolamd Hill ... ... ... 3 Danirl Smith ...... Conducted by Danirl Smite.
* First peal of Spliced Minor and first attempt. Also first spliced peal on the bells.

BUXTON, DIRBYSHIRE.
THE UHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Howy and Fifty-Sia Minwtes, Ax tee Chdrch of St, Peter, Falrfield,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MHADR, 5040 CHANEES;
Being seven extents in mine methods, viz. (1) Wragby Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (3) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob: (4) London Scholars’ Pleasure Treble Bob: (5) Sandai

Treble Bob; (6) Kiagston Treble Boly; (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Temor 12 cwt. 7 lb .
Rev. Frane Bonner ...Treblo Albert T. Bancroft ...
 Conducted by C. K. Lewis,

* First peal in nine methods. Rung in connection with the ceateanry celebrations at this cluurch.


## BEBINGTON, CHESHIEI. <br> THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. <br> (Wirral Baanch.)

On Satwiday, May 13, 7939, in Tuo Hows and Thirdy-Fowr Minulto,
At ige Cebrch or St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGE8;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Zondon, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt .
Walter J. Batile ... ...Treble Josepe Leblie ... ... .... 4 Miss Domotey Battle...${ }^{2}$ Drabk Parry... Frany T. Parry .*. ... 3 William Dran ... ... ...Tomey Conducted by Wililam Dean.

* First peal and first attempt.


## GOLNE ENGADNE, ESSEX.

 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.(8x. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)
On Sulnrday, May 13, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty-Seyen Minuts,
At tae Cadrce of St. Asdrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, BO4O CHANEE8!
One exteat eqch of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Coart, St. Clement's Plain Bob, Kent Treble Boh and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in $G$.

Victor Morley .... ..." .... 2 Alec M. Genery... ... ... 5 Reginald G. Simmonds ... 3 Ralpa Bird ... .... Conducted by Ralpa Bird.

ETISTED, ESSEX.
THE FSSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Houys and Thivty-Nine Minules, At iab Ceurce of Áll Saints,
A PEAL OF NETHERSEALE SURPRISE NINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Kemerti G. Smife ... ...Trebla AzEc M, Genery ... ... 4 Reginald G. Simmonds ... 2 Victor Morley ... ... ... 5 Ralpe Bird ... ... ... ... 3 Romald Sucaling ... ...Tongr Conducted by Ralpa Bird.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the association.
WITHINGTON -For evening service on May 7th, 1,260 Grand-区ire Doubles (101 different six-scores) : A. E. Winter 1, W. A. Godwim (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 2, W. Peachey $3_{\text {, }}$ J. E. Godwin 4, F. Blowing 5, W. C. Peachey 6.

WARELDTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSEEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Swnalay, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fiffy-Six Minutus At teg Cgurch of St, Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8:

Seven different 720's.
Brrtram Standen Frank h, Hicis ... Abtadr F. Lewry

## .Trobla

 Conducted by w William A. Kitchenside ilpred Boote.AYMESTREY, HERFFORDSHIRE. THE HFREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD. On Swaday, May 14, 1939, is Two Hours and Forty-Sedow Minults, As the Chorch of SS. Jobn-tar-Baptiez and Alkmond,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE8, 8040 CHANEES
Betgg one 730 of Plain Bob and six 720 s of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt .

Agthor A. Priday ... ...Trbblo
Lescie Wicia Evans ... .. ... 2

Tbomas R. Payne ... .o. 4
A. Bryan Ellsmore...
-A. James OwER ... ... ....Tenor Conducted by William J. Perece.

* First peal. First peal as conductor in two methods. BRAMLLEY, SURREY.
THE GULDPFORD DHOCESAN GUILD.
On Wodursday, May 77, 1939, is Two Howrs and Fovly Minntos,
Ar the Ceurce of the Holy Trinity,


## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8;

Soven different extents.
Tenor 8 curt. 27 lb .
William T. Behson...
...Treble

- Petrr F. Davy...

Conducter ${ }^{3}$
foum S. Gordfmira
+Wiceina F. J. Cope
+C, Ennest smith
... Thar $^{5}$

* First peal.

First peal of Bob Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Satwrday, May 13, 1939, in Three Fowrs and Thred Minness,
At New Rose Vilca,
A PEAL OF BOE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES!
*Norman H. Manning ... I-2 Ggopfrey V. Mutpy Derrex M. Sinarp 3-4 †Robert Collins 5-6
John O. Whller...
Composed by G. Hayward.
Conducted by
Conducted by D. M. Suarp.
First peal of Royal "in hand.' + First peal 'in liand.'
BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Swnday, May 74, 1939, in Two Hokes and Twolve Hinulas:
At zee Royal Masonic Jonior Scgool,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GO40 CHANGES; Parken'g Twrive-part.
Henry Hodgetss
Paran I-2 "Harold
Woolley
1-2
$3-4$
Condartad by

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.


## CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
Dn Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Haws and Sixtem Minudos,
As i8, Fitzwilliam Street.
A PEAL OF BOB MAdOR, 5040 CHANEEB!
Tenot, size 13 in E.
*T. P. Hzarn (Selwyn) a* T-2 A, R. Pargeter (Pembrokel 5-6
 Composed by E. M. Aikins. Conducted by A. R. Pargbibr.

- Firse peal. First peal as condector. WIEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY' ASSOCIATION. On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Eawys ard Sevom Minwles, Ax gz, Botcerrs'Row,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 BHANACE: Tenor, size 15 in 0.
Cecil H. Woon ... .... ... in | Edgar R. Rapley
Cbeis R. Longeriss


## 5-6

Conducted by E, R, Rapley.
First peal " in hand" by all. First peal as conductor.

## PEAL NOTES.

## LADY'S PLUCKY EFFORT

The peal of Kent Treble Bob an Sonthwoid, Suffolk, was the liret peal in that tower for the Suffolk Guild since 1924. For its suscess great credit must \}e given to Miss D, I . Constance for the way elie kept her bell going. About half of the pesl bsd been rung when her bell, the 3rd, becane "a man's job' owing to defect in the lubricaiops. Then after two and a half fours the bell was going so budly that Miss Canstance chauged ropes with Mr. E. R. Goate. The elrange was made perfecty and the peal completed. The peal was rung ou May 16th.
The first peal of Bub Royal on the bells at Chester Cathedral was rung on May $13 t^{\circ}$ and was splendidly struck without a siagle trip from beginning to end. Mr. James Swiudley, who took part, was also in the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, which incitentally wes the first peal of Major in the city of Chester, in 1896. The peal of Eoya! was the 50th peal by both Fred Hartmen and J. W. Grifths.
was the soth peal by both Ered Fartmas and J. W. Grim ins. the first altempt on May 17 th , when seren 720 's of Bob Minor were brought round. One of them, Peter Davy, is only 16 years of age. Three others of the band rang their first peal of Bob Minor, wif. J. S. Goldsmith after 46 years of peal ringing. It was his 450 th peal.
A new keenness has grown up in the Bramley band since a recent reorganisation. The hon. secretary; Mr. C. M. Marlin, sat in the tower throughout the peal to watch the ringing, and there would have been a third local man in the penl but for the unfortamate fact that he had to go inko lespital.
The peal of Yorkghire 太urprise at Fexley on May 15th was the first in the methed on the helle, which were augmented 13 monthe ago. Mr. H. A. Holden, who is teaching a band of yourg ringers at Bexley, was unable to stand in the peal owing to jndisposition, out one of his pupils, Alan Eall, deputised for him and rang the treble to lis second peal in a most capable manner

A peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, rung by a band of Sunduy service ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, fpswich, an Saturaay, was called by Miss Sylvia Bowyer, who is the first lady to call a peal of Maximus in this method

TWENTY SIX SURPRISE METHODS.
There were two new Surplise methods rung on Saturday, ane by the Oxford Guild at Warftel, Berks, and the other by the Hartford Assciation at Aldenhem. The former aamed their method after the place where they rang it ; the latter called theirs Wallasey. In each case the peal was rung without previous practice
Tho Fertford County Association also scored another 'first' on Saturday, when a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major, the first by the assaciation, was rung at Baldock as a compliment to the new president, Mr. Arthur Day, It. was also the first peal in the juethod by all the ringers except the conductor, Mr. G. W. Debenluam.
Mr Leonard Stilwoll, of Windsor, rang his W0th peal when lae conducted the first peal of Warfield Surprise Major, and he has now rang a pea! in a different Surprise method on each bell in the tower. It was the 26 th Surprise Major method which Mr. Stilwell has rang, and, curiously enough, Me. W. Welling, who also took part, las rugg peals in the sanae 26 methode. Mr. Stuwell's peals include 63 of Minor in one to twelve methods, 53 of Triples in four methods, 111 of Major in 32 methods, Grandsire and Stedınan Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob and Cambridge Royal and Kent Maximas
They also inelude non-conducted peals of Stedman Triples, and Cambridge, Superlatire and Yorkshire Surpriso Major, as well as the first peals aver ruag in 14 of the Surprise 基ajor methods. The peals have been rung in 74 towers for 10 associatioas and with 313 ringers.
To celebrate the recent addition of the trehle at Willingdon, Sussex a village adjoining Fasthourne, which was the home of Lord Willing don, whe has been both Govemnor General of Canada and Ficeroy of India, a peal of Doubles was rung on May 10th. Mr. Jesse Willoughby, the local captain, bravely stood in at short notice to riss the tenor. He had never previously rung for longer tham half an hour or covered mure than a few courses of Grandsire. Despite his state ment afterwards that he "kept hehind more by luck than anything else, he put up a lighly creditable performance. It whs the firs peal ever rung at Willingdon.
After meeting short for Gendsire Triples at Mayidid, Sussex, on May 10th, a peal of Grandsire Donbleg was rung.
The Cambridge University Guild's peal of Bob Major on May 14th was the first peal rung on the Guild's handbells since their recent renovation, which was carried out with the surplus of the noney subscribed by members for the erection of \& memorial tablet to the Rev. A. H. F. Bougher, late president of the Gaild.

FORTY FEARS OF PEAL RINGING
The peal at Crayford to celebrate the 40 th anniversary of Mr. E Barnett's 'first ' would have bem rung on the actal date (May 18th) but for the fact that this was Ascension Day. Mr. Barnett is by no means a "veteran:" but only Mr. TY. Groombridge, sen., of the re mainder of Friday's band, was alive when the original peal was rung
Messrs. L. H. Lock and W. A. Lock rang their first peal of Super lative at the first attempt on Sunctay, May 14th, at Diss, Norfolk On the previous day they rang their first peal of Cambridge Major at the first attempt.
Messrs Williami Symonds and Ernest Salmons rang their 25th peal together on May 13th, when they took part in a peal of Bob Minor at Abberdore, Herefordshire.

A great searching of the archives has revealed that the peal of Superiative at, Berkenhan on April 27th whs the 250th peal of Mr. Harry Hosking, the verantile Greenwich 'youngater."
A peal of Stedman Oinques at Southwark on Saturdny was arratged for 4 band of Calloge Fouths. One of them, however, failed to put in an appearance, and Mrs. R. F. Deal kiadly agreed to stand in, and the peal, therefore, was rung for the Kent Connty Association.

Mr. George H. Cross, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, celebrated the zeh anniversary of his first peal as conductor by calling e peal of Superlative for the society at Erth on May 20th.

The peal was also rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rita Callum, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, and a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds. Alan Ball, who rang his first peal, is only 13 years of age.

Mr. Raiph Bird has twice "circlea' ' the sir bells at Stisted, Essex, and has called a peal from each bell. He fivished this on May 14th when he called is peal of Netherseale Sutprise Minor, the first in the method by all and by the Essez Association. It was rung without previous practice.

FOUETEFN-YEAE-OLD GITL'S ACHIEVEMENT
Miss Dorathy Rattie, of Bebington, Cheshire, who is only 14 years of ege, got lier first peal on May $13 t h$, when she rang an 'inside' bell to seven finor methods, including four Surprise. Sha had never previously rung a 700 of Oxiord Bob, Kept Treble Bob, York or Beverley Surprise. It is a performance of which she may well be proud. Derek Parry rang his first peal at the samo time, and it was the first attempt by them both. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Battle kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

As far as we can recall, it must be many years since a landbell peal Was reworded by the Sussex Association, but on May $14 t h$ e peal of Bob Minor was rung 'in hand' at West Grinstead, and jt was no mean perinomance that Mr. Edgar Repley rang his first peal as conductor when be called it from the middle pair.

A peal in two methods of Doubles, arranged to enable Messrs. A. A. Priday and A. J. Owen, of the local band, io ring their first peal, was Bcored at Aymestrey, Herefordshire, on Sundey, May 14th. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev, G. R. M. and Mrs. Eiltwood.

Mr. W. R. Melville, formerly of Guildford, but who now lives at King's Worthy, Hants, rang his 250th peal on May I5th at Barton Ftacey, When he took part in geven 780 's of Boh Minor. Before going into retirement, Mr. Melville put in many years of valuable work for ringing in the Guildford area, first under the ofd Winchester Diocesan Guild, and, after the division of the diocese, for the gew Guildford Dioceran Guild.

The peal of Ashtead Siurprise rung at Wrmondham on April Z2nd was 5,184 changes in length (not 5,088 as priated), and the ringer of the Gth wes Thomas H. Frincis, of Chibwick, formerty of Paston, Norfalk.
The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Leytonstone, Essex, on May 15 h . was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. Alfred Prior) and to Messrs. Prior anc Dewson on their retirement after completion of 50 years in the service of the L.N.E.R.
On May 13th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, Tunstall, Stafis, in hocour of the centenary of the Parochial Selhoots. The old schools were opened in King Street on May 2nd, 1839, and a very important educational work has been carrien on iz the parish through the schools since that date. The centenary bas been obserped as fully as the occastion demanded and the special peal fittingly rang out the messege which the schools have been commissioned to teach for the past century. The church authorities are most grateful to the ringers ancerned, and the band thank Mr. W. Thompson for preparme the bells for them
The peal was Mr. G. H. Page's 100th for the North Stafiordshire Association and was also a bribtay compliment to the conductor, Mr. D. F. Whalley.

## A PEAR ON DOOR BELLS.

After calling a peal of spliced London, Bristot, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major on handbells on May 12th, Mr. Harold Cashmofe rang his fisst peal of Grandsite Triples two days later 1 And he rang it on door bells.
Not that the ringers went round the streets pulling knobs and running away like mischievous boys. The door bells bad been tuned and fitted by Mr. Thomas Male, of Warwick. The band sat down in the Masonic Junior School at Bushey and rang the peal.
Until last. Saturday week no peal of Oxford Treble Bob Foyal had been rung in Slropshire since that at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on Febriary 17th, 1813. One has now been rung at Coalbrookdale for the Shropshire Association.
Three old and well-seasoned ringers of Eolloway (Messrs. T. Bevan, G. Charge and A. Turner) rang their frst peal of Minor on May 13th, When, in honour of the wedding of Miss Doris Barker, danghter of Mr. Ir. A. Barker, at Finchley on May 6th, they rang in a peal of Eoh Minor at Wood Greetl, Middlesex. Althaugh he lives not far away, it is 30 years gince Mr. Albert Turrer rang in Wood Grean tower
Mr. Jocelyn Gardner rang his first peal in nine Minor methods on May 13 th at Buxton, Derbyshire. Prior to starbing for the pea! he had not struck a hlow in seven of thom.



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## BELERY GOSSIP.

The memorial vindow to the late Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, is to bo dedicated on June 10th.
Ringers who have short wave receiving sets will be able to listen to the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Yictoria, British Columbia, next Tuesday, May 30th. The belis will be broadeast before and periaps after the King's speech, which is to be made at 2 p.m. Pacific Summer Time, which is 11 p.m. English Summer Time. It will be radiated on the C.B.C. and the American N.B.C. short wave.
Members of the Central Council who may like to ring on che Wilizan Pye memorial bells at Leytonstone will be welcome at the sernce ringing on Sunday at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Convenient trains leave Liverpoot Street at 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is close to Leytonstone Station
Mr. E. Alex. Young, of Bromley, and formerly bou. secretary of the Central Cotncil, who is now making his way back from Sauth Africa by easy stages, bad an alarming experience recently. With Mrs. Foung and others from the ship on which he was travelling from Beira, be was returning from a visit ashore at Durban when the gangway between landing stage and ahip collapsed and Mr. Young was thrown into the water. In addition to his unexpected immersion, he suffered a sprajnod foot, and it is fortunate the results were no Worse. Mra Young had bappily reached tafety before the accident happened.
There are not many ringers who would go without bed just to ring for a Sunday morning service, but apparently Mr. Trank Hopgood, of St, Mary's, Wimbledon, doesn't mind. On Sunday he cycled 58 miles for morning ringing, and after Stedman and Bob Minor at Winslow, Bucks, cycled home the other 58 to ring at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, in a nice avening service touch. Mr. Hopgood had a disappointment tho other week, when he cycled 726 miles and found no ringing.

## TECHNLCAL TERMS IN TEACHING.

To the Editor
Sir, -In reply to a letter published in last weck's issue, in which a correspondent suggesis cutting out or moderating the use of techanal terms and teaching beginners with "ordinary English," I would like to say it seems to me that these terms were evalved for simplicity, and when one tries to dispense with them, then one becomes lost in a maze of oxplanations.
Turthermore, nost of the terms used in toaching beginners are, to my mind, essential and almost explain themselves; in any case, the sooner their meanings are understood the better, for the learnar cannot hope to progress without them. Moreover, the local instructor should be able to provide answers to any questions that may be asked about them.
If an instructor is not available there bave been, from time to time, many books published and written in oxcellent English that put things very clearly and can be understood by all.

Your correspondent asks also for a ringing centre, somewhere in the country, with a hrll and bells to enable learners to pick up the finer points of the art and to discuss some of his or her difficulties with other more learned ringers. Surely such a centre as this is mneces aary, as practicea and meatjugs are arranged, both in the country and the towns, for the express purpose of helping boginners and farthering the fellowship of ringing.
J. F. BOTHAM.

Keaton, Middlesez.

## CAMBRIDCE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE MEMOREAL TO THE REV. A. H. F. BODGHEX.
As prescribed by the rules, the annual general meeting of Cambridge Cuiversity Guild was beld towards the begimning of the present term, and the following officers for the year $1938-40$ were elected : President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn), re-elected; Master, T. P. Hearn (Selwyn); secretary and treasurer, R. H. Richens (Selwyn). The members appointed to serve on the Central Council are J. M. Atdins (re-elected) and the Rev. B. F. Sheppard

Durine the Christmas vacation a memorial to the jate president of the Guild was placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary the Great, in the form of a tablet of bell-metal with the following wording: 'In memory of Anchitel Harry Fletcher Koughey, born 14th August, 1849 , died 22nd Sept., 1836, Fellow of Trinity Callege, sometime Vicar of this church, President of the Cambridge University Guild of Changs Ringers from 1879 to 1936, this tablet is arected by members of the Guild to record his long and devoted service and their personal affection and gratitude.' All who have seen it are very pleased with the way in which it has been carried out.
It had been suggested, when the memorial was proposed, that if the emount subscribed by members for its erection were mare than sufficient for the purpose, no mare fitting use corld be fornd for the surplus than that it should be spent on a much-needed renovation of the Guild's handballs, which the late president had rung to many peals. It has, accordingly, beer fomnd possible to have the set of 13 (tenor size 17 in A) thoraugily overhauled and retaned, with mont satisfactary results. The first peal on the bells since this has been done was rung on May 14 th, the compesition being that old friend "Tapetapa."
arrangements for the anmal Guild Week, which starts on the first Monday in September, are well in hand, and, as is the five-yearly custom, it is to be held this year in Cambridge.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-72

## EDWIN A. BARNETT

One of the most remarkitula ringing records is that set up by Edwin A. Burnett, of Cruytord, Kent. Ringing is a natural instinct with lim, which he bas ialierited from his father and grandfather, but, even so, to have rung 340 peals in some 57 methods and extensions at the are of 20 and to have conducted 54 of them in 37 methods and extensions is an cxtraordinary performance.
Teddy $\mathrm{MI}^{\prime}$ for he is the third generation to bear the usme of Edwir, was jorn at Bexleyheath, Kent, ou October $15 t h$, 1918, but his ringine las been associated with Crayford, where he rang his first para when only eleren years old, on December 20th, 1929. He was only twelve when he conducted a peal of Kont Treble Bob Kajor, and he rang peals of Gauluridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Mrjor at the age of 13. While gtill only 13 lie called a peal of Cambridge Mujor froma working bell. This was the last peal in which liss grandfather took part and the one of wheld. out of the mang, he was most proud.
When Edwin A. was only 14 he cullerl peals of Superlative and Landon and rang in peals in four Spliced Surprise Major methorls and Cambridge Royal. At 15 ise conducten peals of Yorkshire end Pudsey, and he conducted Bristol at 17 . In all these he rans "tworking bell, while the Bristol was a composition of his own produced at tine gore of 14. Fe had alread? composed peals of Superlative at 13 and ut 17 composed and conducted one containing sever pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course ends, the most ob taizable and probably the first of its kind. Fis knowledge of composition he has gained thruugly the kindiness of Mr. A. G. Driver.
Among the preals which
 conducted been the first peals of Painswick College and Pulford Bobs, the first of Erill: Little Bob Ropal on tower bells and what was possibly the only peal of Canierbury Plessure Triples in the present century. He has caller the first peal he has rung in 20 different methods, aud of the fiftefour peals whicla he has conducted, a!! lave been different compositions ercept a parl of Doubles, in which repetition of calling was, of course, unnwoidable, and Middleton's peal of Cambridge, whigh he callod a second time on the spur of the moment when the appointed conductor did not turn up.

He took part in a peal of Hoh Major with a band of the average age of 15 , in peals of Kent Treble Rob with bands averaging 21 and 20 vears, and in a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods with a band whose avarage age was but 22 .
Ort of his 340 peals, 21 have been on latadbells and 318 on tower belis. 304 of the latter hasing been sight-bell peals and 137 of them et Crayfort. They have included 140 peals of Surprise in 17 3ajor methods.
During his wonderful career Edwin A. has always recelved every assistance and chconragement from his riuging friends, and warmly acknowledges fis indebtedness to them, but we would add thst nuch a career as he has cot out in ringing has bery largely due to his own intitiative and ability.

## PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT BRENTWOOD,

## GONGREGATIGN SEE BELLS RUNG

On Sundey, May 14 th, at the evening service, a peaf board commemorating a peal of Kent. Treble Bob Major, rung to the memory of King George ${ }^{\text {F }}$ and also a peal of Oxford Treble Pob in honour of the Coronation of their present Majesties, was unveiled by the Vicar of Brentwood, the Rev. F. G. Balfance, B.A., in the presence of a large congregation.
The bourd, which is of polished mahogany writen in gold leaf, is hung in the porch.
In order that the congregation should see how the bells are rung, the ropes were lengthened and ringing took plece in the porch, and in spite of the length of the rope, wheh varied from 22 to 24 yards, some excellent towches in the standard methods were brought round.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT RE-FORMED.

## New Officers Elected.

A fery scecessful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Safurday at Staveley, Derbyshire. This was a by-meeting specially arranged with the object of re-forming the Chesterfeld District, which for some time has beco in a very apathetic condition, and at the last annual meeting, failed to elect local officers. The bells of the Perish Church were at the disposal of the visitors and friends, and some very good striking was heard, methods being rung to accommodate all comers. I'ea was served in the $\mathrm{I}^{\text {rarish }} \mathrm{Hall}$ and a. company of between 30 and 40 sat down.

In the absence of the presideut (Lhe Rev. Canon H. E. Fitzherbert), who later gent a telegram apologising for unavoidalale absence, Mr. Colin Farrison (vice-president) toot the chair for the subsequent meeting. He was Eupported by Mr. W. E. White (trensurer) and Mr. Frnest Morris (gereral hon, teeretary) and menbers from Bolsover, Burton, Chesterfeld. Derby, Dore, Fokington, Handsworth, Beath, Nottingham, Old Whittington, Ripley, Spondon, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Warsop and the local company.

The Chairman first apologised for the absence of the Rector of Stavaley and welcomed the presence of both churchwardens, Mr. W. J. Kittridge (an hon, member of the assaciation for many years) aud Mr. J. W. Hudson. He explained the special object of the meeting, commenting on the fact that Staveley was one of the strongholds of the district. It was appropriate, too, that the first time he was called on to tako the chair since his appointment as vice-president it should be at Stareley, as he retained lappy memories of the three years he was secretary of Sheffeld and District Saciety, whose activities often brouglat him to that place. It was (he continued) a source of deep regeet to the oflicers of the association that the district-which, in the past, had done so much for the advancement of the art-should have lapsed in the way ft had. He recalled the many notable performances at Chesterfield under the leadership of the late Mr. A. Knights, those at Bolsover under the conductorship of 3fr. F. Flint, and the enthusiasm displeyed in the past in othre towers around. The main object of that meeting wis to try and resurrect sowe of that enthusiasm, and he reminded those present that the more ther put into the art the more they got out of il. It was a pleasant hooby that brought with it a social intercourse lar above the avrrage, and, further, it wes a work connected with the Church that they should value and uphold. He trusted the members of the district would at that meeting elect new local officors and thenceforth proceed with enthusiasm to restore the old spirit of onargy and eaterprise in the art. Eggland was how boing divided into amaller dioceses and new diocesant organisations were being formed. That district came in the Diocege of Derby and at present in tho area of ihe Midland Counties Association. Therefore, it was the duky of all members to support it.
Mr. White (hon. treasisrer) added his support to all Mr. Hartison had satd, and promised to answer any questions on administration that might arise.
Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary) said it was one of his deepest regrets that in preparing the last anmual report he had to state under Chesterfield 'no officers elected,' aud he trusted that that wotld be remedied at. that meeting, and that ther would atart anew on a phage of energetic activity. He stated that in the tlyee Leicesler districts they had most luppy meetings anra the social side reached a high standard, simply because they were fortunate enougla to have local secretaries who were keun and enterprising, and members who appreciated their work and that of the association as a whole. He saw no reason why Chesterfield should not do the same and emulate not only Leicester, but other districts who were worling mmicably and energetically.
Mr. W. J. Kittridge (churchwarden) here added a word of welcome to Staveley and saic that in ringing es well as in any other phase of bife and actirity, no progress could be made without the enthusiasm and eapport of all members concerned. He gave the nssociation good wishes for a prosperous future, especially in that district.
At this stage the Rector of Staveley (the Rev. H. ت. Dibben) arrived and was received with acclamation. He welcomed the members in a happy apeech, trusting they were having a good and prosperous meeting, and lie gave permission to all present to visit the fine gardens and grounds around the historic Hall and Rectory-
After Eurther discussion on various points, $3 f r$. F. A. Adams proposed and Mr. A. E. Parsons secondea that the Chesterfila District e revived and the election of afticers proceeded with
This having been agreed to, Mr. W. T. Palmer was elected chairman, and, in taling office once more, said he din so on the understanding he received more support from the members than in the past.
Mr. S. Scattergood was elected lonal secretary and promised to do his best in that office. He arged locel mombers to rally round and have some well-attended meetings. Mr. Gordon Grahem and Mr. P. Jervis were elected commiteemey, and it is now hoped Chesterfield District will once more become a strong and forceful centre of the art. Mr. White thanked the Rector and churchwardens for their support and stated it had been a bighly succersiul and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked the ringers" wives for providing such a nice tea.
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING

SATVRDAY, KAY 27 th,
Ringing St. Lawrence Jewry (next Guildlall, City), 6.30 to 8. Readerveus for evering, Holborn Buffel (nest Holborn Station Holborn Viaduct).
Service ringing: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12 bells), 9.45 and 11 a.m. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (a bells), 10 в.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Croydion Marish Church (12 bells), 10.10 e.m., 5.40 p.m.; Nit. Leanard' $\xi_{\text {, }}$, Shoreditch ( 12 bells), 5.30 p.m.; ; St. Giles', Cripplegaté (12 bells), $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark (8 Eella), 5.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis invite members and their friends to visit them at Moorcocks, Brasted, Kent. Train leaves Charing Cross ati 2.4 p -m. Please advise if you are accepting invitation.

Rendezvous for evening, Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, off Southamptor Street, Strand.

WHETSUN MONDAY, May 29 th.
Ringiug : St, Martin-in-the-Fields, 11.30 to 12.30. Westminster Abbey, 12 to 1 I Imperiul Institute (South Kensington Station), 3.30 to 4.50 . Standing Committee meeting at 7 p.m., Coffee Pot.
Headquarters for the evening, Bedford Head.

## WEITSUN TUESDAY, MAY 30th.

Councit meeting in the Guildhall, Westminster, Broad Sanctuary, north side of Westrainster Abbey ndjacent to Westrninster Hospitai (Westminster Station). Stunding Committee, 10 a m. - Council, 11 a.m. Morning zession will be adjourned at abont i.30. Ample restaurant arcommadetion in Whitehall and nround Westmingter and Victoria Station. Afternoon gession, 230 approx.
Ringigg Southwark Cathedral, 7.30 to 9 p.m., St. Magnus', London Bridge, 7 to 8.
Social at London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Masy 31st.-Prittlowell, near \&outheni, Essex, bells (10) available 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 .
Committee respansible for arrangements: Messrs, A. A. Hurtes E. J. Butler, G. W. Steere, F. M. Mitchell, D. T. Coles, T. W Taftender and D. Cooper, represeuting Londor societies.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Selretary

## DEATH OF OLD WINCHESTER GUILD RINGER

## RANG HDS ONLY PEAL AT: 76

The death of Mr. James Narris took place at hig home in Binckmoor, Hants, on May 12th. He was 84 years of age and liad anly heen land up for in few weeks. He had belonged to the Wincluester Guild for 56 years and was line second oldest member. $\mathrm{Hp}_{\mathrm{p}}$ was the tenor ringer at Blackmoor, where he had lived practically all has life. He was also the organ blower for a great number of years, He rang only one peal, and this was on May 12th, 1931, exactly eipht years before the day of his death. This peal was Grandsire Doubles, rung at his own tower in 2 hours and 45 minutes. He rang the cover bell faulelessly. Fie was then 76 years of age.
The funeral wook place at Blackmoor ot Tuesday, May 16th, the Guild boing represented by Mr. George Williams, Ringing Master. Amengst the fioral tributes were wreaths from the Alton gnd Petersfield Distrikl, Bleckmoor ringers, the choir, and the Church Council. The service was choral and the churchwardeas were present. The Vicar (the hev. F. G. Eyres) oficiated. The bells were rumg after the service by members of the local hand. By request they were balfmuffled with the tenor fully muffled.

## BARNSLEY SOCIETY

## WELCOMED AT HOYLANDSWATNE

The meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Hoylandswaine on May 6th attracted members from Cawthorne, Earlsheatan, Felkirk, Penistone, Rotherham, Sadial, Silkstome, \$helley and Wath. Ringing in the afternonn and tea in the Parish Room was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar (the Rep. H. L. Pratt) presided The Vicar expressed pleasure bhat the society had again visited Hoylandswaine and assured them of a bearty welcome at any time. He said lie was sorry that they had not now got a band of change ringers at Hoylandswaine tower, but he hoped they soon would have, as he liad been in the tower all the aftermoon and had enjoyed it rery mach.
Mr. Moxon (rice-presiderf) moved a wote of thanks to the Ficbr for the use of the bells, for presiding and for the welcome be had given, and also to the ladies for the splendid tea they land provided.
Mrs, Prstt, in reply, sadd the ladies had enjoyed alif they had domo and only loped that next time the ringers came they would bring their lady partners with them.

Further ringing followed in a wariety of methods, ranging from Original te London and York Surprise Minor.
Kirkburton Was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday̧, Jane 10th.

\section*{MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCYATION

## BELLS AND PLANES

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A very succesgful meetivg of the South and West District of the Middlasex County Associetion was held at Feitham on Saturday, May 20th. A pleasant charge in the weather added to the enjoymert, and those present derived additienal entertainment in watching lihe antics of a מumber of planes from aearby aerodromes, who were apparently cngaged in a compatition to see how near they could get to the churcu spire without actually bringing it down-it being Empire Air Dag. About 30 ringers, including a mumber of ladies, and the promising young learners at Feltham, ware present, and some very enjoyable ringing was accomplished. Towers or districts represented were Feddington, Croydon, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's). Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Kjugston-onThames, Prittewell, Ruislip, Sunbury-on-Thames, Steines and Cwickenham. Thz methods rung, under the sapervision of Messrs. W. H. Coles and G. H. Kilby, were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plan Bob and Doubla Norwich Major, and Cambridge, Superlative and Lovdon Surprise Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners, the bella being kept going from 3 to $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. with an interval for tea.
During the avening, owing to the kinduess of Mr. Tony Price, who placed' his car at visitors' dispessal, a visit whs paid to Bedfout, where about an hour's ringing was indulged in ou the musical but very nolsy peal of six; Graudsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court and Canrbridge being rang, with again rounds for the learners. This benutiful little shurch, with its Sxxon and Norman work, its wooden bell-cote and very noisy but musical bells, set on the edge of a pretty village sreen, at the side of the busy Staines Fond, seened an ideal place for a little eveniag ringiag, and the vigit was greatly eajojed.
Fea and a short bugmess meeting wera beld at tlie lreltham Hotel and were onliveaed by a series of shattering rours froma number of Westland Lysanders doing a bit ol' hedge-hopping near'by.
The next meeting was fixed for sumbiry-on-Thames on dune 24 th
A bearty vote of thanks to the local authorities, and especially to Mr. Tony Price for bis kindress, was carried with acclamation, ft beime noted with pleasure that he itas succeeded in getting Felthan bells going again after a long silence, and that among the promising band he is getting together are Mrs. Price and other members of his family.

## MDD-WTEK MEFTING HO BE HELD.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was beld at Earrow Weald on Sakurday, and although the attandance was much below the average, those present mede goad use of the bells and the ringing varied from touchea of Triples to the usual Spliced Surprise Major, the band in the latter being composed of equal aumbers of ladies and gentlemen.

The eerrice was conducted by the Rev. C. S. Durham Vicar wion in a short address, dealt with the meaning of the Ascension.

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the provisionnl election of three members previous to peal attompts was ratified and three new members were elected. It was anmounned that the association had recently lost two members by death, Mr. R. P. Pike, Kingsbury, and Mr. T. Humphyey, Pinner, both regular Sunday gervice ringers, and tbe meeting stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Chureh Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th, the bells being available from 5 p.m St. Ann's Church, Stamfort Hill, was chosen ss the venue for the next district meeting, if possibie on Jume 24 th
Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, who, in reply, welcomed the association to Harrow Weald, to the organist, and to Miss E. K. Fulton and lady helpers for the adecuate catering arrangements.

## QUARTER-FEALS

For Ascension Eve service on May 17th at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. K. Lister (first quarterpeai) 1. T. S. Goodchite 2, E. W. Eldridge 3, W. H. Walker 4, J. Eldridge 5, E. Pugh 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, H. A. Baliwin 8 . All except the conductor are of the Boyne Hill band.
Merbbers of the young band at St. Mars"s, Rnttersea, toolf part on May 17th in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Timas 1, $\pi$. Ireland 2, W. Fssery 3, L. Brown 4, E. Dodut 5, G. Ashford 6, A. Willianis (conductor) 7, S. Hart 8.

As a birlhiny rompliment to Mrs, G. H. Gutteridge, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St, Andrew" $s$, Hillingdon, on May 16th: T. Corke 1. W. S. Childs 2, T. Collins 3, Miss F. M. Gutteriage 4. R. Henson 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, P. E. Jones 7, G. Nicholla 8.

For Mass at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge, on May 7th. 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Shorter 1, D. L. G. Lathhury 2, A. E. Austin 3, R. Knights 4, S. Goodwin (first quarter-peal of Superlative) $5, ~ F$. G. Gleaves 6. $\mathbf{F}$. Warrington 7, J. W. Ward (conductor) 8.
At St. Mary's, Maisey Happton, Glos., on Sunday, Mey 7th, for morning service, 1.260 Bob Ninor: E. E. Peare 1, W. A. Godwin 2, L. W. Cuss $3_{i} \mathbb{N}$. G. Peare 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5 , J. E. Godupin 6. First cnarter-peal of Minor by all except the conductar, and first on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Charch, Watermonr, Cirencester, 1,264 Bob Major: F. J. Lewis, sen. 1, L. W. Cuss (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, W. C. Cuss (first as conductor) 3 , H. L. Cooke 4. A. W. Baldwin S, H. S. Parsons B, F. J. Lewis, juv. 7, W. H. Hayward 8.

## CLERICAL RINGERS' HOLIDAY

## SUCCTESES AND FALLURES OF 1 DEVON TOUR

The elerical ringing week took place this Fear in Devonghire, from Monday, April 17th, to Friday, the 2lst, headquarters being at a lotel mear Bovey Tracey. The party was larger than ever wefore,
the weather perfect, the country astonishingly beantiful, and the the weather perfect, the country astonishingly beantiful, and the
whole week thorongbly enjayable. That the call-cliange ringers of Devonshirs were always impressed by the ringing they heard is more than we can claim, but some at least of them became interested in change ringing, and there was, during the week, some excellent ringing. We greatis missed the Fews, E. V. Cox and A. G. G. Thurlow-
and not only in the belfry. It was a particular disappointment to and not only in the belfry. It was a particular disappointment to pilotiog us rouna his own territory and himself enjoyiug the tour for which be had made such admirahle arrangements.

Thorverton was the first tower visitre, ringing being impossible at Brampford Speke owing to illness mear the tower. Here the first seven of the party gathered, and witl the help of Mr. Rider, of the sire Triples atd Bob Minor. This was the only change ringing tower of the whole tour. Mrs, Cox then wery kindly entertained the company to tea at Brampford Speke, where we cound more of the party gathered. Passing through Tzeter, we stopped next at Claudleigh, the ancient screen survives, with paintings of saints on the panels. We rang Grandsire Triples badly, but Stedman und Kent Treble Bob
Major went well. Mr. C. R. Lilley kindly came up into the beliry Major went well. Mr. C. R
to wish us a successfui week.
From Chudleigh we moved on to Bovey Tracey, the Devonshire conntryside looking in the evening light even more like Paradise than ever, and so to our headquarters. At dinner we all drank water, the botel management having a higher opinion of us than subsequent experience justified. Afterwards hamabells were get going to Grandirire And so to bed. The thin walls dividing our rooms were powerless to mufie the snores of some of the parlg. In the moraing we were roused by die glorious sang of innumerable birds liaunting the woods yearby. They were remarkably early risers.

A NOTICE THAT PROVED UNTRUE.
Tuesday morning's progranme included a pal attempt at Bovey Tracey (tenor 14 cwt.), and ringing at Ilsington. Tradition associates the building of Bovey Church with the Sir William de Tracey, one of Thomas a Becket's murdcrers, who was urade to build three churches as Part of his penance, and the churely bears a friple dedication to church is considerably later, owing muet to the great Lady Margaret Braufort, mother of King Heary VII., who omned the manor from 1487-1509. A boautiful painted screen dates from ber time. In the poreh we found a notice to say that the Clerical Guild would ring a penl at 9.30 . It proved to be untrue. A peal of Kent hegan at 10.20, but came to grief after 40 minutes, and the band consoled themselves with a well-struck guarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Meanwhile the rest of the party wore making their way to Ilsington, a place
approached only by hilly, tortuous lanes. The parish is said to be the second largest in Devonshire. The church, a fine eruciform building with north and sauth aisles, has an uamusical ring of six (tenor 14 cwi.). The four standard methods were rung, but except for Kent the local company would not bave been favourably improssed. We short, steep pull brought us up to Haytor Rocks (1,491ft.), the most popular picnic place on Darimeor, for lunch, The luge rocks kept off the wind, and the sun seensed as hot as June.

Tin-mining at one time made tho little viliage of Widecombe prosperons, the enormous church tower being built, so it is said, by the miners as an expression of gratitude. Nowadays the mythical vocle Tom Cobleigh brings wealth more easily got, for most visitors (and
there ars many of flam) take awny some memento of him, often one of those musical jugs which seem incessantly to play the familiar tune. The Church of St. Pancras has lost the loft of its ancient ecreen, but retains the lower pictured panels. In the guide books it is rhiefy notable for the great thanderstorm of 1638 , when one of the massive pinacles crnshed through the roof, killing four men, and a great fiery ball passed through the church, burnisg many, a visitation ascribed, of rourse, to Satan himself. No such fate befel us, and the aewly-hung six responded well to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Boh and Cambridge, but seemed unaccustomed to Londan. A pleasznt drive brought us to Chagford, where there is a ring of eight hung by a former local belihanger. Visitors aeed to learn the wageries of each bell before they can atrike them, and although we mado progress me tea with the famous cream whinh we lhad come to expect at crery mea! AT BUCKFAST ABBEF.
Wedmesday morning sterted with a peal attempt at Wolhorough (Buckfastleigll being unpealable owing to great new ropes with sallies of prodgious sige). The ancient screen bas the most remarkable series mediwval three bells cast by Bird in 1390. A peal of Bob Major wha successfully brought round in three hours and ten minutes. The peal was rather a curate's egg-" paris excellent, my Lard '-but the worst came firse and the greater part would have satisfied mast critics. A
of the party were singing the six belis at Dean Prior, a church of which the poet Herrick weas once vicar. They claim to bave rung un unconducted touch of Bob Minor. A picgic lunch was eaten, without asking permission, in the grounds of a deserted cafe at Dartbridge, after which we moved on to Buckfast Abbey, where we wers very glad to find Mr. A. L. Bennett, who had been largely responsible for geting the use of the bells, waiting for us, The front eight of tha twelve (tenor 41 cwt.) were rung up in neal, and tlas back four very nearly so. A touol of Grambire Caters oamo round very nicely, but Stednann Caters came to prief, and we prudently refrained from Cinques. Kent on the beck eight filled in the allotted time. We muci. appreciatea our visit to this woncerful tower and the charming welcome of the monks. What fascinated some of us most was to watch the great houcdon bell, Osanna, being swung and to see tha clapper coming slowly up to strike the hell. There is a strict rule that lades are not admitued to the belfry, but Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Powell were oncouraged by an old friend among the monks to honour the rule in the breach rather than in the observance, and are no doubt the first ladies to hava rung on the present twelve, After tea handbells were rung to a small hut delighted audience. On the way home we stopped at Ashbuthon, where there is a newly-lung ring of eiglt (tenor 21. cwt.) in the massive but graceful tower. The intended rise in peal conaded like an attempt to ring up in Queen's, and the local ringers保 luly astonished. Etedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung on these fine-toned hells.

## TWO PAILURES IN ONE MORNING.

On Thursday morning the party divided into three bands. One at Higliweek (trenor $11 \frac{1}{4}$ cwt.) attempted a peal of Stedman Triples. Highweek Church faces Wolborough across an intervening valley, and we had hoped that, having heard a peal from its rival on the previous day, jt would refuse to be untdone. But it was not to be, After getting beyoud half-way in very quick time, and when ringing seemed perfect, it suddenly went the way of so many promising Stedman attempts. Mr. C. R. Lilley came in to condole, and joined us in a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Cambridge, another band had atiempted a peal of Bob Minar nr the splendid six at Claristaw (tenor 14 ewt.). They modestly attributed their failure to inability to ring the method and mored on to Bickington, where the rest of the party lad proceded them. Here Mrs. Palmer for the first time rang the trebla to Gramdsire, and two of the local band were initiated into the art of change fruging.
We all met at Highweek and went hungrify along the Totnes road lookirg for a shady place for lanch, forgetting that since the leaves were not jet out no shade sas to be liad. Finally we stopped at Shadrack, where the sun provided a yery fair substitute for a buruing fery furnace, in a field in which butl had just been turned loose. Two of the party prejerred to eat and drink by the roadside, to the admiration of passers by
Totnes laes a megnificent stone screen built in 1459, and in its fine rod sandstone tower a ring of eiglit (tenor 28 owt.), casi by Rudhall in 1732, tla earliest eight in Devonshire outcide the Qathedral. Curfew has been rung continuously since the Norman Conquest, and the fire alarm is still given hy japgling the two trables. After short touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, we moved on to two six-bell towers, Starerton and Broadhempston. Both have laad the upper parts of their antient screens recently restored. At both we were reminded low much the bellhenger's art has progressed, for the "go" left much to be desjred. It was at Staverion (tenor $21 \mathrm{cwt)}$. that a tocal ringer told us how spiendid the bells sound "when thes are properlv rung. Here, after tea at the Vicarage, by kind insitatinn
of the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Drake-Rrockman, a course of Crandsira Caters was rung on the lawn, the local ringer being much impressed and observing that "that was how the tower bells ought to bave been rung." At Staverton we rang spliced Grandsire Doubleg aud Bob Minor, at Broadliempston more orthodox methods

LOCAL RINGERS COME TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG.
hampstead (tenor 15 cwt.). As we started just after 10.15 on a peal timed for 9.15 , we reflected that our programme lad been drawn on before summer time began and that we were therefore tolerably punctual. After 40 minutes of Kent wa stopped, much to the surprise af those listening below, fearing that two bells had shifted, only to discover that all was well. With one change in the band we started again, but things never went quite as well, and after 45 minutes the second attempt came to grief. The rest of the party had gone on frat to Drewsteigntan, where the Rev, A. R. W. Peek kindly provided them with refresliment, hoth liquid and solid, and then to Tirowleigh an out of the way little chureh notable for a remarkably fine priesb's door and now possessing a delightinl ring of gix (tenor 星 cwt.).
Lunch wes eaten shortly after 2 o'rlock on the laton at Okehampton, by the Vicar's kind permission, and none of the party showed nuy disposition to hurry over it, Okelampton has a tunelul eight (tenor 16 cwt . 1 , with one of the most strangely clappered tenors ever hung. After repeated experiments, we succeded in ringing Bob Major tolerably well. And so on to Bridestowe, the Inst tewer of the tour. Here our efforta hrought in some of the loenl band to see what was wrong, but one of them, a former shange ringer from up-country. joined us in Grandsire Doubles. Here was rung the only completed courge of London of the tour. After a final short touch of Boh Minor we edjourned to the Rectory, where the Rev, C. S. and Mrs. Fairhurst had very kindly provided tea. To them and to all who entertained us and welcomed us to their towers we owe a big debt of gratitude. J. ㅍ. B. A.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSPCL MEETING AT BLABLETHORPE
A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Brawh of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 13tin. It was a lovely day to be by the seaside, and some members spent the day there. It was a record mecting for Mablethorpe, members and friends attending from far and near, Alford, Bighy, Barton-on-Eumber, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Grimsby (St. James aud St. Andrew'si, Old Clee, Killinghalme, Waltham and the local tower being. represented, whike ringing frimds were present from Gainsborough (including Mr. Ieslie Lunn, secretary of the Gaiusborough Digtrict, Bilfingborough, Lincoln and Surfeet (including the Guid Master, Mr, R. Richarason, and Mrs. Richardson), and, if our information is correct, a honeymoon couple from the same district.

The very handy peal of six, although a bit noisy is the ringing room, were made good use of during the alternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Subton), who gave an interesting aidress. Councilor Drury kindly presided at the argan in the absence of the official organist. At the Cafe Regent, 47 sat down to tea. In the absence of the president, the Rector presifed over the business meeting which followed.
Mr. J. Parker, of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, was olected a performing mamber.
The collection for the district boll fund amonnted to 11 s . $1 \frac{1}{2} d$
Mr. J. Bray referred to the sad death of Mr. Bernard Gillatt, of Burtion Stather, at a very carly age. Well known in Nortli Lancolinshire, he was a very able ringer...Members stood in silence to show their deepest respect

Mr. Barber referied to the first ladies' peal of Minor in the conntry rung at Isham 17 years age that day, as a result of which the Guild Master excelled as a paet. Mr. Barber gaid be was wery glad to see the Guild Master and Mrs. Richardson, nad also their daughter, Enid, who was making good progress in ringing
Mr. C. McGuinens proposed \& learty vote of thenks to the Rector for the use of the belfs, for condmeting the service and for his nddress Itr the organist for ably filling the gap at shor notise, also to Mr. F. Fisrber fo" all he had done in making the meeting such a success. This was replied to by Councillor Drury, the Reetor and Mr P. Barher.

Nice touches on the handbells br some of the "eream' of Lincolushare'g handbell ringers brought this part of the proceadings to a clase, and the members them adjourned to the tower again for further ringing.

## RAMPTON BELLS.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir,-Through the generosity of the sons of a late Rector of Resmpton, we ere able to entertain the provision of the filth bell of our little peal, but I do not think that the offer made will cover the whola cost of the 5th hell. Furthermore I should like to see the possibilify of the sixth.

May I take this opportunity once more to thank all ringers who heve so far snsworcd my appeal by belf books, There must, howewer, be still 1,660 books out, and they are coming in slowly. Niow is the titue to give us a leg up and support this geaerous offer

THONAS L. HAFERS.

## Rampton Rectory, Cambridge.

## NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK PEALS.

## To the Editor.

llear Sir, It must be due to my defective intelfect, lut I am invariably puzaled by the Rev. Herbert Drake when he 'iakes the flome. In your last issue he is reported as having spoken about peal tolals in Suffolk and Norfolk, but there seems to be something wrong witl: his arithmetic.
The old Norwich Association in the years 1909 to 1913 inclusive scored 136, 151, 181, 265 and 291 penls. The 291 in 1913 is, of course, will the record 'bag' for any ringing organisation. Even in fateful 1914 the tofal was 156 . These figures do not sgrea at all with the conclusions drawn on this particular matter by Mr. Drake in his speecla at Ipswich

## RINGING MASTERS

We regret that for want of space we are compelled to Iold over a etter on this subject from Mr. P. Amos.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from page 337.)
Mr. J. IF. Swinfield said ho trusted that the Peak Society would now be re-formed as an active branch of the association as it was when Mr. J. E. L. Coeley was secretary.

The General Han. Secretnry explained that this branch was metnally arranging the Hext quarterlv M.C.A. noeeting; to be beld at Bakewell

This concluder the business, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. Pagett 1-2, C. Harrison 3-4, E. Mortis 5-6, W. Allwood 7-8. Forther handhell and tower-bell ringitug ferminafed a very happy and successful meeting.

## NOTICES.

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ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON.-The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afternoon. A ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, followed by tea and a short meeting.-Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master wili arrange methods as required, and members should make every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.- V.W.H. Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4-30-R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Farringdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham ( 6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton and Manchester Branches.-Meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 27th. Beils available 3 p.m. -Peter Crook and J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Secs.
DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, May 27 th. Bells (8) ready at $3 \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{m}$ - - E. Cooper, 6 , Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Please note. Next meeting will be held at Hamer, not Healy as intended, on Saturday, May 27th. All ringers wekcome.-I. Kay, Branch Sec.
SUFFOLK GUILD.-On Whit Monday, a meeting will be held at Halesworth. The bells (8) will be available all day, also the six-bell towers of Chediston, Wissett and Wenhaston. Tea and meeting $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., at the Church Rooms. Please advise Mr. F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth, of number for tea.-H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - The 6oth annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at $11.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral ( I 2 ), Great Baddow ( 8 ), Galleywood
(8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested.-L, J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36 , Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on WhitMonday, May 2gth. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at I p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from ro a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.-Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.
DEVONSFIIRE GUILD.--The annual meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, at 1 p.m., foilowed by business meeting. Bells available: St, Andrew's (Io), Charles (10), St. George's, Stonehouse (8), and Stoke Damerel (6).-T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 3r, Cross Park Park, Heavitree, Exeter.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmarsh (6) for parties making own arrangements. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply to district secretaries. - Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghiil Vicarage, Hereford.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meeting at Southwark Cathedral, May 3oth, at 7.30 p.m. , St. Clement Danes, June rst. - A. B. Peck, Sec., I Eversfield Road, Reigate.
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.-Prittlewell's 10 bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, $3-5$ p.m. and $6-8$ p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies ${ }^{\prime}$ Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.-F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - The Annual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 . Tea at 5 , 2\%/- each ( $1 / 6$ to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.; and Frodsham from Io a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning please communicate with Mr. W. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warring. ton, Ruacorn, Chester and Frodsham. Tickets for tea are obtainable from the Branch Secretaries before June 1st. Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the New Inr at 5.30 , followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, 4, Cul-de-Sac Road, East Molesey, not later than Thursday, June 1st. All ringers welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS. - The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 hells restored by John Taylor \& Co.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby district.-The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Charles Davies, Castle Street, Melbourne. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand, Subscriptions due.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN 'ASSOCIATION.-North

 Norfolk Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8), rehung and recast by John Taylor and Co., available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Double Mancroft Bob Major. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea, please botify me not later than Wednesday, May 31st, as I shall book tea only for those members of whom I secure names or numbers. Good bus service from Norwich (Castle Meadows). Leave $1.35,2.4,2.34,3.4$, and 3.30 - Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-A meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is essential that all who intend to be present for tea should notify Mr . W. Cutmore, Olive Cottage, Belchamp St. Paul's, Sudbury, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. All ringers welcome. Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. -The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those who require tea please inform me by Wednesday, May 31st? J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea Kindly notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, not later than May 31st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION - Bristol City Branch. - A combined ringing meeting will be held with the Bristol 'Rural and Wotton Branches on Saturday, June 3rä, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6). Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Please advise for tea to 5, Addíson Road, Bristol 3.-A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.-A meeting will be held at Horningsea on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 . Please support this meeting at a fresh town with bells lately rehung.-C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch.-Special meeting will be heid at Clipston (5 bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Usual arrange-ments.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Northern District.-The next meering wil? take place at St. George's, Jesmond, at 3.15, on June 3rd. The Osborne Road trolley bus from the town stops at the church.--Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - CHANGE OF DATE.-Meeting at Cound ( 6 bells) on June 3rd. Visitors will be very welcome at this delightful village, if notice for tea is sent to W. A. Tanner, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.-By the couttesy of the Dean and Chapter, a joint meeting of the above associations will be heid at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, June 3rd. The fine peal of ten bells will be available for ringing during the afternonn and evening. Tea will be served at the Black Bull Hotel at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon, before June 1st. A short business meeting will be held after tea. Please try to be present.-E. Hudson and J. Reed, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOLTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Christchurch District.-A combined meeting with the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, June Brd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Bells of St. John's, Surrey Road, at 6.30 p.m.-G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-By-meeting will be held at Hunton (six bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Learners especially welcomed, also visitors. Kindly advise me for tea not later thari June 1st.-R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

ONFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Bucks Brancl.-The annual festival will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) avaiłable from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Secretary to be elected. Numbers for tea in good time.-Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Wisbech Branch. -The branch will meet at Marham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea at 5. A welcome for all. -W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks Church ( 6 bells), near Worksop, on Saturday, June 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hall, Meersham House, Shireoaks, Work-sop.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-Next practice meeting will be held at I angdale, Hoty Trinity ( 6 bells), on Saturday, Junc 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m.-N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -The ring of eight bells, St. Mary's, Ely, restored by Taylors, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, June 3 rd , at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea free to those who notify Mr. H. Cole, 84, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, by June 1st. Wil all association members and friends make special effort to attend?-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUULD.-A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Brant-Broughton ( 6 bells, tenor 24 cwt .) on Saturday, June 3 rd , available at 2.30 until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, May 31st. Beckingham bells ( 6, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available after tea.-Nenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde ( 6 bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea and oblige.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District-A meeting will be held at Bennington on June 3rd at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting as usual. Please come and see the noted tower, and have a ring on the Bennington bells.-A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-A combined practice of Andover and Basingstoke Districts will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 2.30 Tea at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in Church Room. Names for tea to Rev. F.S.H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstake.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Halsall, on Sarurday, fune 3rd. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea will be free, for which please notify Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, nr. Ormskirk, by Wed., May 3ist.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDDLESES COLINTY ASSOCIATION AND I.ONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All welcome.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, -The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June roth, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Ford, 384 , Chorley Old Road, Bolton, how many will require tea before June 8 th. -W'. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

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DEDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 1oth. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 . Tea will be provided at a small charge of 6d. each. It is essential that all who reguire tea will let me know not later than THURSDAY, JUNE rst, as the caterer cannot provide for any whose names are sent after that date. -Herbert Sheppard, ${ }^{1} 7$, Grange Road, Dudley.

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## A DERBYSHIRE TASK.

Ringers living in the northern part of Derbyshire must wekome the effort which the Midland Counties Association has just made to revive its work in the Chesterfield district. Without the backing of an active organisation, ringirg has a tendency to wilt, and ringers seem to lose interest. This has happened in the area where a new start was made on Saturday week, and it is to be hoped that there will be a rallying of forces to the assistance of the newly-appointed officers in what will probably be an uphill struggle. It is not easy to pull a district out of lethargy when it has been allowed to drift, and how sadly this had happened in the Chesterfield District may be judged from the fact that at the last annual meeting there were not even any officers appointed. When the local organisation cones so near to extinction as this, it will not be an easy task to bring it back to full life, and it should be the concern of every ringer in the area to give support to the men who have undertaken the work.
What the real cause of the final decline in interest was, we do not know, but it is not difficult to realise that it began with the closing down of the bells of Chesterfield church, itself a centre of great activity in ringing throughout a long period of years. With the silencing of the bells there was bound to be a slackening of interest, with all the doleful results which it inevitably brings about, and it is impossible to sustain animation in an organisation from without, if there is no life within. The nerve centre of the Midland Counties Associntion is now, at any rate, situated in Leicester, and is somewhat distant from North Derbyshire. This in itself must have made it all the harder to keep things going, and it rather indicates the desirability of further consideration of the whole position. The association spreads into a number of counties and more or less covers four dioceses, and there seems to be something to be said for those who contend that the time has arrived when there should be a decentralisation into separate diocesan organisations. When Sir Arthur Heywood founded the association, some sixty years ago, there was good reason for one large embracing organisation instead of setting up a number of small ones, but the growth of the number of bells in the area, the increase in membership, the spread of change ringing and, above all, the tendency in these days to link up the activities of ringing on diocesan lines, does suggest, not that the Midland Counties Association has in any sense outlived its usefuiness, but that some further step towards diocesan management and interest might be well worth consideration. Only a few months ago a Derby (Continued on page 346 .)

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nind 9G, Caryor Etmeet, Moomhead, Ehofilald.

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Diocesan Association was suggested; it may be that such an organisation under the wgis of the Midland Counties Association might help to stimulate interest both among ringers and clergy.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

## On Twesday, May 23, 1939, in Three Howrs and Forty-Three Minstes,

 Ax the Cbercb of Sy. Martin.
## A PEAL OF GRANQSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANQE8।

 Tenor 37 cwt .Daniel T. Matmin an ...Tyeble Morris J. Morris ... i.. 7 | Agberi Walker | ... | 2 | Howard Howble | ... | ... | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -Sidney O'C. Holloway ... | 3 | Ronald H. Dovg | ... | .. | 9 |  | †Romali Y. Seeperad ... 4 .Jogn S. Mason ... ... ... ro †Alpred Allen ... ... ... 5 Frane E. Haynes ... ... II Wicliam C. Dowding! ... 6

 Composed by M. J. Morris (No. I). Condacted by D. T. Mazkin

* First peal of Grandsire Giaques. † First peal on 12 bells. \#First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKLNGHAMSHIRE.
TEE SOOTETY OF HOYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, May 24. 1939 , ix Thyed Howrs and T wonty-Seven Minutes, Aiter Cerpge of All Saisis,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANEES; Tenor 32 cwt . in C sharp.

Fred Haybs .............eblel Edward R. Coles
.. 4.

- Mrs. F. W. Housden ... 2 Thomas H. Francis ... ... 8

Alpred H. Pulling... ... 3 Gzorge W. Steraz ...
Charles T, Coles ... ... 4 Lamonard Stilwzel ... ... 10
Ralpe Coles ... ... ... 5 James Benneti ... ... ... it
Jobn S. Goldsmitr ... ... 6 George H. Cross ... ...Temay
Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Grorgr H. Cross.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung in celebration of Empire Day.

CROYDON, SURREY,
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Salurday, May 27, 7939, im Thee Hours and Forty-Seven Mimuts, At tae Chorce of St. Jobn,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANEES; Tenor $36 \mathrm{cwt}$.3 qr .18 lb . in C .
Gedrge Wigliams ... ...Trebif||Wartgr Ayrr .... ... .... 7
Wicliam H. Barber ... ... 2
Hergerz Knigei ... ... 3 Rqpert Ricbardson ... ... 9
Alberi Walebr ... ... ... 4 George W. Fletcerr ... 10 Willià J. Davideon ... 5 Frederici W. Rogers ... II Gabriel Lindoy ... ... 6 Albbrt A. Hogbes ... ...Temor Composed by Jozn Caryer. Conducted by Alabry Walerr, All the above are members of the Centeral Council.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FANGLAND. On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Jhree Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, At the Cerrce of Sx. Maxy-Le-Bow, Carapgide,
A PEAL OF GRAMDSIRE CINQUEg, SOA8, GHAMCE8;

$$
\text { Tenor } 53 \mathrm{cwt} .
$$

Bro. Henry Hodgezis, M.M., Wilson Isles, No. 2054 ... ...Treble
Bro. Edwin Bafnett, M.M., Gavelkind. No. 4266 ... ... 2
Bro. Horacr Goodrnodge, M.M., Semper Fidelis, No. 4393... 3 Bro. Reginald C. H. Comnoly, M.M., Sir Bevis, No. 5072 ... 4 Bro. Grorge R. Newion, M.M., Temperance, No. 2714 ... 5 Bro, Grorge W. Strere, M.M., Sowest, No. 3797 ... ... 6 Bro. Jomn H. B. Hesse, M. M., Cama, No. $2015 \ldots \ldots$............. 7 Bro. Artper D. Barker, M.M., St. Clement Danes, No. 135 I 8 Bro. Siafford H. Grern, M.M., Whitgift, No. 3617 ... ... 9 Wor. Bro. Fgederick Weite, P.M. Holmesdale, No. 874 ... 10 Bro. Arprip B. Prex, S.W., Inx in Tenebris, No. 3457 ... II Wor. Bro. J. H. Frisbora, R.M., Chorley Wood, No. 3247 ...Temor Composed and Conducted by Bro. G. R. Newron,
The irst peal of Grandsire Gingues rung by a band of Frearaasons.

LONDON
THE ST. MARTE'S GURD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Threz Howrs and Forly-Two Minules, At ter Churce of St. Leonard, Seoreditch,
A PEAL OF BTEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 GHANGES; Tenor 28 cwt . in D fat.

| Ernest C. Turnar | ...Treble | Cbarlbs H. Kippra |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| William J. Davids | ... | Sidney F. Palmer |
| Herbart Kitigat | ... 3 | Repgry Ricgardson ... |
| Sidney O'C. Holloway | .. 4 | Leslie H. G. Morris,. |
| Alberi Walerr... |  | William Barier |
| Garriei Lindory | ... 6 | James H. Sbepered |
| Composed by G. Li |  | Conducted by alarry Waz |

LONDON
THE SOCIBTY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Thes Hows and Thivfy-Fivo Minxter,
At iefe Cbutch of St. Giles, Cetpplegate,
A PEAL OF ETEDMAN CINQUES, E00Y CHANGEE; Tenor 36 cwt .
Erederict G. Symonds ...Tublt Stanery J.T.Sgellocz ... 7
Jobrye D. Jobeson ... ... 2 Thomas H. Francis ... ... 8
Gedrgr H. Czoss ... ... 3 Friderick J. Clleum ... 9 Mrs. C. J. Mattrawb ... a Harry Hoverd ... ... ... 10 -Edward T. Gripfin ... ... 5 Gborge W. Strere ... ... it H. Ricamad Frimcb... ... 6 Јаmis Benneti ... ... ...Tenc; Composed by C. W. Robrrts. Conducted by Grorge H. Cboss. * First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung in honour of the birtin of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

CREWE, CHESHREE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Ifay 27, 1939, in Three Fours and Eightems Minutes, At Cerist Caurch,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, B183 CHANEEEI

 Tenor 30 cwt .James H. Riding... ... ...Tyelle Harry Overton ... Robirt Sperring Harry F. Holding ... .... 4 Peracy Swindiey... ... William J. Cbegtar... .... ${ }^{4}$ Harry Tereweli. .... ....Temor
Composed by C. W. Roberis. Conducted by R. D. Langmord.
First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Satbrday, May 20, 1939, in Thres Hours, At tre Church of St. Andiew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAIOR, 5024 CHANGE8;

 Tenor 13 cwt. ig lb.Pbrcy Grezn ... ... ...Ttebic |-Norman F. Gringam ... 3 Grorge Gribn ... ... ... 2 Gborge Saumdirs ... ... -Walter Doreing ... ... 3 - Cgristopabr Jaggard ... 7 Artbur H. Everitt .... 4 Josbre C. Jbhnings ... ...T thot Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Farcy Grezn.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arrangea as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Fourteen Minutes, At ter Cacrce of St. Janes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, sess CHANCE! Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb .
Arteid K. Harrison ...Tyteble Lewis W. Kilmorm ... ... 3 Bzrmard J. Saddingion... 2 Cbristopbyr G. Hendry ... 6 Groffrey E. Watson ... 3 Burley P. Morals ... ... 7 -Raymond F. Law ....... 4 William J. Whitmore ...Temey Composed by T. B. Worseey, Conducted by W. J. Waitmore.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (South Forest Brance.)
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hows and Fourteon Minutes, At the Cherce of St. Jonn,
A PEAL OF CRANDEIRE TRIPLES, BOs0 CMANEE8;
J. J. Parker's Ohe-pari.

Tenor 16 cwt .
Joseph Harprer .
... ...Treble
Jobn Austin... ... ... ... 2
Jobm Clare... ... ... ... 3

Sydeyy E, Romang ... ... 4 Howard Mege ... ... ...Temor
Conducted by Joan Adside.
Rung half-mufled as a last tribate of respect to the late Mre. Alice Horick, a generous bencfactor to the church end parish. HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GULD.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Ihree Howrs and Thres Minules, At iee Cedreb of St, Mary,
A PEAL OF DAMBRIDGE SURPRIBE MAJOR, SOLE GHANEEE, Tenor 19 星 cw .

Frank Sterry ........... 4 James Bennett, Jun. .... ...Ttho
Composed by C. W. Midibion. Conducted by T. W. Last.

* First peal of Major.


## SIL $\nabla$ FIRDALE, STATFORDSHIRE

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwriay, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minuts, At tee Cedrch of St. Luki,

## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE

Vicars' Six-part.
Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Claude Templeton
 Willis Bockley Edward Sterle ... ... 4 Len Dayies ... .... ... ...T 4 mor Conducted by jobm $G$. Cartzidge.

* First peal in the method. First pesl in the method as conductor. A compliment to Mr. W. Edwards and Miss M. Hill upon their marriege.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, May 27, 1939, in I hree Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Ceupch of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, g08s CHANEE8। Tonor 11 ewt.


## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

 THE WARWICKSEIRE GDILD.On Monday, May 22, 1939, in Two Howfs and Forly-Eight Minutes, Aitige Chorch of Ale Saints.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE 8 URPRISE MAJOR, COSA CHANOE8। Jounson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor rist cwt.
 -John E. S. Morgton ... 2 Frsdzricr H. Derter ... 6 Josepr H. W. White ... 3 †Jobn Gibbons Mrs, D. E. Beamise ... 4 Agtadr H. Blamisg... ...Tenoy Conducted by Frane W. Perrens.

* First peal in the metbod 'inside.' † First Surprise peal.


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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOGIATION
On Monday, Mav 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Thre Minutes, Aithe Churce of St. Micearl,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, GAMBRIDGE \& \&PERLATIYE SURPRIBE MASOR, 5056 CHANCE8;

Tenor IIt cwt. in $G$.
Samcel Warne ... ... ...Tybble Ronald Sockling ... ... 3
Hilda G. Showdrn ... ... 2 "Harry G. Felton ... ... 6
Frane Claydon ......
Albert Wifyen ... ... ... 4 - Walter Arnolm ... ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. Tornar.

* First peal in spliced methods. The peal consisted of 2,944 London 640 Bristol, 640 Superlative and 832 Cambridge, with 112 changes of method.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GULHD. On Wedmesday, May 24, 7939, in Ihree Hours and / hivieen Minules,

At ter Cedrch or St. Leonard
A PEAE DF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCE8:
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. ilb.
Alice M, Scory ... ...Treble William R. Melville ... 5
Grorge Willtans ... .... 2 Ernest J. Monday ... ... 5


- Anne M. Gey ... ... ... 4 A. Pathick Canmon ... ....Tanor

Composed by Sir A. P. Hewwood. Condacted by R. A. Reed.

* First pal of Double Norwich, at first attempt. First peal of

Double Narwich as conductor. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.
UTFORD, SUFTOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
Dn Wednesday, May 24, 1939, is Thyoe Howrs and Two Minutes, At the Cburce of St. Mary-the-Viagin,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 50B8 CHANCES; Tenor 13 Cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.
Fredzrick C. Nichols ...T reble Grorge R. Fince ... ... 5
Grorge Beray ... ... ... 2 Frank L. Fisber...
Cgarleg E. Fisbrr ... .a 3 †Pbilip C. Bicrnere.... ... 7

- Jog Preastarer .... ... .... 4 Jambs M. Balley .... ...Temor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank L. Fisarr.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Rob. First peat of Treble Bob as conductor and first attempt. A birthiay compliment to Frederick J. Smith, of Ipswich.


## LEICESTER.

THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 25, 1939. in Two Hours and Fifiy-Seven Minntes, Ax ter Cathedral Churce of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF YORK8HIRE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

 Tenor 10 ewt.Johe O. Lancasbire
...Tyoble | Harry Brodegton **
-Arnold Bronton ..... .2

| - Arnold Bronjon | $\ldots . *$ | ... | 2 | -Wm. J. Rodi | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sbirlby Burton | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3 | Colin Haraison | ... | .. | 7 |  | 5

6
-Sidney O. Caeney ... ... 4 Frederick H. Dexter ...Temoy
Composell by A. Craven.
Condacted by Arnold Bronton.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Lecicestar. Pang on the "Stelfox' eight.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHTRE
THE WORCESTERSHJRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Northern Branch.)
On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forfy-Eight Minutes, At thr Chorch of St, Andrew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES; 6040 CHANEE8;
Hrywood's Transposition of Thorsians' Four-parz. Tunor 13 cwt .
Clifford Skidmore ... ...Treble Bernard Lawton
Aefred Davies ... ... ... 2 Jobn William Smiry
Tromas Townsend .... ... 3 William Davibs ...
 Conducted by Alpared Davirs.

* Firṣl peal of Stedman.

SOWERBY, YORKS.-At St. Peter's for memorial serrice for the late Capt Bethume, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following on Stigday, May 2oth, with bells half-mumed: Hu, Robng son 1, H. Smith (conductar) 2, E . Williams 3, A. Hilev 4, H. Lumb 5, G. Brigge 6, W. Smith 7, E. Lamb 8.

OXFORD
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
(Oxpors Sociezy.
On Thuysday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minules, At the Cefech of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLE 6040 CHANGE8;
Wasgerook's Variation of Thorstans' Four-part.



- Edward J. B. Morton ... 4 Ricgard T. Sargent ... ...Tomof Conducted by E. E. Taylor.
* First peal of Stedman.


## LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBTRLAND YOUTES. On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Ilours and Fourtean Minuter, At tee Church of St. George-tge-Marityr, Sodihwark,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 505 CH CHNEES Tenor 16 cwt.

 Mrs, C. Mattabws ... ... 4 Mrs, G. W. Fletcabr ...Tenor Composed by J. R. Paizcrard. Conducted by Mrs. G. W, Fleiceer Rung in honour of the birthday of ت. M. Queen Marg.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCFATION AND LONDON DIOUESAN GDILD.
On Salwriay, May 37, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Five Minntes. At zar Caurch of Sy. Giles-is-the-Figlds,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICN COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCEE; Tenor 18 cwt.
Mrs, R. Ricuardson ... ...Treble |Georgb A. Parsons +.. *. 5 Acbery L. Benarit ... ... 2 Crarles T. Coers ... ... 6
 Jobn S. Goedsmita ... ... 4 Jawzs Bewneti ... ... ...Tanor Composed by J. Hons.


* Firs peal in the method.


## CLFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE

THE HEREFORD DLOCESAN GUILD.
Ow Sulurday, May 27, 1939, in Three Howrs and Six Mixutes, Ax tee Parigh Chorce,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EO4D CHANEEB।
Parmer's Twelve-pari (7th observation). Tenor i2t cwt.
William H. Symonds ...Treble Ausin T, Wingate ... ... 5 James P. Hyeti ... ... ... 2 Leglif Evans ... ... .... 6 George T. Cousins ... ... 3 Ernest F. Salmons ... Wilfred Moreton ... ... 4 Ernest H. Williams... ...Tenor Coaducted by E. F. Salmons.

## SIX AND FIVE bell peals.

SIDRURY, DEVON
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD
On Tsesday, May 16, 1939, in Two Howrs ard Fifly-Fioe Minute, Ai the Cgarch of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with 10 calings.
Tedar 19 cwt. in E.

- William T. Pinn ... ...Treble "Kenneta T. ClaraE

Cbarles R. Lilley... .** 2 Bryan Pldgron... ............... - Michael E. Drambr ... 3 - Reginalo J. Buti ... ...Tonor Condueted by Cbarlgs R. Lilimy.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LLANFIECEFA, MONMODTHSHIRE.
IHE LLANDATF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Wedrisday, May 17, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly Mitutes.
At the Chozch of All Salfts,
A PEAL OF CAMERIDGE SURPRISE MINDR, SO40 CHANGES
§even extents with five different callings.
Temor $8 \mathrm{ewf}$.
Joun W. Jones ... ... ...Tpoble| Williaki Powell ... ... 4
Frve. Iqor J. Ricgards ... 2 Lesele Baingam ... ... ... 5 Shirley Borton... ... .... 3 Robert Smita ... ... ...Tenor

Conducted by Robrrt Smith.
First peal of Cambridge Minor for all and for the association. Rung for the festival of the Ascension.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in 7 wo Hours and Thirly Minutes,
At the Ceuech of All Sants,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5050 CHANGES;
Being seven exterts each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's and Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Grandsire and 11 of Plain Bob. Tenor 61 ewt.
-Arcere E. Locz... ... ...Tyeble|Leonsrd H. Lock .a* ... 3
Vgra E. Goodenean .... 2 Frederice G. Poppy ... ... 4 Wilejam A. Loce ... ...Temy

Condacted by L. H. Lock

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the secand anniversary of the augmentation of the bells and to commemorate the completion by the Rector (the Rev, F. R. H. Perkins) of [0 years in the ministry


## CROFT, WEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTES ASSOCIATION.
On Wedresdav, May 17. 1939, in Two Hows ard Thirly Minutes, At yer Cgorce of St Micgael and Acl Angels,

## A PEAL DF BOB MINOR, $\operatorname{GO40}$ CHANGE8;

Being seven $720^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$ called diflerently. Tenor 6 cwt 2 gr .6 lb . in B .
 - Prane Long .... Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First pent in the method at the first atfempt. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day for the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.


## FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORESHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Barnslery and District Society.)
On Thersday, May 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minates, At the Chorce of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being three extents of Oxiord, two each of Kent and Plain Bob, each called differently.
Pergr Woodward J. Thomas Whitz Edgar C. Stacey
$\begin{array}{ccc}\ldots & \ldots . . T y e b l e \\ \ldots & \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & \ldots & 3\end{array}$
Oliver Greatagad
Ronald H, Dove...
$\begin{array}{ccc}\ldots & \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & \text { Ronald H, Dov } \\ \text {..... } & 3 & \text { Danise Smisb } \\ \text { Conducted by Damier. Smith. }\end{array}$
Tenor 10 ewt.

Tung in hotour of Asceasion Day. Also to celebrate the birth of the first grandson of the ringer of the fourth.

WILLTSSBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, May 20, 1939, in Three Howys and Three Minmets,
At tar CeDrce or St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob spliced, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's ant and Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tevor 194 cwt. in D.
Erngit Powzll ... ... ...Treble Cgarlas L. Smity ... ... 4
Raymond J. Careton... .... 2 Willian J. Lancefistd ... 5 Albert J. Lancepleld ... 3 Edward S. Ruck ... ... .... Temor Coudected by EdwardS. Rocr.
First peal in eight methods by all the band, Rung as a birthdey compliment to Mr . F. Brisley, a chorister at this churel for 54 yeare.

## BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hanys and Fifty-Five Minutes
At the Ceorch of St. Petzr, Falrfigld,
A PEAL OF 8 PLICED TREBLE BOB NINOR, 5040 OHANCES;
Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Ockley and Norbury Trable Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Newdigate and Willesden Delight; (4) Old Oxford and College Bom IF. Delight; (5) Charlwood End Wraghy Delight: (6) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (7) Gapel, Sandal, London Scholarss Pleasure, Kingston and Oxiord Treble Bob.

Tenor $12 \mathrm{cwt}$.7 lb . Albrre T, Bancrart ..
Rev. Franz Bonater...
 Conducted by C. K. Lerwis.
Rung in coanection with the centenary celebrations at this church. There were 49 changes of method.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, FSSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday. May 20, 1939, in Thyef Hawrs.
Az the Ceuech or Sy. Jonn-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL DF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 EHANGES; E. Bankes Jamer' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt . Mrs. John H. Crampion ... I reble Eric J. Coz ... ... ... ... 2 Alfred Prior
 Conducted by John H. Crampion,
First peat on the bells. STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIFE ASSOCIATION.
Om Saturday, May 20. 1939. in Two Howrs and Fifty-Eight Mimutes,
Ax teif Chumee of Sx. Peter.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Camhridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bow, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob aud two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

 Conducted by Artatr Pritcrard.

* First peal in six methods. A birthday compliment to 退r. W. Saunders, of Coabrooktale.


## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday. Hay 20, 1939, in Three Howrs and Ten Minuta,
At tee Chubch of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 720 eaci of Cambridge Strprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor $19 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cw}$ ह. in D .
Reginald E. Lamberi ...Tydil Frane H. Hicks.
Frbbrrice J. Lambert, egn. 2 Robert T. Lambert .... .... $\quad$. Lestie W. Jarvis ... ... 3 Albrrt Rrlfr ... ... ... Temor Condacted by Albiri Relfe. THETRTBY, LDNCOLNSESRE.
THE LLNCOLN DIOGRSAX GUTLD.
(Sotrbern Brance.)
On Sutwrday, May 20, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly Mimutes, At the Ceorch of Sx. Firmin,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cut. (appros.).
-J. T. Pollaza ... ... ...Treble W. Nral
H. Gibsard .... ... .... ...Tenoy Cooducted by H. Gibeard.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Summers).

KLNGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUIED.
On Saterday, May 20. 7939, in Twa Hows and Forry-Eight Minutes, Ax tar Ceqreh of St. Micłabl and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.
A, CoLcombe
T. H. Yodng
... ...Treble
A. Oarley
$\left.\begin{array}{cc}. . \text { Tralulo } \\ \ldots . . & 2 \\ . . . & 3\end{array} \right\rvert\,$
A. J. Younc
E. F. Salmons
H. D. Wrtagi
...
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text {... } & \text {... } & 4 \\ \cdots & \text {... } & 5 \\ \text {... } & \text {.. } & \text { Thnor }\end{array}$
Conducted by T H. Yoong.

* First peal of Doubles "inside." First peal as conductor. BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUTLD.
(Wellimgeorocgr Branch.)
Un Sumday. Ksy 27, 7939, in Ihree Hours and Eight Minutes,
At taf Chorce of St. Mary,


## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twelve extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor $18{ }_{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ in E. Reswin Bayrs
Edward Smart

Treble Max Lamggron | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 4 | Thomas Fegming an ...Tanor Conductee by D. L. Cocrings.

First peal by all except conductor. Rung in honour of the efection of the Ficar as president of the Wellinghorough Branct.

SHRLFANGER, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Twrsday, May 23, 1939, in Two Hows and Thirty-Fiw Minstos, At tre Chorch of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Foing 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. Herberi Woodrow ... ...Tyebbe|Geoprrey Kemp ... W. Arcgir Lock ... ... ... 2 Leonard H. Lock Frbdrrick C. Roper ... ...Temoy Conducted by W. Arcars Locs.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the lata Mr. Ellis, churchwarden, who was interred the same day. HITCEAM, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wedmusday, May 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Fowy Minwles, Ay tar Churce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANQE\$।
Being 720 each of Reverse College, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob', Single Oxford and St. Clerrent's Bob.

- Wilpred Gowing
†James D. Taylor
Cyril A. Burgrss
$\left.\begin{array}{ccc}\text {... } & \text {...Trable } \\ \ldots . . & \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots . . & 3\end{array} \right\rvert\,$
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { William Henley } & \ldots . & . . . & 4 \\ \text { George Gilbert } . . . & \ldots & \text {....Tenor }\end{array}$ George Gilsert Conducted by Gbo. Gilberi.
F First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Rung for Empire Day.


## INTWOOD, NORTOLE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Howrs ard Fifty Minwles,
At teb Ceurch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, BOHD CHANCEA

Comprising four extents each of Reading New Bab, Reverse Canterburp Pleasure and Stedman, six of St. Simon's, sight of Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire. renor 8 cwt . in A flat.
Cedric Curson ... ... ...Tveble Gborge Maybrs ... ... ... $3^{3}$
Ernest G. Shorting ... ... 2 Nolan Golden
Cbcil V. Ebberaon ... ...Tenor
Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in seven Doubles matiods by all except the conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE,

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Thiyteon Minwtes, At 19. Middle Lane Sodth,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANDE8;
T. Colin Ryder
i-2 Harold Ceant
Alabri Nase
3-4 Sidney F. Palmer
Composed by G. Lindorf.
Conducted by Acbrri Nase. BUREAGE, LEICESTETSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGIATION. On Thursday, May 18, 1939, in Two Howes and Thirty Ifinutos, Ay Sredman, Sxercbley Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGESI
Wasgrroor s Variation of Tgorstans' Four-Pary. Tenor size I5 in $C$,
*Alpegd Baleard ... ... i-z Walter P. Wgitghead ... 5-6
Edward R. Weitbabad ... 3 3-4 Frane Mrasurks..
Conducted by Franz Mrasores.

* First peal of Triplea in hand.' The conductor's first peal on more than six handbells.


## LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASEOCLATION. On Sunday, May 21, 1939, in Two Howys and Nindeen Minules, At jo, Latrel Grove, Pengi, S.E.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BO4O CHANGEAI

Parker's Twelvh-part (6th observation).
-Groffrey V. Morphy ... 1-2 |fFrancie C. Shorthan... ... 5-6 Drrex M. Sharp .... .... 3-4 fGrorge W. Fogdzn ... .... $7-8$ Conducted by Derere M. Searf.

* First pea! of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' * First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Triples ' in hand ' as conductor.


## PEAL NOTES.

Tha Royal Cumberiand Youths celebratea Empire Day by rioging a peal of Stedman Ginques nt High Wycombe, conducted by the Master, Mr. George Cross. It was not the first peal the somiety had rung in this Buckinglamshire tower, where, gearly 200 years ggo, John Holt called a peal of "Bob Trebles" The Cumberlands rang a muffled peal of Stedman Cingues at High Wycombe ic $1916^{*}$ in faithful memory of Buckinghamahire men who bad fallen in the Great War.' Three of that band, Messers. T. Hayes, Coles and E. R. Coles, were in the penl on Wednesday week.
Incidentally the Empire Day peal rounded off what, we think, must be a rather unasual achievement. Without having in any way planued to do it, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has rung peals in methods all the way up from Minor to Maximus since the beginning of this year. He is now accused of having joined the P.G.U.
In honour of Ascansion Day, a peal of Minor was rung at Felkirk, Yorks, on May 18th. The poal also celehrated the birth, on May 10th, of Mr. Oliver Greathend's first grandson.
A peni of Grandsire Triples at Silvertale, Stafordshire, on May $20{ }^{2} \mathrm{E}$, was a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Edwards and Miss M. Hill. Mr. W. Caraweli gcored his 50th peal, which was, incidentally, his first peal of Grandsire.
Mr. James Bennett, of Londou, rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Belmingham, Suffolk, on May 20th, nad thus completed the circle of the tower. Mr. F.- Sterry, of Farl geothham, achieved a distinction thrt few can clam. To ring in inside bell to a Surprise method as one's first peal of Major, having previously rung only one peal, and that Doubles, was a highly creditable performance upon which te is to be congratulated.
Mr, R. E. Lembert, of ت̈orsmonden, rang his sookb peal on May 20tli when be took part in a peal of Minor at his home tower.
The peal of Doubies rung at Tharlby, Liacs, on May 20th, to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Summers), also walconed into the world the baby son of Mr. Rr. Daff, one of the Thurlby ringers.

## MR. W. J. NUDDS' RECORD

The peal of Doulble Nrwich Major at Zt, Giles'-in-the-Fjelds, London, on Snturday, was the first on the bells since Lhey were zehung last autumn by Messrs. Taylor aud Co. It was very vearly a birtbday celebration for wr. W. J. Nudda. He was 71 last Mondiay.
It is just 50 years apo that ive rang his first peal. This was at Diss, Norfolk, and his father took part in it-the last peal that he ramg.
Since that time Mr. Nudds hag taken part in some remarkable per formances, among them the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, the first time that one set of men ever ragg the clock round, the 10,440 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923, end the 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at Bow in 1925.

On Monday a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate was earmarked as a birthday compliment to ham.
The peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods at Bramitree, Ersex, on May $22 n d$, was rung as a birthdey compliment to Mr. Harry Feltov. Mr. Albert Wiffin has now twice "completed the circle' at St. Michael's, Braintree.
Mr. James Hyett, of Hay, rang his 250th peal for the Hereford Diocegan Guild on Saturday, when he took part in a peal of Granesire Triples at Clifford. Wilfred Moreton, who is only 14 years of age, rang the fourth and rang it perfectly.
A five-bell peal in seven methods was rung at Intwood, Norfolk, on May 25th. It was the first in seven Doubles methods by all except the conductor (Mr. N. Goldenl, and the first in more than four methods on the bellis.
A poal of Bob Minor rung at Croft, Leicestershire, on Say 17th, for the eleventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also marked the glst anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. A. Wood, who has now 'circled' the fower. There were four local men in the peal nnd one ex-local. It is the custom at Croft to ring an annjversary peal each year, with, as far es possible, a local hand, and art untualified measure of success has attended it. This was the eleventh guccessive peal.

## ' IF AT FIRST YOU DON'I SUCCEED."

The haadbell peal of Grandsire 7'riples at Penge on May 2Lst was rung at the cighteenth attempt. Spread over a period of 18 months, the attempts for Parker'g Twelve-Part have been lost in the 8th, 9th and 10th parts several times, and once the band rang into the last part and lost it with only another 252 changes left to ring. But the band sfuck to it and met each time as heen as ever, and, much to the satisfaction of everybody, they have now been successful.
Most of the attempts have been made at Penge, and Mr. and Mrs. Fogden, parents of the tenor ringer, have been unfailing in their generosity and hospitality after each attempt. Whether this has had anything to do with the failures as an excuse to meet again is not known, ort the riggers wish to thank them very much for their repeated kindness.
Empire Day was celobrated on May 24th at Sherfeld English, Hants, with a peal of Double Norwich, in which two young ladies took part and Mr. Reg. Reed, one of the most promising of the yonnger generation of ringers in the Winchester nod Portamoath Guild, called a peal of Double Norwich for the first time.

Two seventeen-year-old members of the band at Aston, Birmingham, Ronald Shepherd and, Alfred Allen, took part in a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mertin's on May 2 rrd and thus ragg their first peas on twelve bells. It is interesting to note, too, the name of Mr. Sidney Jessop in a peal once more. Some years ago Mr. Jessop was a very active member of St, Martin's Gaild, but business kept him out of peal ringing for a long period.

Mr E. F. Poppy's band at Stoke Ash, who only learned to ring two years ago when the bells were augmented to five, rang a peal in five methods of Docibles on May 17 th to commemorate the second anniversary of the bells and the completion of 50 years in the ministry by the Rector, the Rev. F. R. H. Parkins.

The peal of Cambridge Minor at Llanfrechfa on May 17th was rung after meeting short for Stedman Triplies. Mr. S. Burton, who belongs to Leicester, was elected a member of the Llandaff and Manmouth Association before starting and has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. This peal was the first of Cambridge Minor rung in the county of Monmouth.

A placs where enthusiasm is growing in ringing is Sidhury, Devon. Four members of the local band rang their first peal -Grandsire Doubles-on May 16th. It was thg first peal on the bells and it is hoped that this is but an encouraging step to further methods. In this case, too, one of the other local ringers sat in the belfry to watch the progress of the peal.

As a birthany compliment to Mr. F. Brisby, a chorister ab Willesborougl, Eent, for 54 years, a peal of Minor, the first in eight methods by alt the bazd, was rung ou May 20 th.

Another youngster to score his first peal is fifteen-year-old Raymond Law, who on May 20th took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thranston, Northants.

With Mr James D. Taylor taking part in a peal of winor at Hitcham, Bucks, on Empire Day, every member of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, has now rung a peal in seven Minor methods.

Mr. Albert Prestidge, who for many years was leader of the Nether ton, Worcestershire, band, had a compliment paid him by local ringers on May 25th when a peal was rang in honour of the anniversary of his wedding. The day also coincided with the birthday of he and his wife. After the perl Mr. and Mrs. Prestidge entertbined the ringers. The peal of the Royal Cumberland Youths on Whit Monday at St. Giles', Cripplegate, was the 300 th rung by Mr. F. T. Cullum. The eccasion was also in honour of the birth of a grandson to MF. end Mri. F. G. Symonds.

Twelve members of the Central Council accepted an invitation for a peal of Stedmrn Cinques at Groydon on Saturday. The band was made up entirely of visitors. None of them had rung a peal there before, an l the kindness of the Croydon ringers, shown in this friendly gesture, was much appreciated.

The Freemasons added to the list of Craft peals on Saturday by ringing a peal of Grandsire Cixques on Bow bells. It was a good performance for a mixed band on this heavy ring:
On Monday two twelve-bell peals were rang in London. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who have scored peals in many parts of England, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at. Snoreditch, but their band was in no sense a Birminghan one. It could alzost be described as internetional.
The ladies on Saturday showed their loyalty and their broadmindedness when, in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, they rang a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Southwark, for the Royal Cunberland Foutins.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. <br> CADOXTON WIN COMPETITION.

The annual competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild took place at St. David's, Brecon, on May sotb, when seven bands competed for the shield. Mr. A. J. Pitman of Aberavon, was the adjudicator and stated afterwards that there had been a very high standard of ringing
The result was Cadorton 1, Llanelly 2, and Cefin Coed 3.
Luncli and tea were provided for the ringers by Canon J. Simon, B.A., and the parishioners of St. David's.

After tea Miss Simon presented the shield to the winnors and certificates to the runners-up.
The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made a presentation of a Westminster chime clock to Mr. C. Powell as a token for his faithful service to the Guild es treasurar since the commencement of the Guild and aiso to mark his retirement. Mr. Powell leaves the district earty next month for North Wales. The best wishes of all the members of Glie Guild for a loag and happy retired life were expressed on their behalt by the Rishop.

## SUSSEX ASSOCJATION AT MAYFIELD.

A successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Mryfield on May 20th, when members attended from Hastings (All Srints and Blacklands), Heilsham, Waldron, Northam, Heathfield, Rotherfield, Easthourae (St. Saviour's, St. Mary's and Christ Clumely) and members of the local band. The Ficar conducted the service and presided at the tea.
Mr. A. R. Miles presided at the business meeting in the tawer. Two new members-Mr. A. W. Kitchenside, son of the lacal semretary, and Mr. W. White, of All Saints', تiastinga-were elacted. The secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Kitchenside for making arrangoments for the meeting. The next meeting will be at Salehurst on July lat. The bellis were kept going until after $80^{\prime}$ clock.

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## BEEFRY GOSBIP.

A preliminary to the Central Council meeting in Landon was a number of peal attempts on Saturday in atd around the Motropolis, Among these members of the Council rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon; a company of Freemasons scored a peal of Grandeire Cingues at Bow, Cheapside; a band entirely of ladies credted ilie Royai Cumberland Youths with a peal of Bob Major at SL. George's, Southwark; and peal of Double Norwich was rung at St. Giles'in-the-Fields, but a peal of spliced Surprise Major at Bishopsgute was lost abost half way
The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Cambridge Universits Guild, and curate of All Saints', Wokingliam, Berks, has been appointed Minor Camen and Precentor at Norwich Cnthedral.
The marriage is to take place on July Ist of the Rev. A. S. Roberis who is now ot Palmers Green, London, and Miss Jessic Angwyn, of Truro Before he weut into Foly Orders Mr. Roberts was a member of the band at Truro Cathedral, where Miss Angwya still rings.

Another London ringer whe will shortly be married is Mr. James Prior, hon. secretary of the Northers Division of the Eondon County Association, and a member of the Metropolitan Police Guild.
It las been found necessary to change the place of the annuel festival of the Nortly Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild to-morrow. It will lee held at Newport Pagnell, instead af Shenley.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, has left Bramoford Speke and taken up the living of Tedburn St, Mary, near Expter. A well-known Newcastle gentleman, who came to London for the Contral Council meeting, wrote to a lotel not far from Euston for accommodation. His application was politely refused because there were "a lot of heliringers coming to stay there'!
Will any ringer who may be on holdary iu Cornmall during the period August 13tli to August 26th, and who might vere to stand in one or two perl nttempts, kindly communicate with Mr. A. I. Pink, of Tregoney, 23 The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford.

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford, entered St. Bartholonew's Hospital on Sundey for an cperaliots, fortunately not a serious one.

## RINGING[N EAST ANGLIA

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, ... While thanking "Old Ringer " for his correction, I must apologise for my memory liaving ao far misled me. Evidently we bave a long way to go before both the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association hoth equal the record set up of 291 peals in 1913. It would have hean better to have said that last year the two societies for the first time eacla entered the small circle of those sonieties which reach tho figure of 100 peals a year. This is a result we can each be proud of and each congratulate the other.

HFRDERT DRAKE

## GUILDFORD DIDCESAN GUILD

DAVLS SILENCERS TO BE [SED IN NOISY TOWERS
Good weather attracted quite a crowd to Newdigate on 太aturday, May 20th, for a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The merry little ring of six bells was raised in peal soon after 3 o'clock, and kept going until 5 o'clock. The Guild service was then conducted lyy the Rector (the Rep. A. Stone), supported by choir and organist, and his address on "God loveth a cheerful giver of service, as well as moner, was well worth hearing.
Tea was served in the Six Bells, 35 sitting down, presided over by the Rector, who, while regretting he was unnlote to stav for the business meeting, gave the district a harty welcome to Newdigate and repeated his hope that the ringers would go th doing their job with cheerfulness.
Mr. A. Harman (Ringing Masteri took the chair far the business meeting, the members first standing in silence to mart their sympathy on the death of Mr . A. Rice, who had belonged to the Newdigate hand. Thres aew members were elected, Mrs. A. H. Winch, of Lentherhead, an honorary member, Mr. R. Brett an anatached ringing member, and Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, compoanding memher,
The secretary then asked for permission to proceed with the purchase of a get of Davis gilencers for use ly the district in towers where complaints about the noise were persistent. He said he knew that suiteble shuttering of the lourres made the best job, but some church councils took a lot of convincing, for, as a rule, it was only the parson who received the complaints, and be thought it behoved the Guilds to minimise the cause for complaints ard ab promote good fellowship with the people concerned. He thought the Davis silenters were the most suitable appliance in the circumatances, and he nad already obtained the recessary sanction from the annual meeting of the Guild to spend the money on them.

Mr. G. Marriner proposed the purclase and Mr. A. H. Wincti seconded it and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Harman reminded the members of the summes festival, to be held et Haslemere, saying that he hoped to get up a cosch load as in former years.
The meeting closed with hearty wotes of thanks to the Rector; the organist and choir, and to Mr. E. Vine, but hefore returning to the tower the meeting was entertained by haudbell selections by the Coblam band

Finging was kept up until nearly 9 a'clock, when a grand "lower " finished off good day for the tower bells, althorgh someore wondered how long after came the final 'that's all' for the handbells.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS-73.

## WILLIAM FISHER

Among Staffordshire conductors who bave done a good deal of aluable spade worts over a number of years is Mr. Willian Fisher, of Coseley. where he has been a ringer for over 40 years. Bors at Short Heath, $\$ 1$ affs, on Decentber 164h, 1878, hie has lived all his life except for the first few montlus in Coseley, ahd he began his rimging career in 1897, when the Parislh Church had a band of call-change ringers. Aiter a time there came an alteration in tho state of affaits and method ringing was introduced. Mr. Fislier
rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. Mar. tin's, Tipton, on March $30+\mathrm{h}$ 1001, and his first ies conductor in the following Tear, on Jume 2nd. This latter was to celebrate the conclusion of the South African War, and the peal was rung by the Surday service band Mr. Fisher calling Holt's ren-Part fram tho sevently.
Since that time he hes conducled peals of Graudsire Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Darlaston Boh Triples, Stedman Tripies, Caters and Cinques, Boh Triples, Major and Maximus, Canterbury Plensure Major, Double Norwich Major, Staftordshire and Cambridge Surprise Major. He lane conducted 92 out of the 366 peals which be has rung. He look part at Wednesbury in 1909 in the first peal of Double Oxtord Bob Royal ever rung, and he rang in the first peal of Stedinun Cinques on the
 old bells at Worcester

## MR. WILLIAM FISHER

 Cathedral. At St, Luke*'s,Gof the hand in a peal in which the cons took part in a peal of Stedman Mriples which Mr. Herbert Knight callod bindfolded. Altogether Mr. Fisher bas rung peals in 53 towers in six countios, for eiglt associntions.

He was Ringing Master of the Soniety for the Archdemeonry of Stafford from 1914 to 1921, and a reprenenfative of the society on the Central Council from 1915 to 1923 , in addition to serving on the commiltee for a uumber of years.

## AFTER MANY DAYS.

After an ahsence from the peal columns for a period of 28 years, Mr. J. O. Lancashire lias made a welcome and long overdue retart. He rang the treble to Forkshire Surprise Major at Leicester Cathedral on May 25th. Hjg last perl bofore his long reat was Stedmany Catera on the old ten in the same tower ou Coronation Day, 1911. It is Loped that so long a preriod will not elapse before he scares lis next peal.
Mr. Lancashire will be remembered by the older geacration of ringers as one of the famous band who. early in the ceatury, made bistory by ringing "silent" penls of Stedman Tripies, Caters and Cinques "in hand.'

## (Continued from next column.)

as to the remarks of Clergymen Nos. 1,2 and 3 , they would bear more weight if Mr. Amos bad given us their mames, But may we ask Clergyman No. 1 if, when he goes to a clurch to conduct a service, he would be content to be directed in his conduct of the service by the local verger? An association wisich has asked and been given permission to frold a meeting at, a tower is in a different position to the casuml visitor, or even ringer invited (like Clergyman No. 1) to cive his aid on some specific occasion. The association seeks permission in order to carcy out its own business in its own way. If the jncumbent does not mogree to this it is open to him to refuse the applicathon. Then, may we ask Clargyman No. 2 what Churcli law has got $t$ a do with the matter at all? It is not a question of law, but of courtesy. And may we say witll all due deference to Clergyman No. 3 that we don't thiuk , we knows very much about the facts behind the subject under disonssion

To Mr. Amos we, give the assurance that we are always ready to print views with which we do not agree, if they are reasonably ex. pressed, but may we, after many years' oxperience of Mr. Amos correspandence, suggest, in the friendliest prosible spirit, that lie will best serve the interestes of ringing (assuming he wishes to serve it) if he will get rid of some of the bees that infest his bonnet.-Emrror, Ringing World."

## RINGING MASTERS.

Sir, - notice in 'The Ringing World' of May 19th you speak of my letter as "a misleading twist." But rather is the boot on the other foot, for, lisving read your footnote, I find this contains nothing elea but misjeading and contradictory twists. What you speak of as 'an essential part' of the sentence quoted, panuely, "if ringers will give him salficient authority to command in the tower,' is merely an gddition to the nucleus of the senteace upon which Jour viewpoint is framed. Four contention about ringlag meetings is based on those words, 'but it can only be done by a Ringing Master, yet underneath that you any, 'that doer not mean that only a Ringing Master can mak more practical use o[ meetings, and so on.
This reminds me of an expression I Geard in a municipal clamber a. Eew days ayo. Spealing of a certain thing one of the members rose to sey, I would harnly like to go so far as to say it is useless, but in my opinion it serves no useful purpose.' Such plorases a lawyer would love to play with, but whather lie would make sense out of them is another matter.

Another misleading statement in your footnote reads, "We know, to Mr. Amos, the place of the associntions is outside and not inside the towers. 'This is certainly a twist, for Mr. Amos never suid enything of the kind. Many would take ihis, as you priut it, to mean inat I don'i, lold with ringing guilds having meatings at all, which is a very diferent thing to saying that as far as jurisdiction is concerined they are simply ontside bodies. They liave no legal veto in the control of any tower or bolls. Words quoted in my former letter are sulficient to bear that out.
What you slate about an association, after being given permission ta use whe bells of a church, being responsible throught its officers for the ringing which takes place, and the loeal captain not being entilled to command in the tower, is another misleading twist as I an later going to point out by the wordis uitered to me by a certain clergyman This. we lonow, is exnctly how yourself and the dictators in ringing (which few associations have a complete absence of would like it to he-and for what purpose? Not for advancing the art, as they would have everyone believe, but at rock bottom it is purely and simply for their owr aggrandisement! Thay are, as a rule, the oues who at a meeting like to claim the monopoly of speech und ringing. They are so used to walling in and cut of every belfy just as thay please that they begin to regard the bells as their own property. However, whether they think their position at meetings is as you state it to be or not, the fact remains that it is not so!
Since that letter and your appended note have been published, I have made it my business to show it to three clergymen with whom I ano acquainted, and the following replies may interest yous Clergymen No. I, asked what be thought of the sentence, And it restg with the associations as to who sliall direct the ringing, commented, - Oh, yes, I know, give some people an inch and they'fl take a mile, mud lie edded: According to the theory of this Editor, then, if I ara asked to take the service at another churcl) (which I often am), I may as well say it rests with me to decide who shall take the plates round, who shall act as the churchwardens and so on; and according to bim it watd be perfectly legal for me ta denounce the recognised wardens and sidesmen, and to substitute friends from outside in their places. The meanest intellect knows I couldn't do that. When I am authorised to taks the service in another church, I go simply as a visiting olergyman ; aud when ringers go ta a charch other bhan their own to ring (whether it be under the fuspices of an assoriation, or as it private band) they go simply as wisiting rimgers-they dontt go with any authority as far as the intarna workitg of the bower is concerned and the Editor of that paper onglit to linve known better than to liave made such an absurd statement, least of all to put it into prist.
Clergyman No. 2 snid: Ask this Editor to quote sou where in the Church law it says what he fates here

Clergyman No. 3: I have given nssociations perwission to hold meetings mayy a time, but I don't know that coupled with that has ever been permission to override my own captain in the tower and place sameone from outside in authority. In fact. I should think twice ahout letting nnyone from another church come bere again if I krew that find of thing took place. I am glad you have hrought it to my notice. Ceriainly it is not right, and, like yourself. I fail to see any need for those brancli ringing masters. I tlink you will find that most clergy when they say, "Yes, you cra have the use of the bells," conclude with that
Now I can quite imagine, Mr. Fdion, that you will give full publicity to any who writs agreeing with your own views. But what of those who disagree? Witl they be treated with the same fairness?
Northampton. WORD TO MR AMOS P. AMOS.
A WORD TO MR. AMOS.
Mr. Amos can put what construction he chooses upon what we have maid, but it does not cliange the intention of the sentencr. Mr. Amos is just beating the air in reiterating the fact that ringing associations have no legal ycto in the control of any tower or bells. Everyone knows that and no association has ever claimed it.
It is traz that Mr. Amos did not say in his letter that in his opinion the placs of associations is outside and not inside the towers. But we know his opirtion sbout it all the same. Have we not had dozens of tetters from him in the past-not all of which have gat into print?
(Continued in previous columa.)

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON. Record Attendance.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Central Council was held in London on Truesday. It was the first session of the seventeenth Council, and the proceedings brought together a record attendance.
Members assembled from all parts of the country during the holidsy, and among the arrangements made for their entertainment were a garden party at Brasted, Kent, the home of the president (Mr. E H. Lewis), on Sunday afternoon, ringing at many of the city churches both on Sunday and Monday, not least among the attractions being the opportunity to ring at both Westminster ibbey and the Imparial Institute on Monday, when, in the evening, there was an informal social at the Bedford Head Fotel.
The Coancil were occupied with their business meeting at Middlesex Guildhall, where they had the use of the fine oak panelled Council Chamber, from 11 a.m. until 4.45 p.m., with a break for lunch, and in the evering, efter further ringing, a largely attended social et, the Loudon Tavern was epjoyed by members and friends, including a considerable zumber of London ringers.
The programme was contributed to by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, whose handbell solos wore again a source of great delight; Mr. Johnson, who mang several songs, and the Busley 'wizards ' (as they were described by the prasident), who reng Lwo truches of Splicedid Suryrise Major on usndbells. The first was faultiess, but the enthusiastic aadience were oven more impressed with the second, in which two slight trips occurred and were corrected. It was a marvellous exhibition of skill, andid the tersion of such surroundiags.
The meeting of the Council was hald in the Council Cliamber of Middlesex Guldhall, Westminster, and there was a record attendance of 117 members, the associations being represented as follows:-
Aucient Society of College Youths.-Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck.
Balh and Wells Diocesan Association.-Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J Hunt, Miss N. Williams.
Redfordshire Association-Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman
Cambridge University Guitd.-Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. Tr Sheppard.
Chester Diocesan Guild.-Mr. J. Cooke, Mr. J. Swindley.
Devon Guild -Mr. T. Laver, Mr. F. C. Smale.
Dudley and District Guild.-Mr. F. Colclough.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association,-Mr. W, H. Barber Mr. W. J. Davidsom.
East Derbyshire and Notto Association.-Mr. T. Clurke
East Grinstead and District Guild.-Mr. A. Relfe.
Ely Diocesan Association.-Mr, C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.
Essex Association.-Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. H. Edwards
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.-Mr. J. Austirn, Mr. E. Guise Mr. W. B. Kynaston
Guildford Diocesan Guild.-Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County Association-Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. F. G. Caslmore Mr. F. E. C. Goodenough.
Trish Association.-Mr. G. Lindofr.
Kent County Assnciation.-Mr. F. J. Cullurn, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.
Ladies' Guild.-Mrs. G. W. Fietcher, Mrs. R. Richardsom, Miss E. Steel.
Lancashire Association.-Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr W. H. Shuker, Mr. T. B. Worsley

LiveoIn Diocesan Guild.-Mr. J. Bray, Mr. R. Richardson
Llandaff end Monmouth Diocesan Axsociation.-Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.
London County Association,-Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender
Middlesex County Association.-Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W Fletcher, Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Association.-Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. E. White.
Norwich Diocesan Association.-Mr. A. L. Coleman, Mr. F. Wolan Golden. Mr. L. W. Houghton.
Nortis Staffordslire Associetion.-Mr. A. Thompson,
Oxford Diccesan Guild-Mr. A. D. Barker, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock. Mr. R. A. Pest.
Oxford 'society.-Mr. W. Collett.
Oxford University Society.-Rev. C. E. Wige
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.-Mr. H. Chambers. Rev. E. S. Powell
Romney Marsh and District Guild.-Mr. P. Page.
St. Martin's Guild,-Mr. A. Paddon Smith
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.-Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hilliar, Mr. C. Jennings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.
Society of Ropal Cumberland Youths.-Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. Gilhert, Mr. G. W. Steere
Stafiord Archdenconry Society.-Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knipht.
Suffolk Guild.-Rev. H. Drekie Mr. C. Moe. Mr. C. J. Sedgeley.
Surrey Association.-Mr. W. Maydon, Mr. D. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H Kippin.
Sussex County Association.-Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. A. W. Groves, Mr. F. I. Haire. Mr. O. Sippetts.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.-Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Warwickshire Guild.-Mrs. D. E. Beemish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. -Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester end Districts Association.-Mr. S. T. Hole, Mr. J. D Johnson Mr. C. H. Woodberry.
Yorkshire Association.-Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.
Honorary members.-Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. \&. E. Debenhsm. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. A. Troliope, Mr. E. O. S. Turner, 5 , A. Walker, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.
Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) occupied the chair and the Council reccived a welcome from Cenon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey.
At the outset of the business the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that, as far as he had received partioulars, the new Council was made up of 49 societies, ontitled to 139 representatives. The number elected had been 132 , and there were 16 honorary members, making ar total of 148.
Among the apolngies was one from Mr. James Parker, who was absent through illness. Mr. Parker was first elected to the Council in 1894, and it was resolved to send him a lotter expressing sympathy and the hope for lis speedy recovery.
Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, Mr, G. W. Flelcher hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. T.' Coles and A. A. Hughes hon. auditora.
The hou membery re-elected were the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young. Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. J. Fr. Smallwood and Mr. F. Sharpe were adden, and Mr. Hooton was then re-eleeted hon. librarien.
The president reported that furing the rear three past members of the Council had died, Mr. W, T. Pates, the Fey. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. A. B. Benuett. The members of the Council stod for a few moments in sifeace as a mark of respect. THE LIBRARY
Among the gifts acknowleaged in the hon, Hibrarian's reportare at large number of Association Reports of some 30 societies, which cove: a period from 1881 to the present day. Thongrin not complete, said the report, these witl form a paluable basis for a collection khould the Councif ever consider making one. The mew "Minor and Doubles Methode' book was in great demand and accounted for ges of the receipts.
The stal sales were 828 Js $_{*}$ and the brlance on this account, after payment of advertising and postage, was 214 129. 4d.
The Council referred to the Standing Committee consjderation of the question of reprinting the "Glossary of Tochnical Terms."

## MODEL RULES.

The committee the Rev. F. L1. Edwards and Messrs. S. H. Wood and W. H. J. Honton), appainted to revise the model rules for a company, reported that they had made a thorough revision largely with a view to simplicity and brevity. Two complete sets of rules had been compiled, one recommended as the ideal, where lacal conditions permitted of its adoption, the other suitable for more general use, especially in county parishes.
There was a long diseussion on the draft of the rules, which were amended in some details and ordered to be printed.

## FINANCE

The statement of accounts slowed a balance in hand at Whitsun, 1938, of $£ 13016 \mathrm{~s}$. 7i., and receipts as follows: Affiliation fees, $1937-3 B$ (arrears) £1 15s., 1938 - 39 £ 32 Ins.; hon, members' subscriptions. £1 10s.; interest on $£ 71{ }^{34}$ per cent. Conversion Steck $£ 29 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$., on $£ 634$ per
 balance on sale of publications, $£ 14 \mathrm{12s}$. 4 d . -Total s 1906 s . 5d
The expenses were: Publications, new edition of 'Minor and Doubles ' 85515 s.. Cambridge Surprise method sheets $£ 1$ 16s.; amounts voted at last meeting, Canou Elsee Memorial £3 Js., fees. Carter Ringing Machine, El 2s.; insurance of library and publications, 17s. 6d.; repairs to library hooks, 15s.; expenses of remoral of library, 10 s .; advertisements, $£ 1$ 10s. : stationary end printing, 5518 s . 8 d . postuges etc., $\mathrm{f} 2 \mathrm{7s}$. 7 d : ; gratuities, $£ 1$ : leaving a balance at Whitsum of $£ 115$ 11s. 8d. The market value of the investments was $£ 133$ 2s. 6 d . The accounts were adopted.

## THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The report of Mr. A. A. Hughes, Trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine, stated that it had not been possible to demonstrate the machine this year, as Mr. Slarman, the demonstrator, was now engaged in making a new dial and studs

A KEW COLIECTION OF PEALS.
The Peal Collection Committee presented the collention of compositione in various methods which they have made, and the Council approved of giving powers to the officers to print the collection if the cost was not excessive.
The commitfee was reappeinted with the following members: Mr . G. Lindoff (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mestrs. G. R. Newtor, G. R. Pye and T. B. Worslep.

THE SORPRISE MAJOR BOOF.
The report of the Methods Committee, सigned by Mesprs. J. A. Trollope and E. C. S. Turner, was chiefly devated to the forthcoming Surprise Major book. In order to bring the book up to the minute
of publication, conductors and secretaries of associations were asked to forward the figures and prarticulars of any wew Surprise method rung immediately after performance. They blso asked any persons who have methods which they kope to ring and name in the future to send in the figures. If the methods are included in the book, the names selected by those people will be used, unless they are obviously unsuitable, and the committee undertake to treat as confldential and to destroy all papers sent in relating to methods not included in the book. The repart set out the reasons for giving names to the methods neluded in the book before is publication. They were: The wish to avoid confusion that arose over printing unnamed Minor methods, the fact that the maning of the Plain 整ajor methods was a complete success and brought no adverse criticism; an unnamed collection would cease, after a short time, to lave any value; it would be bad business and unfair to purchasers to publigh it in a form that wauld speedily arke it out of date: there wers many thousanas of methads and any band which wisbed to ring and name new methods would stili have practically unlimited opportunities to indulge their fancy.

Generally speaking. concluded the report, the success of the book and the interests of the Exercise demend thet the methods shaul be named, and our considered opinion fs that unless the methods are named it will be useless to proceed further with the book. ${ }^{3}$
In a 'minority' report, Mr. S. H. Wood expressed agreement with the desirability of attaching names to the methods in order that the hook should be complete and a stendard work of reference for many years to come. He did not, however, wish to associate himself with certain other arguments and statements in the majority report, as 10 was not in agreement with their substance nor with the implicarous which they contair.
The repart of the cammittee was adopted, and the hon, secretary stated that the result of the seheme for financing publication of the hook had been very satisfactory. An issue of 750 was provided for and the associations had underiaken to guarantee to take up 462 copies.
It was decided that claims to names for methods should be made withis one month.
The committee, consisting of Messrs, J. A. Trollope (convener), E. C. S. Turtier and S. H. Wood, were reappointed. OTHER COMMITTEES.
The report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee (which has already appeared in our columas) was aqopted and the committee reappointed as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fietcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover, G. R. Pye and W. Ayre.

The Towers and Belfies Commitiee reported that they had given advice in 14 cases during the year.
The president gave an interesting review of some of the eases dealt with by the committee during the year and the report was adopted. Tha re-election of the committee was agreed to as follows: Messrs 2. H Lewis (coavener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs, E. A. Young and J. Hunt,
The report of the Literature, Press and Bradicasting Committee reviewel some of the chief events which had brought bellg into prominence in the newspapers and also to the broadcast of bells, some of which, said the report, had been entirely good, a few definitely bad, others at best, indiferent. It also referred to the protests made to the B.B.C, about the curtailment of the periad of rimging before services, which, gaid the report, had produced one or two amazing statements in reply, but the result had been a considerable abatement of the ruisance.
The report was adopted and the committee reappointed: Rev. F. Ll Edwards (convener), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Gmith and A. Walleer,

## OLD PEAL BOARDS

The committee which is collecting partieulars of old peal boards, recording performances ap to 1825 , reported that thay estimated the total was unlikely to exceed 500 . Ther had recelved details of 177 boards recording 208 performances in 83 towers. There were still 15 counties from which no details had been received. Tle committee sugested they bhould be ahowed to appoint representatives (nat mecessarily members of the Council) to be associated with their work 50 Iar as particular areas are concermed.
It was stated that since the report was drafted further information had been received, bringizg the total op to 294 performances in 114 towers.
The committee's sugyestion for seeking assistance wes adopted, and the committee, consjoting of Mr. W. G. Wilson (convener), the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Agre, were re-elected.

The Biographies Committee reported that their work was proceeding, but, owing to the fact that details of many past members were nob obtainable through the form sent out, it was necessary to search the files of the ringing papers for information. They recommended the appointment of Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian of the Guildford Guild) to this committee to assist in this work.
The report was adopted and the other members of committee reelected, viz., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (conveaer), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. W. A. Cave.

The twelve elective memhers of the Standing Committee were appointed mg follows: Ten. Archdeacon Parry, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. T. Dyke, C. F. Jolinston, R. Richardson, A. Paddon Smith. A. Walker and S. H. Wood, with E. ©. S. Turner and G. E. Debenham to fill vacancies, and authority was given to them to act.

A report was received from the officers upon the circulation of "The Ringing world.'

A final report by the officers on the muffling of bells was presented to the Council for information, and it will now be forwarded to the Church zuthorities in accordance with the previous decision of the Council.
The Council is to hold the rext meeting at Cerdiff. It will be the first meeting of the Council beld in Wales.

## SUBSTITUTES FOR BELLS.

The Standing Committee reported that they bad considered the question of mechanical ringing and they had come to the following conclusions :-
(1) While there may be exceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any genera] adoption of such a practice is omphatically to be deprecated, not ouly on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of tine Church of God, but also because ft eliminates the living service of hand, and heart, and mind which is of the very assance of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship.
(2) Tho installation of such a mechanical device should be severely prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a peal of bells, except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair.
(3) In the case of building new churches it is obvious that the ercetion of a tower and bells must often be left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of prineiple that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to 5 ts legitinate purpose, witin a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one prectical object served by a church fower is to make provision tor bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone recard cannot be regarded otherwise than an architectural fraud, entirely wnworthy of building desigued for sacred purposes.
This was approved by the Council and ordered to be sent to all Diccesan Advisory Committees.

## CHESTERFIELD BELLS.

A report, was made on the silence of Chesterfeld bells, and it was resolved to write to the Archdescon of Chesterfield expressing the hope that the proposal that he should meet representatives of Chesterfeld ringers would result in the resumption of ringing.
Mr. A. D. Barker raised the question of the validity of peals rung on bells fitfed with silencers which caused the clapper to strilse only on one side of the bell

The matter was refered to the Stending Committee.
The secretary reported that 117 members were present at the meeting, which was a record. There were 104 members representiag, 43 associations and 13 honorary members present. Only six associations were entirely umrepresented.
The customary votes of thanks concluded the business.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT BRASTED

On Sunday aftermon several of the members of the Central Council enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lowis at their home at Brasted. Although it is an hour's journey from London by slow traia, it lies in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, now at its very best. The visitorg enjoyed themselves very much, though, so far as is known, they did not solve the great mystery which belongs to that part of Kent.
You never knew there was a mystery? Surely you don't say that. Well, I must tell you about it. In the year eleven hundred and something, there or thereabouts, Saint Thomas of Canterbury was having a bit of a row with the King, Henry II., and nne of the King's men, Randolph de Broc, or some such name, just for fun and to show his views of the matter, cust oft the tail of the saint's sumpter mule. [ You don't know what a sumpter mule wes, and I am not sure that I can tell you, but that is neither bere nor there.) This thing annoyed the saint, who was rather sloort tempered, so he up and cursed ce Broc and all the men round about ras far as he could reach, since when all the men of that part of Kent have been borm with tails. That mach is cartain, but what no one bas heen able to discover (this is the mystery) is what they do with their tails when they have grown up, because to hush up the matter they all wear trousers. That is the reason.
During the afternoon et Brasted there was some lianduell rigging: Bob Major on an ordinary set of bells, and Grandsire Triples on a set of cup bells, the sort that the ringers of the 18 th cenrury used. Such a set Benjamin Annsble and his party tonk with them to France, 200 vears ago, when they rang Grandsire Cinques on the sands at Calas.
In tha evening before service there was ringing at Brasted, during which the Yicar came into the beliry and welcomed the visitors. Some of the ringing was spliced, but that was done for the most part by the local band, the visitors not being able to do anything more advanced than Cambridge. Afterwards some went on to the neighbouring tower of Sundridga and ther back to town.

## TECHNICAL TERMS IN RINGING.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Both sides in this correspondence are riglat. Mary people use too many technical terms, and by puzzling beginners, defeat their own purpose. On the other hand, some technical terms are necessary and helpful. I hope later on to write more fully on thig,
HERBERT DRAKE.

## NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-Important. Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the annual festival, which should have been held at Shenley, will now be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 3 rd. Bells (8) avaitable 3.30 p.m. Scrvice 3.45. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea in good time, please. -Waiter Sear, Hor. Secr, 19, Albert Street, Bletchiey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - The Anaual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4. Tea at 5, 2/- each ( $1 / 6$ to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. : and Frodsham from Io a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning piease communicate with Mr. W. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warrington, Runcorn, Chester and Frodsham. Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the New Inn at 5.30 , followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. All ringers welcome.- $F$. $G$. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec. 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS, - The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 bells restored by John Taylor \& Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.--A meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m Tea at 5 o'clock.-J. W. England, 49, The Common. South Normanton.

DURHAN AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Northern District.-The next meeting will take place at St. George's, Jesmond, at 3.15, on June 3rd. The Osborne Road trolley bus from the town stops at the church.-Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Narthern District) AND CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.-By the courtesy of the Dear and Chapter, a joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, June 3rd. The fine peal of ten bells will be available for ringing during the aftemoon and evening. Tea will be served at the Black Buil Hotel at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon. A short business meeting will be held after tea. Please try to be present.E. Hudson and J. Reed, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-ClATION.-Bristol City Branch,-A combined ringing meeting will be held with the Bristol Rural and Wotton Branches on Saturday, June 3rd, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6). Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Please advise for tea to 5, Addison Road, Bristol 3.-A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - CHANGE OF DATE.-Meeting at Cound ( 6 bells) on June 3rd. Visitors will be very welcome at this delightful village, if notice for tea is sent to W. A. Tanner, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN

 GUILD.-Christchurch District.-A combined meeting with the Wimborne Branch of the Salishury Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.rn. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Belis of St. John's, Surrey Road, at 6.30 p.m.-G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-By-meeting will be held at Hurton (six bells) on Saturday, June Brd. Usual arrangements. Learners especially welcomed, also visitors. Kindly advise me for tea - R. G. Rayfield, Hos. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. -The branch will meet at Marham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea at 5. A welconte for all. -W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY,-The next meeting will be held at Shircoaks Church ( 6 bells), near Worksop, on Saturday, June 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hall, Meersham House, Shireoaks, Work-sop--M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-Next practice meeting will be held at Langdale, Holy Trinity ( 6 bells), on Saturday, June Brd. Bells available at 3 p.rm.-N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

EJY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.--Central Branch. -The ring of eight bells, St. Mary's, Ely, restored by Taylors, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, June 3 rd, at 3 p.m. Will all association members and friends make special effort to attend?-F. Warrineton and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN CUULLD.-A meeting of the Lincoln Districe will be held at Brant-Broughton (6 bells, tenor 24 cwt .) on Saturday, June 3rd, available at 2.30 until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Beckingham bells ( 6, tenor 13 cwt ) will be available after tea.-Kenneth W. Mayor, Dis, Sec., 3r, Vine Street, Lincoin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Bennington on June 3rd at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting as usual. Please come and see the noted tower, and have a ring on the Bennington bells.-A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-A comhined practice of Andover and Basingstoke Distric!s will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Tune 3rd. Bells from 2.30 Tea at 4.30 p.mn, in Church Room. Names for tea to Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, June 3 rd. Beils available From 2.30 p.m.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOClATION. - Huntingdon Branch.-A mecting will be held at Great Paxton on June zrd, and not Huntingdon St. Mary's, as bells are found to be unsafe for ringing.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-A combined meeting with the Bristol Rural and Wotton Branches will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, at St. John's (6) and St. James' (10). Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5, at the Princes' Cafe. Further ringing from 6.-A. M, Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-North Southwark Diocesan Guild.-Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, June 4 hh, at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Practices: St. Clement Danes, Jure 5 th and $19 t h$, at 7.30 p.m. ; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 27th, at 8 p.m.; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapsicle, 14 th , at 7.30 p.m.--T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUIJD.-The next monthly practice will be held at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, on Monday next, June sth, when we hope to have a good attendance at 7.45 p.m.-Herbert Slieppard, Hon. Sec., 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for June: *St. Mary-le-Bow, 6th; St. Magnus', 8th and 22nd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$; St. Andrew's, Holborn, I5th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., r, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A mid-week meeting will be heid at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All welcome.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.-A meeting will be held at Horningsea on Saturday, June ioth. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Please support this meeting at a fresh tower with bells lately rehung.-C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June moth, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please inform Mr. E. Ford, $3^{8} 4$, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, how many will require tea before June 8ih.-IV. H. Shuker and T. Wilson. Hon. Secs.

CHEADLE PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. - The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, June loth, at 2.30 p.m. A ring of six restored by Jolin Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The summer meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business mecting to follow. Tea is. per head. Hall fares allowed to members attending this meeting (maximum 25.). Numbers for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.-B. J. Luck, 20 , Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June roth. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at $4-30$. Tea will be provided at a small charge of 6 d . each. It is essential that all who require tea will let me know not later than THURSDAY, JUNE \&st, as the caterer cannot provide for any whose names are sent after that date.-Herbert Sheppard, ${ }^{17}$, Grange Road, Dudley.

DLIRHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Western District.-A meeting will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June roth. The bells of St. Actan's (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in St. Aidan's Church Hut, is. per head. Will those ringers who require some, please advise Mr. W. F. Macfeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhilt, as soon as possible. A good attendance is requested.- J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Luton District. - A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June toth. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ali ringers very welcome. F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Alt are welcone. Please notify if tea is required.-B. Satuders, 18 , New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfeld, Sussex.

GIOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Hall-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June roth. Fight bells. Usual arrangements. On bus route.-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Mecting of North Dorset Branch at Zeals, Wilts, on June roth. Service 4-30. Neighbouring bells available. Glad to welcome visitors. Wr. Uphill, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Famham Dis-trict.-A meeting at Bentley on Saturday, June roth. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Alî welcome.-C. W. Denyer, 120 , Ash Road, Aldershot.
I.INCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -A meeting of the Grimsby Oistrict will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June roth. Bells (6) ready 2.30 . Service 4.5. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, for those who notify by Wednesday, June 7 th, without fail, Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bighy Rectory, Barnetby. Business meeting to follow.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -llchester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, June 1oth. Service at $4 \cdot 30$. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea. -F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LADIES GUILD (Northern District) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, June roth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Schools. No charge for tea for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, June 7 th, to Miss Bowling, 27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.-Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-A meeting has been arranged to take place at Hartlip on Saturday, at $4 \cdot 30$, followed by tea at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea, please advise the undersigned by Wednesday, June 7 th. It is hoped that as a result of this meeting Hartlip will rejoin the association, so please turn up in good numbers.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Ledbury District.-A meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, June soth. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea $5 \cdot 30$, at Somers Arms. Kindly advise me about tea by Wednesday, $7^{\text {th }}$ inst. - A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Those requiring tea must notify Mr . H . Roberts, The Hallas, Kirkburton, not later than Wednesday, June $7^{\text {th }}$. All are welcome. -D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next ringing meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, June roth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. A short service, taken by the Rector, will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be at the Rectory at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .$, is. each. Please notify Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, near Leicester. The Rector is retiring this month. He would like to see a really grood meeting. All ringers welcome.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. - The annual contest for the Crawford Cup will take place at Cuckney ( 6 bells) on Saturday, June roth. Ringing open to all after tea. Please send a postcard for tea (is. 6d.) not later than Thursday.-R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Wishorough Green on Saturday, June 1 oth. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns 4.30 ., price 15 . Service $5 \cdot 45$. Half rail fares (maximum is. 6d.) allowed to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, June roth. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send word before Wednesday, June 7 th, to Rev. A. P. Miller, St. Like's Vicarage, Great Crosby, Liverpool 23.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthilf Road, Liverpool 17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Central Bucks Branch-The annual branch meting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.-F. Gibbard, Hon Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow. Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, 8 th inst.--J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlards Road, Darlington.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.-The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service in Cathedral at 3.15. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.3o. Tea, gd. to fully-paid members, to others is. 3d. Please send word by Tuesday, June 13 th.-H. Knight, I5, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PEAK SOCIETY.-A combined meeting with the Midland Counties Association will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June ath. Bells (8) available from $2.3^{\circ}$ p.m. All Peak members are asked to turn up at this meeting, which is intended to solve outstanding difficulties. Those hoping to be present please write, not later than June ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$, to Mr. W J. Alexander, 15 , Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell.-H. I. Warburton, Hon. Sec.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Dorchester Branch.-A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June ${ }^{7} 7 \mathrm{tb}$. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Ringers going will enter by the main gates entrance Milborne Road. Permission has been given to ringers going to this meeting to ring at Hilton, Bere Regis and Puddletown. Kindly advise early for tea.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Rd., Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern District. - The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-onDearne on Saturday, June 17 th. Bells (8) available 2. 30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., followed by
business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, June 14th. A hearty welcome is extended to all.-J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden, on Saturday, June 17 th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.3 . Tea and business to follow. The usual traveling allowance will be paid at this meeting.-P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., I10, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashiord, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.- A meeting will be held at Haxey, Isle of Axholme, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June $17^{\text {th }}$. Bells ( 6 , tenor $18 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 , at the Duke William for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Isle,' and it is well worth a visit.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 243, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22nd.-K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

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## COUNCIL TOPICS.

Despite a somewhat routine-looking and unpromising agenda, the Central Council last week found a fairly full day's work when the members, in record numbers, met in London for the first meeting of the seventeenth Council. There were many representatives new to the Council, and correspondingly a number of familiar faces were missing, some that had been associated with the Council for a long period. Apart, lowever, from the changes in representation which are compelled by the ellux of time, the introduction of new and young blood is a gain to the Council, both, we hope, in energy and ideas. While the Council will probably always keep a substantiai leavening of age and experience, the future of ringing lies with youth, and anything that will encourage the enthusiasm and widen the outlook of the younger nembers of the Exercise is to be welcomed.

Out of the variety of subjects brought before the Council, mostly arising from the reports of committees, the one which occupied most attention was the draft sets of rules for a company of ringers. The Council some years ago published a "model' set of rules, of which incumbents and otlers forming or reorganising their local bands availed themselves. A committee of the Council has now revised this pamphlet and presented alternative sets, one which could be considered the ideal and the other a less strict code. Many differences of opinion on certain points were expressed in the Council, but the criticism offered was all of a friendly nature and, after spending a lot of time in a careful revision of the draft, two sets of rules were adopted which should form a satisfactory basis for the guidance of any company. What must not be lost sight of, although even th the discussion some members seemed to overlook the point, is the fact that these are only a recommendation upon which a company can frame its own rules to suit its own requirensents. There neither is, nor can be, anything binding in thern as far as the Council is concerned.

The surprise of the day was, perhaps, the way in which the meeting accepted, almost without challenge, the recommendation that when the new Surprise methods book is printed the names shall be added. Alter the discussion on this point last year, it was expected there might be considerable opposition, but little was said about it. It was a wise decision to make, and there is now nothing to prevent the work proceeding to publication. The Methods Committee are open to adopt any suitable names which ringers, contemplating ringing azy of the methods, have selected, even though a peal has not yet been rung, but the putting of a limit to the time when these names can (Confinued on jage 352.1

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Alfred H. Pollikg ... .... 2 Whltar H. Dobbie... ... 7
Rev. John P. Pbllor... ... 3 Artaer E, Searman ... 8
William J. Robinson... ... 4 Clarence H. Dozbie ... 9
Ernest C. Lambert ..* .. 5 "Sidnay Fosbett... ... ...Temoy Composed by Louis Hrad. Conducted by Alfrbd F. Pilling.

* Frrst penl on ten bells.

BECKENHAM, EENT.
'HEE KENT COUNTY AKSOCLATION.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Threc Houys and Ten Minutes,
At ter Cedrch of St. Grorgr,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5OAB CHANGES;
Tenor $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Miss Mary Rawlings ...Tyeble |iterbrrt E, Taompson ... 6
*Derbe M. SHarp .... ... 2 |Thomas G. Fox... ... ....
IMrs. A. N. Rawlings ... 3 †Leonard J. Fox... .. ... 8
Harry Hoskins,... ... ...* 4 Prrcy J. Sptce ... ... ... 9
Groffray V. Morpey ... 5 Jobn O. Welesr .... ....Tenor
Composed by Edward Francis, Conducted by D. M. Searp.
F First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. + First peal. $\ddagger$ First peal in the method.

NEWBURY, BERKS
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GUDD.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, is Thyee Howrs and Twrily-One Minntes, At tee Cutorch of St, Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANEES:
Tenor 2It cwt. in D .

| -Katalegn E, Fletcber ...Tyebla | William H. Gotieridge |
| :---: | :---: |
| Marie R, Cross ... ... 3 | - Jesse Harrison.." |
| Ledand Stilwele | William Henley |
| - Alberi Bripges | Rev. C. Elliot Wigg -.. 9 |
| Rev. R.F.R. Romit ... 5 | Harry Wingrove ... ...Temoy |
|  | Conducted by H. Wingrov Royal as conductor. |

First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

## LEICESTER.

THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION,
On Twesday, Muy 30, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thirty-Five Minutes,
Azthe Cherce oz St. John-tbe-Divine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 503g CHANCES; Tenar 21 cwt.
-G. Harold Norman ... ...Tyable †W. Arteqr Riddingion ... 6
ERNRST MORRIS ... ... ... 2 J. LESLIE WILLARS ... ... 7
Sidngy Hafrisom .** .... 3 | $\ddagger$ Kbnnetr A. Rog .n. ... 8
†Abtadr Williams ... ... 4 Artadr Catthll ... ... 9
tCearles Marseali... ... 5 fC. Raymond Hill ... ...Tenor
Composed by E. C. Segpaerd. Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First peal. + First peal of Grandsixe Caters. $\ddagger$ First peal in this method. Ruag lualf-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs. Williams, wife of the Rev. Evan Williams, ninister of Charles Street Baptist Charcla, who was interred during the peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIBE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Thrae Howy and Twanty-Four Minwtas, Ay tge Ceurce of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANEEI: Tenor 24 cwt .


* First peal of Royal. + First peal on ten bells.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NOTIINGHAM.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGLATION.
On Thursday, May 25, 19.39, in Thyod Howrs and Nime Minutes,
Ay ter Cedrch of St. Marf-tee-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Wasgerook's Variation of Tgokstans' Foor-part. Tenor 36 cwt ia C .
Walter P. Wbitegead ...Trebl | Frank Bradlay ... ... ... 5
jobn E, Clarke ... ... ... 2 Williak Bottrile ... ... 6
W. Arteqr Ridoingion ... 3 Frgderick A, Salter ... 7 Ralpg Narborouge ... ... 4 Walter Nicbols... ... ....Temay

Condacted by William Botirill.
Rung in homour of the birthiay of Her Majesty Queen Mary.
EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR TEE AROHDEACONRY OF STAFIORD. On Saturday. May 27, 1939, in Thred Louys and Thiyteen Minwtu,

Ax ter Cedece of Sr. Bartaolomew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, E日EG GHANGES!
Temor 10 cwt.


BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHITEE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
Ow Sulurdey, May 27, 1939, in 2 hree Howrs and Siz Minwtrs, At ter Cerrce of SS. Mary and Helena,
A PEAL OF BOB HAJDR, 5040 CHANEES;
Tenor I4 $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ in F
Harry J. Parerr ... ...Tveble |

- William Cbambzrlain ... 2 Staniby H, Goodwin ***
fVictor Ceapman ... ... 3 Herberi Figlds ... ... .*..
Ggorge E. Crisp ... ... 4 F. Warrington ... ... .... Tenor
Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by F. Warringion.
* First peal of Major. + First peal of Major "inside.' SOUTHEND-ONSEA, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minstes,
Ax teif Parise Chuech, Peitilewex.
A PEAL OF KENT TAEBLE BOB MAJOR, 8088 BHANEEB।

Composed by J. Flemming. Conducted by F. B. Loficin.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.
THE LONDON OOUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Salwrday, May 27, 7939, in Two Howys and Fifty Minuda,
Ay ter Cherce of St, Mary, Leyzon
A PEAL OF BTEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Heywood's Transposition of Therstans' Four-part. Temor of ewt.

 Conducted by Edward D. Smite.
CARTSBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GULDD. On Satwrday, May 27, 1939, in Thyet Howts and Twelve Minmtes; Ax tee Cerorca or St. Mary.
A PEAL OF GRANDEIRE TRIPLE8, OUAO CHANEEBI
Holy's Ten-rart.
Tenor 201 cwt
Walter Scott


Henry Jennings .... ... 4 Sidney Moody ... ... - Tomor
Conducted by Frank Taylog.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung in honoar of H.M. Queen Mary's 72nd birthilay.


## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOOLATION.
On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifly-Seuen Jimntas,
At ter Cedrce of SS. Peter and Pall,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGESI
Tenor 18 cwt.
Cyril W. Hammond... ...Truble |Gqorge J. Botcher ... ... 5
*Artefr J. W. Hugers ... 2 Derri M. Searp... ...
Dannis G. Brown ... ... 3 Harry Paress ... ... ... 7

Composed by J. R. Priscrard. Condacted by Grorge J. Burcher

* First peal on eight tower bells.

BOCLING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION
Un Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Ihyes Hours and Eight Mimetes,
At the Deanery Cevrce
A PEAL OF CAMERIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 MHANEEE:

Middleton's.
Frederice Ridgwell ...Tyebla Ronald Socking Cwita in E.
-Norhan F. Grtneab ... 2 Alan R. Andraws .... ... 5
tJobn M. Gaypord $\quad . .$.
Cladde Snowden .... ... 4 Artadr H. Evereti ... ...Tmot
Conducted by Lewis W. Wiffen.

* First peal in the method "inside.' t First peal in the method.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHRE AND DISTRICIS ASSOCIATION. (Nortbern Brance.)
On Salwrdsy, May 27, 1939, in Thred Hokrs,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 8 TEDRAN TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANGE8;
Hbywood's Transposition of Thorstans' Fodr-qart.
Tenor 19 owt .
Clifrord Stidmore ... ...Trebla Jobn Llovd ... ... ... ... 5
Jobn Goodman ... ... ... 2 Waltbr Farley ... ... ... 6
 Conducted by C. Sbidmore. HatFIELD, YORES. THE FORESHIRE $\triangle$ SSOOLATION.
On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Then Howys and Fite Miswtes, At the Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAIOR, 5024 CHANGES;

 |Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr . I 8 lb . in E .|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Ronald H. Dove ... ... 4 Daniel Smitr ... .-. ...Tenoe

Composed by Gen. Lewis.
Condacted by D. Smith.

* Frist peal of Major, first attempt. Flung in honour of Queen Mary's birthdey and also a 21st hirthday peal to Miss Flint.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, ix Thres Hows and Six Minutst, At tez Cbidec of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MASOR, 5056 CHANOE8; Tenor 16 cwt .2 qr . 16 lb . in E . Arther 1. W. Hegers ...Tyble Cbcil C. Mayne ... ... ... 5 Edwin A. Barhett ... ... 3 Erederick Witte ... ... 6 Dennis G. Brown ... ... 3 Stafrozd H. Green ... ... 7 Peilip A. Corby ... ... ... 4 James C. E. Simpson ... ...Temor Composed by C. Minderton. Conducted by I. C. E. Simpson. HaRWICH, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Mondey, May 29, 1939, in Tupo Houss and Fify-Fivd Minwth, Ax ier Cabrce of St. Nicbolas.
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 5168 CHAREE8! Tenor 14 owt.

Miss Daisy M. Andrews ...Ttebia Grorge Tgompson .... ... 5 | Sydngy R. Jenninga ... | ... | 2 | Frgderice C. Ramplin | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Keitb W. Waittril ... | ... | 3 | Harry D. Listbr | ... | ... |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |

 Composed by A. Knigers. Conducted by H. D. Listere.

NEWPORT, SHROPSBIRE.
the shropstire Assoclation.
On Monday. May 29, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eight Minutes, At ine Chorch of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREGLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt .
Arteur Peitcbard ... ...Treble William j. Cebstrr ... ... 5 Thomas Price ... ... ... 2 Babmabas G. Kgy ... ... 6 Eric E. Sprakr .-... Harry Teelwell ... .... $\$$ Edward V. Rodenedrest ...Tenor Composed by E. Timbrill. Conducted by Artror Prisceard, Rung for the '6th birtliday of the conductor's father.

## IPSWICE.

THE SUFFOLK GULD.
On Mondey, May 29, 1939, in Two Hower and Fifty-Three Minutas,
At the Churce of St. Margarer,
A PEAL OF DQUBLE M日RWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

## Tenor 15t cmt.

Cearles A. Catchpole ...Tyebla William Wigrtman ... ... 5
Jambs Rose ... ... ... ... 2 Gzorge Wigetman ... .. 6
Wilelay Kinsey... ... ... 3 George More ... ... ... 7
William Groom ... ... ... $\ddagger$ Edmard E. Grimes ... ...Tomot
Composed by N. J. Pitssow. Condacted by James Rose.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCBSAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 31, 1939, is Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Catebdral Cedrch of ter Holy Trimizy.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, s060 OHAMEES।
Pitsiow's Trangrosition ge Thursfans' Four-pari.
Tenor 23 cwt .3 qr .8 lb . in D.
Alpred H. Pulling ... ...Treble Joan H. B. Hesse

- Dodglas R. Hayes ... ... 2 Ernest J. Ayliffe .... .... 5

Norman V. Habding ... 3 Tbomas J. Elton ... ... 7
Conducted by A. H. Polling.

* First peal of Stedinau Triples.


## EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCTATION.
2* Widnesday, May 31, 1939, in Three Howss,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EOLO CHANGEII Tenor 1\& cwt.

- Mrs. C. H. Kippin ... ...Tybble Canrles H. Kippin ... ... g Jobn Beamg $. . . \quad . . . \quad . . . \quad$ a Amos $W$. Ciark ...
$\dagger$ Mrs. F. E, Coleins ... ... 3 Erederick E. Collins ... 7 Herbert J. Seblt ... ... 4 Cbarles Potercary ... ...Tenoy Conducted by Frbierica E. Collins.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. + First peal on an 'inside' beal. BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE MTDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tnursday, Jwse 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, Ai thei Cagrce of Sx. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MANOR, 5376 CHAMGE ;
Tenor 82 cwt .3 qr .23 lb . in F sharp.
Hgnry F. Sobtball ... ...Tyeble| Cbcil C. Mayne ... ... ... 5 Madricz F. R. Hibigri ... 2 Francis Kire ... ... ... 6 Williax H. Sbikrir... ... 3 Edwin Jbanings ... .... ... 7 WVirliam R. Madgwicr ... 4 James C. E. Simpson ... .... Thay Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson. CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Thuriday, June 1, 1939, in Three Howrs,
Ai ter Cborce of St. Jobn-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGEE, Tenor x 3 量 Cwt .
James T. Later ... .. Trebla Alberi J. Seeble
Gilebrt C. H. Charlzon 2 Kerneth Snblling ... ...
Walter Cbarman ... ... 3 Alberi E. Laker
Oliver Sippbits ... ... 4 Ceril Nice ... ... ... .... Temop Composed by H. J. Tockra. Conducted by O. Sipperxs.
* First peal. BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORE DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Saturday, Ju*t 3, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eight Minwtes, Ai the Cherch of Si. Mary and All Saimita,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANEES, Tenor $21 \frac{1}{6} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Dorotby R. Fletcerer ...Tyeble Harky Wingrove an ..a* g

 Composed by C. Middezyon. Conducted by H. Wingrove. BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, Jwne 3, r939, in Thre Howrs and Five Munneet
at tas Cevrch of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, gO40 CHANGESI
Tenor 10t cwt .
Sydney Romans born i868 Tyeble | William Rampond ${ }^{4} \quad 1869 \quad 5$
 john Abetim "\$ 1863 3 Jobn Clabk $\quad 1863$ 7 7 Ex-Sgt. Williams $1852 \quad 4$ Joan W. Davis 1869 Tenor Composed by G. Wielians (82). Conducted by Join Austin. Rurf in horour of tho wedding of Mr. J. Newnas, son of Hr . and 3frs. H. Newnag, of Baruwood.


## SIX BELL PEALS <br> STAPLEFORD, CAMDS.

SOCIT:TY OF GAMBRIDGE YOUTIS.
Ow Tuestay, May 23, 1939, зn Two Hows and Thiviy-Hïve Minutes, At ter Chorce of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 50\&0 CHANGE8;

Being suven different extents.
Tenor $7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
-Dennis E. Ward ... ... 7 veble | Jobn V. Cross ... ... ... 4


## First peal. + First peal of Minor

 HISTON, CAMIRS.SOCIETY ON CAMBRIDGE YOOTHS
On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Ttwo Hours and Forty-Five Minules,
At the Church of St. Anderw.

## A PEAL OF BOB MIHOR, EOsO CHANGE8;

ifeing soven different extents. Tenor $7 \frac{1}{t}$ cwt.
-Stdart Brown ..
Artior Teale ... $\begin{array}{cc}\text {... } & \text {...Ireble } \\ \text {... } & \text {.. } \\ 2\end{array}$

Victor Cbapman
Alpred Raymer Cond ... 3 James W. R. Qoinney
 Conducted by J. W, R. Quinney.

* First peal. First peal as conductor

CUMNOOR, BERKSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GODD.
On Friday, May 25, 1939, in Threa Howts and Five Minutes.
At the Churce of St. Micbarl,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising a 720 encl of St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double OAford Boh, Canitridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Boh, Kent Treble Biob and Plain Buls.
-Willeay C. Portrr... Marie R. Cboss

- jomatean Honey


## Conducted by

* First peal in seven methods. frat peal of Minor on the bells Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Graham Buston, who was Iecemtly indueted to the living.


## OFattelris, Cambirtucieshire.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
On Friday, Hay 26, 1939, in Two Hours ard Forty-Sruen Minntes, At ter Cadrct df SS. Petrir and Padl,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGESI

Being 720 each of Tpswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Trable Bol, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 gr. 9 lb .
Percy Smite
... ...
...Trabla | Arthor Abrams ...
Dodley Paul

... ... 4
Rosebll Pade
Wiefred Young.
Trebls
Herbert H. Alexander Fhancis E. Taylor .. Alan R. Pine ... ...... 5 Alan R. Pine. Conducted by Wieliam Serkings,
Rtung as a birthday compliment to Mr . R. Paul on his coming of age NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours und Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Caurce or St. Jamrs,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGE8;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent. Treble Boh and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb . in F sliarp.
Tbomas Bese
Empard Barger :
... ... 7 reblo Lswis Busia ...
Waleace Cousins

4
Conducted by Tony Pricr. WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Cherce or St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents calied differently.

| -Kennitio Thomassom | ...Treble | - Franr Barnagd |  | -+ 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Albrry Crawey | ... 3 | Albset Tromas... |  | 5 |
| Harry Parkzr ... |  | Harold G. Smity |  | mor |

* First peal of Bobl Minor. Rung with the bells half-mufled for the interment of Mr. Jesse Bayly.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (Nortiern Bramch.)
On Friday, May 26, 1939, in Tyo Howts and Forty-Two Minktos,
at taf Cburce of St. Cbad,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8;
Seven extents in 70 methods :-

1. Ennerdale, Cumberland, Killarney and Horsmondex.

Windermere and Fradsham.
Churlwood, Neasden, St. Albaus, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Boh IV., Willesden, Braiutree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Trehie Bob.
4. Bicker, Gedney, Guuly, Spilshy, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbects, Sibsey, Gosberion Aliance and Kent Little Court.
5. Chalfont, Cromer, Sterentor, Tibeaham, Fumer. Waisinghum, Lammas, OMey, Northans, Penshurst Alliance, Crayford Little Conrt and Littlé Bob.
6. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pieasure, Kingston, Onkley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxforù Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wafh, Donottar mid Pontefriot Delight.
2. Laytham, Thetwail, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertrec, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Cauterhury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Dauble Bob end Plaim Bob.

Tenor 10 cmt .
Frane Lord ... ... ... ...Tyedis Jack Bray
Mrs. J. Batay ... ... ... 2 Jack L. Millededs .... Charles McGoiness ... .... 3 Grorga E. Fgign ... ...T Tenor

Conducted by Gyorge E. Felrn.
There were 181 changes of method. First peal in 70 methods by all. Rung in houour of Qucen Mary's hirthday.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eabtern Biance.)
On Saturduy, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fowr Minwits, At ife Caurch of St, Mary,

## A PEAL OF SPLIGED TREBLE BOB MINDR, 5040 CHAHCES;

Seven extents in 3 methods: (I) Neasden, Wraghy, Clariwood, St. Albans and Braintree: (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College lixercise, Ockley and Morning Star: (3) Old Oxford, College Boh IV., Willesden, Yewdigate and Marple: (4) Sandal, Kingetent, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Ipswich. Noriolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (6) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) Poutefract and Donottar Delight. Tenor $13 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.

- Johe R. Kemp ... ... ...Trebje |Albert E. Flatizis

Vernon Taylor
... ...Tyebje | Albgrat E. Flatixis
Artbor Young ...
Harold Barsley
$\cdots$
Conducted by H. Bareley.
F First penl in 30 methods. Firsi peal in 20 methods as conditetor. There were 131 chauges of metlod.

> LAMBERELURST, KWT

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
the east grdietead and digtriot guild.
On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eighi Minutes,
At the Cburch of St. Mary
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being 780 each of (1) St. Clemeut's Bob and Double Oxford; (2) Double and Single Boh; (3) Double Court; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Boh; (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
Caarles A. Bagsifit ... ...Treble Artidr F. Leqwy
... ... 4
Wileiam A. Kitcbenside ... 2 Albert Ralpe

Conducted by Alberi Relfi
First peal in nine methods by all the band.
COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcegter Brance.)
On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Three Minutes,
Ax thi Parisa Chulch,
A PEAL OF BOB MINDR, $\operatorname{g} 040$ CHANGEB;
Seven 720's.
Tenor 101 cwt .

†Ernest J. Lambert ... ... 3 Ernbsy C. Lambert ... ....Tenor Conducted by E. C. Lamarrz.

* First peal, first attempt, + First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, also the Rector's 8 th birthday.


## CORRECTION

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Yajor at Hilgay, Nozfolk, on May 19th, was raug for the Ely Diocesau Assocjation and not the Norwich Diocesan Association as recorded.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

MARPLE, CHBSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUITAD.
On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Howys and Twonty-Three Minuter,

## In thr Belfry of the Ceurce of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5OSD OHANDEB;
Being seven exteats.
Tepor size 15 in C .
Jocelym B. Gabdinef
i-2 |C. Kenneta Lewis
ivak B. Garding
Conducted by C. K. Lew
First peal of Minor 'in band' by all the band.
DARTMORD, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Swnday, May 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Eightem Minwtes,
At 20. Swaiseand Rond,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANBEE!
Janes M. Bailey...
... ... 3-4
(
Composed by $I$. Pritchard.

Condacted by D. M. Saarp.
Witness-Mrs, J. E. Bailey.
STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE GHESMER DIOGESAN GUIDD.
Ow Thursday, Jute 1, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiva Minwto,
At 20, Agerdern Crbscent,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MANOR, s08s CHANPE Tenor size 17 in B flat.

Alfred Barnes
Harold Jacrsen.
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

## I-2 Allen F. Balley

3-4 Harry Asbion
Condcoted by A, F. Batcris.

## DEVON BELLS

## ANOTHER PEAD RESTORED.

The bells of Alphingtor, Devon, have been restored by Messrs, John Taylor and Co., who have rohung the octave in a metal frame, and greatly improved the tome of the bellg by retuning. The ring aates from 1749, When they were cast, from the original five, with additional metal, by Thomas Bilby, of Callompton.

The work wis dedicated on Whit Seturday by the Bishop of Exeter amid parochial rejoiciags. Whan the appeal for funds for the restoration was made thera was a magnificent respense. On one day during November the Recter (Prebendary B. C. Bendett) eat in church the whole digy to receive contributions, and altogether on that occasion he receivad 9264 in amounts ranging from 2 d , to 525.

In the course of his address, efter the formal dedication of the bells, the Bishop of Exeter said he was always glad when the opportumity occurred-and it occurred very frequently in Devon-to be preseat at the dedication of bellig.
'I have discovered haw deeply Devon folk lave their bells,' he went on. and I believe it is no exaggeration to say that we have more bells-and, I shoulf like to think, more beautiful bells-than any other diocese in this country. We lave well over 3,000 bells, or, at any rate, 3,000 ringere- a wonderful army of churchworkers.

I have discovered with what wonderful generosity the whole of the county, even the most remote of rural villages, will give to preserve their bells I congratulate you upon the effort that you bave made in this parish.'

Afterwards the bells were rung to call changes by members of the Alphington band, comprising Messrs. H. J. Brower, W. J. Dayment, A. G. Moxey, F. G. Lake, A. J. Pike, F. G. Coles, N. G. Osborme and J. Rogers. Mr. J. J. Brewer (captain) was responsible for tha ringing arrangements. Among the Fisitors were members of bands in Exeter and the immediate district, as well as from farther afield.

Messrg. John Taylor, of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work, and the result, according to the verdict of those who handied the belks during Saturday afternoon and evening, was that a much-needed improvement had been effected.

Following the service a fete, arranged by the Friends of Alphimgton Association, was held to raise the halance of about 940 on the restoration fund. and so successful was it that the aross takings ameunted to 952.

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## PEAL NOTES.

A SEYIGNTY METHOD PEAL.
The North Lincolnshire Minor "splicers" are still adding to their laurels, and are not now far benind the record, which stands at 84 methods. They rane a peal in 70 methods at Dunholme, Lincs, on May 26th and included one ertent, by A. G. Driver, which had not been rugg before in a peal:-

Continued
26345 Walsingham
45632
-53264 Penshurst
64325 Lammas
25436
36542
42653 Olney
-25364
64532
-43256 Northaw
35462 Cromer
56324
62543
24635
-43562 Novenenton
36425 Steventon
62354 गjbenlam
25643
54236 Olney
S 34625 Crayford L.C.

| Continued |
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| $25+63$ Crayford L.C. |
| 25463 |
| 63542 |
| 42356 |
| 56234 |
| -34256 Little Bob |
| 62534 |
| -34502 |
| 25634 |
| 46325 |
| 53246 |
| 62453 |
| -33462 |
| 24653 |
| 36524 |
| 45236 |
| 62345 |
| -45362 |
| 23645 |
| 56423 |
| 23456 |

Mr. James Quinney, hon. seeretary of Cambridge Foutls, is teaching eight heginners at Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's Churches. All are choirboys and have reached the 日tage when they can ring Bob Minor. Two of them, both aged 13, have just rung their first peal, ona on the treble at Stapleford and the other an the treble at Histon

A composition of Grandsire Caters, which we are juformed is on a new plan, was rung for the firgt time at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday. Tha composition is by ledgar Shepherd, but we heve not yet seen it, Not that that makes any difference, but ringers will be interested to know what it is like.
A day Gefore Jer 14th birtladay, May Moody rang lier first peal on May 27th at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. She began ringive about a year ago and is believed to be the youngest member of the winchester and Portsmouth Diocesin Guidd to ring a peal. She rang the third and it wns her first attempt for a peal.

The peal of Bob Major at Swanscombe an May 27th was rung, with the best wishes of all the band, as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Grayiford, who was responsitile for calling the Girst peal of at least two of Saturday's company. The peal was made possifle by the kindtress of Mr. C. W. Hammond, of Northfleet, who abandoned his garien at a woment's notice to come along and ring the treble.

## A DISAPPOINTING DAY

Whit Monday was a disappointing day to a party of ringers who went down to Sussex in the hope of riuging peals in two new plain Major methods. The first was attempted at Salehurst, and the bells, in spite of much coaxing, evinced their determination not to ring the mothod, which was ultimatrelyr abandoned in favour of the inevitable Middieton's, and thus Salehurst became the 50th tower in which Mr. P. A. Oorby had ring in peal.

After a belated luzch, the party adjourned to Brightling, only to find that illiess near the church precluded the possibility of ringing. Much disappointed, the ringers made their way to Battle, where permission was obtained for a short spell of ringing on the heary-going eight and touches in both the new methods were bruught round in fine strie. The diseppointment of M.r. J. C. E. Simpson in having learned wwo raethods and two compositions in vain wust have been intense. Indeed, there were several long faces, sore hanis and heavy hearts as the train bearing the London contingent feared its destination.
To honour Her Majesty Queen Mary's 72ad birthdey, the Leicester Thursdayites, or at least a fev of the 'smaller fry, joumeyed to Notwingham on May 25th for Stedman Triples on the fine heavy ring at St, Mary-the-Virgin. Full compliments are due to Mr. Walter Nichole, wino kept a perfect beat mith the tenor. 近. William Bothrill, by the way, seems to be uncovering his light from that 'bushel' in these clajs.

Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, who called bis wife's first peal, has now had Ene pleasure of conducting her first peal on an 'inside ' bell. They rang together in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ewell, Surrey, on May 3 st.
The composition of the peal of Double Norwich rung at BusEey, Herts, on June 1st, is unasual. Composed by Mr. E. Morris, it contains 178 calls, with 768 and 678 at altermate course-ends throughout the peal. There are, however, tho 87 's at back stroke. The previous peal of Double Norwich at Busher, rung on April 20 th, contained ell the $468^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ and $678^{\prime}$.

## THE OLDEST PEAL RTNGER?

Who is tine oldest man to ring a pealp Ex-P.S. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Glos., was borm in $1855^{2}$ and ha rang last Saturday a peal of Bob Major at Barnwood with is band, the youngest of whom was 70, and tine average age over 74 yeara.
The conductor was no chicken either. John Austin was born in 1863 and he called a peal composed by George Williams, bora in 1857. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newmen, of Barnwood, where Mr. 玒. Nemman is towerkeeper and sidesman.
Seven years ago Mr. Thomas Th. Fhint rang lis last peal, the occasion being the 14 th birthday of his daughter. Her coming-atege was honoured by a peal at St. Lawrences Church, Hatfiald, near Doncaster, on May 27th, when father yang the second to a peal of Kent Treble Bob. Bracketed with the honour was the birthday of Queen Mary.

The peal of Bot Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on Satarday, eazabled Mr. Frank Reynolds to complete peais of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

BIRMTNGGAM MEN AT LINCOLN
The peal at Lincotr Cathedral rung on Saturday for St. Martir's Guild was rung, not by an 'jaternational' band as at Shoreditch, but hy a complete Birmingham band, who mede the journey to Zincoln by road. They were welcomed at the Catliedral by Mr. John A. Freeman, who had very kindly made all the preliminary arrangements for the peal and also had the belis up in readiness, and also by Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Richardson.

Peala at Lincoln are usually attempted in the eveniag, nfter evensong, but on this occasion permission had been given to start at midday, witl the proviso that ringing should cease before the commencement of the 4 p.m. service. With the bells going jnto changes at five past wwelve, mn anziety was felt on that score, tut, to the suriprise of most of the band, the end of an excelient peal did not arrive until only a very few minutes remained!
Several new (?) names are to be observed in the report! In case our readers do not recognise them, may we say that the band were Tom Reeres, Frank Haynes, Ernest Allawey, sidney O'C. Hollowey, Bill Dowding, Hawry Fearn, Fred Price (our correspondent couldn't very well "monkey with that), Albert Walker, Johw Mason, Albert Norman, Paddon Smith and George Fearn.
The peal at Cummor, Berks, on May 26th, was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Graham Buston, who was recently inducted to the living. The ringers reccived a very cordial welcome from the new Vicar, who was formerly at st. Mary's Brttersea. Fe is learning to ring, and after the peal loc and the churchwardens kindly provided the ringers with refreshments.

Congratulations to the band who rang their first peal in nine methods at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday, May 27th. The oceasion was a birthday peal for Mrs. Jarvis and Mr. A. Fitchenside.
There was only one extent, and not three $720{ }^{\circ}$, of Plain Bob in the peal of Minor at Willeshorough, Kent, on May 20th. And the weight of the tenor at this tower is 12 cwt .
Mr. J. M. Bailey, the well-known Suftolk ringer, has rung well over 80 peals "in hand," but ontil thjs Whitsuntide had never zung one outside Leiston, Sufolk, and had never rung one whiek had not been called by Inis brother, Mr. C. T. Bailey. A visit to Dartford on May 28th, when he zang one conducted by Mr. D. M. Sluarp, broke the sequence.

## DEATH OF MR. J. C. TRUSS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John C. Truss, of Marlowz who passed away on Thursday of lat week.
He came of a ringing family, and untii illness overtook hima few Fears ago he was prominently identified with ringing, mot only in the Oxford Guild area, bat also in London, where he took part in many pealb, including the "John" peals of London Surprise in 1904 and the Stedmen Cinques in 1912.

## QUARTER-PEALS.

At St. George's, Beckenham, Kent, for evening service on Triuity Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Whiss M. Rawlings 1 , A. S. Fichards 2, *Mrs. W. J. Rawlings 3, W, J. Rawlinge 4, G. E Rawhings 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, P. A. Corby (conductort 7, A. F. Bennington 8. 侖 First quarter-peal of Stedmen.

On Whit Sundey at Market Harborough, Lejcesterkhire, for morning service, $\ddagger$ quater-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Randall 1, W. Wallington 2, W. Heggs 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector 5, R. March 6. A. Xanning (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8. First quarter-peel by the ringers of treble and 3rd.
At Burnham. Fucks, for matins on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major ( 1,288 changes) by the Joeal bamd: M. A. Blamey 1, G. W. Limmer 2, P. A. Blamey 3, Miss S. M. S. Fleming 4. J. D Taylor 5, C. A. Burgess 8, B. O'N ${ }^{\prime}$ il 7, G. Gillort (conductor) 8. First quartar-peal in the method by all except conductor.
On Whit Sunday for morning gervice et St. Lawrence's Church, Upwey, Dorset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles : J. G. Carpenter 1, S. Foot 2, Miss B. Baker (first quarier-peal) 3, Miss G. Notlev (first quarter-peal) 4, C. Smart (conductor) 5, H. Chelker 6. Also on May 30 th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doublea, ten callings : C. F. Guy $\mathrm{I}_{1}$ C. Smart 2, S. Foot 3. Mrs. C. F. Guy 4, F. Virgin 5, H. Ohaliter 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

There were three ringers present at the Central Council meeting last week who atteuded the lirst mecting in 1891. Canor Coleridge has been a member without a break since that time and is the only one who bas attended every meeting of the Councit.
Mr. George Williams has also been member from the outset, luving represented the old Winchester Guild and the Winchester and Portamouth Guild from 1891 to 1896 and from 1919 to 1839 ; the Susser Association from 1897 to 1905 . From 1906 to 1918 he was ig honorary member.
The other orjginal nmber, whom everyone was delighted to see, was Mr. Joseph Grifis, of Burton-on-Treat, who represented the Midland Countios Association from 1891 until 1923, was elected an hon. member the following year and served until 1836 . He came to London last weef specially to meet his old iriends. Like Canon Coleridge and Mr. Williams, he is well into the "eighties.
The ring of six bells of Oyer Stowey Church, mear I3ridgwater, Somerset, is to be tuned and rehung in n new [rane and a new treble added th make six. The work is being emtrubted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
$A$ correspondeut informs us that there is a suggestion afoot for a peal attempt by a band of bald heads. 'A rapid survey of the Ringers' Directory, he says, 'prompts ine to suggest the following for a peal of Turned-Lu \$ob Maximus: W. Ayre 1 , W. H. Barber (conductor) 2, A. Cutnore 3, F. I. Fairs 4, A, J. Hindes 5, A. E. Lock 6, C. C. Mayne 7, T. C. Parton 8, J. E. Rootes 9, स I. Trim 10, Rev. C. E Wigg 11, C. W. Woolley 12.
Mr Edwin Shepherd, of Ezeher, on Juae 6th, completed 60 years as an member of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, having heen elceted on June Gtin, 1879. He has theen a nrember of the Anmient Society of College Yoalhs for 59 years and a member of the St. Sidwell's Society, Fxeter, for gl years. He was a sidebram at sis. Sidwelt's Church from 1890 to 1904 , and churchwarden from 1904 to 1911 , from 1918 to 1922, and again from 1935 to 1939. A inwly great remord of work for the Cluturch.

Owing to an error in our last issue, the date of the Kcut County Association meeting at Fartlip was orlitted. The meetigg will be held to-morrow (Saturdar) and the bells will be available fron 3 p.m.
A cycl rade of 130 miles and three more towers "im the butg " was Mr. F. Hopgoad's Whitsun Giversion. His expedition took him from Wimbledon to Hastings and back.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON AND STOCEPORT BHANGH.
On a zecent Saturday a mecting of the above branch was leld at New Mills and 32 members and friends were present. The bells were set going early in the afternoon and touches in vaxious methods rang. The usual Guitd form of service was conducted by the Wicar, who also gave an inspiring address. Ten was served in the дoarby Parish Hall by the local ringers' wiyes and a rery enjoyable meal was npeedily disposed oi. The business meeting followed under the chairmanslip of a very old friend, Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, who has reached the age of 88. The way in which he denlt with the business would have done credit to much younger man and shows he still retains his old vigour for presiding at meetiugs.
The busimess was all of a routine yature. One new member was clected, Jolan Anthony Beaumont, of Disley, and menbers were reminded of the annual festival of the Guild at Runcorn.
The meeting concluded with hearty rates of thanks to the Vicar for lis assistance, to the chairman, the local ringers and the ladies who prepared tea, and to the organist.
The mecting learned with regret that the Ficar was very sliortly leaving the parish for another post in Scotland on account of his health, and cxpressed a wish that in that 'foreiga? clime he would regain it.
Further ringing was enjoyed on the bells untill a late hour, particular attention being given to the learners.

## RINGING IN BOURNEMOUTH. <br> A WORD TO INTENDING FISITORS <br> To the Rditor.

Dear Sir,-On Whit Monday last a party of ringers sought and, after mucla persistency, olytamed last-minute permission to ring our bells. Two other outing parties had already used the peal, having obtained permission in the proper way some weeks ago

The Ficar said to me lator in the week, "I geve way againgt my better judgment, rather than spoil their day's outing, but it mutr not occur again. So in futare will organisers of outirgs who would like to use our bells kindly address their application to me, at least a fortnight before the date, so thet I can place same before the Vicar at a convenient noment? Written permasion will be sent and this should be produced at the tower on the day of the pisit.
As before explained, our bels are situated badly and we do get some complaints if they are rung too frequently. Permission can and will be granted at reasomable intervals, and the Exercise enjops tho support and interest of the present Vicar, 80 I hope ringers will not spoit this liappy state of affairs by thoughtless getion.

ARTHDR V. DAVIS, Tower Captain, St. Peter's, Bournemouth
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## LEADING CONDUCTORS-74

## JOHN PHILLIPS.

One of the deading conductors in South Wales in recent years has been Mr. Johm Phillips, of Cardiff, who has rendered valuable service to the Liandaf and Monmouth Diocesan Assaciation. He couses of Devoushire ringing stock und learnt to rimg ins the Barustaple district, where, alliough it was only call changes the ability to strike well, as Devontilre cail clange cingers can strike, was early acquired, and has proved a yaluable asset a! through his subsequeat ringug carees.
Mr. Plitlips was born at West Down, Nortlı Devon, 014 April 22nd, 1904, but was taken at the age of five to tive at Tawstock, where he began learning to ring wheu ouly ewelve years old on the six bells at the Parish Church. Ha removed to Cardiff in 1921, but up to then had done nothing but call changes: indeed, it wis not until 1926. Winen lie joined the hand at St. Jolin's, Сат Nifl, and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesm Associalion, that be became interested in the art.
From linat time, however, his enthusiasm grew, atid he rang his first peal at Marslifield ou May 7til. 1927, aud called a peal of Gizandsire Triples at Poterstrame on October 13tle, 1928. Mr. Phinlips is one of thase with a natural gift for conducting, and ang band, with lima as
pilot, can start a peal with the atmost confidence. The scope for conducting peals
 in sonth wolmas is to ponto

MR. JOHN PHILEIPS. mate Gextent limited, but Mr. Plillips laas called and of Minor and Major, and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and of Minor and Major, and can call a penl of either at a moment's
notice. Jast year he conducted the only Past Masters' pea! rang tor his association. It. was a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardif. He has enoducted 45 out of the 118 peals he lins rung.
Mr. Plallips was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Aesociation for the year 193I, und represented the association on the Central Gouncil from 1930 to 1932.

This series will now be suspended for a short time. We hope to resume it in the near fature with short sketches of the careers and photographs of some of the men who were leading conductors in the past, but who now, while still, happily, with us, are not so active in this department, and leave most of the conducting to younger aspirants.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## A NORTHERY DIVESION DESPPOINTMENT

A verf poor attendance marred the success of a meetiag of the Northern Divibion of the Fssex Assoriation, held at. Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, Iume 3rd. Only 17 ringers attended, probalbly the lowest ever recorded in this division. It was, however, wery elscouraging to note that the 17 ringers represented eleven towers as follous: Wickhan St. Paul's, Bocking, Stisted. Sibje Hedingham, Sudbury, Clare, Grentead Greeu, Earls Colne, Haistead, Great Tey and the local corapauy
A short service whs conducted hy the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Flynm), who gave the ringers a cordial welcone. This was followed by tea, the Rev. and $\mathbf{N}$ Re. Flynn being present.
Af the business meeting which followed, with the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) in the chair, Great Yeldham was selected for the nex mineting, the date lyeing fired for Septemher 2nd. It was also decided that the secrefary try and get the use of Sible and Castle Hedinglam hells also on inis date.
The District Master moved a very hearty vote of thanks to tine Vicar, to the organist and to $\mathbf{M r}$. W. Cubmore for so ably areauging surh a splendid tea. It was a pity, he said, that so few had turmed up to partyke of such ma, excellent repast. The Master wedt on to say that the members certainly could not blame the weather for their absence: a ride in the country wes just the thing on such a glarious fiternoon.
The Ficar briefly replied, and gave an interesting talk on the bistory of Belchamp.
The memhers then returned to the tower. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Boh Minor to London Surprise. Several other visiting ringers turned up after tea to riug on this delightfu! peal of siz.

## DEVONSHIRE GUIED

BAR ON COMPETITIYF RINGLNG REMOYED.
The 65tly aunual general meeting of the Devonslyire fuild was helf at Plymouth on Whit Mobday The usual Cuild service in St. Andrew's Charch, conducted by the Yicar (the Rew. C. A. Martin), ircluded an address of welcome and relerence to the smmilitude of the bells and ponegranates on Aaron's robe to the fruit experted from the work of the riggers.

Dinner was served for 170 in Goodbody"s Restaurant, followed by the business meoting, with the Rev, E. W. Cox, president, in the elhair. The antual report, as cirmbitied, was adopled, and a voto of lhanks was carried to the Vicar of St. Andrew's and Mr. H. Toope, the organist, for their kind assistance.
Tho president, general treasures, genezal scorelery and auditor were all re-elected, and the Bislop of Plymoatla and tive Rev. W. H. Smale elected additional wiee-presidents.
A question as to the validity of a peal rung last fear was referfed to the committee to deal with.
The president's uotion for deletion of Ruie 12, forbiddigg certain competitive ringing was carried after much discussion by a majority of 71 ,
The President, in proposing his mution, said the existing rule cast a stigua ou memberg of the sister urganisation, the Devanshire A eso ciation. When the rule was made it was most essentisl that no memher fif the Guild shoutd enter competitions, as they wero associnted with things the Church could not suanction or approve. Everything, however, liad cilanged nowedays.
Tlie Rev. E, J. Pizey, Vicar of Walkhampton, opposed the resolution. He said in liss cxperience, and in the experience of many other clergymen in the country, compatitive ritging had a tondency to cut down the interest of hellringing in the parish itself.
$A$ bard of ringers is formed,' le said, 'and in some parislies they are apt to discourage anyone else fron taking part in ringing. Some tines six or eight ringers form themselves into an exclusive band, and if only five turt up for ringing they won's ring ju respeot for those who have not turued up.

When I first went to my parish, he continued, "I was told by the ringers I had no jurisdiction over the bella at all, and if I did it would frobably only be over the tevor bell. My prodecessor had the same trouble, and had to lave tive ropes eut of the halls, and they had no bells for ten years.

A motion by Mr. T. G. Myers (Plymouth), semouded Mr Mr. F. J. Ryall, of Exeter, : That one of the abjects of the Guild is not to encourage mapetitive ringing, was de[cated ly 28 yotes to 17 .
The President thought the fituest thing for the atriking of the Gujld would bo to have some sort of comperitive ringing. and Mr. C. R. Lilley supported the wiew that compentive ringing would be a good thing for the inprovement of striking. "Why slouid we be ashamed of having competitive ringing ?" he asked.

Antomatically the alteration of a brancli rule was approved,
Holsworthr was selected for the amnual zaeelingt to be beld on whit Monday in 1940.

## WISTASTON RINGER'S DEATH.

He war one of uature's gentlomen; he had mot hn enemy in the world.' This is the tribute paid to the memory of Mr. Ifesse Bayly, a ringer at Wistaston, Clueshire, who died suddealy on May zurd, aged 46. When a locaj band wha formed at Wiathston $14 \frac{1}{2}$ jears ago he came forward. A regular attendanl aud reliable ringer, Mr. Bayly had nine peals bo his credit. For 38 years he liarl Leen a member of the local choir.

At the funeral the bells were rullg half-muflex by ramous ringers from Crewe, Wybunbury, Nantwich, Wenhury, Marbury, Davenham and the local band, Messrs. $R$. B. Largford, $H$. Overton, $H$. $F$. Holding and G. Packer, of Grewo, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. A peal to jhis memory was also rung on Saturdey, May 27th.

## A STAFFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

REOPENING OF CHFADLE (R.C.) CHURCE BELLE.
The bals of Claeadle Roman Catholic Church were rung again on Suaday. May 28 th, after beigg silent for a long time. Tlie six bella had not gone yery well for some time, and it was decided to have thenz relung and to add two new trebles, thus making them into a peal of eipht with a tenor of 15 cwt. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Jonn Taylor and Co., of Loughhorongh, and the workmanship as well as tone and go of the bells is an credit to the firm, who have anade them one of the best peals in North Stafordshitr.
The visitors who attended and rang for the eveling service were Messrs. J. F. Wheeldon (Norton), E. Stoele (Longton). C. H. Page (Stoke), W. Perkins (Dravcotti, R. Waryilow aad F. Healey (Stafford) B. Keys (Tettenhall), and C. Tahbinor (Wombauraek. The towers of Kinsley and Cheadle were aisn well zepresented. The methods rung Were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire und Stedman Triples.
After the ringing the visitors were entertained to tea by the leader of St. Giles ringers, Mr. A. W. Hall, and Mre. Hall, and their kindnesf whs very much appreciated. A rote of thanks was yroposed to them for their generosity, and, in reply, Mr. and Mrs. Fall thanked the ringers for lielping to natie the opening of the bells auch a succest.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## A WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

## Assaciation Representation

When the meeting of the Central Council opened on Wlikun Tuesday, at the Middleser Guridball, Westrniaster, with a record attendance, the chair was taken by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who announced that they had with them the Rev. Canon Jocelyn Perkios announced that they had win them the kev. Canou Jocelyn Perkios Canon Perkins said he ought to begin with a kind of apology, for the right person to welcame the Council was not a humble jndividual like himself, but that great potentate of the Church, the Fery Rev. the Dean of Westminster. He was a greater potentate than any mera Bishop (laughter), and he (Canoa Perkins) was sorry the Dean was busy with other people, otherwise he would have liked very much indeed to welcome the Council, but he had to be at St. Mergaret's to preach to the Awericans it their annual service in Londos. Canon Perkins, proceeding, Eaid ho could not claim to be a ringer. He had often intended to put timgelf in the hands of ore of kis ringing friends for instruction, but in the end he had come to the conclusion not to add one more to the accomplishmenta at which fie wes not profcieat (laughter). He spoke of lis earliest recollections of church bells and went on to 的y that when, in the 1880's, be Fis an enthusiastic choirboy at St, Paul's, Bedford, there was a carillon in the tower which had the barbarons custom of playing sunes every three hours, and the lives of the inhabitants of Bediord were made wretched day and night by learing the bells pleying such tunes as Barbara Alion' and "There's no luok about the nouse" (laughter). Then the carillon got out of order and about the year 1892 bis young brother knd the impudence to write to the local paper about it. He said it was a disgrace to the town, and that letter, from a small boy, led to the bells at, St. Paul's being recast and brought up to date (applausel. Canon Parkins went on to pay his tribute to his friends the rragers at the Abbey. When in 1919 the Abbev bells were rehme and improved and the octave completed-it ought to have been done yeara beloretheir beloved Dean Ryle, he said, was good enough to make him superintendent, of the belfry. That meant that he was responsible for the morals of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Oxborrow. Mr. Macdonald and others (laughter). What success he had had in that direction remained to be seen (laughter), but he had had a great deal of pleasure out of his association with the ringers. Thay asd come to be some of his dearest frienis (applause), and for absointe efficiencs he was perfectly convincet there was no set of ringers in the country to oxcel them (appleusa). They nover broke stays or anything of that sort (laughter). Canon Perkins concluded by wishing the members a successful and enjoyable meeting, and said whea 1942 came round and they again met in London the hoped the members of the Council would be found in the belfry of Wesminster discoursing their sweet masie. Fe prayed God's blessing on their detiberations, for no one was more convinced than he was of the tremendous value of church bells and ringing to the canse which they as churchmen had at heartthe spreading of Christ's gospel througlout the world (applause).
The President, in thanking Canon Perkins for his welcome, said he Would jike to mako an apology to him and anyone else concerned at the Abhey, because he understood that on the previous day the tenor etay was broken. If they got permission to ring there again in threo Years' time they would make it quite clear that the ringing was only Cor members of the Centrai Conncil and that they did not wish to have ary "gate craghers," because jt was a 'gate crasher" who caused the calamity to the tenor stay

## TEF CONSTITTTION OF THE NEW COUNCLL,

After the depurture of Canon Perkjos, the President said that was a Hew Council and there were many gem faces among the mombers. He assured them the Council were very pleased to see them, and be hoped thep would be able to do
the Hons, Secretery, in his report as to membership and representation, ,aid it was with regrelt he had to report the failure of certain associations to farwaid the names and addresses of their representatives as provided for in the rules. The rules provided that these reprearentatives should be elected at least four weeks before the cammancement of each triennial session, and the rattes and addresses of those elected shoald forthwith be forwarded to the secretary. He had mado two applications for the information, but so far bad not raceived any roplies in the following eases: Chester Diocesan Guild hed forwarded 81 sulscription, but no information as to membership and representatives, although through the kindness of a past member be Lat the rames and addreses of two of the representatives. Fram the Hereford Diocegan Guild be had received sl subseription, but no information as to representatives. No subscription and no information had been received from Nortls Notts Association and North Wales Association, go thess had been deleted firm the list of associations antiliated. The Scottish Assaciation had forwarded 5 . subscription, but no information as to representative. With regard to the Barnsley and District Assacistion and Dudley and District Guild, these two associations kat supplied figures showing that they were ontitied to elect a further representative. The collection of the balance of subscriptions would be dealt with. Suffolk Gaild had elected four representatives and tad paid for them, but from the paritenlars of membership it would seem that they were only entibled to three representatives Tha particulars showed the startling reduction in annual
subscribing members of nearly 200, and he thought there must be some mistake. So far as was known, the Council was now made up of 49 societies entitled to 139 representatives; nomber of representatives elected 132 . The honorary members numbered 16 . Many familiar names did not appear on the new Council's roll. Among these were Mr. C. F. Winney, College Youths; Mr. H. W. Browa, Bath and Wells; Miss K. Willers, Ely ; Mr. J. H. Cheesman and Mr. T. Groambridge, Kent; Mr. F. E. Dewe, London County; Mr. E. Denison Taylar Midtand Coumbies: Mr G. E, Borrett, Norwich and Mr R G Black, Peverborough.

The list of members present was giveu in our last issac. A number of apologies for absence were received, among them one from Mr. James Parker, who was ill.
Mr G. W. Stere said Mr. Parker liad been a member for a grest muny years, having been first elected in 1894 [or the Sussex Associe tion. In 1897 he mas elecied as a representative of the Royal Cumberland Youths and again in 1906, sioce when he bed been continuously a member and lad made 30 attendances. Ha was only precluded by ilness from being present that day. He moved that the regret of the Council be sent to Mr. Parker with gaod wishes for his speedy recovery. This was at ouce agreed to.
Twenty-two new members were presented to the president.

## ORFICEFS AND HON. MEMBERS

The election of officers for the next triennial periad then took place. Mr. A. Paddon Smitl pronosed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis us presideat. He could not, le said, conceive any men better fitted to hold the position than Mr. Lewls. He had extensive engineermg experience, and hit wast knowledge of the strains and stresses on towers cansed by the swinging of bells had been of incalculable value to the Exercise and to Church muthorities who had called upou him to advise on these metters. The Council were evarlastingly indebted to him for his courtesy, urbanity and 如d, and for the ekilful manner in which in the conduct of the business of the Council lie brought them buck on to the lines-for somatimes they did get of the lines-without stifling discussion, and thus got them through their proceedings in a rersonable time (applause)
Canon Coleridge seconded the motion, which was carried with applanse.

The Presideat thanked the members for their renewed confidence. He said he felt soractimes that he did rot do all he ought to do for The Gouncil, particularly bebreen meetings, and that had been specially the case during the last twelve months, during which things had not been very easy in the business world, and be had not had vory much time for ringing matters, particularly outside his uwn tower. He would be pleased to to what he could for another term and hoped the Councl would bear with the shortcomings which he knew he had and the meny omissions of which he felt guilty during the intervals between meetings. Mr. Smith had put the matter so nicely and the Council had roted so unarimonaly in favour that he felt he could do nothing else than accept. He had had a warning to go rather more elowly, and it was only by the special digpensation of the doctor that he was there that day
The President then went on to propose the re-election of Mr. G. W. Fletcher as hon. secretaty and treasurer of the Council, a position lie had held so successiully for the lust three camplete sessions of the Council. Mr. Fletcher got through an enormous amaunt of workhow ho did it be (Mr. Lewis) could not conceive. There must be a grest shortage of candles in the house at Enfietd, for Mr. Fletcher was burning them at both ends (lsughter and applause)
The motion was carried by acclamation, and, in achnowledging his election, Mr. Fletcher said he hoped in the next three years then associations would render it unnecessary for him to start the meeting with a grumble, as he had started that one, and others in the past. His report was the first jtem on the agenda and it made a rather bad start. He hoped in the next three yenrs they would have a more happy nots to start on (hear, hear).
The President said there was one possible explanation of how Mr. Fhetcher got throagh so much work, and that was the fact that he had such an bxcellent assistant in his wife (applause)
On the motion of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke, the folfowing honorary members wers re-elected and Mr. W. H. J. Hootan added to the list: The Rt. Hon, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Alderman J. S. Prithett, Major J. F. B. Hesse, Messrs, C. Deano J. S. Geldsnaith, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Foung.
Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the addition of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who had, he easd, been a member of the Council for a great many years and hed done good work, not only for the Cauncil, but aleo in his own county of Kead.
Mr. T. B. Worsley proposed the name of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, of Bath, and thle Rev. C. Elliot Wigg proposed Mr. F. Sharpe, of
Oxfordshire. All these were duly elected and one racancy was left for emergencies.
The name of Mr. E. Denison Tavlor, of Loughborough, who had retired froms the representation of the Mrdland Counties Association, was also mentioned, but it was pointed out that Mr. Taylor, owing to advancing years, was retiring at his own request from participation in the Council.
Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was then re-elected hon. librarian, and, in accepting office again, said he woula like a little more assistance from secrefaries of ascociations and others who Etill had books on Eale or retrin, of which he had no account. He would like to see more people
who would take the Council's books on theso terms, because be was conviaced the best wey to sell them was to take them to meetings and offer them.

The auditors, Messrs, C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cape, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton. DEATH OF PAST MEMBERS.
The President asid, as far as they knew, three old members of the Council had been lost by death. Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenbam, was an honorary member from 1891 to 1894 and aitended one meeting. Thera were not many present that day who would remember Mr. Pates as a member of the Council. The Rev. F.J. O. Helmore, of the Kent Country Association, was, up to ten years ego, a member of the Council from 1894. During that 35 years he attended 22 meetings and took a great interest in the work of the Council. As they knew, he was largely responsible for the present successful position of the Kent County Association, of which he was hon. secretary for a great rumber of Yenrs. Mr. A. B. Bennett represented the Sussex Association from 1903 to 1905 , and daring that thme attended all the meetinge.
The Council marked their sympethy by standing in silence for a few moments.

The minutes of the meeting beld last year at Leeds were adopted as printied.

THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.
The report of the bon. librarian was as follows: The thanks of the Council are due to Mr. W. H. Fussell for a gift of a large number of association reports of some 30 societies which cover a period from 1881 to the present dny. Though not romplete, these will form a valuable basis for n collection should the Council ever consider making
one. In this event binding wonld be advisable. Two hooks, on 1885 one. In this event Ginding wonld be atvisable Two hooks, an 1885 and Ringing, by W. T. Mnupell. MA., 1861, formerly the property of Mr. foseph Wilishire, of Reading, have been given by Mr. C. E. Pearce, churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Rugby, A collection of letters between W. .F. Thompson and others, and Dr. Seacombe has been
presented by Mr. J. Kenyon, of Great Yarmouth. Thanks should be presented by Mr. J. Kenyon, of Great Yarmouth. Thanks should be Given Egain to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcl
One or two library books have been lent for research purposes. With the consent of the president and secretary, orders have been given for the repair of several of the carly books. Some of these are properly repaired. The book in worst. condition, a copy of 'Campanalogia Improved ' is heing re-wound liv Messrs, Gray, of Cambridge, who are expert in this kind of work. All parts of the book, including inseribed end papers and binding, where possible, will be preserved, bnt the cost of this particular work will be 7s. 6d. Messrs. Over, of Rugby, can cope with some of the simpler cases of re-backing and re-sewing.

Five hundred Cambridge Sheets have been printed; "Hints ta Instructors ${ }^{2}$ is beiag reprinted, and "Model Rules" and "Law Affect-
ing Church Eells" should be available before long. The "Minor and ing Church Bells "should be available before long. The "Minor and
Doubles Methods. Wook is in great demand, and accounts for 200 of the receipts.

The librarian's accounts showed the sale of 505 publications amounting to 5269 gr .2 d. and El 13 s . 10d, received from books sold by agents. The balance carried to the kencral aceount was $£ 1412 \mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{~d}$. The stock in hand was valued at 215468 ld

Mr. Hooton seid some of the books had already been satisfactorily repaired. They were presentation copies for the most part, which had been much used by old ringers; they could not be called collectors* copies, but it was aduisable to have them repaired if they were to last at all.
The report was adopted and the librarian's action confirmed. It was also rgreed thet, as recommended ly the Standing Committee, the librarian be given general powers for the maintenance of the books in the library.

The Rev. H. Drake asked what was being done with regard to the "Glossary. They had got ride of all the copies of the old book and now there wes no 'Glossary' belonging to the Council. He thought there should be one, and he would like to know whiat was heing done. He propoged they shoulf discuss whether they should cotnplete a new 'Gossary' or not. Fie certainly thought it ought to he mach smad recently been discussions in "The Ringing World " ahout technical herms, and they ought to krow what were the recogrised technical terms which should he used. They ought to publish a small 'Glossary,' which should be suffecient to last for a certain number of years and be revised periodically
Mi. P. J. Johnson seconded. In the old 'Glossary, he said there Whs very much that was absolutely uminecessary, but there was very Council of that size. It did not necessarily follow that in a multitude of courcillors they got a multitude of intelligence (iaughter), bat the matter could he considered by the proper committee, with a wiew to issuing a smaller edition.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said, pas ote who had had some experience in thess things, his opinion was that, bowever good their intentions, no 'Glossary' fulfiled the object for which it whs drawn up. The genesis of the first 'Glessary' was a statement by Sir Arthur Heywood that, as a writer, he found extraordinary difficulty in making (Contënued in next columpi)

## PRACTICAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

## DERBY DISTRICT RINGERS AND LEARNERS.

## A very successiul meeting of the members of the Derby Districh of

 the Midand Counties Assaciation was held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3 rd. Wisiting ringers found difficulty at first in handing the ropes owing to the long draught from the guides to the floor, but this die not provent towches of Grandsire, Piain Bob, Treble Bob, Litile Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich from being rung. Wisitors attended Irom Gainsborough, Coventry, Ibstock, Repton, Burton, Ticknalil, Ripley, Sawlew, West Hallam, Spondon and Derby (ine Cothedral, St. Luke's, St, Peter's and St. Andrew's). After tea the Ficar. the Fev. R. John Mortis, D.S.O., kindly placed the Church House at the disposal of the riggers for the business meeting.One den member, Mr. Ronald Foster, of St. Peter's, Derby, was elected, having rung his first peal on Whit Monday afternoon.
It was decided to lold the next monthly meeting at Ripley on July lst, special methods for practice being Treble Bob and Double Norwich.
An interesting discussion trak place on conductiag. It was pointed out that in many towers this was confined to one man only, but that this was decidealy a mistake, and the suggestion was made that the ideal to be aimed at mas that ach ringer should taite it in furn to call a touch of some sort, as the more ringers there were capable of conducting, the greater the interest and improvement in ringing.
There was also a discussion on teaching learners. According to raports at various times in "The Ringing World,' this is a vexed question in many districts, and the suggestion was made that wheo a ringer jntroduced a learner in a tower he ought to make bimself personally responsible far his tuition, and not leave it to anybody to tell the learner what he thiaks beat, as this only led to the confusion and bawilderment of the learncr. It was a well-known fact that anybody's job soon became nobody's
Further discussion followed as to the meritg or otherwise of practising a special method at a mecting. The opinion was expressed that it might have a tendency to scare away the learners, but one learner suggested, whe not $n$ method for tin learners and another for the more esperienced ringers? As the suggestion was well supported, it Tas decided at the next meeting to give leatmers a special practice at Treble Bob, as the place-making seemed to occasion no little, difficulty, and to ask the more experienced ringers to look up Doable Nonfich.
The result, will be eagerly awaited.
Votes of thanks to the Yicar for tha use of the bells and for his hearth welcome and the use of the Chumeh Fouse, and to MIr, Charlos Davies for making all arrangements brought the meeting to a close.
On returning to the tower more riggers wele met, who had been picnicking rould the famons Melbarne Pool, add further ringing was enjoyed nintil 8.30 , when the frells were lowered in peal.
Just previons to 'elosing dowa' the Vicar once more visited the ringers and expressed the hope that all had enjoyed their visit to yelbourne, and that it would not be long before they visited hin again.

## A CORNISH TOUR.

Arrangements rre heimg made hy the branch secretaries of the Iraro Diacesan Guild for a tourang party to hold combined practices at a number of towers in Cornwall from June 9th to 18th. All ribgers will he welcomed and will be given an opportanity of ringing something different to what is usualf rung in their own tower. The
ringing wil! consibt of cising and falling in peal, call clamges, Grandsiro and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob.

The towers to be visited are: 9 th, Gulval; 10th, Lezant ( 3 to 5 p.m.), Landulph: 12th. St. Stephen's: 131h, Probus; 14th, Lanivet; 15th, Kenwyn; 16th. Helstom; [7TH1 Wherrington (3 to 5), St. Stepheu's (6.30 to 8.30). Exeept where mentioned, the times are 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday, the llth, there with be a quarter-peal after servine at Redruth, and on Sunday, the $18 t h$, special ringing at Truro Cathentral, 5.15 to 6.15 .

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from previous column.)
his miews known to his readers, because he could never be quite certain that the meaning he attached to a word was the meaning the reader attached to it. Sir Arthur Heswoad contended that it was the business of anybody who wrote to make stre he used his words in such a way that people understood. But people seemed to think, scid Mr. Trollope, that dictionary definition could be fiven to ringing terms. That was not, in practice, possible. Words had different shades of meaning and it was the business of anyone who wrote to convey the meaning he intended. If ther had a "Glossary' definition they would not necessarily have exacty the meaning a writer intended. A numher of technical terms in ringing were ordinary English words, which had been adopted and had grown up through their associations with ringing to mean what they wished them to mean. The ardinary word "hob," for instance, caused no confusion when used in the tower, but directly they sat dowr to put a glossary definition on it they found they could not do it so that e person would understand. He believed, therefore, that any "Glossary, lowever well intentioned, would he a failure in practice.

A auggestion that the mather be referred to the Standing Committee was adopted, if being ouderstood that they would report upon it next year.
Mr. J. Fiment: And that will be the ond of the " Glossary,' Mr, Dreke (laughter). TTo be corkinued.)

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## HEALTHY ACITVITY LY THE BLANCHES.

The anuual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th, in parfect weather. The Guild service, held in the grand old church, was preceded and followed by touches of Stedman Friples. A fre volume of sound rose from 150 male voices in the psamond hymos. Thu Rev, F. Li. Edwards (hon. secrebary of the Gusid) and the Rev. H. Y. White offiated, and a cheracteristic sermon was preached by that statwart champion of riugers, the Ven. Archdeacons Coulter, who gave utterance to some very strajght speaking on the suluject of clergy neglecting their belfries. A company of 153 suisequemily sat down to an admirably served luncheon in the Towis Hull. The Res, R. H. Gundry, Master of the Guild, presided, and, after the loyal tosst had been honoured, expressed the gratification of the menubers at the presence of the Mayor of Calne. His Worship mide an eloquent and decply impressive reply.
At the ensuitg liusiness mueting lite Rev. IR. F. Gundry was reelected Mister the Rev. W. J. Edwards general secretary and treasurer, Hr. F. Greeu assistant mecretary, the Rev. R. E. G. Jewman atad Mr. W. Hinks auditors, Canon Gorriuge and Mr. E. Coward members of the commitiee, he Tier. F. LI, Edwards and Messrs. S. Hollier, G. H. Jetuings and $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$. Wh. Romaine Central Council represeutativer.

The hon semrtary"s report made relerence to the passing, at bie age of 88 yaars, of the kev. A. Du Houlay Hill, who was lirgt Master or the Guild and hold office for 14 yeats. The reports [rom the various brancles, the secretary procceded, juticated a healthy slate of activity. The Marlhorough branch under the direction of its atw oflicers bad not only reowered fram a state of suspended ammation, but was now oue of the most active brathlies in the diocese. Ringers had found good supporters anoug the elergy in that district. In the Dorchester Branch Hr. C. H. Jeunings bad completed 25 yeurs of untring work as Beeretary. The resclution adopted hy that branch last year on the suljeet of " synthetie bell music ${ }^{\text {s }}$ in cluurch towers hed produced a sirchag and satisfactory stalement from the Diocesan Advisory Board. It wis greatly to be regrelted that the sum reguired to pur wyke Regis hells jurepair wat ant yet forthcoming. The great performance recorded at Exershot was proof af the progress made in West Dorset ${ }_{3}$ whero boh the chairman and the Tinging Master had been metive in conducting peals. The Calne Erancla was to be congratulated on a splendid supply of ringers, most of the towers having 14 or more. Oue less satisfactory feature of the braunh reports was the entry in several cases of 'No returths.' In some instances this meant, that the fower had failen to keep in touch with the Guild without any notiftealion of its withdrawal, and the Guild stilj continued lopeiully fo joclude the correspondent's ganme in the report. Iu other cosses it was due to the Iailure of the correspondent to make the returns at the proper time.
The peal record contrinet itiree or four reatures of outstanding interest. The peal of Kent Maximus it Trowhridge was the first of Tredile Twalve for the Guild and in the county of Wilte, it was conducted by the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild, whose honoured mame had for well over half a century beens frequently associnted with peals rung in the Diocese of Salishury. The first day of the year witmessed a similar record for the Guild gnd cothity in the eight Hinor methods rung at Semley, while the peal of Doubles in 21 methods conducted by Mr. Bishop at Evershot in honour of Mr. W. Ruttley's 50 years of service in that tover might clam to have set up $\quad$ world's record. The officers' peal at Salisoury a fortnight later whs of personal interest to the writer of these notes, while it was also the conductor's 10041 peal. The first peal on the massive bells of Gillingliam was atso a notable event. The report concluded with cordial thanks to the offecers of the Guidd for their splendid work and to the wice-presidents and honorery members for their valued and to
support.

The Master, in his repart, said it was a surprise to many at the frexious annual meeting to learn how many of the momberg of the Guila had a record of 50 years' service. It would be interesting to compile a record of all members wha had completed 50 years and over of ringing, and lye asked those who had done so ta send lim a postcarl, giving their mame and the number of jears they had heen ringers, so that he might campile a correct list. He specially rongratulated the hon. secretary m having completed his 50th year of ringing, but he (the Master) had to confess that it was 59 years ago that he storted. He cungratulated the Rev. ©. C. Cox and Mr. W. C. West upon having attained their lundredth peal and the Evershot band on ringing a peal in 21 methods. Referring to the increased interest taken in clange ringing in the diocese, the Master said it was due a great deal to the excellent work of the instructors, whe had spared neither time nor distance in carrying out their joh.

The hon. secretary's balsnce sheet showed rencipts from the branches amounting to 840 16s.. from hom. members and associates fi6 $6 e$. , life
 E62 14s. 6d. The expenditare, which includes tlyee grants of two guineas eatil to bell funds, mmounted to $£ 6515 s, 10$., thus reducing

The bells of Calne and other churches for some males round were kept in active use during the day.

## NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June roth, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at 5 p.m.-W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

CHEADLE PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. - The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, June ioth, at $2.30 \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{m7}$. A ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The summer meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, June foth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea is. per head. Halif fares allowed to mernbers attending this meeting (maximum 2s.) - B. J. Lack, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Western District.-A meeting will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June roth. The bells of St. Aidan's (8) will be available at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Aidan's Church Hut, 1s. per head. Will those ringers who require some, please advise Mr. W. F. Macfeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill, as soon as possible. A good attendance is requested.-J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durhan!.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Luton District. -A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June roth. Bells (6) available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at p.rn. All ringers very welcome-F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify if tea is required.-B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-A meeting at Bentley on Saturday, June roth. Bells (6) from 3p.m. Service 4.3 . Tea $5 \cdot \mathrm{r} 5$ p.m. All welcome-C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOL.N DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June soth. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. -H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsbv-

SHERWOOD YOUTHS, - A meeting will be held at East Bridgford on June roth. Bells availahle 3 p.m. Buses leave Nottingham bus station, platform 4, at 2.37, 4.7 and 4.52 . Everybody welcome.-I. B. Thompson, 52 , Lace Street, Durkifk, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -llchester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, June ioth. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester District. - A meeting has been arranged to take place at Hartlip on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 , followed by tea at the Rose and Crown. It is hoped that as a result of this mecting Hartlip will rejoin the association, so please turn up in yood numbers. - G . H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckey District.-The next ringing meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, June roth. Ringing from $3.3^{\circ}$ p.m. A short service, taken by the Rector, will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be at the Rectory at 5 p.m., is. each. Please notify Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, near Leicester. The Rector is retiring this month. He would like to see a reafly good meeting. All ringers welcome-W. A. Wood, Dis, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Wisborough Green on Salurday, June roth. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns 4.30 ., price 1 s . Service 5.45 . Half rail fares (maximum is. 6d.) allowed to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The montlly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, June roth. Tower open at 3 p.m. -G. R. Newton, Branch See, 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY-A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., followed by tea and the business meetings in the schools.-Mrs. F. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY GF ROYAL CUMBERIAND YOUTHS. -There will be ringing for evensong at St. Jeonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, June $1 /$ th, at 5.30 p.m.-G. W. Steere, Hont. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Meetings for June: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 13th; St. Andrew's, Holbora, 15 th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, $20 t h$; St. Maynus', 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., I, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DISS, NORFOLK.-The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Show will be held at Diss on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14th and 45 th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available each evening for visiting ringers. All welcome.-Albert G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss. SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Dorchester Branch.-A meeting wiil be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, Tune 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.. followed by tea. Ringers going will enter by the main gates entrance Milborne Road. Permission has been given to ringers going to this meeting to ring at Hilton, Bere Regis and Puddletown. Kindly advise early for tea.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Rd., Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.-The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June ryth. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m.; Cathedrai from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service 51 Cathedral at 3.15. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.30. Tea, 9d. to fuliy-paid members, to others IS. 3d. Please send word by Tuesday, June 13 th. -H. Knight, I5, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern District. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-onDearne on Saturday, June roth. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, June $14^{\text {th }}$. A hearty welcome is extended to all.-J. J. L. Gilbert. Dis. Sec., $25 a$, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashiord District. -A quarterly meeting will be held at Bididenders, on Saturday, June 17 th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. The usual travelling allowance will be paid at this meeting.-P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., ito, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.-A meeting will be held at Haxey, Isle of Axholme, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June ryth. Bells ( 6, tenor $18 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4. 15 p.m. Tea 5, at the Duke William for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Isle," and it is well worth a visit.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 248, Lea Road, Gainsborougb.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th, at Bakewell. Committee meeting 4 p.sm. Tea 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf Hotel, followed by general meeting. Special invitation is issued to this joint meeting with fellow-members and friends of Peak Society. Come alongr, but don't forget to send your name for tea to Mr. W. J. Alexander, 15, Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell, to avoid disappoint ment. - Ernest Morris, Gien. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.
WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Kineton, on Saturday, June 17th, Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.-D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 1 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 . Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.-Percy G. Yeo,
Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton. Hon, Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN (FLILD.—Crewe Branch.The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Wistaston ( 6 bells) on Junc 17th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send me word by the 14 th inst?-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTEES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A quarterly meeting will he held at Thurcaston on June 17th. The bells (8) will be available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea followed by meeting att 5 p.m. Please notity me by the 15th.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD_EEloe Deaneries

 Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfect on Saturday, June 17 th. Bells available from 2 p.nı. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ Tea $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting afterwards. Wilt those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 13th?-Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.-C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).-A combined meeting wili be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Bramshott. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business mectings follow. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jume 14th.-C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 32, Charles Street, Petersfieid.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bromyard Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at 1 B omyard on Saturday, June 17 th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please let me know number for tea by Thursday morning, June 15th.-A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

BEDFORDSIHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A neeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 17 th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . A good company is requested. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kington Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Weobley, on Saturday, June 17 tI . Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 , 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 13th, the number to expect for tea.-Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-onArrow, Leominster.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.-Northern Branch.-The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 171 h . Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15 , followed by tea and business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. A. W. Glazzard, 2, Bungalow, Tition Sands, Stourport-on-Severn, Harliebury, before Wednesday, June 4 th.-N. J. Goodman, Hon. Sec.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Oxford City Branch.
The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and District Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, Junc 24th. Service 3 p.m., follawed by tea, meeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordially invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Rooms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Will those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, 21st? Subscriptions for 1939 now due.-F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.-The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend,-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-The Burton District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 24th, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. Tea 4.45 , followed by meeting, and the peal ( 8 musical bells) available at 2. 45 . Lastly, don't forget your postcard by Wedmesday or Thursday for tea. -J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND JONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORISHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western District.The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30. Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stanforth, 13, Brookside, Skipton, by Thursday, June 22nd. Ali welcome.-F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr . George Green, 3, Belł Street, Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, by June 22nd.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). -The 316 th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6 d . each, for all who notify me by June 21 st.-Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

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LADIES' GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. Fulier particulars later. Any members or friends in London wishing to join the party travelling by cheap ticket to Ipswich are asked to communicate with me as soon as possible. —Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chistehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4 th.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22ad. -K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN A5SOCIATION, South Forest Annual Salmon Supper will be held af the Angel Hotel, Ruardean, on Saturday, July 8th, at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets 45 ., and will not be obtainable after June 17 th. Please don't forget the date. Tiekets may be had from Oliver Thomas, if, Victoria Rd., Lydney, Glos, or W. Scott, The Lawn, Ruardean, Glos.

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The Council has been able to draw upon some of the best byains in the Exercise to further this side of its work, and time and ability have been devoted to it ungrudgingly, gratuitously and almost without limit. But even so, the Council has had to back the publication of the various works financially. Practically every one of them has been issued at a loss; indeed, it was not until quite recently that even a small percentage was added to the net cost to help cover the various incidental expenses that must be met in the issue of any publication. It is in this cause that most of the funds of the Council are expended, and as time has progressed the books that have been issued have grown in their pretensions, and, consequently, in cost.

Where does the Council get the money from? Each year it receives about 635 in affiliation fees and subscriptions; its investments bring in $f 5$, and it gets the balance from the sale of publications, which in some years may be as much as f20; occasionally the Council has actually had to meet a Ioss. The publication of a new book which proves popular gives the receipts a temporary expansion, such, for instance, as the sale of two hundred copies of the new 'Doubles and Minor ' book last year. This, however, is exceptional, and, generally, the Council's
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THE HERUFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday. June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Owe Minute,
At the Ceurce of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 6185 CHANCEs; James Branett ...
Joba Tromas $\begin{array}{cc}\text {... } & \text {...Treble } \\ \text {... } & \text {... } \\ 2\end{array}$ Mrs, J. Thomas Tgomas J. Loce

Composed by H. Darns. 4 Walter Ayre ... ... ....Tmor

Conducted by jobn Thomas. WABNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GULLDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
Ai fhe Cherce of St. Margarat.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES Tenor"Iq $\mathrm{cwt}, 2$ qr. in lb.
Walyer Cbabman ... ...Treble *Ernest J. Munday ... ... 5

- Tbomas E. Denyrr ... ... 2 Gborge E. Clode ... ... 6

Wilelam J. Robinson ... 3 Clarencz H. Dobbir ... 7
Eragst J. Aylippe .t. .t. $\$$ Alprbd H. Polling ... ... Temor
Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by A. H. Poleing.

* First peal in the method.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WLLTS
THE SALISBURT DIOGESAN GULLD.
On Saturday. June 3, 7939, in Three Hours and Thivteen Minutes, at Chrisy Cheace,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 50s0 CHANGE8, Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
*Mrs, F. A. Pern ... ...Treble | William J. Prbscott.,
Frank A. Penn ... ... ... 2 Jesse Halleti $. . . \quad . .$.
Horace D. Taylor .... ... 3 Samerl. J. Hector ... ... 7 Thomar F. King ... ... 4 Gilbert H. Harding ... .... Tonoy Composed by C. Casrge, Conducted by Gilbert H. Harding.

* First peal on eight bells. Rugg as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. King.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDSS.
THE BEDFORDSEIRE ASSOCTATION
On Satwrday, Jume 3, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and There Hinutes, At tas Cerpch of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE:


EDMOND W. WAGSTAFE ...Trebla
-Miss Florenge K. Harile 2
-Stanley Wallis
$\begin{array}{llll}\text {-Stanley Wallis } & . . & . . . & 3 \\ \text { tHerbery Sgerman } & \text {... } & . . & 4\end{array}$

Hbrbbri W. Else
Grorge W. Derentam ...
Percy W. Tompins.. ... 7
tGrorge THoupson ... ...Tenor Conducted bytF. W. Tompeins.
*First peal of Grandsire ${ }^{1}$ inside: + First peal of Triples. ; First

## LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Ttuo Hours and Fify-Eight Minveds, At tee Churce of St. Mary, Woolwice,
A PEAL OF gTEDNAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHAMEES;
Hbywood's Tfansposifion of Therstans' Foti-pary. Tenor 13 采 cwt .
-Robert A. Jobnson ... ...Treble Thomas H. Tafpender ... 5
Thomas W. Tappender ... 2 Roy K. Mowforta ... ... 5
Olive L. Asebroox ... ... 3 †Canrles W, Attley ... 7
 Condacted by Thomas $W$. Thfabidzr.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, first attempt for a peal. + First attempt for peal of Stedman triples. $\ddagger$ First attempt for a peal.


## RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOOIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minates, as the Ceurce of St. Marganer,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. i3 C.C.C.) Tenor $18 \frac{1}{3}$ cwt. - Huge Morris ... ... ...Tyeble Gborge A. Naylor ... ... 5 $\dagger$ Miss Katalgen L. Cbeal 2 †Wilpred L. Rayner ... 6 iMiss Joan Naylor ... ... 3 †William J. Walerr ... †Francis J. Cbeal ... ... a - Robrri G. Edwards ...Temay Conducted by Grorgr A. Naylor.

* First peal. $\dagger$ First peal in the method. \#First peal in the method "inside." First peel in the method on the "bells. Rung by an entirely local band. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Hodgen, м.A.).


## ERDIVGTON, BIRMINGRAM.

THE ST. MABTIN'S GOILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMLNGHAM.
On Saturdav, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minules,
At tee Chirch of St. Barmaras.
A PEAL OF dOUBLE MORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, sD2 4 GHAMCE;
Tenor $15 \frac{7}{7} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Jonatean Preston
G
..- ...TYeble
Danel th ... ... $a$ Erbderick W. Rishworta 6
 James F. Harvby ... ... 4 Pgrcy N. G. Rainey ... ...Temor Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Danibl T. Matiein
Arranged and rung as a birthìay compliment to Mrs. M. G. Power, wife of th: Ficar of Frdington.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGEAMSHIRE, <br> THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.

On Saturday, Jwne 3, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy-Two Hifinutes, At ter Caorce of St. Micearl amd All Angres,
A PEAL OF stEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEE ;
Tecrstans' Foor-part.
Tenor I2t cwt .
James W. Wilkins ... ...Tyble | Harry C. Jones ... ... ... g
Waltipr Lee ... ... ... 2 Roland Biggs ...
Artagr G. Jamis $\quad . .$.
Frederice G. Biges .. ... 4 | Victor Evans ... ... ....Tmar
Conducted by Roland Biggs,
Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick Biggs' first peal of Stedman.

ARKSEY, YORESHIRE.
TBE YORKSHIRE ASSOOLATION.
(Doncaster and Dietrict Snciety.)
On Saturday, Jure 3, 1939, in Three Houss and Two Minutes,
at ter Church nf All Salmts,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANEES;
Tenor $9 \frac{3}{2} \mathrm{cw}$. in F sharp.
Howard Scott ... ... ...Treble |erank Vallance ... ... 5
Grorge Clare ... ... ... 2 †Danibl Smith ... ... ... 6
Erbegt Coopza ... ... ... 3 Foord Newtoh ... ... ... 7
William Fay ... ... ... 4 Artbur Gill ... .... ...Tenor
Composed by E. C. Gosey. Conducted by E. Scozr.

* First peal of Bolk Major 'inside.' + First peal of Bob Major.

First peal as conductor. Ruig as \& birthday compliment to Miss I.
Clark.

WOODFORD, ESSEX THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday. 7 ture 5, 1939, in Ttwo Hours and Fifty-Fiva Mınukes, At ter Cadrch of St, Mary
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5025 Chances; Tenor 11 cwt .
Erancis W, Cornry... ...Tveble - Eric J. Cor. George R. Pyz.... .... Mrs. F. W. Housden $\qquad$
Composed by C. W. Robrir? First peal in the methan: Conducted by J. H. Crampion. the bells.

LONDON
THE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASEOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 5, 1939, in Three Fowrs and Eleven Minntes, Ax tez Church of St. Bototph, Bismopsgatz,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8059 CHANEE8; Middlefon's.

Tecor 20 cwt .
Harry Hoskins.
...
...Treble
Mrs. C. J. Matreews

- Tromas H. Francis ...
.... 2
... 3 Gborge H. Cross ... ... 7
erkest W. Pye ... ... 4 Peilip A. Cobby ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Grorge H. Cross.
*First peaj of Cambridge. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Michae! Cross on his frat hirthday. HOMFORD, ESEEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tussaly, Jura 6, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifity-Fiva Minutes, At the Chunca or St. Edwapd.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRIBE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt
Robert C. Heazei
. Tisth
Gborge R. Pye ...
Jozn H. Crampios
... ...Tiabla
Ernesy J. Butlra

James E. Davis
Composed by J."W. Parker.
Frant W. Furbane ... ...
Pbilip A. Corby ... ... .... Tono
Conducted by P. A. Corby.
Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford TROWBRIDGE, WIUSS.
THE SALISBLRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
Ow Wedwesday, Jun 7, 1939, i्1 Thyte Hozys and Fouy Mixutes, At fhr Ceurce of St. James.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJDR, 505G CHANGES;
Jobnson's Variation op Midderion'g. Tenor 24 cwt.

- Jesse Frameis ... ... ...Trebla Reginald A. Newton ... 5

Samorl J. Hegior ...

- Percival W. Harding ... 3 Gllbrrt H. Hardimg ... 7
"Frakl A. Penk $-\cdots$..... 4 Cbarles F. Andrews ...Temor Conducted by Charles F. Andrrws.
* First peal of Surprise.

> BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Wedinesday. Txme 7, 1939, in Thee Hours and Fhirteen Minxtes,
At tee Cgurce of SS. Peter ano Pala,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 GHAMGE8; Tenor 22 cwt . in Eflat.

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derer M. Searp. EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Wedmestay, June 7, 1939, in Three Howrs and Three Minutos,
Ay yae Church of Sx. Maxy.
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, GO40 CHANGES!
Heywoad's Transposition of Tevrgtans' Fodr-part.

Harold S. Hobden ... ...Treble Prederick H. Dallafay ... Thomas H. Taffender ... 2 Harold G. F. Reynolds... 6 Miss Brity Raypield ... 3 Edward W. Bray... Frame Bennett ... ... ... 4 Lodis W. Fadelkner ... ....Tmor Conducted by Harold S. Hobder.
First peal in the method as conductor aud first attempt.

MEASHAM, LELCESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Wedmssday, June 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Misules,
As tee Ceurch of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGEG;
M. Swinfibld's Twenty-zart, No. 6.

Tenor Io cwt
Madrice Swinfield ... ...Trable W. Ricbardson Drage ... 5
Jobn H. Swiapigld ... ... 2 Jobn Curis... ... .. .... 6
Ermest W. Beadsmore ... 3 James Grorge ... ... ... 7 Sidney P. Palmer .... ... 4 Gqorge L. Roden ... ...Temoy Conducted by M, Swinfield.
Rung as a thanksgiving to Almiglity God for the complete recovery of Mr. James George, after a long and distressing ithess. The composition was rung for the first time.

## BUSHEY, FERTSS

THE MDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday. Jkne 8, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifity-One Misutes, At tele Chugce of St. Jayrs.
a PEAL of spliced london, bristol, gambridge \& guperlative 8URPRIEE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES Thaor 13 cwt .
James E. Davis ... ... ...I Yoblo Frbderice W. Hodsden ... s

- Mrs. Jarrs E. Davis ... 2 Edwin Jfanings ... ... ... 6 Madrice F, R, hibbert ... 3 James C. E. Simpson ... ... 7 Cbell C. Mayng $\ldots$... ... 4 Harold G. Cagbmore .....Temor Composed by A. J, Pitman. Conducted by H. G. Caghmore. *First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 2.240 London, 1.664 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge aurd Superlative, with: 115 changes of method.


## CRAYFORD, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday. Juwe 9. 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifby-Five Minstes, At fer Cefreh of St. Patlines,
A PEAL DF DOUBLE OXfORD bOB MAJOR, 50BE GHAMGES: Tenor 124 cmb .
Ernest H. Orenbam ...Treblo| Edwin A. Bafhett ... ... Edwin Barneti $\quad . . . \quad . . . \quad 2$ Gborfbry V. Morpgy
Derif M. Saarp ... ... 3 Harry Hoverd -.. ...
-Arther S. Riceards … 4 -Pbilip A. Corby $\quad$... .... ${ }^{7}$ mor Arranged and Conducted by E. A. Barnert.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal together by Messrs. E. and EL. A. Barnett.

Ow Friday, June 9, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Swan Minutas, Ax tee Czurce of St Michail and All Angele, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES!

Alpard T. Hoari
Reginald W. Darvile ...Treble
Horace J. Manspirld

| $\ldots$ | 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | 3 |
| $\cdots$ | 4 |

$\dagger$ William J. Barretz
Hzary S. Wilson Frane B. Lopion... Artbor Hobble Composed by A. T. King.
First peal of Majar.
Tirst Conducted by F. B. Lurkin.
the Rector of Galleywood.

## SIX AND FIVL BELL PEALS.

 COTTON, SUFFOLE.On iVedresday, May 24, 1939, in 1 veo Howys and Fifly-Fion Minulas, At yeg Cherce of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 50s0 CHANQES,

Consisting of two Trys of OxTord Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Boit and three of Plain Bob.
L. Fostre
B. CBil ... ... ... ...Treble
A. Locewood

| $\cdots \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 |  |
| Conducted by | 3 |  |  |

S. Arbon

R, Ward ... $\quad .$.
Conducted by B. Cetivqzas.

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## WH:NDOVER, BUCKS

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satkrday, May 27, 1939, in I wo Hours and Fifty-Theee Minutes, At tee Chitech of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, gOf CHAHGES।

 Seven diferent $780^{\prime}$ 's.Harry C. Jones ... ...Trebla| Roland Biggs ... ....
Georee Martin ... ... 2 Waltir Leg ... ... ... 5
-Rrv. R.F. R. Routr ... 3 Harry Wingrove ... ...Temol
Conducted by Harry Wingrovz.

- First peal of Cambridge Minor. 耳lung as an welcome to the new Fiear (the Rev. J. Lister), elso a silver wedding compliment to H. C. Jones.

CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRLE ASSOOTATION
Un Saluyday, May 27, 1939, in Two Howrs awd Fifty-Seven Minubss,

## At tae Cburch of St. Lerb

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;
Being 761 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and two of Oxford Single.
-Miss V. Luke ... ... ...Trbble Groxge Sabllamd ... ... 4 Tenor 94 cwt .
 Conducted by W. H. Deacon.

* First peal and first attempt.

BRATTON, WILISHIRE.
THE SAJISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Suturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Cmo Minutes, At tag Ceqrce of St. James-mer-Great,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 504B CHANGES;
Seven aiferent extents.
Tenor 12 ewt. in $F$ sharp.
Leelie P. Timhams ...
Harry Prodet
Tyeble Harold Safith

Arranged as a wedding compliment to Miss Elsie Lawzonce, for many years "correspondent of the above tower. FORNCETTY ST. PETER, NORFOLE.
THE NORWICH DIOGESAN ASSOCLATION.
Om Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Howrs and Seven Minutes.
At tag Cefrch of SS. Pbier and Pade,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES;

Being tan 120's of New Bob, St, Simon's and Plain Bob, with four callings, and ten 120's of Grandsire called differently and ane 240 of Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor $13 \mathrm{cwt}$.12 lb .
-Lronard G. Tookr ... ...T*able! $\ddagger$ R. Wiletam Baraez...
tMrs. R. William Barber 2 | $\ddagger$ Willam Clover
4 Henry Tonge … .... ...Tendy Condacted by Henry Tooke

* First pasal at first attempt. $\dagger$ First peal in four methods of Doubles. ₹ Tirst peal of Doubles.

> SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATLON
on Saturday, May 27, 1939, in 2 hred Hours and Seven Mintes.
At the Cagrch of St. Glles,

## A PEAL OF MIHOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Wells Surprise, London Surprise, Nether-日eale Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treille Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

 Conducted by Fibrbra Torner.

* First peal in seven methods.


## KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Morday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty yinutes, At the Cgurce or St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES
Censisting of four six-scores of Plair Rob and 38 of Grandsire (14 collixgs).

Tenor 12 cmt
Wileiay J. Rosbwele
...Treble (ater
 Conducted by Wieliaul J. Rosewzle.

EYNESBCRY, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes. At the Ceurch of St, Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's ealled differently, 69 bohs, 58 singles. Tenor 14 cwt.
'Tromas Payne ... .*. ...Treble Brian F. Simg .... ... -io 4 Herbirt Fields ... ... a -Akthor Walton ... ... 5 William A. R. Cbamberlain3 Frane Warbengion na ...Temet Conducted by F. Warrington.

* First peal. COMBE, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Foyty-Three Mivmes,
Ax ree Cherch of St. Lawerce.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 GHANGES;

Eight callings.
Frany Boccins
Horace Morris
Jambs Bjggins
Tetrar 12 cwt .
 Albert Hoara

Conducted by F. Appleton.
HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 29. 7939, in Two Hours and Forly-Threa Minkiax,
At yar Cherch or Si. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8:
Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Ozford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor $14 \frac{1}{2}$ ewt.
 Edmond Wacgiafye $\cdots \cdots{ }^{2}$ C. Edward Jefrribs ... .... Conducted by C. E. Jeffrizs,

- First peal of Minor.

DERBY.
THE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATTON.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Two Mindits, At the Cburce of St, Pbibr,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being tw, 720 's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
-Ronald Foster... ... ...Treble franz Tradit 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 Ib Predzrick A. Salter
frederick A. Saltir... .2 †Rbginald j. Wallif
Wh. Lancaster
Arther Sarrwoon ... ...Tenor

> Coneacted by Jacr Bailzy.

* Firgt peal. + First peai in three methods

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in fwo Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutas,
Ax zer Chorch of tar Holy Ceoss,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, BOH CHANOES;

Being 42 sizecores, 10 callings.
Tenoz $\mathrm{B}_{12} \mathrm{cwt}$.
William C. Newberby ...Trobh | Edgar Quicte ... ... ... 3
Cyril J. Stevens ........ 2 Whltrr Stbvens
... .... 4
Cradop W. J. Tarr ... ...Thar
Conducted by C. W. J. Tarr.
First peal on the bells and a farewell peal for the Rev. D. Erans. LTTHLLE MYSSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Friday, Juns 2, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty-Nine Minxtes, At ter Chuect of St. Jome-the-Baftist,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, bemo changes;

Congisting of two extents each of Chearaley Slow Course, Dnion and New Bob, three each of Reverse Canterbiry Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and St. Simou's Bob, four each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Njelolam' Bob and April Day, and five extents each of Reading, frandsire and Steaman; 41 changes of method. Tenar 12 cwt. in G . Edgar Homprey... ... ...Tyeble Mise Marie R. Cross ... 2 N. Gordon Cross ... ... 3
 Condacted by Nolan Golden.
First peal on the bells and first peal of Doubles in twalve methade by ell and for the Guild.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Heurs and Fifty-Two Minktrs,
At thr Cuprch of St. Mary
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANRES;

## Baing 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Ejgar Quicks ... ... ...Tyebl Cyril J. Stevens Walter Strygns
...... 2 Staheey N. Bristow... William C. Newberry Cladde W. J. Tarr 5 Tenor Conducted by E. Qoicke. BURGH, SDFFOLK THE SUFFOLK GUHD. (St. Mary-le-Tower Socirit.) On Saturday, $]$ Khe 3, 1939, in Two Hows and Thirly-Nine Minntes, At tee Cburce of SS. Andrew and Botolph, A PEAL DF YORK GURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES: Temor 9 cwt

Fredraick J. Smiza
Iroble
Hobart E. Smite
...1ro
Wiletamj. G. Brown
Conducted by Sy
Grorgr A. Fleming
Sylvia R. E. Bowyrr
Cricil W. Pipe
R. E. Bowyer,

First pea! of York Surprise Minor by all, on the bells and for the Suffolk Guild

## PRESTON SUFTOLK.

 THE SUFFOLK GULD.On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Eight Minudes
At the Churce of Sx. Mary
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being ane extent of Cambridge Burprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Stedman H. Symonds ...Treble Majrice T. Symonds...
Enwin D. Cracenble
Ronalo C. Dakin

## Conducted by S. H. Symonds, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

 Fredrbick DayHarry Hollocrs Tenar THE CHESTER DHOGESAN GULLD. (Wirral Brance.)
On Wedresday, Jtus 7. 1939, in Two Hours and Forby-Five Minulas t tir Chercie of ©t Mary.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;

Being 720 each of Cantertury, Carlisle, Chester, London, York, Beverley and Chester.

- Wallace K. C. Townley...Tyeble
Willam Dran
Jobn Cooke
Jon

Josepa Lasliz
Jamas Blair..
Conducted by F. T. Parry,

* First peal and first atterpt. First peal as conductor. Rung witl the bells balf-mufled as a tribute to the men who lost their lives in H.M. Submarine 'Thetis.'

> (Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

## SILVER WEDDING PEAL

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. King, of Bath, have just celebrated their gilver wedding, and in honowr of the event a peal of Bob Mejor was rung st Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon.
After the peal, the band eajoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. King, at the Castle Hotel, where supper had been prepared. At the Conclusion, Mr. Sam Hector proposed the lealth of Mr. and Mrs. King, and spoke of their lilyeral treatment of risiting and local ringers, and wished them many more years of health and happiness.
This was ondorsed by Mr. W. J. Prescott, and acclaimed by all.

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## PEAL NOTES.

## A NEW RECORD.

The ringing of a peal of Double Oxiord Bob Major at Crayford Just Friday wes the pecasion of a ner record. Mr. Edwin Rumett and hts son, Edwin A., raug their 100th peal together and the former thus becomes the first to score a century with both his father and bis son. Mr. Barnett rang 235 peals with his late father, who was known to all the ringing frateraity as Edwin Barneti, sen.
The quickest peal of Caters on the beils at St. Peter's, Nottingham was rung on Tharsday, June 8th, and it is with pleasure that in this we can record the first peal of Sikedman Caters rung by Mr. John E. Clarke. Mr. Clarke has always been the 'calt' of the Leicester Thursday band, and afthough so 'young' he daesn't care how far he travels providing he has the opportunity of taking part in some really good ringing. The peal at Nottingham was arranged by Mr. Fred Salter, who very kintly had the bells up in readiness for the attempt.
Celebrations are taking place in Eesex in connection with the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelrasford. The ringers are taking their part, too, and on June 6ti a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Romford, and on the following day a peal of Minor was recorded at Rettendon.
The first birthday of Michael Cross, son of the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was colobrated with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bishopsgate on June 5th. Michnel has not yet liggun ringing, but with father and mother both entinsiasts, we may expect ur early start. The peal was called by Mr. G. H. Grose, whe would like to thank Mr. J, E. Davis for obtaining permission to ring else peal, and Miss Oakshetc and Mr. Belcher, who kimdly came along to see that the band did not meet short.
A golden jubilee peal was rung at Hugherien, Bucks, on June 3rd. It celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman by Mr. Frederick Bifge, which whs rung at Hughenden on Mny 31st, I889, by J. O. Truss, J. W. Waslibrool (conductor), Joln Evans, S. Goodchild, F. T. Biggs,R. H. Biggs. H. Stratford and Joseph Evans. This was fle first peal of Stedmen by all the band except the conductor. The jubilee peal was Roland Biggs' $200 t h$ and Hatry C. Jones 25 th.
The peal of Cambridge Surpmbe Major, ratg at Trowbridge on June 7th, was, it is believed, tine frst peal of Surprise Major rung by an entirely resident band in the salisbury Guild. Four of the ringers rang their firat Surprise paal, and one of them, Mr. P. W. Harding, scored his first peal of Major and at the first attempt,
Two peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung by a Bath and Fells Diocesan Association band on Whit Monday, one at SampFord Arundel, Somerset, and the other at Burlescombe, Dovor. Plae former wes the first peal on the bells and a farewell to the Rev. D. Evans.

The peal of Double Norwich at Erdington, Birmingliam, on June 3rd, was arranged as a birthdny compliment ta Mrs. M. G. Power, wife of the Ficar of Erdington, who very kindly entertained the liand to tea after the peal. Mr. J. F. Harvey, of Bradford, Forks, who took part, was on a visit to Birmingharo.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECOVERY
His mazw friends will be plan to learn that Mr Jameg George bas recoverail from his long and distressing illness and is now able to raturn to peal ringing. He made his come back, oz1 Wednesday Week, at the age of git, by [aultlesals rimging the 7 th at Measlasm to a peal of Stedman Triples. He showed no trace of his 1llness and finighed perfectly fit.
The peal whs specially arrnnged, by kina permission of the Ficar (the Res. J. R. King), as a thanksgiving for Mr. George's restoretion to health, and the Ficar offered prayors iu the belfry both before and after the peal.
The disaster to the submarine 'Thetis' is, of course, specially felt in Birkenhead, where she was huilt and many of whose men went to death in her. On Fune 7th, the day on which memorial sersices were held, a half-mutled peal of Surprise Minor was rumg at St. Mary's Church. Phis is the old Parish Church of Birkenliead and is within 100 y日rds of where the ill-fated submarine was buitt. Two of the ringers in the peal, Messrs. Joseph Leslie and Frank Perry the conductor', are emplayed at the shipyard, the former having actually warked on the 'Thetis' during construction.
Twenty-one rears ago Mr. Harr" Prout taught Owen Wrintmore to ring a bell It was nat until Whit Saturday that they rang a peal tapether. Them Mr. Wrintmore called a peal of Bob Minor at Bratom, Wilts, as a wedding compliment to Mizs Eilsie Lawrence, wlo for many years has been correspondent at this tower and a stameh supporter of the Salishury Dincesan Guild.
Mr. T. J. Lock, hon. secretary of tho North and East District of the Middlesex Association, rang his 100th peal on Saturday week at North Mimms, Herts, where, pf the same time, Mr. Jomes Bennett rang the trable and 'completed the circle.' Mr. Tom Lock's first century imeludes peals up to Spifed Surprise Major in aine methods.
Mr. Dohn Folman, of gheffield, trarelled smeciall to Ipswich last Saturday to take part in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximuts. The composition, hy Mr. C. T. Sxmands. las a boh at all the Home positions withrut the 2nd in 5-6.

Last, wreek we said in these notes that Mr. J. M. Bailey, although he had rung over 80 peals 'in hand; lad never sung one outride Leiston antil May 28 th . when he visited Dartiond. Apparently his own enn had forgotten the fact that Mr. Bailer rang $7-8$ to a peal of Kent Treble Boh Raral at Binckheath, Friston, in 1920. But porliaps he waz too voung to renmemher itr

## TRESH DODBLES METHODS.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Warnham, Susser, on Saturday week. The Guildford portion of the band appreciated the kindness of Mr. Harry Hutton in driving them to Warnham and then gtanding out of the peal to allow the extra man to ring. But Satarday was a glorious day, and Mr. Hutton was compenasted by enjoying the cricket reatch in the park and listening to the belks in the distance. A peal of Doubles st Little Missenden, Bucks, on June 2od, was rung 12345 in twelve methods, one of them, Chearsley Slow Course, rung, 27354 it in believed, for the first time. The extent of Chearsiey is 25145 produced by two plain leads, followed by a bob lead, three 30415 times repested, and here are the fgures of a lead.
23451 In addition, the peal included extents of St. Nicholas' Bob 23541 and Wiachendon Place Bob. St. Nicholas is St. Simon's rung 32514 with Canterbury places in 3-4, and Winchendon Place Bob 25154 is St. Nicholas' with place-making in 1-2 instead of the dodge. 21345 Actually the names were used to distinguish the guethods, but 19354 the hand would like to know what the original pames of the 12534 methods are, assuming they have been used before, for Bob obviously they ere of the same antiquity. No doubt the 13045 historians will be ready to help in this matter.
A local band at Rainham rane a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on Saturday week as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. D. Hodgson), who is learing to take up the living of St. John's, Bromley. It was nlso a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Naylor.

Messra. William Clover and Heary Tooke have now rung peals together from Doubles up to Maximus. A peai of Doubles in four mothade at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk, on May 27th, enabled them to complate this partnership. It was the first peal on the bells by the Norwich Diocesar Association.
There ware 69 bobs and 58 singles in the peal of seven different extents of Bob Minor rang at Eynesbiry, Hunts, on Whit Monday. Mr. Frank Warrington was the conductor.
Tlim first peal in the borough of Crosby, Lancs-and a very creditr able one took place on May $27 t h$. These beils were restored as a memorial to the late King George F . Only one previous peal has been rung on the belle, in about 1910. The pens was a cormpliment to Mr. Bee Hale on the completion of 51 Tearsi service ringing at the church. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tee by Mr. and Mrs, Hale. The Vicar and curate were also present
Mrs. J. E. Davis is to be congratulated upon singing lier first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which Ehe did at Bushey on June 8th. Up to the present very few ladies seem to have taken up 'spliced ' ringing. After meeting ahort for Stedman Triples at St. Peter's. Derby, on May 29th, a peal of Minor in tbree methods was rung with a covering bell.

## A REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION

ST. MARY'S, ELY, BELLS RESTORED
For many jears the eight bells at St, Mary's Church, Ely, have had an unenviable reputation, but now there bus been a remarkable transformation The old bell frame was found to be in a very slaky condition necessitating its removal from the tower, and it has beed replaced by a new maseive oak frame. Whilst thiy wark was in hand the opportunity was taken of having the beils taned and the old plain bearings replaced with ball bearings. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Lougbborough, and the work has meen done with characteristic efficiency.
On Saturday, June 3rd, the completed work wes dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely in the presence of a large congregation. A number of wisiting ringers were present.
Immediately after the fumersl dedication the hells were rung by the Ely ringers: H. Martin 1, ㅍ. Cole 2. A. C. Rick 3 , D. Norman 4 , E. G. Pipe 5, W. T. Gedfrey 6, G. Tait 7, A. Baruard B.

The Bielop, in his address, expressed his great pleasure at hearing from the Vicar bhat that very moraing the grand tokal to foot the bili had been reached. It was in great achiovement to have opened the bells free from debt.
Service over, the first touch (Bob Major) on the rededicated hells was rung by the Rev. H. M. Knowles with six ringers from St. Margaret's, King's Lyan (the church from which the Rey Knowles came to Ely), and Mr. N. T. Abrams, president of the Central Branch, Ely Diocesan Association. Tea was parkakell of in Mary's Pariali Room, 6l ringing friends, several mambers of the Beli Restoration Committee, the Vicar, his two curates and churchwardens baing present.

After ten the Vicar gave a warm welcome to all gathered and thanked those responsible for making the arrangements. In the unawoidabla absence of the districh secretary (Mr. F. Werrington), Miss K. Willers replied.

Mr. H 7 . Prudhome, warden, expressed his thanks to Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing, Messrs. Taylor and Ca.) for the way in which the work had been carried aut-Mr. Fidler replied.
Ringing from rounds to London Surprise was obtained in the evening, ringers being present from Cambridre, Coventry, Chatteris, Wilhurton, King's Evnn, Huntingdon, Willingham, Sawston, Ickleton, Trampiagton, Fordham, Ramsey, Dersiaghem, Eomersham and Exning.

Those who were conversant with the bells in former days were loud in their praise of the rastly improved "go" of the peal, which was cast by Tidward Arnald, of St. Neots, in 1781. The tepor turns the scele at 121 cmt

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## BELFRY COSSIP.

In comnecilon with the celebretion of the silver jubilee of the Diocera of Chelmaford aow in progress, special services are being held in the Cathedral every evening for a fortnight, each beiug alloceted to ohe of the deaneries. The Cathedral bells ars being rung for these servees by the ringers from the deanery concemed.
The annual festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesmen Quild, which is to be held at Ryde on July 1st, will be the diamond jubilee celebration of the foundntion of the old winchester Guild.
The Bishop of Portsmouth, wio takes a keen interest in the Guild, is to be the preacher, and in calling atteation to the service he says he hopes on that occasion to come into contact with a number of thoge mechamically and mathematically scientific persons who rejoice in Grandsite Triples and Boh Majors.' He adds: 'They preach a sermon, melodious to the ear abd comforting to the mind."

## YOUNG PEAL RINGERS.

## To the Rditor.

Dear \$ir, While congzatulativg Miss May Moody on ber first peal and in no way wishing to detrat from the performance, may $I$ point out that Haroid $P$. Reed also rang the 3rd to Holt's Ten-Part on the day hefore his 14 th birthdsy. This was, however, his second peal-tho first beiby rubg nearly two months earlier. On the eve of his 15th birthday this game ringer ealled his first peal, and in this peal Roy Faithfull (aged 13) rang his first peal (wide "Ringing World," vol. 31, page 5601. Hence both these ringers were yaungar than Miss Mondy when they fang their first peal. Neither of the ringets mentioned clainned tiv be the youngest to ring a perl for the Wimehester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. It would to interesting to know who was the youngest ringer to do so?
Perhaps it may be some consolation to Miss Moody if she is the youngest ladu to ring a peal for this Guild, and I rather fancr she is! R. O. H. CONNOLLT

## ' THANKS TO AN ESSEX MHORITY.'

## To the Baitor

Dear Sir, -I would like, through "The Ringing World," to take an early opportunitoy of thanking all those who at district meetings and at the jubiles meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday supported the proposition That a \#enevolent Fund of the Essex Association of Chango Eingers be ingugurated.' Although the proposition was logt, it is comforting to know, when digappointment is felt, that there is a considerable number of Fesex ringers who desire such a furd and who would unprudgingly support it. I don't think Whit Mondey's decision will stand the test of time, for 1 regard the ringing fraternity as a body which can find its 'soul' both inside and outside the ringing chamber.

Chriatianity, which we ringers uphold, puts charity to the forefront. It must, however, be practical. Whitson is a Church festival, which reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit. That spirit must be found in true fellowship. This was folt by William Thackeray when he wrote, "I like to think that there is no man but has had kindiy feelings for some ather and be for his naighbour until we bind together the whale family of Adam.' It in this femily spirit which I claim should permeate the ringing fraternity. That spirit dominated the successiul social function arranged by the Central Conncil's Enter. tainment Committee, and held on Whit Tuesday at the London Tavern.
Peal achievaments, hawever outstanding, shauld not be the ead and be all " of ringing. The 'haman tonch' should be ever present, red that should operate not only in the local band, but in the whole Oounty Associetion. Long and fajthful serrice should not be forgotten when a ringer is stricken with sickness in old age, or perhaps min-life, or when bed times beve brought him low. We cannot expect the State to do everything. The attitude of the prisst and the Levite was deplored by Christ, it was the great-hearted yet despised Samaritan who readily stretched forth the helping hand and paid the bill. 'Write the as on\# that loves his fellow-men ${ }^{1}$ (Leigh Hunt), I commend to your readers.

To my opponenta I bear no mafice. Freedom of thought is still a priceless heritage. Arguments should always be welcomed. I tried herd to follow those that were advanced against the formation of a Benevolent Fund and could not see that any were sound enorgh to defeat a project that would ritalige the fellowship that ringers desire. This defeat has its blesaings. I shall always freasure the kind assistance of Mr. Fred Mitchell, of the Kent Association. He revealed to me the grand work that the ringers of Kent had done in building up and operating a Benevolent Fund for their owis ribgers. The atarting facts and figures I presented as often as possibie. I cannet think that Fssex will be satisfed with a "stand-still" attitude.

I shall be ready to 'fight' again, lenowiag from past bistory that any worthy mowement had its early setbacks only to triumph in tha endi. I ask my fellow-ringers of Essex to think again!

Woodford
JAMES CHALK

## A FIAST 720.

A first 720 of Cambridge gurprise Minor was rump for evensong on Sunday, May 7th, by the following merabers of the bsad at St. Paulo Church, Weodhouse Eaver, Leicestershire: C. Allen 1. R. Shackwell 2 J. Hunt 3, E. Jacques d A. Jacques 5, H. Hayaes (conductor) 6.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## MODEL RULES FOR A COMPANY

## Discussion on 'Communicant' Qualification.

The committee in their report said they had made a thorouglt evision of the Model Rules, largely with a view to simpicity gan brevity. Tha primeiple previously adopted of issuing a twofold version had been carrict a stage further by compiling two complete sets of ules; one recommended as the ideal, where local conditions permit of its adoption, the other suitable for more genexal use, especially in country parishes. Care had been taken to provide in general terms for the regular use of church bells on proper occasions, while allowing mmple elasticity in points of detail. The committee trusted that the result of their lahours would prove to be of practical service.
The two sets of rules were apponded to the report, aud, in moving their adoption, the Rivy. F. Ll. Edwards said all the members of the committes had had practical experience in drawing up rules required for a fowtr, and there ware in existence the original rales drawn up by the Council. Personally, he made a careful digest of the rules he hate drawn up himself and those drawn up by Mr. Stephen Wood, and what they had now incorporated appeared to be the most valuable and the most practicable of them. The old rules drewm wp by the Comen were somewhat prolix and cumbrous, and something a little briefer and simpler geemed to be required. Anyone who wished for assistance from the Council in drawing up a sed of rales could receive a copy of eacls of the separate sets which had been prepared and make their choige betwecn the two, as to which would suit their own conditions the better
Mr S. H. Wool seconded the adoption of the report; and the Council then proceeded to discuss the rules in detail

In varjous places in the rules the word "Vicar' apperred, with a side note indicating that where applicable the word 'Rector" should he substituted
It was suggested that the word "Rector' should he inserted and - Ficar ' put juto the side note, and it wan also suggested that in eaclu case the word "incumbent" should be substituted.
The Rev. F. Ll, Fdwards said logically the word 'Rector ' should uppear, but he inserted "Vioas" because he thooght that in the mijority of parishes, where there were hells, the imcumbent was a Vicar. In opposing the use of the word 'incumbent,' he said he thought that, in country parishes, 90 per cent, of the people liad not the slightest jdea what san imgumbent was.
Mr. G. H. Kippin said he thouglat Mr. Edwards had a poor opinion of the intelligence of country ringers.

Mr. W. H. Shuker pointed out that in the case of Roman Catholir churches ther were rectors and at Unitarian churches-there were bells at some Unitarian churches in Lancashire-they were 'ministers. Eventrally it was decided to use the word "Rector" in the rules and "Vicar" in the marginal note.

## SACRAWENTAL TEST?

Tule 4 in the 'model' set read as follows:-
No person shall be eligible for membership or probationary menhership of the society unless lie (or she) is a communteant member of the Church, or, in the case of younger members, intends shortly to be confimed.

Any person so qualifies may be admitted as a probationer, and may be elected a full member of the society at snch time as be (or she) shall have berome a competant change ringer.

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved the owission of this Tule. To impose a gacramentri tex of this sort was, he thought, defantely a bad thingIt was not a question whether ringers should be comnsunicants or not but whether that Council slould go to rectors and say that they should make a rule that bellringers must be communicante. It had been done several times, but lie was certain nobody could point to any case where the rule had bem eny good whaterer. It whs perfectly true that thes, as ringers, were connected with the Church and that they were churchworkers: that idea was increasing and should increase, but they would not improve it by making any such rule that ringers must he communicants. If the Rector took enough interest in the matter to have a bant of ringers who were communiesnts, it was his duty to see that tinere wete enough recruits brought fato the tower who were already commuricsnts, but if he was going to say to anyone who came to a tower to learn change ringing that lie could only come if he attended Mass so many times in a year, then he (Mr, Trollope) thaught it was definitely wrong from the point of riew of ringivg and from the point of winw of the Clurch.
Mr. Knnt seconded and Mr. (G. R. Newton supported Mr. Trollope's
The Rev. F. Lh. Edwards suggested that the words' duly qualified member of the Church might, be subatitnted, leaving it to the authorities of the mindidual churches to decide what "duly qualified was.
Mr. T. D. Johnson said in the Worcestershire Associstion they used the term 'practising ' member of the Church. It was put in to solve a similar difficulty and done entirely witls the knowledge and permission of the Rector.

Mr. G. L. Grover thought it would be much simpler to say that no person shall become a riuger unless approved by the rector, vicar, incumbent or priest-in-ctarge.

## LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURGH.

Mr. W. Ayre suggested the subgtitution of Rule 4, of the alternative rules (B), which read as follows: "Every rimer shall be a loyal menber of the Charch andi, as such, faithrul in lis clischarge of the duty of public worship, and shall at all times comport himself in the belfry with the reverence due to the House of God
MF. F. M. Mitchell said, at the church where he began ringing, one bell was given by Nonconformists; were they going to debar Nonconformists from helping to ring the bella? If they got one or two Nonconformists to take up ringing it was a matter for the incumbent to sea that they becarae members of the Ohurch of England. He was (anconformist when he took up ringing and was ringing for twelve months before he was confirmed into the Church of England. Had the proposed rule been in force in his tower be would not now have been a member of the Charch and would have been lost to tha Exepcise; and there ware four of them in the same case as lie was. IL was his Vicar's praudest moment when he baptised four mon into the Chureh blorough rimging.

Mr. Dyke said what they were trying to do was not to make ringers religious, but to make ringers of their religions men and women.
Mr. C. T, Coles said the inclusion of the rule proposed by the committee would, he fat encourage parsons of a carcain minci to adopt it. He formaliy proposed that Rule 4 in set $B$ bo used in both sets of rulen.-Mr. Cross seconden.
Mr. Trollope and Mr. Hunt accepted bhis propossl, which, on heing put to the meeting, was carried with owe tissentient.
The Rev. E. S. Powell said he did not think the Council had actually decided whether they wanted the rule at all. He thought the previous rule (3) met the whole case. This said, 'The Rector of the Parish shal! be ex-officio President, ant the election of members, use of the bells and all other nuaters concerning the Snoiety shall be subject to his spproval.' He himself lad two Nanconformist ringers who started ringing in his willage and who, he hoped, might eventually join the Chare
Tha President said they could not go back on tile vote they hat ust trken.
Tule 6 provided (inter alia) for the appointroent of the steeplekoeper liy the Virar. Mr, Funt objected to this matter boing in the hands of the incumbent, because so many of thens knew nothing about the duties of a streplokerper or wlyether a man was quaifined to discharge the duties or not.
Major J. H. B. Hesse said the ringers should appoint the steeple-
The omission of the words "by the Fioar " was agreed to
Mr. Hunt also raised oljjection to Rule 7, which gave a Hist of the occasions on which bells should be rung, and added "on such occabions of publio rejoicing or Feligious observance as mar bo appointed.' Ho said this would impose a good deal upon ringers beyond their ordinary dukies, for oecasions for which they would not be entitled to any remuneration.

After further dircassion the Rev. H. Drake pointed out that these model rules were framed so that anyone wishing to form $\quad$ company could taka from them what they liked, and the reason for this ruie whs to remini people that ringing could be done upon these occagous, They were not compelled to in so if fher did not want to.
Eventually the rute was adopted, with the omission of the words 14th December," which was given as the date of the King"s birthday.

## PATMENT FOR SPPCIAL RENGING.

Fule 13, as drafted, rena as follows: "No pryment shall be made for any ringing at. church except on special outtions, such as weddiags, funerals and civic celebrations. The normal charge for guch spocial ringing shall be . . out of whith ans member who sustaius a fingncial loss by attending shali be entitled to compensation, and the remainder shall be paid to the funds of the gociety.
Mr. P.J. Johnson said there would be a diafewity in puthing the latter part of this rule into force. Whatever ringers got for ringing he did not regard as \& paynsent; it was simply an acknowledgment. of their attendance. What they should do in the rules was simply to put the suggestion to the euthorities that they should pay the men. He did not think they should discuss the question of a man's financial loss by ringing on such occasions. He proposed the omission of the

## lest clanse. Mr \& Harts seconded.

Mr. S. F. Wood said he folt strongly that the money paid for ringing on these special occusions should go into the funds of the societs and not be divided so much por head among the ringers. He had known many accssions, and those present, nust have known many others, when there had heen ten or twelve bells and only eight ringers, so that the eight got, say, 7s. 63. each, when if there had been twelve, they would have got only 58. 7 $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. (taughter). That was a thing he had known happen and he was dend against it, and the rule was drawn up to meet that objection.
Mr. Hughes suggesteat they could meet Mr. Wood's objection by making the payment so much per rope.
Mr. Johnson said these matters rested with the companies concarned, and it would be most unfortunate if the Council involved themselves in lair-splittings in these codes of rules.
The Rev. F. LI. Edwards said the rules were intended for a belfry where the rimgerg undertook to ring purely volundarily for the glory (Bontinued on wext page.)

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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of God, the adrancement of the art and the service of the Church He thought the rule was epplicable under those circumstances. It was decided to delete the words at the end of the rule cut of which any member who sustains financial loss by atterding shall be entitled to compensation, and the remainder shall be paid into the funds of the society.

## RINGING ON GOOD FRIDAY

In a note at the end of the rules it was stated, "It is an ancient and laudable custom to ring on Saturdays and the oves of feast days at any suitable horm after owelve noon. It is appropriate to rigg on Good Friday with the bells muffled; no open ringing should cake place From Mondey before Easter till after midday on Enster Eve. Church festivals and other special occasions may properly be marked by ring ing before $8 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{m}$. and at the close of divine bervice.
The Rey. H. Drake urged that they shonld delete the reference to muffled ringing on Good Friduy. This wes supported by Mr. A. C Hazelden.

The Rev. F. LI. Edwards said he regarded ringing muffled on Good Eriday as very valuable. It impressed the public with the sacred character of the day. There was never a time when Good Friday was so desecrated aud given over to amasement as in these days, but mulfled ringing helped to maintain the sacred atmosphere of the dis
Mr. Harris anked what was the practice at places like St. Paal's and Westminster $\Delta$ bbey.
Mr Fughes : There is no ringing at all.
Mr. W. E. White said at lis church it was the custom to ring muffled on Gaod Friday, und they thonght it was the right and proper thing to do
Mr. Grover said if tisey left it in, it might he taken as an expression of opigion that muffled ringing sliould take place.
Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the Council was competent to express an opinion on this point? It was, he said, really a matter for the incumbent to determine. He thought it wauld bo dangerots for the Council ta send mat. a eccommendation of that sort

AEter several members had stated what the practice was in their own towers: wote was taken and it was decided to omit the reference to Good Fridey.

The 'model" rules, as amended, were then adopted, as were the alternative rules, with ble corresponding alterations where applicable.

## FARLIER PATMENT DESIRED

The general accounts of the Council, details of which were given an The Ringing World' on June 2nd, were adopted on the motion af the hon secretary, secoudex by Mr. A. A. Huches. The secretary thanked Mr. Mitchell for supplying the Council with dupliceting paper at a very much lower cost than it could be obtained otherwise. He also requested secretaries of associations to send in their subscriptions earlier in the vear. Some of them left it to the last minute, which marde it very difficult to get the accounts completed.

## THE CARTER RINGENG MACHINE.

The report of the Carter Ringing Machine was made by Mr. A. A. Hughes (bis co-trustee, Mr. E. A. Young, beigg absent from the country). This stated: 'Uufortunately, we have been unable to ciemonstrate the machine this year, but we hope a trial will be possible in the course of the next few weeks. It will be remembered that last year the Conncil gave renction to hr. Sharman (the demonstraior) for the removal of tie stud dial and arm for repair or renewal. I urderstand he is mnkigg a completely new dial and studs. Mr. Sharman is engaged on Government work and has been at high pressure for montlis past, in consequence of which he has been unable to complete the new part in tiate for the Whit week-end demonstration. A fur ther report will be submitted through the columas of "The Ringing World after the triai bas been made.
Mr. Taffender asked whether, when the next demonstration of the machine was arranged, any riggers who wisbed could attend it? He thought it was desirable it should bo advertised in "The Ringing World.

Mr. Hughes said the reason there could be no Gemonstration daring the Fisit of the Council to Londion on this occasion was that the macluine was under repair and Mr. Sharman had been too busy on Government work to complete it. It was hoped that it would now be finished in a few weeks' time and that a demonstrabion would then be possible Mr. W. E. White asked why it had become necessary to repair a standing machime.
The Hon. Secretary said this was the first time he had ever kroma repairs to bewome necessary, and what was being doge now was the making of adjustments to keep it in going orider.
Mr. White: Why does it get out of acijustment if it is not touched?
Major Hespe : Howe many times a year is the machine used?
Mr Hughes sald the machine war tested every year, before the Council meeting, so that the trustees could report, and ho supposed it ran for about half an hoar on each occasion. The present repar was long overdue. The timing dial and the siuds had had a great, deal of work before the Corncil took over the machine and the studs wapted renewing. While that was being done the adjugtments would be made to imprope the timing
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## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## THE OYERLAPPING OF BOUNDARIES.

Escelient weather favoured those who attended the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at East Molesey on Saturdap, June 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and, with a short break for tea and business meeting, the bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 6.30 p .1 m . '1'he doors of the ringing clamber at East Molegey open directly on to the churchyard, and those not actually engaged in the belfry could sit in the shade of the trees and listen to the ringing. In this way a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent

Thirty-two sat down to tea at the New Inn, including the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt), the District Master (Mr. D. Copper) and Centsal Council represeatative (Mr. C. H. Kippin), also Mr. G. Grover (general secretary of the Guitdford Dtocesay Guild), Mr. A. H. Smith (Leatherhead District Eecretary), Mr. F. Fawthorne (Chertsey District gecretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), and visitors from Weat Grinstead, Sussex, Hounslow and Islevortin, Middlesex.
The business meetiag was presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, Mossrs. F. Brown and G. Matravers (East Molesey) and Mr. W. Simmond (Hersham) were clected members, and the following belfry slections made prior to peak or peal aftempts waro confirmed: Messre. H. Scotcher, E. Stítch, W. H. Barber, H. Knight, A. Walker, W. Devidson, G. Lindoff, W: Ayre, S. E. Palmer and R. Richardson.
Under the heading of 'Any other business,' many topics af interest to the district were discussed. - Ovorlapping and the demarcation of boundaries; the cesirability of district offcers working only amongst tho fowers of their own district; and the duties to be anried out by the committeemen to be interchanged between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesara Guild, were a few of the subjects debatod. INTERCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.
With regard to this last point, Mr. Kippin, the instigator of this arrangement, eqio that in view of the overlapping that was always bound to exist in certain parts of the county, it seemed to him deairable t' have a kind of "ambassador" appointed by each organisation to the committe of the other, and so svoid some of the Evile which might arise through unilateral action.

Mr. W. H. Hewett suid that, in his view, the best and probably the only ultimate solution of the problem lay in the establishment of one county arganisation with twa branches, one for the Guildford Diocese and one for the Sonthwark Diocese
The arrangements made this year for the convenience and eatertainment of members of the Central Council were criticised by one member, who thought that London geve a poor showing in this respect when compared with the hospitality extended by some provincial lowns.
In reply, one of the aspociation's representatives oxplained that this deficiency on the part of Loudon was chiefly due to the fact that, this year, the Conccil had no proper advertised headguarters? which inembers could use as a rendezvous at any time throughout the weekend. No doubt this omission would be remedied when the Council naxt visited London.
The passing of the nsurl votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the Dells and to Mr. F. Brown for arranging the tea concluded the meeting.

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The President said if the mambers made a request, the trustaes would bo witling to arrange a demonstration at some conveaient time. The report was adopted.
A formal report was presented by the Standing Committee and adopted. It was stated that their verious recommendations would come up onder the respective jtems of business as they were reacbed on the agentia.

## COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS COMPLEIED

The President said tie Peals Collection Committee presented no ormal report, but lad hended in the collection of compositions whels they had been requested to compile. The Standing Committee recommended that powers be given to the officers to have this collection printed if the cost was not excessive.
Replying to a question, the President said the collection inciuded ompositions of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Doubie Norwich, Treble Bob Major, Bristal Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Rutland Surprike, Yorkshive Surprisc, Cambridge Surprise, Now Camhidge Surprise and London Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major. The Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted.
$\mathrm{On}_{n}$ the question of the reappointment of the committee, Mr. Ayre proposed that Mr. H. G. Cashmore be added to it,
Mr. Trollope asked if it was fair at that point to add anyone to the committee, es te coald not assume any responsibility for the new book.

The President said that while the committee was asked to do thia perticular jobs and hed now made the collection of compositions, it did not mean that there was no more work to be done. The Tzeble Bob Collection had Dever been completed; there were still some hundreds of peals to prove.
The following members were reappointed to the committee: $\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{N}} \mathrm{r}$ G Lindoff (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye and T. B. Worsley, and Mr. Ceshmore's name was added.
(To be continued.)

## LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS SOCIETY.

JOINT MEETING AT HEADLNGLEY
The Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Leeds and District Sociaty held a joint meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. when a short service was held. The lesson (from Philigpians iv.) was read by Miss L. K. Bowling (vice-president, Ladies Gaild), and the Rev. Canon C. O. Marshall (president, Yorkshire Association) geve the address, in which he welcomed the societies to his church and mentioned the Ladies' Guild's difficulty of meatings when their members were scattered over such a wide arca. To the Leeds Society he gave words of praise for work regularly done and thanks for their loyalty ts the Yorkshire Assaciation. Contioning, Canon Marshall spoke of St. Barnabas, the Saint of Consolation and Heln. He thought that St. Baraabas ought to be the patron saint of all ringers. A bone ringer was not often found, becauso it was only by the help given and taken from other ringers that progress was made.
Ter, graciously provided by Miss L. K. Bowling, was enjoyed oy about 60 ringers and friellis in the St. Chad's Schoalrooms
The business meetings were held in separate rooms. The Leeds Societp's meoting was presided over by the Rev, J. 甘. B. Andrews and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley (St., Michael's), Idle, Leeds, Ossett, Pudser, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Heming brough and the lasal company.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. J. H. B Androws and seconded by Mr. W. Barton, to the Vicar and church Wardens for the service and use of the bells, to the orgavist and choirboys for attending, and to the local company for other arrangements and especially to Miss Bowling for providing sach a splendid tea.
The Rev. Canon Marshall acknowledged the thanks.
The moxt meeting is due to be held at Drighlington on July 29 th. Further ringirg on hand and tower bells then continued until 9 p.m FFEECT OF DISTRICT REVISION ON NOBTHDRN MTMBERSHIP Sembers of the Ladies' Guid were present from Sherburn, Saltaire shefficld and Leeds.

At the annurl busiress meetigg of the Northern Distriet two new members were elected from Rotherham.
Reference was mede in the report to the improved quality of the ringing, and to continue this a suggertion was made by the gecretary如 arrange a method to be specinlly practiged at each meeting.
The vice president (Miss Bowling) and lzon. secretary (Mrs. E. D. Kelly) were re-elected. The other ofteers are as follows : Mrs. Cotterell and Mrs. Kelly, ont the General Committee: Mrs. Fernley, Mrs. Wolstencroft, Mrs, Bradley and Mrs. Cotterall, on Lhe District Com mittee.
The following meetings were arranged: September, Norton, near Pickering: November, Handsworth, Sheflield; Mareh, Shipley; and the annural meeting at Todmorden.

When the question was asked if all members were aupporters of The Ringing World,' to was found that only a very few were not and these are giving the matter their consideration.

A heavy decrease in mernbership has taken place owing to the readjugkment of the district, but there continues to be a stealy influx of new members which will soan make up for this. The present membership is 37 .
The skitement of accounts showed an income over expenditure for the year of el Os. 2d

The usual vate of thanks was passed to those responsible for the arrangements, and Miss Bowling, the vice-president, was specially thanked for providing such a splendid tea.
Rekurning to the belfrr. the ladies rang a good touch of Stedman and later took part in Grandsire, Doubla Nowich, London and rounds for the beginners.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS AT ERASTED

On a glorious Tune afternoon, the Callege Yothths paid their anmal wisit to Brested as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Some travelled down by car, others took advantage of the special coach provided by Mr. Lewis. The first cail was at Sundridge, where touches in several methods were rong, before going on to Moorcocks, where tea was enjove? under the treen bp about 50 visitors. After a rest and a chat. ringing took place at Brasted Church and then back to the lawns and gardens, where the rest of the evening went all too quickly. Refreshments and handbell ringing broweht a delightful day to a close, the Master (Mr. G. G. Fenn) thanking Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their daughters for their great kindness.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEMBERS IN SPORTING MOOD.
A very successful by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Hartlip (d six-bell tower) on Saturday, Jume 10th. A really warm summer's day marked the oscasion and resulted in weli over 50 members and friends finding their way to this pretty littie Kent village to enjor the happy environment of the countryside and the sociablity of brother members of the association.
The bells went welt to varions mothods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. Serrice in the church was atteuded by at Jeast fifty of the members. The Rev. Trench, who later in the day became an fonorary member of the association, conducted the service and gave an address fitiver to the occasion. As a result of the church coldection the sum of 10 s . 8d. will be added to the K.C.A. Benevalent Fud.
Tea was taker on the lawn at the Rose and Grown, and rumour has it that some of the sporting element of the Rochester District were rather more ellgrossed in picking sides for the crieket match at Tunstall on July 29th (the dnte fixed for the quarterly summer meeting) than they were in getting on with their tea Speaking of this cricket match, which seems to be regarded as part and parcel of meetings held at. Tmostall, it appears that there ia likely to be a vory keen match, as both sides are bent on, and in fact are quite sure of, winning. Well, we mast wait and see, but both sides must be warned that they will, jointly and severally, have to pay up if they knoct the splices oat of the bats or the cover off the bell!
Revertirg to the meeting at Hartlip: following tea an informal meeting was held for the purpese of electing new members, disposing of annual reports, etc. Another matter was to tix the date of the Tunstall meeting. Some of the members wanted the date to be $\sqrt{\text { muly }}$ $22 n d$, while others hoped it would be on July 29th. Dpon being put to the vote, July 29 th was decided upor.
Before dispersing, the Rector expressed his great pleasure at seeing such a fine gathering of bellringers and frienos at Hartlip. He said it was a real joy to have them there ringing Hartlip bells, and je sincerely lroped that, in audition to the three members of the Hartlip bacid who hed rejoined the association that affernoon, others of the younger riggers et Hartlip womli be joining in the very genr futare.
The bells werc kept going to suit all tastes until 9 o'clock, and without doubt everyone thorougluly enjoyed the Hartlip meeting, including the ringing-dartsmen, who showed decided skil! ic a very kecn contest at the Rose and Crown (the proprietor of which is a ringer) priox to baving their last ring on the chureh belle.

## FTEENOON IN HOPS AND FRUIT COUNTRY.

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Selling on Saturday, June 10th, in glorlous summer weather. Thirty-eight members attended and made good use of the penl of eisht belis during the ffternoon and evening-
Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Honseman), who gave the membors welcome, an invitation to use the Vicarage garaleng and a little admice.
Tea was heli in the open nir, 'shirt sleeves" in some casea being the order of the day.
The Ficme presided ofer the usual business meeting, when one new member was elected and Littlebourne selected as the venue of the next meeting, an invitation having been sent by the Ficar.
A vote of thanks was passed to the Ficar for granting the uge of the bells and for conducting the service.
Handbells were brought into use, Grandaire Triples being rung on a timy set, and lumes by" Dover boys' on a larger peal. The tunes, as usual. were appreciated by all, ineludiag a few of the willage foll nt nearby garden:
Some of the party then retarned to the tower, some walked round the Vicarage gardens and others sat mnd "jawed" in the churchyard. The methods runf during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. The bells were lowered at 8.45, and a bappy afternoon mid hops and fruit ' came to an end.

## THE LIGHT WENT OUT

Througls the jight being switched of at Brosdclyst Cburch, a peal was lost ou filune 7th. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: L. Winson 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun. 2, B. Pidgeon (longest rength in the method) 3, C, R. Lilley (conductor) 4, A. Lovering 5, E. Marks 6, J. Aubury 7, C. Sandford 8. Tonches of Oxford Bob Tripler and Grandsire Triples were afferwards rung.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO SWINDON BRANCH HON. SECRETARY
The hali-yearly meeting of the Swindon Bracch of the Gloucester and Eristol Diecesan Assaciation was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 10th, in ideal weather. There was a rather poor attendance from the branch, but a goodly number of visitors ixrought the attendauce up to tine average. The ringers were met by the Ficar of Bishopstone (the Rer. E. W. Smith), who later joined them at lea, whiell was served in a nearby garden.
A short business meeting followed, Mr. W. Trueman beise in the chair. During the meating the chairman spoke of the fogthoming marriage of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston), and referred to the work Mr. Kynaston had done during the seven years he lasd been brancli secretary. He loped Mr. Kynaston wuth continue the good work.
Good wishes for the futura happiness of the happy couple were also expressed by the Rev. E. W. Smith, who, on behalf of the ringers of Brinkworth, Blunsion, Faringdon, Lvdiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheuey. St. Mark's, Swindon, Strattou and Shrivenham, presented Mr. Kynaston with a set of carvers and other catlery.
Mr. Kyneston suitably replied, as did also his fiancee iMise M. Bratt), who is being tutored in the art of bellriaging by her future husband.
On returning to the tower good use was made of the frells antul 7.30, a good fall in peai ending the ringing. Methods ruts during the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich Major, with roundes for the learners.

## 'GATE CRASHERS- <br> To the Enditor.

Dear Sir, So the president of the Central Council would have "gate crashers ' excluded from the Abbey, and all because a visitor broke a stay, worth prabably a few shillings.

I cannot find the term 'gate crasher' in my 'Glossary, ${ }^{\text {n }}$ meither is there room for such a word nor the epirit which prompts its use in ringing.
If is the ro-called 'gate crasker,' whose votes put Mr. Lewis ant others in office and whose subscriptions pay for the entertaimment and lrospitality lavished on the Council every whitsuntide, and it is churlishl, to say the least, to retaliate by endeavouring to curtail the already strictly limited opportunities which any visitor bas of getting n'pull ' at the Abbey.
It is to be regretted that the president did not pay a little nuore heed to the conctuding remarks of Canon Perkins.
Headingley, Leeds.
R. ㅍ. DOVE

## BOLTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday week, Mr. Peter Creok, jun., of Bolton, Lancs, was married to Miss Gladys A. Rigby, of Horwicl, at the Parisll Church of Forwiah. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Peter Craok, secretary of the Botton Branch of the Lancashire Association and member of the Central Council.
The ringing of the bells was in clarge of Mr. John Potter, of Walhden, end many towers were represented, one ringer coming from as far away as Southport. The bridal couple were 'rung' into churelh and 'fired' 'out, followed by short touches, a epecial feature of which was a 336 of Grndsire Triples when a hoy of 10 years took part. He is Master William Walmaley and he is a pupil at \#oly Trinity Ohurch, Bolton.
At the reception, the bridegroom, his हister, Miss G. Annie Crook, who was chief bridesmaid, and his father, assisted by Mr. E. Webster, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on bandhells.
The newly-married couple are spending their homermoon in Jlirncombe

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## NOTICES.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.--The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June $\mathbb{y}_{7}$ th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m. ; Cathedral from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service in Cathedral at 3.55. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.30. Tea, 9d, to fully-paid members, to others is. 3d.-H. Knight, L5, $_{5}$ Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern District. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-onDearne on Saturday, June 17 th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all. -J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9 .

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Ashford District. - A quarterty meeting will be held at Biddenden, on Saturday, June i7th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service $4 \cdot 3$. Tea and business to follow. The usual travelling allowance will be paid at this meeting.-P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110 , Canterbury Road, Kenningtont, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th, at Bakewell. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf Hotel, followed by general meeting. Special invitation is issued to this joint meeting with fellow-members and friends of Peak Society. Come along, but don't forget to send your name for tea to Mr. W. J. Alexander, 15, Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell, to avoid disappoint ment. - Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at Kincton, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.-D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 17 th. Bels available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 . Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon, Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Wistaston ( 6 bells) on June 17th. Ringing frors 2.30 p.m.-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118 , Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Thurcaston on June 17 th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting at 5 p.m.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.
LINCOL_N DIOCESAN GUILD.-Elioe Deaneries Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfeet on Saturday. June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ Tea $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business meeting afterwards. -Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN ruUlLD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND LADIES' CUILD (Southern District).-A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Bramshott. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meetings follow.-C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fyide Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham ( 8 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.-C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . A good company is requested. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kington Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Weobley, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 , 6d. each. Business meeting to follow.-Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.-Northern Branch.-The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 47 th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15 , followed by tea and business meeting. -N. J. Goodman, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.-The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.-W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for June: *St Paul's Cathedral, 20th; St. Magnus', 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 2rth; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Oxford City Branch. -The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and District Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordially invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Reoms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Will those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, 21st? Subscriptions for 1939 now due.-F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-The Burton District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 24th, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. "Tea 4.45, followed by meeting, and the peal ( 8 musical bells) available at 2.45. Lastly, don't forget your postcard by Wednesday or Thursday for tea. -J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton*on-Trent.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.-The ring of eight bells, rehung; by John Taylor and Co., will be teopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Soming Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at Easthampstead, near Bracknell ( 6 bells), on Saturday, June 24 th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea $\overline{0} .30$. All welcome. Please notify for tea by June 21st.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND IONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western District.The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available From 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30 . Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stanforth, 13, Brookside, Skipton, by Thursday, June 22nd. All welcome.-F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Gearge Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, by June 22nd.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623) -The 316th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, for all who notify me by June 21st.-Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

LADIES' GUTLD.-Western District. -The annual meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus 24 B leaves centre 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. ; stops at church. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by June 21st?-N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Grappenlall Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 21st if requiring tea. - J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.-The 128 th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Old and new frients, make this a good rally!-S. H. Symonds, towerkeeper.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough ( 8 bells) on Saturday, June 24 th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.-H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Kettering.
MIDDLESEX CUUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - South and West District. -The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. Church of S. Mary ( 8 bells, tenor (4t cwt.) available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Please send names to Mr. Dennis Brock, 16, Green Street, Sunbury, not later than June 22nd. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Brauch. - Quarterly meeting at Stapleton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristoi.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. - The next meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Notification for tea would oblige.-J. G. Powell, Han. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-The next meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. and after tea. The fine ring of six at Wheathampstead will be available at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch. -The next meeting has been arranyed at Wraysbury ( 8 bells) on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than June 10th.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, June 24th. Bells ( 10 , tenor 18 cwt ) available for ringing. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Thursday, June 22 nd, at a charge of 1 s .6 d . All ringers and friends are welcome.-J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next monthly practice will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal. All ringers will be welcome.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.--Newbury Branch. -The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 24 th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 . Tea $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at 6 d , per head. All ringers welcome. Please notify W. Mathews, Wavern, Bucklebury, Reading, for tea not later than the 2 lst inst.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor T.ane, Newbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 24 Lh next. Beils (0) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 , to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Vine Hotel. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. S. B. Carey, Hermit Cottage, Stockbridge, by Thursday, June 22nd? -W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual general meeting wilt be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 1st. Fuller particulars next week.-F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -The annual meeting will be held at Ycovil on July 1st. Details next week.-J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MEDBOURNE, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. -The ring of five bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Saturday, July 1st, at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Garden fete after service.
LADIES' GUILD (Southern Disirict, Annual Meeting) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford District.-A joint meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. All members and visitors welcome.-Miss H. F. Mitls and W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch.-Summer meeting will be held at Shels?ey Beauchamp on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Private bus will leave All Saints ${ }^{3}$, Worcester, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me numbers for bus, and how many to expect for tea, not later than Tuescay, June 27th.-E. F. Cubberley, Branch Sec., Park Cottages. Kempsey, Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A large attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, June 26th?-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, July ist. The Cathedral bells and St. Oswald's will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at Dunelm Cafe, Old Elvet, at 5 p.m., and it will help arrangements if ringers who require tea will send postcard to Maior F. A. Yorke, 27, North Bailey, Durham, by July 29th. It is hoped that ringers will rally round at this meeting. They and their friends are all welcomeF. Robson, Hon Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (is. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting ?-A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. -F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Quarterly meeting will be heid at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, July ist. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Thursday, 29th.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual summer festival will be held on Saturday, July ist, at Turvey. The bells (8) available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers and friends requiring tea please let me know by June 28th, or inform Mr. Wadsworth, Turvey.-F. J. Plummer, Gen. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

LADIES' GUILD.-Londor District.-.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells from 3.30. Servise 5.30. Tea (is. per head) at 6 o'clock in the historic old coaching house, The George, Borough High Street, the only galleried inn now left in London. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to be sent to me without fail by Wednesday, June 28th.-I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Tel. LEYtonstone 3850.

SUFFOLK GUILD.-A meeting will be held at Clare on July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meeting and tea at Half Moon Hotel 5 p.m.-H. G. Herbert, Bi, Acton Lane, Sudbury.
LADIES' GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. Fuller particulars later. Any members or friends in London wishing to join the party travelling by cheap ticket to Ipswich are asked to communicate with me as soon as possible. -Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available fron 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.rr. It is essential that numbers for tea should be sent to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by July 4th.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual shield six-beil contest, open to all members, will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 8th. Entrance fee 6s. per band. All entrance fees and any subscriptions to prize fund must reach me not later than June 24th.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22nd. -K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Ringing Tour, August 5th. A half-day's outing, starting Shrewsbury, Wellington and Ironbridge is proposed, to towers in Worcestershire and/or Herefordshire. Will any ringers wishing to take part communicate with me ?" Ladies invited. Approximate cost 5s. - W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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## NO BENEVOLENT FUND FOR ESSEX.

After a long discussion, the Essex Association, at their annual meeting, rejected a proposal to establish a benevolent fund. It had been hoped by the advocates of the scheme that it would have been inaugurated to mark the diamond jubilee of the association, which has been celebrated this year, and certainly the occasion would have been an auspicious one, but the weight of opinion in a large and representative meeting was against the selting up of a fund of this kind. Unfortunately, the report of that meeting which has been supplied to us is a very scanty one upon this discussion, and it would have been interesting to have learned something more of the views expressed. One objection to the proposal seems to have been a doubt as to the practicability of administering such a scheme, but the experience of other associations which have tried the experiment has shown that a fund of limited scope can be worked smoothly and without difficulty. The essence of a scheme of this sort is the spirit of brotherly help and goodwill.

There is, of course, the larger issue whether, in these days, there is the need for voluntary effort of this kind in such a body as a bellringers' organisation. It is true that there are State Insurance and Friendly Society aids for those who make provision ayainst the "rainy day,' and, in the ordinary way, men can meet adversity from these sources. But there are cases-we have all met themwhere a friend may come upon bad times; it may be from the effects of a long illness or from a cause which would give him no claim upon funds to which he has been contributing, and he finds himself and those dear to him in a state of adversity which he has no means of meeting. In such circumstances a friendly fund from which a grant can be given, as a welcome temporary help, is of great value. No one, of course, imagines that a benevolent lund organised by a ringing association can make grants on a scale which could entirely rehabilitate a man, but it is that little bit of help at the moment of sorest need that is so valuable, and some ringing associations, notably Kent and Sussex, have been able to offer this in quite a number of cases with much surcess and with no drain upon either the individual members or the resources of the associations.

Ringers usually prove themselves to be generous givers when the need arises. The existence of a benevolent fund enables them to give their help much more quickly than can otherwise be the case. The grants are made only in really hard cases, so that there is no fear of being unable to finance the [und is it is maintained with wholehearted support. That a fund can function successfully, one has (Continued on page 394.)

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MEDDLESEX OOUNTY ASSOCLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUHLD.
On Suixrday, Jxhe 17, 1939, in Thye Hours and Fifiy-One Minuter. At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Soletwank,

A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CINQUES, 8007 CHANAEE:
Tenor 50 cw .20 lb .
William J. Nodds ... ...Treble| Tromas H. Francis ... ... 7
Josn Tbonas

Gborgr R. Pye .... .... ... 3 Cecil J. Matitews ... .... 9
Cearles T. Coleib ... .... 4 James C. E. Simpson ... ... io
 Composed by F. E. Dariy. Condacted by Charles T. Coles. ASTON. BIRMINGEAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OT BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, Juns 17, 1939, in Three Fonys and Fifty Minutes,
At ter Capreb of SS. Peter and Paul
A PEAL OP BTEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANQES;
Tenar 25 cwt.

- Gegrge T. Mircbison ...Tteble
Allas Short ... ...


. -2.4 Precy N. G. Ralmey ... 40
Fred Price ... ... ... 5 William Davies ... ... II
"William L. Weision .... 6 | Aldert Petyigrery ... ...Timor
Composed by John Carter.
* First peal of Stedman Cingues

Conducted by Fard Patce,
 conductor. All the bund are regulam service ringers at this church.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTMNGHAM.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturduy, Jun 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thity-Five Minmies,
At ite Church of St. Marv-tae-Virgin,
A PEAL OF ERIN CATERE, 027 CHANEESI
Tenor 36 cwt in C .
Frederige A. Salegr ...Tveble J. Frederice Mifiner -.. 6
Lhslif Stzvzns n+ ... ... 2 Frank Bradley ... Gro. Edward Fostri ... 3 J. Alprid Barratt ... ... 8
 Aiex Hotcbison... ... .... 5 Walter Nichols .... ....Temor Composed by George Asterry. Conducted by J. F. Mickra.
Hang to celebrate the golden weddiag anniversary of the Duke and Duchess of Parthend, which event occurred on the 11th instant. First peal of Erin Caters by all file band, first im the City or Conoty of Nothingham, and the first for the associstion.

> SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saterday, Jume 17, 1939, in Three Hows and Fonyteen Binwtis,
At the Panisi Churca, Pritteweiz,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TRE日LE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGE8; Joan Fowler .... ... ...TYeble Eric B. Hartiry ... .... 6 Frane B, Lufgin ... ... 2 Dennis T. Broce ... ... 7

 Azbert E. Norte ....... 5 Joan H. CRaspion ... ...Tenor Composed by F. E. Dargy, Conducted by Frask B. Lofrim.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the whole band except the 4th ziager. Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the diocese of Chelmstord.

## LIVLRPOOL

THE LANOASHIRE ASSOUATION.
On Satwrday, June 17, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thivty-Thres Minules At the Chorch of St. Nicbdlas
A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5007 CHANGEBI Tenor 39 cwt 3 gr , io lb, in C.
 WIILM R Bobcrar

Ralpe G. Edwards ... ...Teno

## Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by P, W. Cave.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. + First peal on ten bells. Specinaliy arranged to mart the sailing of the Cunard-White Star lizer ${ }^{\text {r }}$ Mare taniz' from Liverpool landing stage on her maiden voyage.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT

 THE EENT COUNTT ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSE AND DHSTEIOT GUILD. On Wednesday, Jurie 7, 7939, in Three Hows and Three Minwles, At the Chofich of All Saints,
## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLEB, 6040 CHANGE8;

## Hoet's Origimal.

Tenor 2ry cwt.

Harry Bakrr ... ... ...Tyblo
Tom Sadnders ... ...
-Ralpa E. W. Wenban Percy Page
... 3
4 Jhmes W. Spillett Tint
Conducted by T. E. Sone

* First peal away from the treble,

WEITCHCRCH, SEROPSHIRE
THE SHROPSHLRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Howrs and Tem Minutes,
At yhg Chareb or St. Alkmond
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGEU! Tenor 20 cwt
Walzer Licett
...Treble William J. Cigester
William Sabnders ....
Treble
Tbonas Prics

- Harry Tbelwell Composed by J. E. Borion

Conducted by Arthor Pritchard. Price, of $\frac{4}{4}$ riket Drayton.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROYE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the Chorch of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF YORK8HIRE BURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANEER; Tenor 14 cwh 3 qr . aI lb

 $\dagger$ C. KRnnetr Lewis ... ... 4 | Jogn Worta ... ... ...Tenor Composed by C. K. Lewis Conducted by Jonn Worra. * First peal of Major with a Treble Bob bell. f First peal in the method.

PINNER, MDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCPSAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Jume 10, 1939, in Ther Howfand Six Minutes, At the Ceqreh of St. Jonn-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF DOUELE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHAMCE8;

 Tenor ig cwt, in $E$.[^31]ST. NEOTS, HUNTS
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Ihret Howrs and Seventeen Minutes, At ter Cborch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF QDE MAJOR, gog CHANEEA

Tenor 30 cwt .

Wh. A. R, Cbamberlain ... 3 Hertert Firlds ... ... 7 ... 7
Habry J. Yabker ... ... 4
Arranged from Seipway.
First peal of Major.
Conducted by F. Warrimgion.

WRITYTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, Tune 10, 1939, in Three Homes and Nine Minufus, At the Catrch of All Salnts.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MANOR, 5068 CHANGE8। Tenor 18i cwit


Fingt peal in the method. Ruag to celebrate the silper jubilee of the formation of the Chelznsford Diocese.

FLVEDEN, SUFPOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sameday, Jwne 10. 1939, in Three Howrs and Twenty-Six Minmba,
After Mruorial Campanile of SS. Andrew and Petrr,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 GHANEES; Tenor 17 cwt . in E

- William J. Ebe... -.. ...Trebl | William E, Bason ... ... 5

Edwin R, Goatr in .** 2 Henry Todir *** ***
J. G. William Harwood 3 William Clover ... ... 7

John A. Godrrey *r* 4 C. Fregerice Shybr ... ...Tengy
Composed by Wm, E. Bason. Conducted by E. R, Goare.

* Firat peal in the method.

SWTNESHEAD, LINCE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULD.
(Eastern Branca.)
On Satwrday, June 10, 1939, in Three Honys and Fifteen Minuto,
At the Cedrce or St. Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, 5040 CHANEEBI
Temor 18 cwt .
Albert E. Stevenson ...Treble Cyril Wander ... ... ... 3
Aribler Young an

-.. 3 TALBRRIH. BENEEST $\quad . .7$
Harold Barsiey ... ... 4 Algrrt E. Flotibrs ...Tmpop
Composed by B. Asnable.

* First penl and first attempt. + Firgt peal on eight bells. CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE EDESEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, June 11. 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Hinulos,
At yerg Cherca of SS. Johk-T日e-Baptiex,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOE, SUPERLATIYE \& CAMBRIDEE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5056 GHANGES ;


## Tenor $13^{3} \mathrm{cwt}$.

Kenneta Sincling ... .. Tveobe Frank l. Hairs
Nelson Eliloti.......
Prederice W. Rogers .... 3 Cecif Nice ... ... ... ...
C. Ernest Suitan... ... ... 4 Otrygr Sippetss ... .... ... Than

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EALFORD, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
Th Tuesday, June 13. 1939, is Three Howts and Nine Minnter, At ter Cburce of tha Sacred Trinity
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICN COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 GHANGE8;
Tenor II雪cwt.
"Harold Hollingworta ...Tyeble| Herbert A. McKinnele... 5
David Vincent 2 Josepa H Ridyard

Frasie Reynolds ... ...
Composed by H. W. Wizde
C. KEnNET\& Lewis ... ...Tenor

Conducted by A. J Brown.

* First peal in the method. Firat peal in the method as conductor WHLESDEN, 迅DDLEBEX
IHE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AGSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 13, 1039, in Two Hows and Foriy-Eight Mixules, At tar Cgorce of St Mary
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 GHANEES: Fenor 10 crst
-Epic B. Hartley ... ...Tychle| |Rrv. Artaor S. Roberts 5
- Alice Cotcer ... ... ... 2 "Mrs. J. H. Botgam ... ... 6

- Miss Jessir Angwiw...... 4 Ep*est C. S. Terspg Tenar Composed by A. j. Pirman. Condacted by Ernast C. S. Tornrr,
\# First peal in the method. F First peal in the method away 1 rom the treble. First peal in the methad as condactor. LOUGRBOROEGH, LFICESTERSHIRE,
THE MTDLAND CODNTIES ASSOCIATION. Un Thnrsidy, Jure 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Tutchty-Three Ninetes,

Ai tee Brle Foondry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF MAJOF, 5008 CHANEES

Comprising Oxfard and Kent Treble Bob and Plair Bobu. Temer 6t cwt.
RoNald W. Swann ... ...TYeble Willian Bottrizl ... ... 5 Walter P. Whitgerad ... 2 Ernest Morris ... ... .n 6 W. ARthDr Riduington ... 3 Ralpa Nargorodge ... ... 7 G. Ronald Edwards .n ... 4 Artbpr Derqnear . Composed by A. I. Pirman. Coaducted by Ernist Morris. First peal in more than two Major methods by all except ringers of 2nd and 66 b.

LOWFEIOFT, SUFFOLE
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
On Thuruday, Jume 15, 1930, in Two Hows and Fifiy-N ne Minurn, At fif Cropce of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF KEHT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 GHANCE훙 Tenor $13{ }^{8} \mathrm{cwt}$
Rigenen W. R, Coates ...Treble Albrrte. Coleman... ... 5
Robsri A. Warmas ... ... 2 "Ernest F. Nbwion ..." *a 6
Miss Kathlebn Latwis ... 3 Williak E. Basok .... ... 7
Equin R. Goate... ... ... 4 C. Freprrice Sayer ... ...Tenor
Composed by W. H. Inglasant. Conducted by E. R. Goate.
Firet peal, at first attempt.
BRFNTWOOD, FSSEEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 15, 1939, in Three Horrs and Two Minufes, At the Cherch of St. Tzomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NOAWICH COURT BOB MAsOR, 6088 CHANCE Tenor $19 \% \mathrm{cwt}$.


Composed by J. Hony, Conducted by H, Tornar.
a First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelonsford.

## CRAYFORD, NENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
Jw'Friday, Jwne 10, 1939, i\# Two Elowrs and Forty-Oms Minutes
At the Churca of St. Paglinus,
A PEAL OF CHELTENHAM BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGE8 Tenor 128 cmt
Cyril Brett-5mite ... ...Treble Edwin A. Barheti ... ...
Harry Hovgrd ... ... ... 2 Gbofprey V. Morpay ... 6
 Arranged and Conducted by J, C. E. Simpsor.
The first peal in tlie methed.
OXPORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(Oxpord Soctety.)
On Friday, June 16, 1939, in Tev Hours and Fifty-Sne Minutes
At the Cedrca op St. Ebabs
A PEAL OF GAMERIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 505s CHANPEB। Tenor $4^{\frac{3}{4}} \mathrm{cwt}$
Francis E. May .Treble
-Ggorgs Ayrrs ... ... 2

William C Porier
Gearge T. Rogers ... .... 3 R. Tbomas Nawman ... ... 7 Francis E. Taylor .... ... 4 Riceard A. Post... ... ...Temor Compostd by C. Monerion. Conducted by R. A. Posy.

* Wirst peal in the method.

WTSTBOURNE, SUSSEE.
THE SDSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifly-Seven Minutes.
Ar the Churcis of St. John-ter-Bapist,
A PEAL OF 8PLICED LONDOH, BRISTOL, GAMERIDCE AND SUPERLATIYE 8ERPRISE MAdOR, 5088 CHANCES

Tenor 10 cWL I ģ. 12 lb .
Towgr R. Taylor ... ...Thible C. Ernasi Smith ... ... 5
Fredbrick W. Rogbas ... 2 Eredgrice S. Bayley ... 6
James Topp ......
Edwin F, Piex ... .... ... 4 Wifgnid Williaw .... ...Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roarris. Conducted by Wizpred Wileiams.
Finst peal of Epliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,688 London, I. OS6 Bristol and 672 cach of Cambridge and Superlative, with 132 chenges of method.

## LELDSE, KUNT.

THE EENT COUNTY ASBOCIATION.
On Satwday, June 17, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eightern Mintes,
At tar Ceforct oy St. Nicbolas,
A PEAL OF BUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5988 GHANCE8;
Tenor so cwt.
EDWIn Barnety ... ... ...Treble Philip A. Corby ... ... ... 5
Edwin A, Barneti ... ... 2 Stappord H. Green ...
Tromas E. Sone ... ... ... 3 Frbibrick Wgite ... ... 7


Composed by N. J. Fitsrow. Conducted by P. A. Cosby. HADDENHAM, BUCES.
THE OXFORE DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satnrday. Jwere 17. 1939, in 7 hree Howrs and Tro Minmfes,
Az the Cabrce of St, Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICA COURT GOB MAJOR, 5024 GHANEES;
Tenor $2 x \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
Roland Biggs ... ... ...Troble |]bsse Harrison ... ... ... 5
Frederick G. Biggs ... ... 2 Percy Nawton ... ... ... 6
Grorge Martin ... ... ... 3 Harry Wingrove ... ... 7
Kathlegn E. Firtcber ... 4 F. Donald Bohegam ... ... 7 emor
Composed by J. Hant, Conducted by George Martin.
Rung as a birtladay compliment to Susar, granddavgliter of Mr. J. Harrison. and as a compliment to Mr. R. A. Post, who was married at Oxiord that dry

## WHITCHURCH, SALOP

We bare experte visitins all parta of the Bririab lefes, and aball be plemsed to carry out restortion or give reports rethardins -ay make of Tower Clock

SIX BELL PEALS.<br>HAEPFORD, DEVON.<br>THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD<br>On Thursday, Jume 7. 1939, in Tra Hours and Forty Minutes, At tar Cburch of St. Grigory,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5 G日 CHANEES

Consistin? of seven 720 's calied diferently. Tenor 9 cwt . in A. *Jorepa Brealy ... .... ...Ireble Joan L. Glanvice ...


Conducted by Cearles R. Lilley.

* First peal of Bob Minor.


## STLSTED, ESGEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Un Sumday, Jum 4. 7939 , in Two Howrs and Forty-Nine Minutes, At the Churge of All Saints.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Eling sewen extents.
-Grorbray Erenca .... ...Tyeble |Grohfrey Evgrard ... ... 4
 Ratpr Bird ... ... ... 3 Victor Morley ... ... ... Temor Conducted by R, Sucking
Firsr peal.
RETTENDON, ESSEX THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

1) Wedncsday, June 7, 1939, in Tyo Hours and Thiphy-Fouy Minules, At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5RHO CHANGES; Being seven $200^{\prime}$ s called diferently
Alfred T. Hoare .... ...Trebie Gerald Frosi ... ... ... 4
 Harry Jay ... *** .... 3 Frant C. May ... ... ...T Temo Condacted by $E, B$, Lufriw
Fung in homaur of the 25th anuiversary of the diocese of Chelmsiord.
BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BIDDFORDSEIRE ASSOCLATION
On 7 Husiday, TuFt 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, Ai the Churce of Sx. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8।
Being 720 each of Cembridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxiord mud Kent
Treble Eob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob,
Herbery L. Harlow... ...Tveble | Haray Tysor ... ... ... 4
Charles W. Clazgr ... ... 2 Herbbri Frossgll ... ... 5 Miss Evrlyn Strel ... ... 3 Reginald West ... ... ... Tenor Conducred by R. West.
Rung for Mis E. Steol's G0tl birthday
TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friddy, Jwhe 9, 1939, in T to Howrs and Forty-Eight Minuter, At zhy Cefrch of St. Petra,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5340 CHANGES;

Consisting of three sin-scores eqch of Stedman and Union, and 12 each of St. Sinoon'z, Grandaire and Plain Bob.
Hogr E. Harding ... ...Trobls|C. H. Harding ... ... ... 4 Reginald J. Hovgeton ... 2 Briak F. Sims ... ... .... 5 Whlias Ceamberlain ... 3 Hector Rawlins ... ...Temor Conducted by C. H. Harding.
Rung as a comptiment to Mr. and Mre. E. Lades on reaching their golden wedding.

## ASEBERTPTLE, SOMERESET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, Jume 10, 1939, in Two Howy and Fifty-Eight Mimutes,

Ax tey Ceurce of St. Jonn.
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, BO40 CHANGES:
Ten different callings.
Tenor 9 ewt.

Edgar Qoicke .+*
Staniey Bristow
Albert Terngr ..

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Conducted by E. Qoices. }
\end{aligned}
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Rung in honour of the wecding of Mr. Harry Purchase and Miss Kathleen Smith, of Chipstable.

COLNE ENGALNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOGLATION.
(Sc. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colnㅍ.)
On Saturday, June 10, 7939, in Two flowrs and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At tag Carrce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Seven exteats in 32 methods: (1) Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate and College Bob IV. D. Trable Bob: (2) Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney hud Horsmonden: (3) Frodsham and Windermere; (4) Lytham, Loadon Bob, Childwall, St. Clament's, Waveriree , College Single, Thelwatl and Irouble Oxford: (5y Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (6) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Doubto Court and Hereward: (7) Capel, Sandai, Kitgston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.
 Conducted by R. Biad.
GREAT EASTON, ESSER. THE FSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Salurday, Jume 10. 1939, in Ttor Hours and Fifiy-Five Minwtes.
At yhe Chorce or Si. Johs.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE GOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called ditierently.
J. C. Jennings ... ...Trobla | R. Poriway ... ... ... ... 4

Conducted hy J. C. Jennings.

* Firat peal and first attenept.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
(Kingion Distelct.)
On Satwriay, June 70, 1939, in Two Honrs and Fifty Minutes, Ax the Cherch of Sx. Stepagan,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOU日LES, 5050 GHANGES;
Consisting of one 240 of Morris' aud two 240's of Pitman's arrangements and 36 sin -scores.

Tenor 16 ge
Walteg Eyans ... ...


Conducted by Tryvon Jones.
MORETON-ON-LUGG. HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sahtiay, Junc 10. 1939, in Two Howy und Forly-Eight Mimutes, At the Church of St. Asdazw,
A PEAL OF GAANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE
Being 42 six-rgores, 10 callings.
Howor 7 cwt .

Harry Jobisson... ... ... 2 George T. Codsins ... .... 5
Tracey H. Young ..* ... 3 Gborge H. Brown ... ...Temy
Conducted by Grorge T. Cousims.

* First peal and first attemjt. First peal as conductor.

HEATHEIELD, SUSSLE.
THE SUSSEX CODNTY ASSOCIATION,
Om Sunday, Jum 11, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forly-Eigha Minules, At ter Choech of All Sante,

## A PEAL OF GOB MIMOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Ueing seven 780 's called differently. Tenor 11 cmb . 8 \%b. in Iv sharp.
Beri Standran ... ... ...treble Leslie W. Jarvis ... ... 4

- Rickard C. Mircerle ... 3 Frank H. Hices ... ... ... 5 Wilpged Bootr ....... 3 William A. Kitcebnside .... Temor Condncted by William A. Kitceraside.
* Tirst peal end first attempt.


## WALLASEX, CHHSHIRE.

THE OHESTER DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, Jnxe 14, 1939, in Tuo Howrs and Fifty-Six Mimutos, At the Cefrce of St. Nicelolas,
A PEAL OF 8URPRISE MINDR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Comprising one extent each of London. Yorlc, Canterbury, Carlisle, Ghester, Beverley and Canabidge. Temor 161 cwt .

Lebter L. Gaty ... ... 2 Harry Rogrrs ... ... .... 5
"Josn Ledseam … .... .... 3 Tgomas Rogiers ... ... ....Temoy

* First peal.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

EELHAM, NOTTLNGHAMSHIRE THE MIDLAND COUNTJES ASSOCYATION Un Sunday. June 11, 1939, in One Hour and Fifty Minwtes,

## At fae Tbeological Collbge

## A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, EO4D CHANGE8;

 Seven 720's called differently.Norman Torringion ... ... t-2| "Jobn Lord<br>Albert F. Sargent<br>Condicted by A. F. Sargbint.

* First peal.


## OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOLIATION.
On Friday, Jwe 9, 1933, in 7wo Hours and Sevenfeen Minules, AI 28, Fibld Roadi

## A PEAL DF BOB HAJOR, 6040 CHANGEB!

Henry Hoegetts
Caristoperr W. Woolcey

## Composed by B. Annable.

I-2 Harold G. Castyore
(Other peal reports are unavoidably hald over.)

## PARISH PROVIDES PEAL BOARD.

RECORD OF FIRST PEAL AT GRAYSHOTT.
The first peal on the bells at Gravshott, Hauts, has been commemorated by a peal board erected in the porch near the entrance to the atairs loading up to the belfry. The peal of Superlative was rung on April 5th by members of the Winchester and Portomouth Diocesnn Guild, and the honrd has been provided by local generosity It is of polighed oak with black lettering.

There was a considerable gathering of ringers for the dedication of the board on June 3 rd, the proceedugs beginning witk an attenpt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with local men on the treble snd tenor. This, however, was lost after about 800 changes. There were abont 40 pregent at the service, including, in addition to most of the peal band, rimgers from Blackmoor, Liss, Petersfiela, Portsmoutli and eloowhere.

Tea was served by members of the Mothers' Dnion in the Fillage Hall, and a welcome was extended to the visitors by the Ficar and the loesl captain (Mr. Appleby). This was acknowledged by Mr. G. Witliams (Master of the Guild) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary) who in return, thanised those who had provided such a wosthy record of tite penl, and the ladies who had provided tea.
Ringing during tho evening ranged from Grandsire to Spliceal Surprise, find there was also ringing on the six belis at Milland.

## PEAE NOTES.

## (Continued from neat caluma.)

A peal of Forkshire Surprise Major, composed by Mr, C. K. Lewis, was rubg for the first time on June 10th at Norbury, Cheshire. It bas the 4 th and 6th the extent in $5-6$ and is as follows:-

Mr. W. E. Bason rayd his 50 th peal of Doable Norwich on Saturdas veek at Elveden, Suffolk.
Great credit is due to the Aston company on ringing (at the econd attempt) their first peal of Stedman Cinques, on SaEurday, and the band regret that Mr. William Best, who was in the first attempt was unable to stand in the peal.

It is appronimatels four years ngo that the bells, after being silent for years. were recast and nugmented to twelve, sud in that time a now band. chiefly of young men, has been taught how to handle and ctrike \& hell. To-day they rimg Stedman Cimquex morning and evening for Sunday geryme. and great credit is due to Meagrs. P. Frice and w. Davies for their part for training this yourg band, zot only
 at Aston, not ouly on Sucdayp, but on Friagy nights, Fhen good ringine $\ddagger$ varions methods can be liad on tower and handbells.

In the report of the peal of Surprise Winor rung al St. Mary Birkenliead, on June 7th, the last method should reed Cambrige gnd not Chester as printed

In the peal of Cambricge Surprise at Waittle, on June 10th, ruag in celebration of tlie diocesan jubilee, the ringers came from Bocking. Halstead Springfeld and Writtle.

## PEAL NOTES.

GOD BPEED' TG 'MAURETANIA
Tho tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, overlooks the Hersey and has stond a silent sentivel at the departure of many a gallant ship Last Saturday, however, the bells gave a God speed to the new - Mauretanie as she get out on her maiden voyage from Liverpool Landing stage. A peal of Stedman Caters was specially arranged for the occasion and was concluted a few minutes after the great veasel's departure
The peat of Double Nowwich at Brentwood on June 15th was one of a series ertanged by Mr. F. B. Lufkin of Prittlewell, to commemorate the silver jubitee of the Diocese of Chelneford. Unfortanately Mr. Lufkin, who was to lave called the peal, was incisposed, and Mr H. T. Wilson took his place at short nokice, the peal being ealled by 3fr. Harry Turaer, of Brentweod.

Tho ringers who went to Leeds, Kent, on Saturday, wast short for a peal of Royal, which was to hnve been conducted by Mr. E. A Barnett. Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., kindly stood out añd the aflsers decided to ring Pitstow's Superlative as a relief from the inevitann.
Mr. J. C. E. Simpson who will shortly be leaving London to take up an appointment in Durham, called the first peal of Chettenham Bob Major on June 16th at Grayford. It is one of the previously unrung metheds in the Central Council's Collection.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Stapleharst on Jume 7th Was especially arranged to euable Rabph Weybar (age $17 /$ to ving his first awey from the treble. After the peal he wes congratulated by all the band and many outside the tower. An attempt was made for this peal on May 27th at Staplelnurst, but after I hour 50 minutes excellent ringing the conductor called the bells round owing to a shif course. Mr. C. F. Sone tool part in this attempt.
The peal of Donhles at Tempsford, Beds, on Juwe 9th, was rumg in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. snd Mrs. E. Ladds. Mr. Ladds has been parish clerk and evinger at this church for over 55 years. The conductor of the peal, Mr. O. H. Harding, has now completed the circle' at Tempsford

A BAOHELORS' PEAL
The peal of Canturidge Surprise Major at S. St. Ebbe's, Oxford, last Triday, was rung oy a hand of bacliolors. It was the conductor's last chance to ring a peal in the single state, since his marriage took place on the following day. It is not a rery common accurrence for the bridegroom, the best man and the alficiating clergyman to smen a peal together on the eve of tho wedding, as was the case on this occasion.
In oar report of a peal of Minor at Horsmonden on Mry roth. $T 20$ of Orford Boh whs omithed from the methods rung-
At Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 15th a peal of Major was гung in which Oxford and Kent Treble Zob and Plain Bob were used. It was e composition by Mr. A. J. Pitgana.

The first peal of Erin Caters for the Midland Connties Association was achieved on Jume $10 t h$ at St. Mary's, Nottingham, where it was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Portland. which occurred on the following day
Ringing the geventh to Fert Treble Boh Major at Lowestoft on June 15th, Mr. W. E. Bason has now rung every bell in St. Margaret's tower to a peal.

Messrg. Gearge Ledsham and Frank Varty rang their 25th peal together on June 14th, when they took pari in seven Surpise extents時 Wallasey.
After many attempts a band of Hereford Guild ringers scored a peal at Old Fadnor on June 10th. A poal here Jiad, for many years, been an ambition of Mr. Trevor Jones and his friend, P.O. Chandler. The latter, however, was absent from the penl, as be is now on service in the East Indies.

Old Radnor Church is set on a hill and a beantiful view in obtained from it. The church is famors for its organ, the cose of which is the oldest in Wales. also for its magnificent screen. The bells also happen to be one of the finert toned rings of six in the Hereford Dionese and, perhaps, one of the worst going peals. They meed a bellhanger badiy and, unike some, would be worth daing. One man rushed down from Shrewsbury to ring in this peal, but owing to lis late arrival a deputy was fonnd. The conductor tenders apologies for this. Soma of the previous attempts were abandoned after ringing about Iualf a peal owisg to the bad go of the bells, at other times a rape bes broken and so forth to put an end to the atternpt
To celebrate the wedding of Mr. Harry Purchase and Misa Katheen Smith, both of Cbipstable, who were married of Ashbrittle. Somerset, on May $2 \pi n$, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was ruag at the fatter church ou June 10th.

The memory of Mr. Thomas Fumphreys, who died last month, after serving as a ringer for 50 yeara at St. John the Baptist's Church, Pinner, was honoured on Saturday week by a peal of Double Norwich Major at this Middlegex charch.

Amother student at Kelham.Theological College has scared bis first peal. On June 1Zth, Mr. John Lord rang $3-4$ to a peal of Boh Midor. Seme of the Snuday afternmon band at St. Neots, Hunts, who ring for the 3 p.m. Bervice, scored a peal of Bob Major on June 10th Messrs. G. D. Coleman and E. Clarke giving up their ropes to C. H. Harding and B. E. Sims. Mr. F. Warrington, who called the peal, Hard an arrangement, by himself, of §lipwav's composition. Mr. and Mre. H. Fields kindly entertained the hanat to teapafter the peai.
(Continued in previous column.)

THE LATE MR. J. C. TRUSS
As brie日y reported in our issue of June 9th, Mr. John Glark Truss passed away peacefully at his home at Marlow on Friday, June 2nd, ‘Jack' 'Trass was not only a great rimger himself, but it was always his aim te try and make other great ringers.
At Marlow, where he liad been foremen since the retirement of the late Mr. Harry Collins in 1925, he alwaye gave every help and ancouragement to everyone.
In August, 1928, he had a "stroke," from which he never folly recovared, but notwithstanding the fact that he liad praotically lost the sight of one eye and had difficulty in walking, he was always present in the belfry twice on Sundays and 'on time, the latter point beiné a splendid example to the rounger ringers of to-day.
Moreover, "Jack' wes alwayg wiling to rimg with his pupils for their first courge or touch in a method, even when it was obvious that he was riaging under a gevcre hondicap, and be was in the belfry only a fortnight before he died.
It. was forbunate that Mr. Truss was able to see the restoration of the bells in June. 1934, and the first peal on the bells for aver 30 years, which was Fumg for the Coronation in May, 1937

He was laid to rest almost under the shadow of the balfy, where his presence will he so greatly missed.

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

FIRST VISTT TO KIREBURTON.
The June meeting of the Barnaley and District Society was held at Kirkburtion on Saturday, June 10th, when nearly 30 members were present from Almondbury, Cawthorne, Enstwood, Felkirk, Meltham, New Mill, Penistore, Ripponden, Sandal, Shelley, Liversedge, Wath and the local company.
The bells were rung in the atternoon until 5 p.m-, when tea was served in the Church Schools.
At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gephton) presided. Mfr. Rhodes, of Rippendon, was elected a finging member and the chairman as an hodorary member.
The mecting stood in silence as a maris of respect apoo the death of two members, Mr. R. Whickett, of Horbury, and Mr. H. Bilteliffe, of New Mill
The Vicar offered a very hearty wolcome to the society upon their first visit to Kirkfarton, and hoped to heve further meatings there. Mr. Moxon moved the hest thanks of the meeting to the Vicar for all he had done and said, and for the onse of the bells.-Mr. Panther supmorted the vote, which was cartied with acclnmation.
The bells were then made further good uge of in a variety of Minor mathods, ranping from Plain Bob to Yorls Surprise. Stedmen Triples and Plain Boh, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CUP COMPETITION.
The contest for the Crawford Silver Cup was held at Guckney on Saturday, Jume 10th. Four veams entered and this, apart from anything else was most gratifying.

The draw for order of ringing was uade by the committeo at 2.45 p.m.. and at the same time Sonthwell was ellected an affiliated tower. It was regretted that this band was prevented from entering at the last moment.
The bells having been raised by non-participants, the test ringing began at 3.15. The result wat as followe:-

|  |  | Faults |  |  | Penalties Totall |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shireoaks | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 255 | 10 | 265 |
| Barlborough | $\ldots$ | 378 | 10 | 388 |  |
| Ordisall | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 441 | 10 | 451 |
| Wirsop | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 216 | 40 | 256 |

The ropes were rather springy, and this, togather with the fne set of the troble, did not help those who had not rocently rung on the peal. However, the test was it good one and showed the merits for demerits!) of the teams that entered.

Tea was served at 5.15, and afterwards the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in the absence of the Vicar of Cuckney (the Rev, W. E. A. Lidud), took the chair at the meeting leld afterwards.
The secretary (Mr. R. Towler) announced that the next meetieg would he held at Tuxford an July 8 th.
The Chairman announced the resplt of the contegt as above, and presented the clp to Mr. H. T". Ranke, the captain of the winning team, renarking that it was plensing to see the cup go to a diferent tower, Warsop baving now won it for the first lime
One of tha judges, Mr. J. Mint. of Bobsovar. who had has the gesistance of Mr. J. Moss, of the same tower, said the ringing had bean fairly good. When he arrived the ropes were too long rna lad consequentiy to be shortened.

Totes of thanks were passed to the Vienr ior the use of the hellg and the ladies who prepared tea, and not least to the judgeg for their serfices. Mr. Fint had not been well recently and the association wes glad he had been able to come.
The menabers they retarned to the tower, not without four nf them trying two courses of Grandise Triples aud one of Bab Minthr on handbells. Back at the church the usinal methods were rang and the striking was quite gond in places.
The pesl of six, with a tenor of $10 \frac{1}{2}$ owt., are huns ciose trogether in a tower big eoough, as frr as rope space goes, for a peal of ten; the tone is quite rood, and whers once the correct handing of the tolls has been obtained, ringing is vers emjoyable, fs most will agree who tried the peal that afterncot

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## BELERY GOSSIP

The North Lincolnshire Minor band (Mesgrs. G. E. Feirn, F. Lord, C. Mçuiness, J. L. Milhouse and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray) lave broken all records in Spliced Minar ringing by scoring a peal in 100 mathods in sevem extenty. It was rang ef Bessingham on Friday.

Ths Parochial Church Councis of St. George's, Doncaster, heve now decided not to bave the bells reast, but to have them relung with now fittiogs. The work lias heen entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

迲 r . and Mrs. E. Alex. Young lave reached home again after their visit to South Africe, their absence from Eagland heviug extended over glout five months. Mr. Young's leg, imjured when a gangway, over which he was passing, collapsed, is wall on the way to recovery.
On the way home Mr. Young gave the ship's passengers an intorest ing talk on St. Paul's Cathodral, jllustrating it with blackboard sxetches.
The bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on which so many peals have been ruttg, arc to the rehulng and the jenor rectst. The work is to lee carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

My H. A. Heywood, cousin of the late Sir A. Heywood and brother of the Bishop of Ely, celebrated his goth birthday on Monday. Although nok a ringer, lie has always been keenly interested in the welfare of the Ohester Guild and luts regularly attended its meetings for half a century.
He was present at the inaugural meetiug in the Cabliedral in November, 1887 , and became a life honorary member. Until his reskguation three fears ago he lad beld the office of wiee-chairman of the Clisester Brancl for many years. Mr. Heywood stifl serves the Guild as one of jts tristees and n member of the committee. His host of ringing friends will be contions to congratolate lim and wish bim many heppy returis.

There is no end to some people's enthassinsm. Mr. Francis Gorneyr of Woodford, Essex, cycled to ixalesworth, Suffolk, and back on Whit Monday in order to attend the meteting of the Sutolk Guild. This was a 199 miles $^{3}$ ride, end to do it Mr, Corney started at 3 s.m.

## 'GATE CRASHERS.'

To the sditor.
Dear Sir- T was most disnppointed the read of the action of the president of the Central Council in apologising for the presence of "gale crashers' at the $A$ bbey. Are we to assame from lle fext of the npology that members of the Council only are eapable of ringing the Abbey bells? One wonders what will be said if a member of the Council is so cargless as to break a stay there on a futuro occasion. It must be very galling for thuse London ringers who go out of their wat to give the Council a wcleome to be excluded from one of their own towers, paricularly one which is not often available.
I camsider that the president has set us a most unfortonate eample of the friendy spirit whim should exist smongs ririgers.

ALAN R. PINK.

## UNWORTHY

Dear Bir, - I was surprised to read in last week's issue of "The Ringing World' the letter re ahovo from Mr. R. Dove. The letter, especially the tlatd paragrapli, is unworthy of the sriter. Birmioglaan.

ALBERT WALKER.

## MEMBER OP AN OLD RINGING FAMILY.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER TUCKER
The deatl las oceurred at Bishop's Stortford, of Mr. Walter Willim Tucker, who, had he fived until August 25th. would have been 70 years of age. Botn at Bishop's Startford, Mr. Tucker came of an old ringing family as shown Uy a tablet in St. Michacl's Ghurch, dated 1827. His father was Mr. William Henry Tucker, and his brother is Mr. Heary J. Tucker, who now lives at Chichester and whose neme is well known from some popolar compositions of which be is the author. The late Mr. Walter Tucker hegan ringing at Pishop's Stortford about 1892. Removing to Londar, lie soined St. Luke's Sociaty, Chelsea. He retmrned to his native town in 1892 and in the following Year rang his first peal, Oxford Bob Triples, at St. Michael's, the first ped ever rumg by ringers who were also all members of the Ancient Drder of Foresters Friendly Society.
Mr. Tucker aever became a great peal ringer, but he was devated to his duty $n s$ a Sunday service Jiager. He conld always be relied upon on Sundays and practice nights. His peals onl\% numbered 15, piz., Grandsire Triptes 4, Grandsire Caters 4, Darleston Bob Triples 2, Orford Bob Triples 5. Fe was a member of the Ancient society of Gollege Youthe and the Ferford County Association. At St. Michnel'm Biglop"s Stortford, he wrs greatly missed during the three sears of his last illuess.
The funeral took place on June 10th, and is the evering a quarterpeal of Oxtord Bob Triples was rung with the bells half-multied Mre. T. TVard 1. W. Prior 2, H. J. Tucker 3, P. Bird (conductor) 4, TF. T Prior 5. E. J. White 6, E. Ansell 7, W. Wilkineon B.

## A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Middlegex, on a recent Sunday, a window was dedicated to the memory of the late Rer. T. F. Rusmell, for over 40 years Vicar. For the service. members of the Foyal Cumberland Fouths rane 720 of Bob Minor: E. Bonfield I. F. Bonfeld 2 , J. Pajton 3. R. Newman 4. T. Bevan 5, A. Warren (conductor) 6. Mr. E. Ronfield tas been a tinger for 50 years.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

E NEW SUPPTTSE BOOT

The book on Surprise Major Methods led to two reportis beille presented to the Council. Tlize Methods Committee majority report (ejgned by Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. C. S. Turner) was is follows:-
During the last year the third edtlion of Collection of Doubles and Minor BIEthods' has been issued. It should be pointed out that this is not merely a reprint of the second edition. It is a new hook with a considerable rmount of new matter in it, and so shond be purchased even by those who alruedy possess the eecond edition.
The questiou of the publication of the mew book on Surprise Major fethods will come before the Council. In conmection with that we ask that couductors and zecretaries of associations should forward to us the flgures end particulars of any new Surprise Major methoda as 500n afler performance as possible in order that the book may be corrected up to the minute before printing. As the book is fully indexed and cross-indezed this will mean tho exercise of some amount of care and trouble, and we hope ringers will assist us in the matter.

We also ask buy persons who have methods which they hope to cing and mame in the future to send in the figures. If the methods are anong those included in the book we wril see that they bave the nanes selected by those people, unless they are obviously unsuitable. If they are not in the hools we will gee that the selected nomes are not used for any methods in the book.
By obviously unsuitable names we mean those which are already epplied to some Surprise method, those which contravene tive general custom of the Exercise or some decision of the Council, names which are ridiculous, and the like.
There is, we believe, a reluctance among some ringers to part with Itheir figures in the fear thet if they do so they may be forestalled in the ringing. To meet this feeling we will promise that any intormation sent to us will be treated as confidential and tinnt ail papers sent will be destroyed as soon as they are compared with the manuacript of the new book, without being chown to eny autsiders or any copres made.

At the Council meating at Leedg in 1038 it was sugrested that those methods in the book in which peals heve not yet been rung should be numbered anly, and pristed without names. To this we are unalterably opposed and for the following reasons:-

1. We tried the plan of issuing an unnamed collection when we first nublished 'Minor Methods,' and it proved a complete failure. Older members of the Council will not need to be reminded of the confusion whieh resutted. Titimately the Council had to demde that the methods still unnaraed should receive names witbout waiting until they had been runs
2. We issued the 'Major Methods' named and the plan was a com-
phete success. No aingle word of adverse criticism of our action has prer reached us from anyone.
3. We have learnerf from experimone that an unnamed collegtion censes after a short time to have any ralue. If the Surprise Major mobloods ave publighed unnmbed, in it lew yenra" time the book will be out of date and of tiltle value. The book has been prepared to the the standard work on the subject for many years to come, and we do not wish that the verv large nmount of work and mare that has been expended on it should he thrown eway so soon. Besides we consider that it would he bad business and nnfair to purclasers to mublish it in a form that we hawe every reasou to beljeve will neke it speedily out of date.

Fhere is no force or point whaterer in the argunent that if the methods are named the exclusive righta of the bands 访ho ring tho flot peals will he infringed. For one thing. the Frercise bas never recognised any such exclusive rights, and such a thing would be contrary to the interests of ringers generally. For another thing. ihere are many thousands of methods not ineluced in this collertion. and ans band which wishes to ring and uanse new methods wifl still Tuse
practically wnlimitnd nprortunities to indulge their fancy. practically fulimitad opnartunities to indulge their fancy
It should be recomised that names are only a convenient mepns of to identify a metlond before a peal of il is rung as afterwards, and in some cases mare so. It hes heen suggested that numbering the methochs will mpply the necessary mengs of imputification. liut all experience shows that it is not so. Numbers are only useful when, as in tha case of convicts, it is desirable to conceal the real identity.
Generally speakine the suceess of the book and the interests of the Expreise demand that the methods should be named, and our considered opinion is that unless the methods are mamed it witl be reseless to proceed further with the hook.

## MR. S. H. WOOD'S MENORITY RFPORE

The third member of the committee, Mr. Stephen E. Wood, did not kiga the above, but presented the following minority report :If am in agremment witlo the majority of the thove report: in partienlar, after farther concidering the question of the naming of methods which was raised last year at the Leeds meeting, and discussing it with the ather members of the committee. I share their opinion that all the methods published in the Surprise Major Collection should $b=$ gamed. My main renson for reaching this conclusion is the desirabilite of mnkizig the book complete and a standard work of reforence for many venrs to come, as set, out in reason 3 of the majority report ; and I wentd further emphasige that in view of the initial most
of printing the book it is imperative that sales should be maintaned aver a long period of years.

I do not, however, wish to associate mrselp with cettain of the ather arguments and statements ineluded in the majority report, as I am not in agreement with fhesr substance nor with the implicabions which they contain.
Mr. J. A. Troflope, in proposing the adoption of the zeport, prefaced his remarke by stating that that was the forioth anniversary of his appointment to the Methods Committee. There were only two other members of the present Counci] who were ziembers at that time but there was another gentleman present that day, Mr. Jaseply Griffin, who 40 years ago was already a 'veteram. When the committee was
appointed it was given the job to decide what methods thould be rung and then to publish selections. He did not think anyhody then recogassed that, aiter 40 years, its work world still be incomplete, but lie did not think anyone cobld say that the time had ben wasted If they did nothing else they published the Six-bell book, and that book had revolutionised Minor ringing and had a great inffance on riuging in the six-bell towers. The last edition of that book luad just been published. Everything that was new in that book was the work of Mr. Eraest Trarner and he was entitled to the aredit for it. He (前r. Trollope) only rearranged the old mather in it.

Mr. S. H. Wood, who secouded the adoption of the report, said he had vary little to add to the remarks that appeared over his eiguature. He disagreed with some of the reasons given by his colfeagtes in their report and in the manner of presenting them to the Council, but he was entirely in agreement with them on the main conclusion thet, the methods to be printed in the Surprise Major book should lee named.

## TEE QLESTION OF NAMES.

The President said he was naked specially to direet attention to the third paragraph of the report that ringers who hape methods whith they loped to ring and mame in the future abould send in the figures and the names.
Replying to questions, Mr. Trollope said it was up to auybody wha had any method that really had a name to it to submit that name, and if there whs an reason why the name should not be given to the method, if it appeared in the book, the neme would go in. Berr it wras necessary that that option should only lass for a limited period, say a month, because once the book was in the Press they could not go ou altering it. In the book were 150 methods given in full: of that 150 abous 60 hed been rung and had a name. Of other methoils that had been rung but not inclnded most ran ir certain groups and those groups were already well represented in the book. Other groups Which had not been runge were already there and under a marme. There would be no hardship as some people anticipnted.
Replying to Mr. Groombridge, wha raised the question of priority in claims to methods, Mr. Trollope said they had a complete chronological list of all the methods that had been ruag

The Rev. F. Drake said there seemed to be a port of idea that evory band that rang the first peal in o method had a rigit to name it, simply because they had rung it first. He would like to have bone avidence of that, It had been a rule only since the Minor metinds were brought up. He (Mr. Drake) was at the meatigg when Mr. Law James brought the mather up and was most emphatic aboat it being is new thing. Instead of the person who composed the method giving the name to it, they published the methods witlout mames in order, as a new departure, that whoever rang a methof fist should bave the chance to name it. But that only applied to the methods publiskied in the Minor Methods books; it did not apply anywhere else. That the persons who rang a new eight-bell method should neme it was a watter of convenience, and there was no reason why thay should not do so, but he did not think they ought to feel they ladi the right to do so under all circumbtances.
Replying to a question. Mr. Trollope said if a band had rume a quarter-peal of a method or were practising for a peal and laad at suitable name for the method, the committee were perfectly prepared to give it that name, if the method were in the book and fif the name Were received in time. It aid not matter about them ringing a peal of it before they geve it a name
The President gaid the name mast be receired within a monlt
Mr. Cullum contended that the band that rane the first peal in a methon should have the privilcge of naming it. He did not see why the Methods Committee should dictate to the ringers what wher should

Mr. Funt reminded the members of the position ther got inta over the six-bell methods. If ther had exercised their authority and patthe mames in that book, thoy rould have saved a great deal of trouhle. 'I hought one of those books," said Mr. Hund; "and where was I? A methon was rumg and ito was reported in "The Ringing World." The next weels samene else wrate in and said some other nane had already bean given to the method. My hook got mumaller up with pames gind I put it on the fire (laughter). Fou mat laugh, biat don"t ant so foolishly to-dary. Let the \$lethods Committee name the methods and finish their work
Mr. S. F. Wood said for once, and perhaps for the flost time ha foumd himself in entire \&greement with Mr. Hunt (laughter). It was ezactly the reason Mr . Fant lad civen that led bim (the spenkeri to the conclusiog that the methons should be named hy the committee. Where thep had not already heen given names. The committee fe thought he could speale for them all-had no partimalar degire to
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

## (Continued from previous pege.)

choose tha names themselves: their point was they thought it was in the interests of the Cuancil and the Exercise that, when the book was published, the methods must be given names

Mr. Hant: I have in my time given Mr. Wood some good advice and I congratulate nyself thet I Lave at last been able to teach him fomethisg (laughter).
Mr. Walter Ayre formally moved that the mames be printed in the book when published, and this, on being put, wis carried with only one dissentient.

## ASCOCIATION'S RESPONSE.

The bon. secretary then reported upan the result of the invitation extended to the rarious affiliated societies to take up one half of the first issue af the boak. The cost per copy of the book would be approximatels, for 500 copies $3 \varepsilon$. 6 d ., 7502 s . 6 d ., $1,0002 \mathrm{E}$. Basing the cost on 750 copies and to arrive at a selling price, $6 d$. per copy was added, to be divided equally between the Council and the associations; thus the cost to the associations would be 2 s . gid. and they would gell at 3 . Twenty-eight associations had undertaken to purchase their quota, which was three copies per representative on the Council. That accounted for 237 copies. Nine societies had offered to take more than their quotes : Yorkshire (quota 12) had offered to take 36, Norwick (9) 30, Sussex (12) 30, Midland Counties (12) 24, Oxford (12) 24 , \& Martin's Guild (3) 5, Warwick (6) 12, Lincoln (12) 18, Mitdlesex (12) 14, accounting for another 194 ropies. Three aocieties would take less than their quota. accounting for 19. making a guarantee of 450 coptes in all. Two societies treve waiting for meetings before replyirg; Cambridge University Gnilid were in sympathy, but their resident mem bers were not sulficiently advanced enough to be able to use the books, while the non-regident members would probably ohtain their copies through other associations. Two societies, the East Grinstead and the Bedfordshire, lad decided not to co-operate.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said that at the meeting on the previous day Who Peterhorongh fiuld had decided to take their quota of twelve copies.
Thn hon. secretary yead a letter from Mr. J. W. Parker, apologising for his absence from the meening, nud, referring to the Collection af the Surprise methods, said same vears ngo he went into the question of extending the Surprise Minor methods and found that only two of them, apat from those already practised, would extend. Theso were Hexham and sisfleet, and he thought the collection would not be complete if these were not jncluded.
The reappointment of the conmittee, Messrs. J. A. Trollope (conwener), E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood, was agreed to amid npplause, on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded hy Mr. J. Hunt, the inter referring to the vast amount of time which thes suust heve devoted to the preparation of this book.

## ACCURACY IN PEAL REPORTS

In presenting the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, printed in 'The Ringing World ' on April 7th. Mre. Fletcher said a peal of Grandsire Triples, inchuded under other societies, should have been credited to the East Grinstead Guild. When the tables wero prepnred the committee did not know that the East Grinstead Guild hrd become affiltated to the Council.
The Presidend. referring to the analysis generally, pointed out that the committee could not give correct information if the correct information was not dent in. The Editor of "The Ringing World' had complained of a great number of peal reports being sent to him, more than there used to be, with incomplete information. It was essential that conducters rhould see that the information they sent for publication was coraplete.
Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for the work they did and that they he re-elected. This was secomded hy Mr. F. W. Perrens and carried. The comnittee consists of Mrs. and G. A. Pre.

## TOWERS AND BELLS.

Tine Towers and Belfries Committee reported that the members of the committee had given advice in 14 cases during the year. These covered rehanging, addition of bells to existing rings, eafety of a tower: sommd modification and the hanging of an old bell for chiming with a special arrangement of the clapper. Advice was also given in monnection with a proposed reinforced cencrete tower. The Davis silencers have been loaned during the year with catisfactory resnlts.
In moving the adoption of the report, the President said Mr. Hont gave advice on a five-hell fower and a six-bell town and on g case of increasing the bells frona six to eight. Major Hesse had given antrice in sir cases, on questions of rehangirg and the addition of bells, He (Mr. Lewis) had dealt with five or sis cases, and had had correspondence on one or two more. Last year he meutioned ilie case of the sound control at Harrow Weald. That had been carried out and was said to he very satisfactory. It was proposed to have a demonstration there before lomg and he was hoping to pet is member of the Anti-Nrise Committee to go with kim to frear the demonstration. so that he mjght judge of the effects in different parts of the neighbourhood round the clurch. "If," gid Mr. Lewis, "We can get that sommittee over to orr aide it will be a great thing for the finture.'

The President said there was one interesting case which he would Like to mention, although it was not a case of ringing. It was a question of chiming, wlich was hrought to their notice by the Rev H. Drake. There was an ancient bell which was to be inug dead for chiming, not by the use of an Ellacombe hammer, but iyy puling the clapper againat the bell by a rope attached to a lever half-way down the clapper. Mr. Drake wanted advice as to whether jt would be a good thing. He (MIr. Lewis) went, into the whole question rather carefully, and the result, would probably interest the Council. First in the old form of elocking, he fourd that a pull ental to ore-ihird fi the weit of the clapper wonid bold the clapper defnitely nane the bell. In plain language it was wery easy to hold the clapper dead against the bell. In the Ellacombe arrangement it took a pull on the rope approximately equal to the weight of the clapper to hold the hammer against the bell, but if the hammer were so adjusted as to be close ts Eye bell, then only a wight pull mass needed to lold it againgt the bell Tnless, therefore the bammers ware adiusted with a fair pount of slack, they were iust the old form of clocking, theoreticaly. But in the case of the lever projecting from the slapper about half way down the shanar rope athached and carried down over the pulley wheel, prowided the lever attached to the clapper was of the rigit length, it was absolutey impossible to hold the clapper against the bell and the bell was quite As safe as if it were clumed on the string

## CORROSION OF STEEL GIRDERS.

Mr, Lewis went on to say that aithough they had lost by death their old friend Mr. Powts, the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, he was glad to say that he had been consuled in one case by the new secretary. Mr. Lewis also referred to a new type of silencer which is being developed in the Oxtord district, Mr. Wige, he believed, liad got ons which members conla inspect in the hall outside the Courcil chamber. Fe (Mr. Ierwis) bad not had tha opportunity of testiug it, but from what he had heard he belisyed these silencers were quite satisfactary. Procceding, Mr. Lewis recalled a case which be meationed last year of an unpainted tran frame on steel girders which had got jnto a very bari coudition. He banded round photngraphs of this, showing that after 30 vears the steel girders were largely eaten away with rust. Their condition, he said, went a long way to justify those architects who ingisted on the instaliation of wooden frames, which would do without peinting whereas steel frames required constant attention. An architent came to him ant long ago, said Mr Lewis, and asked him whether he approved of a suggection for a tower entirely corstrated of reinioreed concrete. His advice was that, providing it was designed by a lirm of renforced concrete engineers gnd they were ripent the forces whirh the tower had to resist, the thing chould be entirely antisfactory. It was a perfectly common practice to put moving machinery fairly high up in reinforced concrete huildinge and it was perfectly sound.
Mr. Hunt said a bell nught not to be zung dead for chiming. If at was hung so that it could move there would be no feam of aracking it
Major Hesse also supported the piew that a belf to be chimed should bo hung on gudgeons.
The Rev. H. Drake said that that wos the verg point arising in this matter. With the rope attached to a lever on the clapper it was argued on one side that it did not matter whether the bell hoog dead or rot: others said that it did.
Replying to a question, the President anid there were now one or two raore diocesan advisory committees on wheh ringers wera represented. They had not had definite reparts from some of the associations and they would be glad to get such raporde.
In the course of discussion on the Fusting of metal in bell rranies, ingtances were quoted where cast iron had stood for years and had shown no sirn of perishing.

The committee's report was adopted and the committeo reappainted, viz. : Mr. E. H. Leprig (conpener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. J. Hupt and Mr. E. Alex. Yonng
(To be continued.)

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesam Guidd, held at Surfleet on Junc 17th, was attended by lsetween thirty and forty members representing belfies at Spalding, Pinchbeck, Long Sakton, Bourne: Lincaln, Doningkon, ete.
The service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Gee, Vicar of Pinchbeck, who in the comrse of a thoughtul address stressed the connection between the use of bells in the service of the Church and the idea of holiness, especially AS exemplified in the bells on the bigh priestes robe in the Ancient Jewish Clurch and the sacting and sanctus bells used in some churches to-day in the service of Holy Comaraunian.
A most excellent meat tea was provided by Mrs. Rupert Richardson and served by her and other ladies, atter which $n$ short busidess meeting mas held, presided over by Mr. Gee, durige which Mr, J. Dobmey, the churchwarden of Sturteet, was elected an honorery nember
The light ring of twelve bells in the church steeple was in use throughout the afternoon and evening, it vacjety of methods being practised from Cambridge Minor to Treble Bob Maximur.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

## CELEBRATION AT CHELMSFORD.

## Proposal for Benevolent Fund Defeated,

The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Easax Association Tus celebrated on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, when nearly two hundred members nssemhlad for the annual meeting, and there were risitors from many parts of the country, including London, Liverpool Bristal and Portsmouth.
A service at the Cathearal was comducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow. The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips) read the lesson, and the preachor was the Vemerable E. N. Gowing, Areh deacon of Southend, and a vice-president of the ass
prasers were offered for the * blessing of bellringing.
Archdeacon Gowing expressed his pleasure at takine part in that diamond jubiles. "It is a proud record that you have, he declared. *For 60 years you have been an association, and you have good reason to be proud. Athoggh your association is only 60 years old, ringing associations are reafly older than that. F belfeve that the first rea 1637 there was formed the Aucient Snciety of College Youtlis. Bit1 in Essex you go back further than 1637, for one of the oldest of the asscrinilions is that of Saffron Walden, born in 1623. One of the arliest peals in Essex was rung from that tower. Then, 60 vears ago, there were formed these local associations. This was indeed au epic.
The preacher continued that among the aspecto of winging wess that of recreation-less imporiant, perhans, than the other aspects. Accuslly, however, the old associations were formed as a kind of Fithonal Fitness Campaign-to keep youth fit and ocerupy their idle moments. To-day, they heard so much about National Fitness. Eurely then, ringing had a great and important message. If. was $\pi$ steady, robular exercise, and, therefore, nust be good for the fitness of man. To be a ringer, one must concentrate, and to do that wes to develop the physiral and the mentrl life. Again, it meant ' stickinf to it. It was physical, mental and, what was most important of all, spiritunl recrention. Ringing was an act of service. It was of $a$ twafold nature-sncial and spiritual. When the belle reng out they reminded people that there is a God-mindful, anxious, loving-and that without. His gaidance conditions would the absolute chans.
'I suggest." the Archdeacon continued, "that hellringers ring out
message to world that in these days is inclined to forget and ignore God.' He urged the ringers in those places where beliringing was popular and flourighing to go out nad stir up entlusiasmin the less enthusinstic parishes. From the point of view of service to the Charch it fs esserfial that mo peal should be silent. Especielly eo is it in these days when people must more, porhaps, than ever before, the reminded of Gind. I congratulate your association, your Master, "our secretary and the officials. God be with you in your work, realising that you nre doing sometling which is of real palue to the life of our country and the world. You are carrying the torch in our lives. Spread the good work. Strive to Gring in the youth so that there may be others to carry on this splendid worl in the service of God and your fellow-man.

## A OOMPATTSON

Luncheon was partaken of at the Corn Excluarge, the Veu. I. N Gowing presiding.
The Master, Dr. P. T. Spences Phillips, in the 60th armual report said: 'The first thing that strikes me is that our membership now stauds at 1,101, made up as follows: Honorary 75 , ringing 754 and non-resident, 275, whereas in the report for 1929 the membership was 1,140, so that we have lost 39 members in the hast ten years. This is rather serious, especially as there are now 103 towers affiliated. against 101 in 1929, and it probahy means that there are fewer bell being rate for church services. Lef us celebrate the cliamosd jubilee by a ereat effort to obtain more members this can be done if every memher does his best. Progress has, however. been mante in peil ringing. The total of 124 compares well with 89 in 1929, and the 110 hater first in the method with 67 , hut, again, the 28 who ramg their first peal is nots so good ag 31 in 1929 , but the number of conductors, 40 , is better than the 30 in 1929. This all points to thie lack of new members, but shows that the old ones are making rood progress,

The average attendance at distript motings was $\$ 7$. Thie following restorations and ourmentatious lad been completed: Great Bentiey rehurg. Dagenliam 6 rehung and two added. Stanford-le-Hope 6 reeast and reharem and two added. It is haperi that Stisted mey be increased to eight in the vear futare

The Master regretted to record the deaths of two homorary members the Rov, F. A. Thurlow, of Widford, and the Rev. J. W. Eisdell of Hornchurch, and five ringing members, Messrs. G. Wyatt, of Bentley E. Hawkins of Hornchurch, G. Carter, of Loughtan, F. W. Haslam of Ravleigl, and W. Dudley, of Prittlewell. Mr. E. J. Eutler had retired from the nost of secrefary of the South-West District, Mr J. Challs laal hoen elected Master and Mr. J. H. Crampion necretary It the Nortin-West District Mr. W. Wheeler had kucceded Mr. H. A. Wacey retired. Whe accounts mere very satisfactory, thanks to the careful werk of the district secretaries, and also to the general secrefars, and hest thanks were offered to mll the officers who had worked so well during the peat
(Oontraned in noxt ooltrma.)

## DEATH OF MR. WILLIE ROUGHTON

## [Conthibuten.]

Finging friends will regret to learn of the death of Willia Eoughtort, who passed away on June 14th. Although not an ardent peal ringet, he wis a most excellent and sccomplislied striker, and what greater compliment can be paid to the memory of a ringer? This, coupled with his having been for some time associated with the St, Mary-leTuwer, Ipswich, company, was no doubt due to the fact that as well as being a ringer he had a musical training, aud was that rare comhination of a ringer who could cingl Fearg ago, when living in Wales, he ang all the bass solog in Abergavenny Church choiz for some two and a half years, and on coming to London he was received with open arms by the St. Panl's Cathedral band, where he geterf as a deputy in the Sunday service ringing until hīs health gave wa
During his ringing carcer loa rals prais of Stedman Triples and Caters on handbells on inside pairs of belis. But he will be chifely rememberent by his numy friends and by visitors to London for his eharm of manner and good fellowship, and his infections laugh, so beloved by Charles Dickens. As a chess blayer up to connt-y championship form he represented the county of Middesex on several occasions.

He will be femembered by the ringing Exercise throughout the country as speaking over the wireless on ringing matters, beng the first person to give talks on this subject.
Ee was badly gassed in the Great War, and this was the ultimato cause of his death, for he was retired from the Army permanently unfit after being peased in as A.I.
THE LATE MR. W. ROUGHTON.
And those of us who knew and loved bim, and who came to him with all our jovs and sorrows, are sed and sorrowtul at the loss of a dear friend, and call to mind the words of Omar Khayyam:-

Lo, some we loved, the loveliest and the best,
That time and tide of all their vintage prest,
Fare drunk their cup a round or two before, And one by one erept silently to rest.'
The cremation service took plece at Marylebone Crematorium on Enturday. June 17th, and was attended by relatives and friends, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and G. N. Price reptesenting the Ancient Society of College Youths. $\qquad$

## WESTBURY-ON-TRYM PEAL BOARD

A tablet was unveilen in the tower at Westbury-on-Trym, after morning service an June 4th, Focording a peal rung there recently. The simple dedication was carried out by the Rev. A. J. Wyne, in tlise absence of the Vicar, and the tablet was anveiled by one of the alsoir ladies and sikter of ane of the ringers. The little ceremony ended with the ringing of a well-struck course of Grandsire Doublea.

## ESSEX ASSOCLATION

(Continued from previolla colvma.
The statement of accounts showed a credit balance on December 3lst last of $5545 \mathrm{~s}, 11 \mathrm{~d}$., against $£ 45 \mathrm{I}$ 2s. ©d, at the end of 1937 . The Bell Restoration Fund, after donations of 8555 . eacll to Dagenham and Stanford-le-Hope belts, showed a balance of E6B 10 s , I l d .
Upon the appointment of Master, there were two nominations-t hat of thr retiring Master, Dr. P. T. Spancer-Phillips, and that of Mr. F. J. Butler. Dr. Spencer Phillips was reappointed by 71 votes to 35 . Messrs. F. J. Pitstow (Safiron Figlden), George Thonipeon (Harwich), William Keeble (Colchester) andi J. Moule (Leytonstone) were elected Life members. Mr. L. J. Clark (Clielmeford) was re-alected hon, serretary and treasaret, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen peal secretary. Mr. E.J. Butler was electer to the Gencral Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Keeble. There was a similar vacancy in the Peal Committee, and Mr. Percy Green was appointed to it. Messrs, E. J Butler G R Pye J W Cornford and Hirsel Edwarte mere appointed representatives upor the Central Council of Charch Betlringers. Mr. FRwards and Mr. R. Heazel were appointed auditors. Mr. J. Chalk proposed, and Mr. I. Cordell seconded, that a Benevo leut Fund for the Fssex Arsociation of Change Riagers be inaugurated. After a long discussion, in which the practicability of the seheme was questioned by several speakers, the motion wiss lost.

During the day the bells of the following churches ware rang Cnthedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Grex Waltham (8). Witford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfeld (6), Danbury (6), Waitham (8). Wifford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfeld
Springfield (6), Jrittle Waltham (6) and Sandon (5).

## NOTICES.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Oxford City Branch. -The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and Disrict Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, June 24 th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea, neeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordialiy invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24 th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Rooms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Subscriptions for 1939 now due. -F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-The Bur$10 n$ District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 2fth, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting, and the peal ( 8 musical bells) available at $2.45 .-\mathrm{J}$. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.-The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co.. will be reopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

LANCASHIREASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND :ONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUII.D.-Western District.-The annual meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus 24 B leaves centre 1 p.m, and 3 p.m.; stops at church.-N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - South and West District. -The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. Church of St. Mary ( 8 bells, tenor $14 \frac{1}{6}$ cwt.) available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-JJ. E. Lewis Corkey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30 . Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 p.m.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). -The 316th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m.-Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western District.The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30. Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. All welconse.-F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Abbans District.-The next meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 24 th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. and after tea. The fine ring of six at Wheathampstead will be available at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers and friends welcome.Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Wraysbury ( 8 bells) on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, June 24 th . Bells ( 10 , tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing. All ringers and friends are welcomeJ. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next monthly practice will be held at Cheimsford Cathedral on Saturday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal. All ringers will be welcome.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newhury Branch. -The summer meeting of the alove branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m. at $6 d$. per head. All ringers welcome.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 2 th next. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Vine Hotel. -W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

IONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION:-Northern Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road (near Highbury Corner). Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby.- James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 2, Thorncliffe Road, Clapham Park, S.W.2.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Meetings for June: Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 28th. Both at 7.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -There will be a practice at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, June 20 th , at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers welcome-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

MEDBOURNE, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. -The ring of five bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Jaly 1st, at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Carden fete after service.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District, Annual Meeting) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford District. - A joint meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. All members and visitors welcome-Miss H. F. Milis and W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. .-. Western Branch.-Summer meeting will be held at Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 . Tea 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Private bus will leave All Saints', Worcester, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me numbers for bus, and how many to expect for tea, not later than Tuesday, June 27th.-E. F. Cubberley, Branch Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A large attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, June 26th?-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Satehurst on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to he present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?-A. C. Pankhirst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 1st. Beils available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. - F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). -Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Thursday, 29th.-T H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhilt, Birmingham 11.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual summer festiva! with be held on Saturday, Tuly 1st, at Turvey. The bells (8) availabie from 2.30 p.m. Short service at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringrers and friends requiring tea please let me know bv June 28th, or inform Mr. Wadsworth, Turvey.-F. J. Plummer, Gen. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

LADIES' GLILD.-London District.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturdap. July ist. Bells from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 n'clock in the historic old coaching house, The George. Borough High Street, the only galteried inn now left in London. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to he sent to me without fail by Wednesday, Tune 28 th.—T. R. Housden, 20, Faitwond Court, Fairino Road. E.t1. Tel. L.EYtonstone 385n,

SUFFOIK FiUILD.-A meeting will be held at Clare on July ist. Bells (8) available from 2 p-m. Meeting and tea at Half Moon Hotel 5 p.m.-H. G. Herhert. 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LADIES' GUILD.-North Midland Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Anyone requiring tea must apply to Mr . A. H. Ward, 108, Nomanton Road, Derby; not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Gentiemen cordially invited. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District. -The next meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday; July 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Methods for special attention, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. A cordial invitation extended to all ringers to try this splendid peal. -Wr. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July Ist. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, not later than June 28th? Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.-A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horley ( 8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than June 28th.-H. Hancock and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOI. DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Woton Branch.-The next meeting flas been arranged at Coaley, near Dursley, for July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 , followed by lea and meeting.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry ( 8 bells, recently rehung by Jolin Taylor and Co.) on Saturday, July Ist. L'sual arrangements.-W. C. Moore, 5 , William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1 st. Bells ( 10 ) available from 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.m. The sperial business meeting in connection with tic proposed alterations to rules will next take place, and will be followed by the general meeting. The towers at East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6) and Hardington Mandeville (6) will be open to members after the meeting.--J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DJOCESAN GUILD.- The 60th annalal meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July ist. Bells (8) available from 1.30 to 3.45 , also Bradingr (8) from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Service in All Saints', Ryde, at ${ }^{4}$ p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea, by invitation of the (ruild, at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. . in the Oddfeilows' Hall, High Street, only to those who inform me not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Business meeting afterwards. Both towers open for further ringing in the evening. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be wel-come-F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Ser., 52, Samuel Road. Portsntolsth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GEILD.-Chester Branch.summer meeting wilt he held at Christleton on Saturday, Iuly 〔st. Bells available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . Those intending in be present for tea should notify me not lazter than Thursday, June 29th.-J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on July 1 st. Bells available from 2.45 to 9 p.m. Ali welcome. Your presence will be appreciated.-I. Kay, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The branch annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., meeting after. Subscriptions due. Would those requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney?-N. M. Newby, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisleeh Branch. - A meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July Ist. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St, John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge (12 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meetıng to follow, Advise me early how many will attend the tea.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584 , Semington Road, Melksham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th. Half rail fare (maximum 1s, 6d.) allowed to members.S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingburg Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division). - A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Juy 1si. Tower open 3 p.m., service and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting, and owing to accommodation only those sending in names can be provided for. Come and try these Belgian bells.-O. Sippetts, Sec., 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION-Loughborough District). -Please note that the next meeting is at Lockington on Saturday, July 1st (not June 24th as armaged). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.-A. E. Rowley, Hon Sec., Penistone Street, Ibstock.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUTLD.-Stockport Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Northenden on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Brickill, 25. Wythenshawe Road, Northenden. All welcome.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAX ASSO-CIATION.-Cirencester Branch.-The next meeting will be beld at Coln St. Aldwyn, on Saturday, July 1 st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 27th to Mr. G. Jones, Coln St. Aldwyn, Fairford, Glos.-W. H. Havwood, 1. Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Wednesday Afternoon Guild.-The next mecting will be held at SS. James' and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle. Bells available at 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and those at St. John's, Grainger Street (8), at 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5th. All are welcome. Margaret A. P. Bertic, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July $4^{\text {th. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. }}$

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea should be sent to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by July 4th.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.
LADIES' GUILD.--The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The following towers will be open from 2.30: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (6), St. Clement's (6), and St. Lawrence (5). Service in St. Mary-leTower Church at 4.30 p.n. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street, at 5.15 p.m. (15. per head), followed by business meeting. It is particularly requested that ali menbers and friends requiring tea should send their names to Miss Sylvia Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Saturday, July ist.-E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July gth Bells (6) will be available from two o'clock. Short service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, is. per head, in Parochial Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please advise Mr. W. N. Hains, Bennett Lodge, Eastrington, near Howden, East Yorkshire, by Wednesday, July 5th. All welcome.-H. S. Morley, Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Setby.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION.-The next quarterly meeting will he held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clocis. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.-J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Snuth-Western District.The next meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting to follow. The presentation to the late district secretary will be made at this meeting, and it is foped that every tower in the district will be represented. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wedresday, July 5th?-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-Half-yearly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 8th. Details next week.-R. G. Rayfeld, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.- Banbury District.Annual meeting at Banbury on Saturday. July 8th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at White Horse Hotel. Other towers open if required during the evening. Please notify for tea. E. Pearson, Hon. Dis Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at $11.15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks) - Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at $1.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Ali applications for
tickets, accompanied by renittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 1Zth, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection witl be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.-R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Ringing Tour, August 5th. A half-day's outing, starting Shrewsbury, Weltington and Ironbridge, is proposed, to towers in Worcestershire and/or Herefordshire. Will any ringers wishing to take part communicate with me? Ladies invited. Approximate cost 5s. - W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakheld Road, Shrewsbury.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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It is sometimes argued that, as there are only slight constructional differences between the members of certain groups of Minor methods, splicing of this description is not as dificult as some people would have us believe. Within a limited scope there may be some truth in this, but it must be admitted that to memorise a hundred methods and be prepared and able to strike off into one or other of them at a second's notice requires a grasp of the subject and a training that is far beyond that demanded in the average spliced peal. Not only must all these methods, and their names, be at the finger ends of the ringers, but every one of the band must be keyed up to the highest pitch throughout the peal, while the conductor's share in the success is, of course, a gigantic one and his task stupendous. It is, apart from the actual ringing of so many methods, an extraordinary feat of memory and a terrific tax upon one's mental energy to call a peal of this sort. Mr. George Feirn has completed an achievement of outstanding merit, and he might now very well rest upon his laurels. In any case, there can be very little further mathematical scope in Minor splicing. There are constructional limitations to the number of methods that can be crowded into seven true extents, and these limits must have well nigh been reached.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEIGESIER.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOOIATION.
On Saturday, Juн 24, 1939, in Threp Hours and Thirty-Fow Minstes, At ter Cathedral Chorch of Sx. Marijn,
A PEAL OF ETEDMAN GINQUES, 6018 CHANQES; Tenor 25 cwt.
Harold G. Jenary ... ...Tybla| Fredirice G. Dexibr ... 7 Sidney O. Cheney ... ... 2 Wililam J. Root... ... ... 8 Charles H. Webz .." .** 3 | Harry Brodghton ... .** 9 Ernesi W. Rowson ... ... 4 Colin Harrison ... ... ... 10 Harry Wayma ...... $\cot ^{5}$ Arnold Bronton $\quad . .$. Sbirley Bdrton ... ... 5 Jobn Grant ... ... ... ...Tonoy Composed by F. H, Dexier. Conducted by Arnold Bronton. * First peal on twelve belle.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WIGAN, LANCASHLRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 24, 7939, in Thea Howrs and Ninetecn Minutes, At the Ceurce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF RRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGEB; Tenor 29 cwt .
Jozn Boora ... ... ...Treblo|fStanlay Major... ... ... 6
-Jogn Major ... ... .... 2 George T. Jenes ... ... 7
Aleert Pareer ... ... 3 James W, Grodnds ... ... 8
$\dagger$ William H. Setzle... ..* 4 Peter Croor, Sen. ... ... 9 Sydmey Forseaw .... ..* 5 Cearles Seareles ... ...Temoy Composed by J. Cok. Condacted by Prier Croor, szn,

* First peal. + First peal "inside.' $\ddagger$ First peal of Caters. Rung as a welcome to their Majesties the King and Queen on their return from overseas.

BRIGFTON, SUSEEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASEOCLATION.
On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Nimeteen Mirufes,
Ax tee Churce or St. Peter.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5090 GHANGES: Tegor $25 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
Stanley E Armgtrong ...Tyeble *Raymond Wood, jon. ... 6
KRNNETE SNRLEIGG ... ... 2 FRANE I. HAIRS ... ... ... 7
Mre. F. I. Halrs... *.* ** 3 C. Ernest Smity ... ... g
Alfred W. Groves ... ... 4 Oliver Sipprits ... ... 9
Wilefam T. Begson ... - ... 5 Fredrrica W. Rogers ...Tenor Composed by C. J. Srdgiry. Conducted by Firde. W. Rogzrs.

* First peal of Surprise Rayal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Satwrday, June 24, 7939, in Three Howrs and Fifteen Minutes,
At ter Ceprce of All. Saints
A PEAL OF GTEDMAN GATEFS, 5025 CHANOE8। Tenor 37 ewt.
Hbrberi W. Khight ... ...Tyede | Alfred E. Rbeves ... ... 6
Jogn H. B. Hesse ... .... 2 J. Frany Smallwood... ... 7
Mrs. J. Teomas ... ... ... 3 Ronald G. Brek ... ... 8



## Composed by G. Limpory. Condacted by Joan Tromas.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knight on the ocasion of their silver wedding.

## WELCOME HOME.

As a welcome home to the King and Queen from the royal tonr, a Northants, on June 22nd: E. il. Lambert 1, R. G. Abrahams 2, E. ©. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. Tustian 4, J. Higgins 5, R. Howson 6.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROLYENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY AESOOLATION.
[Hawaburst and District Guild.)
On Satwyday, Jun 10, 7939, in Thyae Haws and Twolve Minwtes,
At the Cequch or St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDEIRE TRIPLES, EO40 CHANQE8;
Parger's Twelve-parz ( 7 fh observation), Tegor 16 cwz
F. Chapman...
A. Stevenson

JAMES AvERY Conducted by J. G. Powerl.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the and and thth. IRTHLINGBOROTGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PEFERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday. Jun 17, 1939, in Two Fours and Fifly-Five Winulas, At the Cgorch of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SPLICEDLONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE \& EAMBRIDEE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 104 cwt.

Henry Hodgetts ... ... 2 Eredericif W. Brinklow ... 6
Edwia Jenninge ... $. . . \quad . . . \quad 3$ Cucil C. Maybe... $\quad . .$.
Christopher W. Wodrley
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
Harold G. Casamore ...Tewof
The pee concigted of 2240 London uperlative and Cambride with 116 a peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells and by the Guitd. SHILDON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Suturday, Juнe 17, 1939, in Throe Howrs and Two Minute,

At xae Cedrce op St. Jonn,
A PEAL OF BOB MAIOR, goto GHANEES\|
Tenor $6 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$.
D. G. Coares
]. Taylor
...Treble
J. West
$\dagger$ J. L. Brown

* First pcal.

| S. Bryant |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| J. Pgntiand... | 6 |
| G. W. Hoicainson |  |
| R, B, Robimson |  |

B. ANNABL R, B, Robanson ... ... ...Tpor Conducted by R, B. Robinson, $\dot{\mathbf{T}}$ Firat peal on eight bells. HOLLESLEE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD,
On Satwoday, June 17, 1939, in There Howts and Thew Himulan:
At ter Ceupch of All. Salnte,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCEB। Tenor 17 cwt in $\mathrm{F}_{0}$
Cladob Smowaen ...
Syzvia R. E. Bowyer
-..Treble Charless J. Sedgley
... 2 Hilda G. Snow **
... 2 HILDA G. SNOWDEM Leseir C. Wigerman ... 4 Cecie W. Pipe $\quad . .$.
Composed by G, LimDory. Conducted by L. W. Wirfen.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells. SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOOIATLON.
On Satwrday, June 17, 1939, in Three Howrs and Ten Minutes,
At the Ceurge of St. Andraw,
A PEAL OF BDB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCEB; Tenor 19 cwt . in E flat.
-Jobn F. Boterr
..4Treblo
Wigliam A. Farmer...
+Robery Evaks ... ...
$\ldots{ }^{2}$ Tbomas Price Composed by G.R. Newron. G. Leomard Hgwitt ... ... 5 Arthur Pritceard ... ...Ther *First peal on eight bells + Tonducted byAateor Pritchard. First peal on cight bells. + First peal of Major.

WEST BROMMICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGFAM.
On Wedmasday, Jwne 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minuhs, At the Chorch of All Saints.

## A PEAL DP BOB MAJOR, 500 CHAMCEB; Tenor 17 cwt I qr. 55 lb .

Dantel T. Matkin ... ...Trab| Madrice G. Torner ... ... 5

| Ronald I. Saeprerd ... | ... | 2 | Howard Howrll | ... | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sidngy O'C. Holloway | .. | 3 | Jobn S. Mason ... | .. | .. | 7 |

George H. Wileiaws ... 4 James H, Sheprgrd .... ...Ther
Composed by Gro. Hugrer. Condacted by Danter T. Matyin.
First peal in the method on the bells. GUILDFORD, SURREY
THE GDILDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Wrednesduy, Jure 27, 1939, in Thrae Howrs and Fifleon Minwtes,
At ter Cathrdral Chorce of the Holy Trimity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATVE BURPRIBE MAJOR, BOEB MNANOEBB Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb , in D.
Farderick Oldroyd ... ...Treble Jogn Hoyle.... ... ... ... 5 Georgr Marrinar ... ... 2 Alpred H. Pulling ... ... 6 Alprad H. Wince ... ... 3 George E. Clode ... ... 7 Williay J. Robinson ... 4 Albert Harman .+* ...* ....Thoy Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Albert Harman. Arranged and rumg on the occamion of the 'jouth rally' at the new Cathedral.

> HARWELL, BERKSHDRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Wednesday, Jwn 27, 1939, in Thres Hours and Nineteen Minutes, At the Cgerch of St. Matiaew,

## A PEAL OF KERT TREBLE BOB MANOR, 5088 CHANPE8,

 Tenor 16 cwt . F qr. 26 kb , sn E 。| Alberie Lock ... ... ...Tyebla | Wirlian C. Porter ... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Marie R. Cross ... ... ... 2 | -Rev. C. Eleiot Wigg ... 6 |
| Jonatban Hongy .... ... 3 | $\dagger$ Alpred H, Wari ... ... 7 |
| Jogr Nobes ... ... ... ... 1 | Alan R. Pint ... ... ...Thno\% |
| Composed by A. Knigrts, | Conducted by Alan R. Pink. |
| * First peal of Majar in the m | hod. † First peal in the method. |
| First peal in the method on the b |  |
| NEWOASTL | PON-TYNE. |

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (Newcastle Cathedral Goizo.)
On Priday, Jums 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy Minutes, At the Churce of St. John-tre-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DDUBLE MORWICH COURT BOE MAJOR, 5152 CNANEEB: Tenor in cwt. 5 lb . in A flat.
Adam Dras .n. ... ... ...Treble $\mid$ Cbarles E. Lawson... ... 5
 Wilciam Story ... ... ... 4 William H, Barger... ...Tmof Composed by C. W. Roberas. Conducted by W. J. Davidson.

* First peel in the method.

EAST DEREEAM, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday. /mut 24, 7939, in Thrte Howrs and Eighicen Minwtos, Ay ter Campanile of ter Cegrce of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF FULEECK BOB MAJOR, 6182 CHANEES;
Tenor 23 cwt 2 qr .17 lb in E flat.

| Jogn A. Godfrey .......Treble | William E, Bason |
| :--- | :--- |
| Miss G. E. M. Tonnadine | George Saybr .... | | Miss G. E. M. Tonnadine | 2 | George Saybr ... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Georgi Mayers .... | ... | ... | 3 |

 Nogman V. Harding ... $\operatorname{Composed}$ and Conducted by Nolan Gozden.

First peal in the metlod by all, on the hells and for the association. Mr. W. E. Bason's 200th peal for the association.

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THE NORTH STAFHORDSHLRE ARSOCLATION,
On Thursday. June 22, 1939, in Two Howr and Fifis-Five Minutas, Ax fae Cburch of Sx. Jorn,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, BOSE CHANGES।

| - Wielias J. Carter ... |
| :--- |
| Nrville... Treble |
| - Holland |
| - ... |

*Henty Carter ... ... ... 3
 EDWARD Stebie ... Alan D. Sxerlemen $\begin{array}{ll}\text { … } & \ldots \\ \cdots+* & \cdots \\ & \cdots\end{array}$ * First peal of Mejor. + First peal of Major "inside." First peal of Major as comductor. Rung to celebrate the homecoming of their Majesties from the Dominion of Canada and the U.S. MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday. June 22, 1939, in Thren Howrs and Twenty Minutes, At fer Parisa Ceqrea of St. Edita,
A PEAL OF DOUELE MORWICH GOURT BOB MANOR, 5184 GHANGE8 Tenor 24 cwt.
 Composed by J. W. Waserroox. Conducted by Wixliam Botrrill * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

 WESTHAM, SUSSEX.THE HAWKEURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Momday, May 29, 1939, in Two Heurs and Fifty-Tw Minwfs, At ter Cefroh of Sy. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, EOAO CHANGES|

 Seven different extents. Tener 10 cwt.-Aribor Relf ... ... ....Tvoblo Albert H, Kamp...
 Condacted by J. G. Powell.

* First peal of Minor. Rumg in honour of the wedding of Miss E. Y. Stevanson (daughter of the ringer of the 3rd) to Mr. A. Ballard. ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Sahurday, Jwn 10, 7939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Sin Minutas,
At teit Churce of Sx. Peite,


## A PEAL OF GRANDEIRE DDU日LES, SOAD CHANPES;

Ten different callings.

- Henay Pailligz

- Ronald Pbillifs | $\ldots . .$. | ... | ALfRED KIMPT JH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Leslie Tricary... Coaducted by James Hozloway,

* First peal. Cirst peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung in lonour of His Majesty the King's birthday. WROXHAM, NORFOLE. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASGOOLATION.
On Saturday, Jume 10. 1939, in Two Howrs ank Forty Minwles,
Ax the Cldrch of St. Mary.


## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEE8;

Beine twr 720's each of Oxford and Kent Trable Bob and three 720's
Tenor 12 cwt.
$\begin{array}{llc}\text {.. } & \text {... } & 4 \\ \text {.. } & \text {... } & 5 \\ \text {... } & \text {... } & \text { thor }\end{array}$ $\square-$
2. Fly, Bogedone, Knutsford, wilmalow and Rostherne Delight.
3. Canterbury, Abbeyvilfe, Crowtand, Combermere, Fale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.
. Taxal, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
5. Humber, Braiatree, Charlwood, Neasden, St, Albans and Wragby Delight.
6. Disley DeligTit, Morming Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Gollege Exercise and Norbary Trelie Bots
7. Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
Tenor $17 \mathrm{ewt}$. (approx.).
Jocgiyn B. Gardiner ...Trebte fobn Worta
BROCKENHURST HAMPSEIRE
THE WLNCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GURLD.
On Wednesdoy, Jume 14, 1939, is Two Hours and Thirty-Ome Minntas, Aitge Cedrce of St. Nicbolas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANEEEJ
Being three T20's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720 's of Plain Bob. Tepor 4 cwt. 1 qr .12 lb , in B flat.

- Frederick Eaton .... ...Teeblo Edward T. Griffi

Stanciy E. Andrews ... 2 Mrs, F.J. Marshallsay ... 5 F. Franelia Rigby n+* ** 3 A, Patrick Cannon ... ...Tpmoy Conducted by A. Parrick Canhon.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in two methods on the bells. BASSINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUIID. (Nortarrn Brance.)
Ow Friday, Jum 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minufes, At thr Cherce of Sx. Miceabl and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGE8;
Seven extents in 100 methods:-

1. Blexhall, Mitclam, Stanlioe, Stratton, Stoneliouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Finchley, Elacombe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lamberburst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court, and Little Boh.
2. Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, CumberIand, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St, Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
3. Laggton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Dentom, Sutton, Leake, Wrangle Alliance, and Bastow Littie Court.
4. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfeet, SpaIding, Pincbbeck, Sibsey, Gosberton Alliagce, and Kent Little Court.
5. Chalfont, Gromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingbam, Lammas, Olney, Northaw, Penslurst Alliance, Crayford Little Court, and Little Bob.
6. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Colfege Bob IV, Willedden, Fumber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clareace, Elston Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob.
Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norhury, Oxford Treble Boh, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar, and Pontefract Delight.

## Tenor 13 cwt .

Frant Lord... ... ... ...Tveble|Jack Bray
 Conducted by Gromaz E. Fbirn.
There were 189 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

MATPILE, CHESHIRE
THE CHFSTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satsrday. Jume 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Thyed Minntes, Ax the Clugerif of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF gPLICED TREBLE EOB MINOR, GOMO CHAHOES:

Being seven extents in 39 methods, viz.:-
 C. Kgnneta Lawls ... .... 3 Jambs A. Micner... .... .... Tenor Condacted by C. K. Lewis.
First peal in 39 methods. Sixty-five changes of method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. F. S. Spackman, Virar of this parish, and Mrs. Spackman.


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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM
of Plain Bob.
Ernest Brnton ...

J. N. A. Pomphriy | $\ldots . .$. | Tveble | G |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3 | E |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3 | E | Conducted by


 E. V. BLAEE. OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGESEIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOOLATION. (Sociezy of Camgridge Youtes.)
Ow Twesday, June 73, 1939, it Three Hawy and Two Minufes. At rag Cadrce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 5 CHO CHANGEII
Beigg seven different ertents. Tenor 16! cwt.

- Fredericx C. Newman

Errrai G. Hirbens
...Troble
$\ldots 2$
 Conducted by James W. R. Quinney.

## OFFLET, HERTS.

THE HERTEORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, 7 nne 17, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Seten Minutes,
At ter Ceurce op St. Mary Magdalene,
A peal of BOB MINOR, 5040 GHANQES;
Seven iifferent $720^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$.
Tenor 16 cwt .

Edwin G. Bdex.
...Trebie
-Miss Florence K. Hartle $z$ $\dagger$ Henty Lawremce ... ... 3 Conducted by P. W. Tomprins

## * First peaf of Mincor. + First peal ' inside.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GULD.
On Safwrday, June 17, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty Mixules, At yeb Cherca of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINDR, 5040 CHANGES!
Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Leslig W. Foster Leorard H. Lock Frbdebice G. Poppy
...Trebla Russell W. Ward ... ... 4
 Conducted by A. W. Lock.

* First peal on sis bells. Ruug half-mufled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Moss.


## WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Juat 17, 1939, in Two Hoter and Thity-Fivo Minutes, At ter Chorch op St. Mary.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES।
Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob, Tenor 8 cwt .
Jobn Clarkb ... ... ...Treblo Leslie Hodgeton ... ... 4
 Cbarles Banbam concled by William Beckengam.

* First pea! in four methods.


## MrANT, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCTATION.
TRE EAST GRTNEREAD AND DISTRIOT GUILD.
On Saturday. Jwno 17, 7939, in T wo Hours and Forty-Five Minutes. At tar Catece of St. Alman,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6 G 40 CHANGES;

Boing T20 each of: (1) Oxford Boh and Eingle Court; (2) St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford; (3) Double and Single Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Cearles A. Bassett ... ...Tyeble |Frank H. Hicks ... ... ... Artadr F. Leway ... ... 2 Lbslig W. Jarvis ... ... 5 William A. Kitcbenside ... 3 Albert Relfe ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Alberi Relfe.
First peal in ten metiods by all.
TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCTESAN GUILD.
On Sumday, Jum 18. 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutos,
At tee Cefrch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Eix-seores, 10 callings.
Tenor $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Horace D. Wright ... ...Trebla A. jambs Yodng .... ... ... 3
Tracey H, Yodng ... ... 2 Artror H. Oaklby ... ... 4
Allan Calcombe ... ...Thor
Conducted by Tracey h. Young.
WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOGIATION.
On Moxday, Jwne 19, 1939, it Two Hows and Thirty-Sevon Minutes,
At the Churce of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Sarprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasmre, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

- James Lazer
- Jambiticice Roberts....
...Treble
...Treble
Olivgr Sippetts ...
Condurted by

Kenneta Snelling...
Albrbt E Laber

- Alebret J. Sterle
...
..... Conducted be Albert T. Sterle

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## SLIKSTONE YORKS

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Monday, June 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifly-Eight Minutos, At ter Chorce of All Saikia,
A PEAL OF TRE日LE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES!
Being 720 each of Braintree, Wragby, Charlmood, Neasden Delights,
Burton, Rochester and Kent. Tenor 12 cmb .
Roland Hili ... ... ...Trebh Ernbst Brookes ... ... ... 4
Arther Pantber ... .... 2 Agther Gill ... ... ....
Clifford Rosingon ... ... 3 Danigi Smith ... ... ....Tenor Conducted bp Daniel Smita.
Rung to welcome Mr. A. Panther back after a severe ilineeb. SANDHURSTI', BERKSEIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wodnesday, 7 Hne 27, 7939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minuths, At the Churce of St. Micearl.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6. cwt. (approx.).
Bbrkard C. Castle ... ...Trebla Wilitam H. J. Parkrr ... 4 William J. Paice ... ... 2 Artbex A. Arlott ... ... 5 Miss Fabda N. Arloti ... 3 Groprery E. Fowler... ...Tenor Condacted by Groffrey E. Fowlinr
First peal on the bells since rehanging. NETHERSEALE DERBYSHTRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCLATTON.
On Friday, Jwne 23, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Eight Mixwtes,
At tay Chuger of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOU日LES, 6040 CHANPES
Being 42 six-stores, 10 calings.
Tenor 11 cwt
Ggofprey Wm. Hair... ...Trebh Cbcil Gbo. Smita ... ... , Oliver Hines ... ... ... a Josbpe Wm. Cotion ... ... 5 Frane Sbarpe ... ... ... 3 Sidmby S. Scattbrgood ...Tomy Conducted by Josep was. Cotron.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Yates, a member of tho local company. DISLEY, OHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER' DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, Juna 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirly-Five Minstes,
Ay ter Cerreg of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 8PLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eeven extents in 46 methods:-

1. Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob.
2. Dover, Fotheringay, Skipton, Balmoral and Chepstow Delight,
3. Ely, Bogedone, Knutsiord, Wilmalow and Rostherae Delight.
4. Abbeywile, Canterbury, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.
5. Marple. Taxal, Nowdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesdien Delight.
6. Brairtree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St, Albays and Wragby Delight.
7. Ozford, Capel, Ockley, Samdal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Esercise, Kingstod, Norbury Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.

Tenor $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
-albert T. Bancropt... ...Trbble Joan Worta ... ... ... 4
Jambs Fernley ... ... ... 2 -Josepr Whittaker ... ... 5
C. Kennetb Lbwis .... ... 3 James A. Milnbr ... ...Tmoy

## Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

* First peal in 46 methods. Eighty-nine changes of method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. Howbothara, a member of the loesl band, to Miss K. Marsh.


## HANDBELL PEAL.

## BUSHEY HERTS

TEE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 27, 7999، is Two Hosys and Fourteen Minwies,
At jer Royal Masomic Jonior Scbool,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAH TRIPLES, 6040 GHAHGE8;
Davies' Variation or Thorstans' Fodr-pary.
Hemry Hodertis ... ... 1-2 | Harole G. Casbmore ... 5-6
-Cbristopher W. Wooleby 3-4 JJobn E. Rootas... ... ... 7-8 Condacted by C. W. Woolery.

* First peal of Stedmart Triples on an 'inside' pair and as conductor 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Triples "in hand.' Rupg as af compliment to Mr . G. W. Fetrhar.
(Oticer peal reports are unavoidably hold over.)


## PEAL NOTES. <br> SIXTY YEARS ON.

Mr. William Story took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at st. John the Bnptist's Church, Newcastle, on Friday, the eve of St. John the Baptist's Dsy, It is 60 years since he beraw his ringing career at this church. The peal was the 100 th which Measrs. W, H. Barber and J. Anderson have rung together.

Thr first peal of Fulbeck Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at East Dareham on Satarday. If was also the first in the method by all the band and was srranged for Mr. Norman Harding. of Wrayshury, Middlesex, who was spending a holiday fin the district, It was Mr. W. E. Bason's 200th peal for the essociation
The composition, by Mr. Nolan Golden, the conductor. was in 50 courses, containing the courge-end extent with the 6 th at home and all the combinations of $4-5-6$ in 5-6. It is, presumably, rung for the first time.

At Nethersealo, Derbyshire, on Friday, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Yistes, a locil ringer, to Miss B. Etatham, whose wedding took place at this churck on the previous Friday. It had been arranged as a peal by all local ringers, but owing to the illness of Mr. W. F. Woodward, the local captain, Mr. J. W. Cotton kindly assisted at the last moment and called the peal.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Oathedral, Leicester, on Saturduy, earbled Mr, C. H. Webb, of Rugby, to complate the seribs in the method from Doubles to Ginques.
The Spliced Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on June 17th wiss Mr O. W. Woolley's 300th peal, eud ou Wednesday of last week at Bushey lie conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples 'in Land,' and Messrs. H. G. Onshmore and J. E. Rootes rang their first peal of Stedman on asndbells.
We lad heard it maid, although we never beliaved there was any justification in such rumour. that when some of these Spliced Surprise experts tackled Stedman Triples "in hand' their kneen knocked tocother and their teoth chattered, so scared ware they of the method. But this latest peal gives the lie to it , or shows they have beater down thair nervousaess.
Major I. H. B. Hesse, who lives at Haslemere, Surcey, has now rung every bell at Wrington, Somerset, to a peal, and Haslemerd and Wragton are over a hundred miles apart! Dut Major Hesse has a personal interest in Wringtom, and Wrington bas aglorious ring of ten bells. The peal on Saiurdgy was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Enipht, on the occasion of their silver wedding.
Reference is made elsewhero to the peal of Minor in one lundred methods rung at Bassingham, but another notable performance in Spliced Minor ringing is also recorded this week. The Clsester Guild rang a peal in 46 methods at Disjey on Saturday. In one of the F20's there were 13 methods.
Mr. Arthur Panther, who wis formerly hon. gecretery of the Barnsley and District Society, was welcomed back to ringing on Jupe 19th after a severe illuess, which had threatened to put an end to his peal ringing. Rappily these prognostications were not fulfilled, and Mr. Panther was able to share in the pesl of sevan Trable Bob Minor mothods at Eilkstone.
Edward and Alan Steel Fang their 2sth peal together at Longton, Staffs, on June 22nd, when they took part in a penl of Bob Major rung to celebrate the homecoming of their Majesties from the royat tour.
The lovely church of St. Edith, Monks Kirby, is set on a hill, the magaificent tower overlooking the few houses that form the vilage. A tomer of such e size nust be differty to find in such s smajl parigi elsewhere, That, at any rate, was the impression of the "Thursdayites,' When, on Juve Eind, they arrived in 'good fettle.' to attempt Double Norwich. The heavy ring of eight were up in readiness, thanks to Mr. Tom Pittam, one of the local band, and some good ringing was soon to be heard over the countryside.
Throughout the peal "Our Arthur' was in his elemant, turnige in好色 "big 'un." Mf. W. Bottrill was again responsible for the calling, and it is with profound repret thes within the next few weeks the 'Thursanyites, will be losing such a ringer, who is moving into Bedfardshire and is to reside at Luton.
The talented trio of brothers, George, Harry and Tesee Moss, who Gegan their ringing career at Thoraham Magaa, Sufolk, have suffereत bereavement by the death of their father, Mr. Isac Mass, an old inhabitant of the village. A peal of Minor rumg there on Saturday, which had been arranged to enable Mr. B. Aldridge, of Woolwich, to ring a peal in his native district, was therefore rung half-muffled.
By ringing a peal in which ten methods were included in eeven extents, Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberburst, han now scored peals of Minor in from one to fourteen methods. The peal at Frant on June 17th was the first in ten methods by all the band.

The band who rang the peal of Miner at Watton, Norfolk, dexire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Foughton for providiag rafreshments after the peal. They also thank Mr. C. Ranham for standing in at chort notice. The peal Was rung on June 17 th.

Mr. Pat Cannon has now rung a peal on the lightest as well as the heaviest eix in the country. The former is at Brockenharst, Hnnta, where the tenor is only 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 fb . It is ten years since a peal was rang on them. Mr. Cannon has now ring 125 peals and they have been spresd over 119 towets. The Brockenhurst peal waE rung on June 14 th.

## PEALS IN ONE HUNDRED METHODS.

## A GREAT MINOR RECORD.

## Lincolnshire Ringers' Achievement.

Geving, as we briefly recorded in our last issue, rung for the first time a peal in 100 Minor methods in seven extents at Bassingham on June 17ths, the talented North Lincolnshire six-bell band went on to ring a peal in 102 methods last Saturday at Leadenhani, and they have thus aet up a great record, the previous highest bumber of methods in a peal having beea 84. Comment on these performances is mado in out leading articie.

The peal at Bassingham, of which we give details elsewhere, included a new extent by Mr. A. G. Driver. It was rung at the first 720 and is made up of fifteen Alinnce and two Little methods. Three otler of the 720's were composed by Mr.
Driver and the rest were ar-
 ranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis from Mr. Driver's tables.

It is interesting to note that at least one plain lead of every method was emploged in the course of the peal.

The peal is a signal irimmph For this talented Minor baud, which includes a lady, Mrs. J. Bray. They are the second Lincalnshire company to lalke a hand in the fiendly rivelry wilh the Clester Guild for Minor method honours, A Nouth Lincolnsbire band, practising at Alqarkirk, were the first to chsllenge the Chester Guild's records, and since these men became dispersed, the company in the north of the county hnvo taker up the challenge.
In these peals the hesviest task falls upon the conductor. Mr. George Feirn, who called the peel at Bassingham, is 25 years of age, began ringing cight years ago and rabg his first peal in December, 1832.
The following ligt shows how the number of methods tas grown in peals of Spliced Minor. Those in Lincolnshire have been rung for the lincoln Diocesan Guild, and those in Chealire and Derhyshire for the Chester Diocesan Guid.

No. of Changes

| Date | Place | No. of methods | Changes of method |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb. 15, 1911 | Edenham, Lincs. | 14 |  |
| Dac, 4, 1923 | Norbury, Cheshire | 35 |  |
| Dec. 29, 1934 | Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbje. | 39 |  |
| Jast. 19, 1935 | Sutiors, Cheshire | 40 |  |
| Feb. 9, 1935 | Disley, Cheshire | 42 |  |
| May 23, 1935 | Mnrple, Cheshire | 51 | 172 |
| Jนกี 13, 1936 | Algarkirk, Lincs. | 57 | 196 |
| Aug. 3, 1936 | Whaplade. Lines, | 60 | 199 |
| Aug. 8, 1936 | Freiston, Linca. | 61 | 195 |
| Aug. 22, 1936 | Miarple, Cheshire | 66 | 138 |
| Sept. 5, 1956 | Disley, Cheshire | 68 | 138 |
| Dec. 5, 1935 | Algarkirk, Linca. | 70 | 173 |
| June 12, 1937 | Buxton, Derbsshire | 73 | 142 |
| Dee. 4, 1937 | Atyarkirs, Lincs. | 80 | 176 |
| July 16, 1938 | Disley, Cheshire. | 84 | 178 |

The North Lincolnshire band's progress is shown in the following list of peals :-

| of peals:- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Feb. 12. 1938 | Dunholm, Lincs. | 34 | 130 |
| Aug. 17, 1988 | Elsham, Lincs. | 43 | 128 |
| Nov. 26, 1988 | EAshans, Lincs. | 49 | 132 |
| Dec. 17, 1938 | Bassingham, Lincs. | 53 | 138 |
| April 28, 1939 | Rigby, Lines. | 60 | 166 |
| May 26, 2939 | Dunholu, Lincs. | 70 | 181 |
| June 16, 1939 | Bassingham, Lincs. | 100 | 189 |

## BISHOP WELCOMED

To welcome the Bishop of Guildford, who Fisited Bramley (Surrey) on June 6th in connection with the special appeal that is being mace throaghout the diocese for the New Cathedral Building Fund, tne local band with the district zecretary (Mr. W. F. J. Cope), rang a quarterpeal of Grandsire Doubles. Peter Davy, the conductor, is only 16 years old, and Fonald Jackaon, who rang the treble, is only 14. The latter and the tenorman, Mr. C. M. Martir, rang their first quarterpeal at the first attempt : R. Jackson 1, A. E. J. Hyde 2, W. E. peat at the 3 Wst attempt: R. Jackson , A. E. J. Hyde 2, W. E. Laticknap
Martin 6.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTIS.

DISAPPOINTIKG ATTENDANCE AT COUNTRY MEETING.
The quarterly meeting of the Royal Gumberland Youths was beld at Great Baddow on Saturday, June 24th, but was very poorly mapported. No doubt other meetings in Essex were partjy responsible, but, even so, 18 was a very disappointing attendance. Of this number five came from the south side of the Thames, which meant upwards of 80 miles' travelling for each of them.
The rest of the company included Mr. George Green and his son, of the local band, and that be-year-old veteran, Mr. William Nevard, who is one of the society's oldest and staunchest supporters.
The Vicar (the Rev. \&. H. Holmes) conducted the service, and Mr. Hussel, a lay reader and very accomplished speaker, gave a most interesting address.
At the business meeting the Ficar presided, and the election of seven new members in various towers was duly ratified.
Tho secretary slated that joint meetiogs with the Ancient Society of Coliege Youths and the Middleser and Essex Associations were being arranged. Dutes had not yet been finaliy settlea, but it was expected that with the College Youths would be held at Croydon or October 14 th and that with the other associations within in fortright either side of that date.
The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) proposed that the annual dinner be held on March 18th next year.
A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Hussel, Mr. G. Green and the organist was proposed by Mr. A. Hardy and carried with ecclamation. Hazdiells were then brought into use, before it return was made to the towor, where ringing was again carried on.

## DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

The last survivor of the first peal of Double Norwich Major yung fo Lancashire has passed away in the person of Mr. J. T. Baguley. The peal was rung 50 years ago on April 8th at Worsley, where Mr. Baguley was, at the time, one of the band. Later he lived in Fecles and rang at the Parish Church there, and when he retired and went to live at Dasyhulme, he joined the Fliston Parish Churcla company. His death occurred, after a brief illness, at the age of 76. The deceased leaves a widow and family in bereavement.
The funeral took place on Monday, June 19th, the first part of the service being held in Mixton Parish Church and the interment taking place at Urmston Cemetery. Before and after the service half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rumg at Flixton, and in the evening an atterapt was made for a peal of Steduan Triples. This, however, came to grief after an hour and ten minutes. The band represented Worsley, Bowden, Manchester and the local company.

## A WORCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

The culmination of a long worked for restoratiou scheme at Alderminster, Worcestershire, was reached on June 7th, when the former five bells were rededicated end a treble bell was dedicated by the Lard Bishop of Coventry at a special sarvice. Of the old peal, the treble and 4th were cast by Abrahem Rudhali im 1714 and 1719 respectiveis, the other three being ly Farry Bagley, of Ckacombe. The old timber bell frame was becoming rickety and the ringing of the bells was not an easy matter. This irame work has been preserved, and the results of the work of the bell hangers, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, speak for themselves. As the frame was designed to carry six bells, a sew treble bell has been added to complete the ring of six. By paying special attention to the tuning of the old beils, Messcr. Taylor have effectea a very good splice.
The weight of the tenor is 121 cwt. and the case with which it was possibie to ring the bells astounded the local men, which is not surprising, considering the hard and diffecult task they had to face before the rebarging. Quite a number of weighbouring ringers took the oppastunity of trying the newly-hūg belis. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughlorcugh, was amongak those present.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

HALESWORTH COMPANX'S AYCIENT FOUNDATION.
On Whit Monday, the Suffolk Guild held a meeting at Halesworth, when members and frionds from 26 towers rang touches at St. Mary'g throughout the day. One enthusiest, Mr. Trank Corney, cycled irom Wanstead, a distance of 95 miles each way.
At the meeting, the clair wis taken by tike Rev. T. H. Caren, who extended a hearty weicome to all presen and commended the evident goodwill and fellowship prevailing among the ringers. He said that what struck him ahout the riuging that day was the expert akill with which, though coming from various towers, they were able to produce harmonious results straight eway.
Twelve new members were elected, and an invitation from the Rov. B. T. Pitts to the Guild to meet at Fressingfeld was accepted.

Mr. C. E. Fisher, hon. treasurer, spoke on the financial position of the Guild, saying that this was better than at any time during ita 17 years' existence.
Mr. H. Q. Herbert, hon. secretary, expressed the thanke of all to the Rector, nad, in replying, Mr. Caren invited the ringers to walk round the Rectory grourids.
Mr. F. C. Lambert, the local captain, reminded the meeting that the Halesworth company was this vear celebrating its 400th anniversary, having heen established in 1539 . He had also a boot showing written changes of ringing bearing date of 162 I.

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## BELERY GOSSIP

Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, is stitl in Sheffeld Eoyal Hospital, where he has undergone two operations. We are pleased to state, however, that he is progressing favourably.
The naming of Surprise methods is not altogether an easy thing, when you do s lot of it. That, at any rate, seems to be the experience of the Hertfordshire band, who for the last year or two have had to fud new obmes almost every week.
They have almost exhausted the connty directory, have filled in the birthplaces of all the basd, and now are wiping off the rest of the ${ }^{\text {al }}$ [habet.
We imagined a place-name beginning with $X$ might be a difficulty, but we believe they have found one-but not in Hertfordshire
And writing of method names, we would direct the special attention of those ringers, who have a method to which they desire to give a מame of their own selection, to the letter of the Methods Committee, fixing the end of July as the latest date for claiming to name any of the methods which are to appear in the new Surprise book.
The 'auting' season is now reaching its peak, and many reports of these enjoygble excursions have reached us. Thay will be published as soon and es far as space permits.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND BENEVOLENT FUND.

## To the Bditor

Dear Sir, -In answer to Mr. Chalk's letter in 'The Ringing World, ${ }^{3}$ June 16 th , and your leading article last week, with reference to a bemevolent fund for the Essex Association, 1 would like to point out that the subject has been before the association for nearly who yeara, and although the proposer has used every meang at his disposal to get it accepted, it bas been rejected, not because our members are more lacking in the spirit of brotherhood and friendiness than people Wha live elsewhere, but because they definitely believe that the scheme is impracticable, notwithstanding what has been said in its favour.
In Mr. Chalk's lebter be has a sly dig at peal ringing. I submit that peal ringing is probably the most imporfnat feature which stimulates our ringing journal, without which our Exercise would gink to a very low ebh.

The Ersex Association has a Bell Restoration Fund, from which comparatively small grants are made, is the Ereat majority of cases, Whero new frames have been installed and bells recast, etc.; certainly not for mending decrepit bell frames.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN

## THE COLLECTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, - In the report of the Methods Committee priated in "The Tinging World ' on June 23td, persons who hope to ring and name Surprise Major methods in the future were asked to Eerd in the figures with the proposed nameg. If any of these methods are in the Collection of Surprise Major Methods the committee will accept the names suggested, unless they are obviously unsuitable Any names suggested for methods not in the collection will not be used for any other methods in the haok.
It was agreed at the Central Council meetiog in London to keep this offer open for one month, as after the book has been sent to the printers no such alterations can be made. Methods should be sent to the nndersigned not later than July 3let, 1939, which is the latest date on which the committce can guarantee to alter any games in the beok. ERNEST. C. S. TTHRNER.
65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, Loadon, W. 13.

## VISITOR'S ' FRICID' RECEPTION.

## To the Editor.

Sir,-One of the general assumptions among belfingers is that they extend hospitality towards oubide ringers visiting their towers.
We would like, through the medium of your paper, to express our deep feeling of indignation when, on visiting Bridport tower on Sunday, the I8th inst. we were accorded a frigid reception and totaily ignored. Following this the ringers continued to ring Grandsire Doubles on the front sis, with 7, 6, 8 behind, for the next 20 minutes, by which time the bells had to be lowered for evensong. We were, therefore, not even offered the opportunity to ring.

Although it may be their practice to ring 120 s of Grandsire consecutively, surely on such an occasion it is usual to waive such custam.

Warminster
F. G. BLANCHARD.
N. G. KNEE.

## HANDBELLS IN CHURCH.

On Sunday, June Ith, fre members of the Kelham handbell band went to St. George's Church, Nottingham. The occasion was the dedication festival of the church and the end of their jubilee year.
The handbells were rung outride the church before, sind inside the church after, evensazg.
Ringing consisted of conrses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Bob Major end Rounds and Queen's on twelve bells (four in hand).

The thme allowed was about 20 minutes at cither end of erensong. The congregation seemed to appreciate the students' efforts-at least there were no complaints about 'noise'[

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The report of the Literature, Press and Brosdcastiag Committee was es follows : Those who were present at the meeting of the Council in 1938 will remember that on the presentation of this committee's report it was agrepd to send a message of congratulation with a gift to ar. Charles Slingsby, on the attainment of has 101st birthaag. The Press has since recorded bis death, and all concerned will be glad mamber of the Exercise in the last year of his life
One event reported in the Press duriag 1938 is of supreme interest: The royal wisit to St. Paul's Charch, Walden, when the King and Queen watched the ringers at wark in the belfry, and, conducted by a ringer, ascended to the bell chamber and saw the new bell being rung. It would be interesting to know whether this was actually the first time that such a thing had ever been done by a reigning Sopereigy. The former Queen Elizabeth, of blessed memory, is reputred to have been partial to the music of bells, but there is good reason to belfeve that the fashion in court dress favoured by that right royal lady would have proved a decisive impediment to the ascent of the tower steps.
Ballringing is apparently regarded as 'good copy' by jourualists and mews editors of the present day. References to the subject, often with illustrations, have frequently appeared in the popular Press, These are largely of personal interest: Notices of veteran and, more often, of young riagers, while lady ringers never fail to attract attention. Miss Bowyer's wonderful record in peal ringing made front page newi tuder the apt title of 'A Pealing Belle '-and we ara here reminded of the full accounts given in Yorkshire journals of the Central Council meeting et Leeda, when a muck respected lady member was "starred' for a performance having only ant indirect connettion wilh change ringing. Family combinations in ringing also find their way into the qews. Two instances of this character are of opecinl interest-one family named White and another Brown, each capable of raising a complete band, in one case a band of eight, to ring at the wedding of another member of the family. In a daily paper lant June the main pert of a page was devated to an admirably Written article on 'The Ancient Mystery of Bellyinging.
In most cases etatoments nade on the subject have been accurate and well informed. Naturally, errors nre found here and there. For example, one of the fair sez was recenty described as one of the ew women bellringers in the country - -n statement fairly eclipsed by a reference to a girl as "believed to be the only girl ringer!" "Bow Bells may have to close down ' was a recent scare headline to mn article on tha lack of support, accorded to Bow Charch. It was an easit comprehensible mistoke that led a Northern oewspaper to speak of the method 'Double Knowledge.
Sed to say, ane source of copy for the public Press is the substitution of gramophone records for real bells. One regrettable instance is at Thetford, where the clurch possesses eight bells. On this point we may quote with approval a paragraph from the 'Salisbury Diocesan do to church bells ani their riaging, if such a "switch on ", system hecame general, the committee recommended. .. that possibly some form of qualified faculty might be granteत in the Weymouth case without prejudice to any eubsequent case.... and that in future the committee ghould not sdvise a faculty, if a bell or peal were alroady available in the charch

## BROADCASTING

Brondeats of hells liave been guite frequent. Some have been entirely good, f few definjtelv baa, others at best indiferent. The At the saime time there has been noticestle a strange silence of belis in several cases of servjces broadcast from chorches with good peals, sach as Leicester. Notingham, Aston and others. Change ringing of the first criter contipues to be heard from Croydon on Sunday mornings, while Liclifield Cathedral has shown welcome improvement, which we hope will be maintained and enhanced.
A renewed oulbrealt has occurred of interference with the short perind of rimging on Sunday evenings - this time in the form of have been two of the most perfect broadcasts of the year, from $S t$. Olave's sind Portsea, were cut down to the lest few changes. Strong letters of protest to the B.B.C. produced one or twn amazing statemeats in reply, but the result bas been a considerable abatement of the auisance. It may be added that the historical notes are in themselves admirable, but the obsious time to intraduce them is during that swlward panse hotween 7.50 p .m. and 7.55 , which is apt to get one speculating whether there is any defect one of those "technical hitches '- either in transmission or reception.
In one respect a commendable jmprovement may be recorded with satiefaction; on Easter Dey there were broadeasts of bells both in the morning and evening.
In proposing the adoption of the report, the Rev. F. El. Edwards called attention to the jucreasing notice which the Press was now giving to bellringing and the doings of bellingers, and said that for the most part the newspapers were getting quite respectably accurate on the subject. On the subject of broadcasting he said it was obvious the committee comill not go mutch into hetaif on the various broadcasts of bells that took place; that could only be done if there were
one or more members of the committee in a position to listen to every broadcast throughout the year and take notes at the time. He had beard a few examples of beautiful ringing, but the two towers named in the report were mentioned because they bad a regular Sunday broadeast.
Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded, and it was suggested that when the 'Model Rules' were printed a note might be anded recommending that wherever a broadcast of the bells was to take place the leader of the tower should be responsible for raising a competent band for the occasion.
The report was adopted, end the commitiee, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards \{convener) and Messrs. A. Paddon Smitin, A. Walker and J. S Goldsmith, was reappointed.

## OLD PEAL BOARDS

The Peal Boards Committee reported as follows: In our last annarl
 comprehersive report on our work. Unlike some of the other committees of the Council, our task is one which it should be possible to complete within a limited period. The leagth of the period, however depends upon the co-operation we receive from members of the Exerciso.

It is difficult to formany estimate of the number of peal boards which now exist recording performazees up to and including 1825, but we think that the total number is untikely to exceed 500 . We are advised that there are none in Ireland; it is improbable that there are any in Scotland and we have no knowledge of any in Wales.

So far we have received detals of 177 boards, recording 208 performances in 83 towers. Of these, details of 132 boards recording 141 performences in 62 towers have been indexed, and typed copies have been placed in alphabetical and date order files. The remaining details have been indexed and it is hoped to copy thent shorty. In addition we bave been fortanate in obdaining access to a defajled collection of peal boarda in the Londor area and we anticipate bergy able to add these to our collection during the coming year. Apart from this, however, we have received very few detalls in the past twelve roonths, and we have considered whether we shall modify our methods in the hope of expediting our work.
It is obviously impossible for us to visit erch towar in the country and we bave relied upon appeals to members of the Jxercise to forward us details from towers in thoir own legalities. Members of this Council, representing as they do the whole of the country, could have set a good example in this connection and, indeed, it might have been expected that a large proportion of the material could have been collected by now with their help. But we have in many cases only received debails from one or two towers in a county, white there are 15 counties from which we have received no details at all, though we would not be justified in assuming that there are no old Doards in those counties.

It would be desirable that in each county there slould be somebody with a direct interest in the work of the commitiee, who would obtain details from the towers in bis own area. We do not suggest that such persons should be ordivary members of the committee as that, wauld mean that they would have to be members of the Council. Neither do we suggest the appointment by the Council of co-opted members of the committee, as that would make the committee too large. We feel, however, that there are mayy members of the Finercise, not neces serily members of this Conncil, who would be glad to be associated with the work of the Council, and we submit $\pi$ recommendation that we shauld be authorised to appoint represeatatives to be associated with our work so far as particular areas are concerned. We shall be gled if any member of the Canmel or of the Ixercise who is willing to act as a district representghive for us will let us know without waiting to be asked. As the work would be confined to the repre-
sontative's own locality it should not prove onerous. We will report sontative's own locality it should not prove on
anmually the names of the people we appoint.
It has been euggested that many people do not send us details of particular hoards as thay thin责 we probably have them already. We shall be glad to inform anyondy whether we already have details or not, but we would point out that if details are received from two separate sources they form a very useful check as to accuracy and will be acknowledged gratefully.
We thenk all those who have helped us and we repeat our wish for assistance to enable us to complete ou work as soon as possible. Any member of the Council prepared to represent the committee in his locality ghould let as know ; if you know of any ald peal boards, please tell "us what is on them and their condition.
The committee made the followire recommendation: ${ }^{t}$ That the Peal Boards Committee be authorised to appoint distriet representatives to be associated with the committee in order to obtrin details of old peal boards it particular becalities.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, who proposed the adoption of the report, eaid since it was prepared details had been received concerning the old boards in 30 further towers and covering 80 performances. It would seem, therefore, that they were getting somewhere near half-way in the collection. Referring to the recommendatios of the committee to appoint assistants to erable them to complete tine work, Mr. Wilson said this did not moenn that the committee was not grateful to those who had alreany helped them so far; the committee haped fhey would contiaue to halp, but it seemed there was meed for further assistanca if the task was to be completed. They did not intend to limit their chaice of representatives to people who were well fnow:1 in the
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Exercise．Anyone who was willigg and able to help，they woutd be only too glad to apyoint as eagenta im a locality．Moreover，he thought suci appointments might well promote interest in the Council and its work among rounger ringers，who were posiblble future members of the Council．The appointment of these helpers would not make the work of the committee any lighter，because for the time being there would be extra work to do，in appointing representativea and car－ respording with them．The committee hoped the scheme would belp their work and euable them to present their final report a few years earlier thas wauld otherwise ba the case；but if it was not a euccess they would be no worse off．
The Rev．C．E．Wigy seconded and the report and recommendation were adcptad．The committee was then reappoinsed as follows：Mr． W．G．Wison（convener），the Rev．C．E．Wigg and Mr．W．Ayre．

## BIOGRAPHIES

In their report the Biographies Committee said the work was pro－ ceeding．Considerable labour was involved in＇sał－editing＂and pre－ paring the material before the final draft could be typed，and this coule not hurriedly be completad．There were still a considerable number of forms outsfanding，and the committee would be gled to receire them as soon as possible．Especially they hoped to recaive photographs from those members and ex－members who had，not jet Gupplied them，for the photographs would be aot the least interesting part of the biographical collection．
It now seemed abvious that details concerning maty of the early mombers of the Council would not be recelved througls the forms issued and a search of back volumes of the ringing papers would be neces－ sary to help make the work of the committee complete．The com－ miftee were pleased to say that Mr．A．C．Hazelden，Guildford Diocesan Guild＇s librarian gnit a member of the Conncil，was prepared to undertake same of this research work，sund they suggested，therefore， that he be edded to the conmittee．

On the motion of Mr．J．S．Coldsmith，seconded by Mr．F．I．Haires tho report and recommeudation were adopted．The committee，con－ sisting of Mr．F．SS．Goldsmith（convener），Mrs，Fletcher and Mr．W．A． Cave，were reappointed with the sddition of Mr．A．C．Haselden．

THE STANDTNG COMMITLEE．
The appointment of the Standing Committee then took place．On the motion of Mr．T．Groombridge，seconded by Mr．J．Hunt，retiriag members were re－elected as follows：Ver．Archdeacon H．T．Parry， Alderman J．S．Pritchett，Major J．H．B．Hesse，Messrs．W．A．Cave， T．T．Dyke，C．F．Johnton，R．Richardsoa，A．Taddon Smith，A． Walker end S．B．Wood．
Vacancies were filled by the election of Mr．E．C．S．Turner and Mr．Gilbert Dehenliam
In addition to the shove the following are ex－officio members of the committes：The president，hon．librarian，hon．georetary，hon，auditors， conveners of committees rud past officers（if still menbers of the Council）
The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the membera of the commilites for the woriz they had done during the last three years．He did not know whether they had heard the defmition of祭估保de，that it was an anticipation of favours to come＇（laughter）． While they thanked the committees for the valuable work they liad done，tha Council hoped they would go on doing this good work （applause）
The motion was carried by acclamation

## THE RINGING WORLD

On the guestion of the circalation of＂The Ringing World，＂which lad been before the Central Council in previous years，and in connec－ tion with which antion had been referred to the ofticers，the Hon．Secre－ tary sain they had already had lengthy discussions and they felt that all there was to be caid had already been said azd anything further coulif only be a repetition．The oflicors did not present a report this year，because they felt that everything that could we tiscussed had been discussed and generally tho views of all members were known． If，as they baliaved，the Councll were anxious to see the future af －The Ringing World＇ssfeguarded by an increase of circtlation，then thtion mast take the place of words and for that reason the omeers Asked that the matter be left in their hande witi fril powerg to act it being understood that the Stauding Committee would be consulted as necessary．
Mr．A．Walker seconded the proposal，which was carried．
MUETFING OF BELLS
On the question of the muffing of bells，which had also been re ferred to the officers，the President snid he had boped during the vear to receive some information about interesting old custome but lie had leard nothing from memhers，so le suggested they should wait no longer，lat go ahead with their final report，which would be sent to the proper anthorities．

This courge was agreed to
UARDIFF FOR THE NEXT MEETING．
It was anmonnced that the Standing Committee recommended that the next mecting should be held at Cardiff，the President poiyting ont that，in accordance with custom，it wes the tarn of west and east in the present triennial period．
Mr．Trallope proposed and Mr．Cave seconded Cardiff．
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## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION．

## POSITION IN THE PEAK DISTRICT． <br> \section*{Present Arrangements Nof to be Disfurbed．}

A most successful meeting was held at Bakewell on Saturdey Juno $17 \mathrm{th}_{\text {，}}$ it conjumction with the Peal Society．The village was enlivened by a carnital，and batus ane processiong with the Bakewell Beauty Quedn＂turned out to welcome the visitors！
The bells of the Parish Church（8）were kept going ali the afternoon and evening to warious methods to suit all visitors．Owing to the carnivat，eatering was difficult，but a substantial taa was gerwed at the Wheatsheal Hotel，soma 40 or more members and friends sitting down．Tlye committee met in the afternoon and carried out their routine business．
The general meeting was held in the spacions belfy after tea，the chair being taken by the president（the Rev．Canon H．E．Fitaherbert）， aupported by the vice－president（Mr．Colin Harrison），the hon．secre－ tary（Mr．Er刀est Morris）and the Rev．W．P．Wright，of 堒彻．An apology for absence was received from the hon．treasarer，Mr．Wr．E． White．Members were prosent from each of the association＇s centres： Burton，Chesterfield，Derby，Fincklej；Leicester，Loughborough and Nottingham，as well as friends from Bolsover，Ashover，Dore，Darley Dale，Matlock，Staveley and other places．
The Presidents in opening the meeting，said how pleased he was to set such a good and representative gathering covering so wile an aren．Hu bronght forward the question of forming e branch of the Mren．A．in the Peal District and inwited membersi wiews on the subject． Mr．H．Warburton，of Dore，said that as secretary of the Peak Society for the last four years ar so，he conld see no real object in the proposal．They ware quite bappy in their present arrangements． Thej had well－attended meelings seven or eight times a year 10 various towers of the area．Those present has a good time bolls in ringing and social intercourse and collected among themselves to cover any incidentel expenses，thereby costing the M．C．A．mothing．So far as he knew，the majority of those baking part were loyal mentuers of the M．C．A．
Mr．A．H．Bowler，of Ashover，supparted this view and said members of the Peak Saciety were nol lax in their support of the M．C．A－4 and the sectetary（Mr．Ernest Morris）had written them to the effect that he wished other districts were so prompt in paying subscriptions and aupporting the assoctation generally．He，therefore，could see no object it upsetting present arrangements，which were working artunicably
The Rer．W．P．Wright said there would be no practical good beyond changing the mame．They had meetings overy sis weeks or go over a scaftered area，where transport wns difficult，and it was to the credie of those members who supported the meetings，for it meant not only giving op time，but involved cerkain expease in travelling．

Mr．Deane，of Norton，Stoke－on－Trent，said that as a member of the Peak District of the old digs and a regular atteadent at meeting of the present Peak Sociesy，there was nothing to be griaed by break． ing up present arrangements and the happs mestings they now enjojed．
IL was thereupon derided to leave mathers as they are and the towers as at present shown under Chesterfield District．
Mr．A．J．Harris and Mr．J．H．Swinfield gave brief reviews of the Central Council meatirg on Whit Tuesday

New members proposed kince Easter，wiz．， 15 rimging， 5 rejoining and 4 honorary，were caly elected．
The hon．secretary reported that the new badges were now in circula－ tion and could bo had either from him or from local secretaries，bronze 1s．6d．，silver 2s．each
On behali of nll present，the President woiced hearty thanks to the Fiosr of Bakeweil for the use of bellis，to Mr．Alexander and the local compang for arrangements made for much an enjowable menting．

Mr Bowler，on behalf of the Peak Society，said how plessed they were to welcome the association and trusted it would mot be so long before they came agein．
It was announced that the next meeting of the society would be at Ashover on July 15th，to which Chesterfield District and any other frionds would be weleomed．The nex M．C．A．quatterly meeting will be at Newark in September
Further tower－bel ringing pind zo convivial＇terminated a most successful and emjoyable meeting．

## THE CENTRAE COUNCIL

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Mr．A．King proposed Dublin．On heing put to the vote，Cardife was agreed to by a big majority．
Mr．J．W．Janes，hon．seeretary of the Landaff and Mommoutb Dincesan Assoriation，in whose ares Cardifit situated，said they would do their best ta make the risit of the Council a success，but the could not hopa to do what their friends in Yorkshire did last vear．He had been a member of the Council for a great mamy years，and be felt that in retarn for what had been done for him and his fellow representatives from South Wales，they should try and do something for the Conmeil when it wisited Cardff．Ererything they oould do to make the visit a success the Council could rely apon them doing （applause）．
（To be continued．）

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED BELLS REPAIR FUND. Unofficial ' Ringing Masters.

A successful general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Barasley, by kind invitation of the Rector, Canon W. E. Willinson and the local company. The eight bells at st. Mary's Ohurch were made pood use of during the aftertoon and eveciug. $A$ brief service took place prior to a sumptuous tea, which was served in the Bernsley Eritish Co-operative Cafe.
The business meeting followed, presided over by Canon C. O. Marshall, M.A., president of the association, and at the outset the president announced that since the last meating they had lost one of their oldest and most esteemed members in tha person of Mr. Arthu Euights, of Chesterfeid.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that Mr. Knights bed been a member of the associntion since 1880, and, apart from the great services he had rendered to the Exerciso in the splere of composition, his kindly and uthassuming manner had endeared him to all with whom he came m contact. He wrs one of the most talented nuen tho Exercise had produced, and was always raady to assist. The number of younger composers who owed their beginning to him wes, indeed, difficult to tell. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to his relutives, This was seconded ly Mr. G. Lewis, following which the meeting stood in sileace as a tribute of respect.
The President then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchasardens of Barnsley for kindly inviting them to hodd their meating there. He assured them that the association appreciated their invitation and also the warm welcome that had been accorded to the association. He coupled with this yote of thanks the name of their old and estecmed colleague, Mr. C. D. Potter, who had hoped to be with them at that meeting, but unfortunately had been taken ill and at that moment was in hospital. He moved that a letter bo sent to Mr Potter expressing their sympathy and conreying their gent to Mr Poiter expressing their sympathy and conseying their Johnson and carried.
The Rector, in reply, said how piessed they were to welcome the association to Barnsley, and hoped it would not be long before the association paid them another visit. Like their president, lie was sorry indeed that, Mr. Potter was prevented by illness from being with them that night, but be felt and knew that Mr. Potter would look forward to hearing a raport of their proceedings.
A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. A. Naslt, seconded by Mr. W. Mozon and carried The President annonnced that no invitations had been received for the next meeting, and the committee had discussed the matter. The nexti meeting was dite to be hald in tho Northern District, and they felt that Ripon would be suitable, if necessary arrangements could be made.
Ripon nad Midaleham were proposed, and, on a vote being taker, 10 were in favour of Midaleham and 15 in favour of Bipon
The President, in announcing the verdict, suggested that Middeham be approached in the event of it not being possible to make arrangements at Ripon.
The next business was a report in connection with the proposed hell repairs fond. The President stated that opinion from the districts was in favour of such a sckeme, but as yet the sub-committee had not met and tho matter had been referred back. He hoped to report further at the nest meeting.
A suggesfiou from the Eastern District that deputy ringing masters should be appointed hard been discussed by the committee, and the President reported that it was felt to be undegirable to alter the constitution of the association to accommadate the proposal. He printed out, however, that if a district wished to sppoint sucs an officer ia an unofflinl capacity, they could do so. It must be uriter stood that no official status aftached to any such appointment, as far as the association wes concerned.
An application was received from the Doncaster ringers ashing for arant to assist in the work of restoring the Doncaster Paxish Church bells. The President announced that the committee had also had this matter under discussion, and felt that as no fund existed specififally for this purpose, they could not accede to the request on the ground that a precedent woild thereby be created. He pointed out that they had had to give a similar reply to an application received some time had had to give a si
ago in anvolier case.
The Gencral Secretary (Mr. L. Morris) said that in the latior case referred to by the president they decided to do what they could unoffcially to essist and a collection was taken. Ho wotid like to move thät a collection be taken in the presant case. This was agreed to and a sum of 22 . was realised.
The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. E. Harrison, South Kirkby: Donald Barrett, Pontefract; J. R. Stanger, J. S. Rohson and E. Kettell, of Rotherham.
Tha President then reminded the members that the Snowdor Dinner was due to be held at York in October, pointivg out that an endeavour would be made to arrazge it on October 14th.
After the meeting, further ringing thok place, bat most of those present arailed thersselves of the opportunity of spending a socin! (Continued in next column.)

## WINCHESTER GUILD'S DIAMOND JUBILEE THE FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY

To-morrow, when the annual uneeting is held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will celebrate the dismond jubifee of its foundation.

In the late 'seventies,' when 'Belfry reforim ' was being much discussed and guilds and associations were being formed in warioull parte of the country to promute change ringiug, a greater recognition of tho belfry as a part of the churgh and the services rendered hy the ringers as a contribution to church work, the Rev. Arthur Du Boulay Hill, then a master at Winchester College, kook up the cause in the diocese of Winchester and, with Conov Maçe, began to enlist interest in the novement. The diocese of Winchester was a vast one in those days. It covered Hampshire, the Isla of Wight and a considerable portion of Surrey, but


THE LATE REV. A. DU B, HILL. at Soberton, on January 17hb 1884, and was the firbe paal by the present Master. Mr. George Williams, who is, we believe, the oldest surviying member of the Guild. He was elected on Fohruary 25th, 1880.

The founder of the Guitd, the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, passerl away ouly last Octaber at the venerable age of 88 years, having lived in retirement at Dudswell. He was the cidest son af the Rov. G. Hill, who was for 25 years Tiear of St. Winnow, Cornwall. Educated at Winchester, and Magdalen College, Orford, the Rev. A. du B. Hitl was assjstant master at Winchester College, and afterwards Vicar of Domnton, Salisbury, from 1882 to 1898 , and Rector of Fast Bridgford, Notts, From 1898 to 1927.

He was a man of great schplarly atitamments end an historian. His keen interest in bells and ringing was maintained thronghout his long life wherever he ment he taught bands of young ringers, while his interest in antiquarian matters led him to investigate the bellg of Winchester and Hampshire, and he bas left an interesting notebook on the bells of the county, in which he has copied inscriptions and sketched the arcient sfamps and lettering utted by the old fouzders This book, it is zoted on the hy leaf, was begtun in 1877. This note-book and another on bells and bellringing generally have been handed by lis sister to the Wincluester and Portsmouth Gaild.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## Continuel from prewions columb

hour at the Royal Hotel, where Mr. C. D. Potter hed engaged a room, and, in the absence of his fether, who was stid in hospital, Mr. Potter, jun., was present to welcome them. A ielightifl eveniag was spent and handbels were brought into use, Mr. Potter, jut. in his welcome, said bow his father would have erjoyed being with them that night. He was glad to say that he was progressing as well as could be expected, and be would give him a full report of the proceedings at Barnaley.
Several members voiced their appreciation of the kindness extended to them by Mr. Potter orer a long period, and asked Mr. Potfer, jun., to convey to his father their thants for his rery kind thonght on this accasion.

## SECRETARIAL CONTINUITY

## FALDE OF THE PERSONAL TODCH

The sudden change of the tower for the aunual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild did not appear to deprive the ringers of the delight which has now been seen in these gatberings for more than 20 years. Clearly someone was at fault, and the writer of this report regrets that no вогrow was expressed. The secretary, however, has actively held his position for 24 years; being in touch pernonally with the clergy and the leaders for so many years be carried the responsibility for the sudden change by himself and was sticeessful.
At the business meeting afler tea the Rep. J. P. Taylor, Vicar of Hanslope, took tho chair. He was reelecteci; knowing of the quick work of the secretary, Mr. W. Sear, in keepiug this annual meeting on the date appointed, June 3rd, and of the regular attention to detal wlich hes heen building up this bramch for 24 years under Mr. W. Sear, the Chairman urged everyone to appoint him for another year in spite of his reiteration that he would rebiga. 3ir. Sear at last gave wisy, and Mr. R. Howson, the leader of Newport Paguell belfry, wes appointed assistant secretary
For the lest few yeare it bas been known to several ringers that Mr. Sear, owing to pressure of responsible work, installing electric signals on the L.M.S. on a loag stretch of railway line, has wished that romeone would take his place as the secretary. But it was one of his own fellow-ringers at Bletclitey who asked tho ringery to remember that it was only one year more to complete the ' 25 ycars.
Perhaps it was only to save the time of the ringers from the beifry that no one spoke of the adivikability of a successar working as an assistant under a secretary of a ringers' guild or association before taking the full respossibility, especially efter a secretariat of 24 yoars. Without the parsonal contact, durizg a chenge of officings, the sucrest of whose work depends on the relations of a secretary with leaders of various sorts of belfries, there is something lost. A new seeretary has a different character, and his way of working must be different, however hard he may try to do the same as lis predecessar; if he can work under him for awhile, he can leara the way of approsching the leaders and how to inquire of their methods. And during the conversation aside at the meetings a secretary can inform his successor of the methods hy which he has been trying to revive the interest where it has been diminishing and to get a bellry opeaed for new young rirgers to learn with a company of old ringers who are used to one another and do not wish to be used to any more
The secretary reported that there were 213 ringing members, 15 honorary members and 27 towers in North Bueks in union with the fiuild. The finamcial position is good, the branch having a balance of £13 14s. Jd . in hand and $£ 10$ invested.
A grant of one guinea was voted for the Guild Restorgtion Funci.
The meetings in Newport Pagnell Deanery were considered satisfactory, and the branch agreed to continue to bear the cost of postage and notices.

Fifty ringers attended from the towers at Bletchlev, Bradweil Hanslope, Miiten Keynes, Newport Pagnelf, Olney, Sympson, Stoke Goldicgton. Stony Stratiord, Weston Dnderwood, amone whom an few wretevisiors from the North Berkslire Brancli of the Guild and from the Bedfordshire Association.

## ACTIVITIES IN HOBART.

The members of the Holy Trinity Association, Fobart, Tasmans, recently celebrated the 82 nd hirthday anniversary of the Yery Rev. A. R. Rivers. who has been Dean of Hobart for 19 years. The hells of St. David's Cathedral were rung at noon, Holy Trinity ringers heing assisted by Mr. J. Hoper, of St. Paul's Cashedral, Melbourne. Afterwards the Dean entertained the party to refreshments at the Disnetr
After the usual praclice of the association on Har and the memhers were entertained to a kupper party. at the invitation of Mr. and 3rs. and Miss Pedder, at their lome, Sherbourne, इew Towni. The memhera, old and new, were introduced to the loost and hosteas by the hom. secretary (Mr. R. Wilson):
Doring the erening 728 elanges of Doubles were rung on hanabeils in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Pedder and family, and after supper appropriate speeches were made by the oresident the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood; the Master Ringer and others.

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MEDBOURNE, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. -The ring of five bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Saturday, July 1st, at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Garden fete after service.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District, Annual Meeting) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford District-A joint meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. All members and visitors welcome.-Miss H. F. Mills and W. F. J. Cope, Hon, Secs.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, July ist. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A large attendance is hoped for--R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 1 st. Beils available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. -F. Hindle, Branch Sec.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).-Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, July ist. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.-T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11

LADIES' GUILD.-London District.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells from 3.30. Service 5.30 . Tea (15. per head) at 6 o'clock in the historic old coaching house, The George, Borough High Street, the only galleried inn now left in London. Business meeting to follow.-I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Tel. LEYtonstone 3850.

LADIES' GUILD.-North Midland Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from $2.30^{\circ} \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.-A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Methods for special attention, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. A cordial invitation extended to all ringers to try this splendid peal.-Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on July 1st. Bells available from 2.45 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All welcome. Your presence will be appreciated.-I. Kay, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.-A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horley ( 8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.-H. Hancock and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ---The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July fst. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.rm. Tea $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The special business meeting in connection with the proposed alterations to rules will next take place, and will be followed by the general meeting. The towers at East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6) and Hardington Mandeville (6) will be open to members after the meeting.-J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. -The 60th annual meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 1.30 to 3.45 , also Brading (8) from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Service in All Saints', Ryde, at 4 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Business meeting after tea. Both towers open for further ringing in the evening. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcome.-F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52 , Samuel Road, Portsmouth.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chester Branch. summer meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30 . -J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The branch annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , meeting after. Subscriptions due. Would those requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney?-N. M. Newby, Sec.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch. -A meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 . Please try to be present.-W.W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.-S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division). -A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 3 p.m., service and meeting to follow. Come and try these Belgian bells. O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District). -Please note that the next meeting is at Lockington on Saturday, July 1st (not June 24th as arranged). Bells available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.-A. E. Rawley, Hon Sec., Penistone Street, lbstock.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Northenden on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Brickill, 25, Wythenshawe Road, Northenden. All welcome.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Parbold, on Saturday, July ist. Bells available from 3 p.m.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, July 2nd, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, July 3rd, 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and 17 th and 31 st at 7.30 p.m. ; St. Mary's, Lambeth, August 1st, 8 p.m.-T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Practices for July: *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 4th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 6th and 20th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 18th; Southwark Cathedral, 25th; St. Clement Danes, 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting after-wards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wednesday Afternoon Guild.-The next meeting will be heid at SS. James' and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle. Bells available at 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and those at St. John's, Grainger Street (8), at 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 5th. All are welcome. Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Summer Festiva! meeting at Hastemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (is. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea should be sent to Mr. E. J. Aylife, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by July 4th.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The following towers will be open from 2.30: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (6), St. Clement's (6), and St. Lawrence (5). Service in St. Mary-leTower Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street, at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (1s. per head), followed by business meeting. It is particularly requested that all members and friends requiring tea should send their names to Miss Sylvia Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Saturday, July 1st.-E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 8 th Bells (6) will be available from two o'clock. Short service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, 1 s . per head, in Parochial Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please advise Mr. W. N. Hains, Bennett Lodge, Eastrington, near Howden, East Yorkshire, by Wednesday, July 5th. All welcome-H. S. Morley, Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.-I. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Macciesfieid Branch.-A ringing neeting will be held at Congleton, St. Peter's, on July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. If tea is required, kindly advise Mr. A. Slater, 10 , Lower Park Street, Congleton, by Wednesday, July 5th.-Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Soutl_-Western District.The next meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The presentation to the late district secretary will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped that every tower in the district will be represented Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, July 5th?-J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.- Banbury Disirict. Annual meeting at Banbury on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at White Horse Hotel. Other towers open if required during the evening. Please notify for tea. E. Pearson, Hon. Dis Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis trict.-Half-yearly meeting at West Malling, on Satur day, July 8 th. Tower open at 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting. Members wishing to be present at tea please notify me by not later than July 5th.-R. G. Rayfield, Hor. Dis., Eec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Didslsury, on Saturday, July 8ih. Tower open 6 o'clock. Mceting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be helcl at Paulton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5 p.m. E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., Mells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Fordhan, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, July 8 th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service if arranged. Please advise Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs, number for tea. A good company is hoped for-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The summer meeting will be held in Morpeth on Saturday, July 8th, when the bells of the Watch Tower will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be available at Oliver's Cafe, Bridge Street, at 1 s . 30 . per head, at 5 p.m., and requirements should reach me by Wednesday, July 5th, at latest. Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Branch. -The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sempringham Abbey, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells recently augmented to six, will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 , followed by tea and business meeting at the School, Pointon. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. T. Rolt, Pointon, Sleaford. -C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-Offley, July 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 , followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due. Look up Double Oxford and London Surprise Minor. Please notify me for tea by July 5th.R. T. Newman, 36, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The next monthiy meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Tower will be open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 . Tea will be provided for a nominal charge. All those intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. J. Robinson, 3, Rock Hill Road, Woolton, Liverpool, not later than Thursday, July 6th.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The annual shield contest will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 8th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. W. Riley, 12, Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, July 5th.-D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Sliafton, near Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch. - Special meeting will be held at Theddingworth ( 5 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual ar-rangements.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Minl, Long Buckby, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE $A$ SSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Helmslsore on Saturday, July 8 th. Bells ready at 3.30. A good attendance is requested. Everybody welcome. You can't go wrong here. The local lads can ring "Owt."- J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Milton bells not available. You will be very wel-come.-Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromhan, Bedford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-Note: The next meeting will be held at Norton Church ( 8 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, Mangerhay, Norton, near Sheffeld.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.n. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, July 12th? -H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis, Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3 s , each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesciay, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.-R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, July 15th (not 8th). Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting follow. Alt requiring tea, please notify by July 12 th, to Mr. W. Cottrell, Chitty Farm, Mortimer West, Reading.-J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-A great gathering is expected at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. The beautiful gardens of Penshurst Place, and the Rectory, will be open to ringers, by kind permission of Lord de Ísle and Dudley, and the Rey. P. H. Turnbull. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at 1s. 3 d . a head, followed by a short business meeting. Special attention paid to learmers at all meetings. Please notify me of intention to attend by Tuesday, July 11th.-Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District. -A ringers' garden party will be held at Acton on July 15th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available from 3 p.m, and in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Rectory gardens, at the invitation of the Rector, followed by games for those who prefer this to ringing. Church of St. Mary ( 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt ). A large attendance is hoped for. Visitors and friends from other districts will be welcomed. Names to the undersigned not later than July 13th. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ABBOTS LANGLEY (HERTS).-Six bells. Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd. Arrangements in next issue. -C. H. Horton, Herts Association.

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## THE COST OF THE COUNCIL.

It would be interesting to know exactly what it costs to hold a meeting of the Central Council. We do not mean by that how much comes out of the coffers of the Council itself-that is a very modest sum-but what the associations and individuals pay in the aggregate by way of expenses, and pay cheerfuily, knowing that the Council is the central link which binds the Exercise together. As far as it is possible the Council meetings are spread about the country, but while, in turn, some each year have a meeting near at hand, a large proportion of associations must of necessity send their representatives a long distance. Not infrequently an absence from home of at least two and sometimes three days is involved. This year ith members attended the meeting and if the individual railway fares averaged only ten shillings, which we think is a low estimate, there is nearly $f 60$. Then there are hotel expenses, which, when the meeting is in London with a considerable number of members within the day's reach of their homes, cannot be much less a totat, while it may well be a good deat more when the meeting is held in one or other of the extreme provincial centres. Fortunate is the association whose representatives are able and good enough to pay their own expenses upon these distant visits, although in principle it would, perhaps, be well if all the representative members charged their expenses to their respective societies. The honorary members, most of whom hold their seats for the work they do for the Council, have the privilege of paying their own expenses-they have no one but themselves to whom to send the account-but, like the associations who collectively pay the outgoings of their representatives, they rheerfully foot the bill.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild discussed the question of their representatives' expenses at the annual meeting last Saturday, and the attitude of the members was typical of that which from time to time shows itself in other associations. They were prepared to make reasonable provision for these expenses and not a word was said against this annual charge upon the funds, for the value of the work which is done by the Council in many directions is now well recognised by those who give the matter serious thought. The Council has brought about a co-ordination of ideas; has welded the associations together and encouraged progress in the art in a way which would otherwise have been impossible. Without some such body as the Council the associations would be just so many units, each working for its own ends; and there would have been no body of sufficient influence or standing to enlist the services of those
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## TEN BELL PEALS． <br> NORWICH．

THE NORWICE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION．
On Wednssdav．Juлe 28，1939，in Thyee Howfs and Thirity－Nine Minutws， At ige Cefrct of St．Peter Mancroft，
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL， 5000 CHANGE8！
Tenor $37 \mathrm{cwt} 3 \mathrm{qr} . \mathrm{I}_{5} \mathrm{lb}$ ．in C ．
Mise G．E．M．Tonnadine Treble Grorge Sayer ．．．．．．．．．． 6
Grorge Mayers ．．．．．． 2 Brexir J．Howchin ．．． Alberz G．Warngi ．．．．．． 3 ｜Giorge Bailigy ．．．．．．．．． 8
－Norman V．Harding ．．． 4 William G．Meyers ．．．．．． 9 Walibr C．Medler．．．．．． 5 ｜Nolan Golden ．．．．．．．．．Tenof

Composed and Conducted by Nolas Golden，
＊Eirst peal of Bob Royal．

## LONDON．

THE ANGIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHES． Un Friday，Juno 30，1939，in Three Hours and 7 hirty－Eight Miswtes， At tar Cborch of Sx．Clbment Dangs，Strand，
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN OATERS，EDO7 OHANEES；

## Tenor 24 cwt ．

Ernegt G．Fenn．．．＊n ．．．Tveble R．Congreve Pridgeon ．．． 6 Harby Hobeins ．．．．．．．．．． 2 Henry G，Miles．．．．．．．．． Horace Belcerar ．．．．．． 3 Alpagd B，Prck ．．．．t．．．． 8 Herbert Langion ．．．．．． 4 Ggorgr W．Deben日am ．． 9 George W．Cecil ．．．．．．． 5 Frank E．Darey ．．．．．．．．．．．Tenor Composed by C．W．Roberts．Condacied by Heraeri Langbon， Rung with the bells half－muffled in affectionate memory of Willie Roughton and Archibald F．Harris，both members，for many years， of the saciety．

## EIGHT BELL PEALS． <br> FANBURT，WORCESTERSFIRE．

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCLATION．
（Wegigrn Branch．）
On Saturday，Jume 24，1939，in Three Howrs and Thyes Minwirs， At the Chorch of St．Mary－the－Virgin，
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8， 6040 CHANGEB；
Pafker＇s Twrlve－pari（ 7 th observation）， Tenor 12 cwt I $\mathrm{Gr}, 15 \mathrm{lb}$ ．in G.
ERnest Wilson ．．．．．．．．．Tyeble William Ranford ．．．．．．． 5 Allen Morgan ．．．．．．．．． 2 Reginald Woodyatt．．．．．． 6 Georgr E．Large ．．．．．． 3 Tboans W．Lewis－．． Jasers Woodyaty ．．．．．．． 4 James F．NaEE ．．．4 ．．．．．．Temor

Conducted by Georgr E．Large．
The first peal on the recast belis．
ALDFRSHOT，HAMPSHIRE．
THE GULLDFORD DIOCESAN GDILD．
On Sadurday，Jne 24，1939，in Two Hours ane Fifty Minutes，
At fer Church of Sr．Michabl－the－Áscbangel，
A PEAL OF KENT TRERLE ROB MAJOR，5088 CHAREEB； Temor 时 cwt．
－William G．Challba ．．．Trebie Cgarles W．Dhnyer ．．． 5
Tbouas E，Deņer ．．．．．． 2 •E．Jack Amos ．．．．．．．．． 6 －Mise Edma C．Softiby ．．． 3 Prrcival L．Eldridge ．．． 7 －Ronald H．Kenward ．．． 4 Wilelam H．Viggers ．．．Temor Composed by F．Dence．Contacted by Wilelam H．Viggers．
F First peal in the method．First peal as conductor．Rung in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Aldershot Church Sevior School by the Right Hon，Viscotat Folmer．P．C．，M．P．

GRAVESEND, KFNT
TEE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Salurday, June 24, 1939, in Thyee Fours axd Seven Minules, At the Cherch or St. Grorge,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, $\quad 088$ CHANGES; Tenor 18 l cwt.
Gborge J. Butcbrr Edwin A. Barnett Frbnarick J. Collom Harry Hoskins

| ...Trebla | Phillip A, Cozby |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\ldots .$. | Ernest Morris ... |


| … | 2 | Ernest Morris |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| .-. | 3 | Harry Parkes |

.- 3 Harry Parkes ... ... ... 6
... 4 Jamss C. E. Simpson *' $\cdots$.". 7

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

## LONDON.

THE EENT COUNTT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturduy, June 24, 1939, in Two Howss and Fiffy-Eight Minutes, At tae Cedrce of St Mary Magdalbne, Woolwice,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOA, $\mathbf{E O 2 4}$ SHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt .
Francis D. Bisbop
 Derbem. Sbarp ... Norman H. Manning ... 4 Grofyrey V. Morpiy .... Temor Composed by G. F. Williams, Conducted by D. M SEarp.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred E. Barker, Harry Roverd and Deavek M. Sharp.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On 5aturday, Jume 24, 1939, is Three Hows and Tinee Minutes,
At ter Cafref of St. Mary Magdaleng.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt . qr 22 fb .

Composed by G, Lindoff. Condacled by Ernast Wbiting.
BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHFSTER DHOCESAN GUILD.
On Swaduy, June 25, 1939, in Thires Howy,
At ter Cagrce of St. Peter,
A PEAL bF double morwich court bob major, 5184 chances; Tenor 15 cmt I qr . 18 lb .

| Tromas Price ... |
| :---: |
|  |
|  |

...Treblid Jobn Worth

C. Kennett Lewis ... ... 3 Albert Ford -- ... ... 7

Composed by G. H. Cros:
4 †Arthor Pritchard .... .... Temo
First penducted by Jons Worth.
the treible. First perl in the method on the bells. HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSEIIE AND DISTHIORS ASSOCIATION (Wbstern Brance.)
On Swnday, Juke 25, 1939, in Theta Howrs and Eight Minutes, Aitge Cburch of SS. Peilip and James,
A PEAL OF OXFORD ROB TRIPLES, BO40 CHANEES:
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13 C.C.C.).

Tenor 2 $\mathrm{I}_{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{cwt}$. Sidney T. Holx ... ...Tyeble "Lbomard C. Clay ... ... 5

frorge E. Earge $. . .0 \cdot . .$.
*Horacer Hodgb... ... ... 4 -Caris. F. Blisssit ... ... Temor Conducted by Grorga E. Large.

* First peai in the method. The quarterly peal for the Western Bracel .

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.
THE SOCTETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Monday. June 26, 1939, in Thres Howrs,
As the Cadrce of St. Micbarl and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parebe's Twelve-pary (fth observation).
Tenor 16 cwt .

- Edward Vadghak ... ...Trebial Alberi G, Ricgards riceard J. Warrilow ... 2 Howard Howhll ... ... 5 Madicict G. Turner … 3 Baknabas G. Key Roger Hawesworth … 4 •R. G. W. Brodgeton .....Teng

[^35]BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRF.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GULED. un Siwnday, Jume 25, 1939, in Thrue Howrs and Thyee Minwles, Ai the Cadrct of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, s040 CHANGESI

## Parker's Twrlve-part.

-Jobn L. Bloxbam
... ...Tveble
Jinge Popall ... ... 2 Ernest Sitice ... ... ...
John T, Williams ... ... 3 Leslie Evans ... ..... .97
Trevor M. Rodgricr
Tenor 18 cwi .

Conducted by E, Sitce.
F First peal of Triples aud first attempt. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Charles Powell, a ringer at St. Mary's and treasurer of the Guild; giso in honour of the preferment to tho Hight Rev. Dr. John Morgan, Bishop of the diocese and president of the Guild, to the See of Liazasf. BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBLEY DHOCESAN GUILD.
On Moxday. Tune 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty hinutes, At Cgrist Cborce,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EOAO GHANEEB;

Holt's Ten-part.
Alfred Boyce
... ... ...Tveble
Regimat Hing .... 2
Reginald H. Newton ... 3 William R. Baxter ... ... 7 Gilbert h. Harding... ... 4 Sidnby Prescatt ... ... Temor Condacted by Gilbert H. Harding.
A 'welcome home' peal to their Majesties the King and Queen after their recent tour.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Tuestar, Jund 27, 1939, in Three Hours ard 7 hree Minntes,
At yeg Cburce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, $505 E$ CHANGE I
Tenor 13 cwi , Ig lb.
-Kenaeit G. Last .....Trabie Dennis F. Grimeam
iSidney g. Dorking ... ... 2 † Lewallym P. Josim ...... Arther H. Evereti..... .3 Walthr G. Dorking ... 7 Norman F. Gringam ... ${ }^{4}$ Cgristopber Jaggazd ...Tchor Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by A. H. Evbratr.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wedresday, June 28, 1939, in Two Hours und Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Chdreh or St. Mary.
A PEAL OF LONGON SURPRISE MAdOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor in cwi, I qr. 20 lb.
 Raymond Overy .... .42 Nelson Ellioti... ... ... 6 Kquntri Snblling ... Composed by Rey. H. Law James. Conducted by O . Sippetrs. * First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal of Lonion Surprise.

## NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thuscday. Tune 29, 1939, in Three Howrs and Five Minutes, At ter Cefrce of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF BOB \#AJOR, 5384 CHANOES;
Tenor 21 cwt . in E .
 Frane Bradeby... ... ... 3 Whltrr Nichols ... .... 7
 Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by Fredrrick A. Salitgr. * First peal of Major at first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Browr, at namber and Subday service ringer of the above church, and of Mr. Bason's 200 peals for the Norwich Association.

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PROBUS, CORNWALL
tHE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 28, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fiftern Minutes, At fer Parise Cherce of SS. Probds ane Grace,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holz's Ten-part.
Miss E. Jessie C. Angwin Tyeble H. Ergderice Myrrs... -te 2 Thomas G. Myers ... ... 3 Rey. Artegr S. Roberts... 4

Tenor 20 cwt . II lb.
giday o'Shategnessy G. Harry Mybrs... A. William Myers $\quad . .$. R. Gordon Cross ... .... Temor Conducted by Tromas G. Mybrs.
The first peal on the bells.
EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Thursday, Jwne 29, 1939, in T two Hows and Fity Mixutes, At the Cuorcy of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, BO40 CHANGES; Washbrooe s Variation of Teurstang' Four-Part. Tenar 12 cwt .
Grorge W. Fogdrn... ...Treb̀le Aatrde S. Riceards ... ... 5 Norban H. Manning ... 2 Jobn O. Wbller.4. ... .... 6 Derex M. Sgarp ... ... 3 Philie A. Corby ... ... ... 7 - Mis. Ada M. Rawlinga ... a Edmund Modeter ... ... 1 emor Conducted by P. A. Corsy.

* First peal or eight hells and in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Fividay, June 30, 1939, ix Two Howrs and Furfy-Eight Minutes,
At teh Cuorch of St. Padlines,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCE8; Tenor 12 s cwt.
Ernest H. Oxeneam .a ...Treble Norman F. Manning ... 5 Herbert E. Audsley ...T reble ... 2 Derbe M. Sharp... ... .... 3
Edwin A. Barnbit ... ... 4
Composed by C. W. Robrrts.
"Mret attempt for a peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## STATNES, MIDDLESEX

THE MTDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOGLATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULD.
On Salsrday, July 1, 1939, in Thtee Howrs and Nine Minstes, At ter Cberch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDDN, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

 SURPRISE MAJOR, SO2I EHAMCES ;Tenor 18 cwt. in $\mathbf{F}$.

Edward Lankester...
Gborge M. Kilby

- Miss Edma F. Bedford Cbeil C. Payne
...Tveble Pricip A. Corby Erhrst C. S. Tornkr Composed by Rev. H. Law Jamer. Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson Clarence H. Dobbiz †amze. C. Eimpson …Temor F First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprtse in four methads as conductor. The peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 1,472 mixed Cambridge and Superiative, with 111 changes of method. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Miss E. J. C. Aogwia, wich took place at Truro Cathedral the same day.


## NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Juby 1, 1999, in Thre Howrs and Ten Minstes,
At ter Cherce of Sx. Michari-at-Coslany,
A peal of spliced plaik bob, fulbeck bob, double bob AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANEES;

Tenor $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$, in F
Miss G. E. M. Tenmadine Treible
Nolan Golden ... ... ... 2 Henry Toore ...
Glorge Mayers ... ... 3 Gborge Saybr ... ... ... 7
 Composed and Conducted by Nolan Goldsn.

* First peal of Spliced Major. + First peal of Spliced Major in four methods. First spliced peal on the bells and first of these four methods liy the association.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

LEADENHAM, LINCS.
the lincoln diocesan guild.
(Nortbren Branch.)
On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Mirutes,
At the Cherch of St. Swithim,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Seven extenis in 102 methods, viz.:-
I. Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rustherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelkon Treble Bob, Full and Bozurae Surprise
2. Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Finchley, Ellacomhe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Branfield Alliance, Ctayford Little Court and Littje Bob.
3. Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Cheliord; Denton, Suttou, Leßke, Wrangle Alliance, and Bustow Little Court.
4. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Stibsey, Gosbertoz Alliance, and Kent Little Court.
5. Charlwcod, Neasdeu, St. Albans, Wraghy, Newdigate, Ofd Oxford, College Bob TV., Willesten, Braintree. Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence, EJston Delight and Morning Star Treble Mob.
6. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstog, Ockley, Duke of Norfoll, College Exerciso, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Domottar, end Pontefract Delight.
7. Windermere, Frodiham, Killarıey, Forsmondey, Ennerdhle, Cumberlend, Lythnm, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford. Wavertree, Childwall, Coljege, St. Clement's, Canterbury Plcasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plajn Bob. Tenor $13 \mathrm{cwt}$.glb .
Frank Lord..
Mrs. J. Bray
...Treble |Jace Bray
Cbarles McGuinges ...
Conducted by Grorgr E, Feirn.
One hundred and zinety chamges of method. The greatest uwnber of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

IBSTOCK, IEICESTERSHIRE.
TBE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Loegaborocga Distalet.)
On Saturday, Jme 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minktu, At the Chercr of Si. Denys,

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 GHANGES;

Boing two extents of Court Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor $12 \%$ cwh. (approz.).
-Miss E. Irie Rowley ...Treble | Wieliam T. Gaadby ... ... 4
Cbcil Verey ... ... ... 2 A. Raymond Tones ... ....
†Horacr O. Over ... ... 3 Arthar E. Rowley ... ... 7 emoy Conducted by A. E. Rowles.

* Tirst peal and first nittempt. + First peal of Minor. The ringer of the treble is only 13 years of age. The peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Hopkins on the occasion of his $86 t h$ biri hday.


## KEDLNGTON, SCFTOLE. <br> THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, 7 wne 24, 1939, is Two Howrs and Fifty-Two Minwtes,
Az tele Churce or SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF HINOR, ge40 CHANEES;
Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford. St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Hoh and Plain Bob.
Mrs. L. Wrigex ... ... ...Treble "Samokl I. Twitcerty ... 4 Victor Morlhy ... ... Ralpe Bird ... ... ... ... 3 Alan R. Andrews ... ... Temor Condicted by Alan R. Andrgws.

* Exrst peal in seven mettods. First peal in seven methods on the belis

MAIINSE, EF, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSEIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Satuyday, June 24, 1939, in 7 hree Hoyrs and Fouy Minktes.
at the Ceurch of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

- Miss P. Fletcerer ... ...Tyede
E. Dennis Poole

William Saundras ... ... 3 Aribur Pritceard ... ... Tenor Conducted by Artier Prizchard.
*First peal. Rung to celehrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs, E. Grimitise, of Little Dawley.

> WATE-ON-DEARNE, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION. (Barnsley and District Society.)
> On Saturday, Jwne 24, 1939, in Thyeo Houys, At the Cedrce of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8।

 Being 72) each of College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholara' Plessure, Sandal, Snowdrop, Oxford and Kent.Antelor Pantagr ... ...Trebla Grorge Lord

- Frbdbricr Nicbolls ... 2 Abtafa Gill
 Conducted by Daniel Suitr.
Tenor 13 cwt .
* First peal and first attempt, and aged 18 years. HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday. June 34, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Six Minuter, At the Cafreb of St. Micyagl,


## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 50S0 CHANBES;

Being two 720 's each of Surfeet, Beverley and Carubritge Surprise and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Katblyen E. Fletcabr ...Trebie
Dosotay R. Fletcier .... 2 Wher Haxin
... ... 4
-Rzy. R. F. R. Roote Conducted by H. Wingrove.
First peal of Minor in four methods.
SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOOLATION.
On Saturday. Tuse 28, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Two Minutes, At the Cburce of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, EOAD CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Dubble Oxford, Donble Court, Oxford 'Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bols

Tencer 9ly ewt.
R. Villiam Barbrr ..
.Tyatb
Stanley W. Gall
Godprey G. Walpole ... 5

- Ernest Brown
... ... ${ }^{2}$
Drmis A. Bayles... ... ...Temor Conducted by D. A. B y yess.
* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASEIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

- Salurday, Jwne 24, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-Two Minktes. At the Cherce op Si. Cotbbert.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Being ray of Oxford Treble Bob, three T20's of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Arther Stedman
-Tbomas Torngr
Janes E. Berles


Frbderice H. Cratulby ...

- $\square$
 Conducted by N. M. Newby.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev, J. Arthur Briggs curate of Norris Green, Liverpool, and of Avondale House, Kirkby-in-Furness, and Miss Winifred Nichotson, of Fazakerly, Liverpoal.

HATPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NOBWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sativday, Jкwe 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minndes,
At ibe Cafrge of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent ITehle Bob, two of Oxfurd Treble Bob,
and ons eech of Double Court, Doulife Oxford and Plaia Bob.
Edward Howhs .... ...Tvedte Walter C. Mrdler... ... 4
-Cbarles A. Farrow ... 2 Eric Durrant ... ... ... 5
-Jack N. A. Pumprey .... 3 tFrgderice W. Lawson ...Tgot Conducted by Edward Howes.

* First peal in five methods. + Firsi penl "ingide.


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# MATCHING, ESSEX <br> THE KSSEX ASSOCIATION. <br> On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and 7 hirly-Three Minutts, <br> At fer Cefrce of St. Mary, <br> A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8; 

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two Tha's anch of Oxiord and Kent Treble Bob and Plein Bob.
Edward Rocegster ... ...I Iuble Lewis Cordell ... Terior 10 ewt. Mrs. Jome H. Crampion ... 2 Wicliard Wareler ... ... 5 Stanley Clabe ... ... .... 3 Joan H. Crampion ... ...Temor Conducted by Joan H. Caampion.
EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
TFE HEREFORD DIOOESAN GUTLD.
On Saturday. June 24, 1939, in Two Hosurs and Fifly-There Mintes,
At thr Cborch or St. Michabl and All Angels
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, $\operatorname{coto~CHANGES;~}$
Being 42 six-scores, with 10 callings. Tenor 12 cWt . Norman J. Prazy ... ...Trtble
 A. Janes Young ... .... ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conducted by Tracery } \mathrm{H} \text {. Yodng. }\end{aligned}$ WORMIMGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, Ju* 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly-Two Hinutes, Ai fae Cedrcb or St. Andrbw,
A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE HINOR, gOSO GHANGE ;
Seven exteats with diferant callings.

Ragimald G. Siamonds ... 3 Ralph Bird ... an .... .... Tenot
Conducted by Ralph Bird.
First peal in the mettad by all. Arranged as a hirthday compliment to R. Bird, R, Simmonds and Mr. V. Morley.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOGATION.
On Thuyday, June 29. 1939, in Two Howrs and Foriy-Six Minules.
Ar the Church of St. Andriw,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANEES।
Consisting of seven extents: (1) Fulbeck Bob; (2) Hereward Bobu and Double Oxford; (3) Oxford Bolu and St. Clemput's; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Plain and Double Bob; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

- Leslie w Hodgrion ... Troble waile w Consine cwi. ja
- Norman V. Harding ... 2 Cbeil. V. Ebbrrson … 4

Nolan Golden ... ... ... 3 Cladde Cousine ... ... ....Tenoy Condacted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in twelve Ninnor methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLE
THE NORWICH DIOGESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, Juiy 7. 1939, in Troo Howys and Thivly-Six Minutes, Aithe Ceurce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, B040 CHANGE8।

Consisting of 780 each of Canbridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Douhic Oxford, St. Clement's and stain Bob. Tenor $9 \frac{\pi}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
C. Frgdraick Sayer R. William Bakber Robert A. Warman ...Trede Godfrey G. Walpole
 Conducted by G. Baleev.

## HANDBELE PEAL. <br> ROTHEREAM, YORES.

THE FORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Thuysday, Jnne 29, 1939, wa Two Hours und Thisten Minates, At Birkby, Doncaster Road,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, $\operatorname{GO} 0$ CHANQES!

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## THE SPLICED MINOR RECORD. <br> \author{ NEARING THE LIMIT 

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## RINGERS OF THE RECORD PEAL

Left to right (standing): C. McGuin ess, 1. L. Milhouse and F, Lord, (Seated): J. Bray, Mes. J. Bray and G. E. Fbirn (the conductor).

The detaila of the pes! of Minor in 102 methods rung by the North Lincolnshire band at Leadenlum on Saturday week are recorded elsowhere. Reference to this truly great performance was made in our leading article last weak.
It was only a week or so earlier that the same band luat rung a peal in 100 methods at Bassinginam, but the addition to the record was not marely a question of adding two methods to what had been rung beiore.
The and bad to learn twelve more methods to enablo them to puth up this performance and to drop one of the extents which had previously been rung, so that their task in carrying the total only two metheds further was no easy one. The new 720 included nitue Delight, one Treble Boh and two Surprise methods,

Lest week we said that the limits of possibilitey in this direction had zearly been reached. The greatest pumber of methods that has yet bean incorporated in seven true extents is 104, ant, need we say, everyoa will hope that this talented band will at no distant date complets their triumples by ringing this peal.

The growth of the number of methods spliced into seven extents of Minot wes shown in the list of peals published in our last jesare, and to this has now to be added the 102 methods at Leadenham with 190 changes of method.

## To the Editor.

Dear $\mathrm{Sir}_{3}$-The report of the Lincolnshire band's great Minor peal certainly makes ore sit up and notice, and it is a pity that the oid stalwarts who struggled hard in the early days of splicing are not with us to see the result of their efforts

I krow that my former brother ringers at Norbury will be the first to give overy credit to this performance, aud, even though it appears that the record Spliced Minor peal nust remain in Lincolusloire, neither I nor they will liegrudge them the honour. I shall not be the only one to congratulate this band, and can only hope that many other Minor riggers will follow their example.

JOHN P. FIDLER,
Author of ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}$ Method Splicing.
The Bell Foundry, Laughborough.
 enjoged the broadcast from Victoria on the accasion of the visit ot our King and Queen, end more particularly to hear your peal of belis It reminded me of any old ringiag days in Grappeaball Cburel-1 belfeve you know that part of the country. Please eowrey my appreciation to the ringers for the part they took in the celebrations at Victoria $J$ do not know any of them, but hope to see thens next year when I hope to come that way for folidave."
Another correspandent from Ottawa wrote: 'Of course, the main outstanding particular thrill of the Victoria broadcast was the Cathe fral bells. Believe me that touch of the old world was completely and utterly Victorian and no other city thought of welcoming with the hells in the cld historic manner, and what bellringing! Mr. Izard should be moxt heartily congratulated for making possilile the illique Victoria contribution to the royal welcome of all Canada!
Mr. E. W. Izard, who was responsible for the erection of the hells and training most of the band at Victoria, was on his way back, with Mrs. Izard, from a visit to England, when the King and Queen were in the Far West, and was thus unsble to take a personal part in the ringing, but his daughter was among those who rang. While in this country Mr. Izard rang his first penl, at Guildford Cathedral.

When Mr. and Mrs. Izatd reached home on Jure 10th they, too, were welcomed by the ringing of Chrict Chareh Cathedral belle.
A record of the bells of Christ Chmecly Cathedral was heard in London recently at a mesting held in conmection with the British Columbia and Yukon Churcli Aid Societr, at which the retiring presjdent (the Bistop of London) received 2700 for the completion of the Winnington Ingram tower of the Cathedral.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. THE ANNUAL MEETING. <br> Decision to Hold a Dinner.

The annual meetigg of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafiord was heid at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. The bells of St. Mary s and St. Michael's Churches were avaihable during the aifternoon and those of the Cebhedral from 3 till 3.15, previous to the annuel festival of Sunday School teachers, and again from 6 till 7 p.m. For some considerable period it has been the custom to have the use of the Cathedral bells in alternate years. This year it was not the "tarn," but through beving 'friends at court ' a concession was made which was greatily appreciated by all. Great hopes are entertained that the bon has at last been lifted.
Tea was served at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, in Wade Street, by Mrs. Cresswell and her lady lielpers, and 85 members and their friends enjoyed the meal.
At the general meeting which followed, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodson presided, supported by the Rev. - Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. O. H. Barker, L.Th., and Mr. H. Knight (lon. gecretaries), Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master), etc.

The report end accounts were passed, the latter showing a deficit of 11 on the year's working, and were ordered to be printed.
The committee, in their report, said the attendances at the meetings held during the year were fairly good, viz., Lichfield 84, Shenstone 35 , Bilaton 40 and Cannock 42 . At the latter place the members were kindly ertertained to tea by the Rer. J. F. Foster, A.K.C. (Viear). It was 51 years since the soclety held a meeting at Bilston, and bopes were entertained that good might come from the recent visit there, in the form of enrolling new members. During the year 24 new ringing mersbers and 16 life members have been added to the list-an encouraging number of new recruits.
The number of peals rung during the year was 35 (an increase of five over the previous year's total\}, conducting lraving been shared bF 14 members-the finging Minster (Mr. B. G. Key) leading the list with eleven.
The peals of Yorkshize Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal-the first for the society-and six other peals, were rung by a band of visitors from various parts of England and from Dublin.
The rommittee coneratulated Mr. Maurice G. Turner, of All Sainte' West Brcmwich, on his achievement of calling Holt's Origizal for his first peal on his 21st birthday. Another notable peal was one rung by grandfathers, one of the number being a great-grandfather.

The commattee recorded their appreciation of the services of the hon. auditor, Mr. W. H. Evans, and concluded with their expression of regret at the loss, through death, of the following members: Mr. W. H. Jomes, of Stafford; Mr. W. Russell, of Claverley; Mf. James H. Rowe, of Teitenball.
On a motion by Mr. R. P. Brindlay, the offeers were re-elocted and the places for the forthcoming meetings were aefected af follows: September, at Brewood; January, All Saints', West Bromwich; April, Rugeley; and Juue, the amual, 晾 Lichfield.
Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight gave a brief summary of the business transacted at the Ceatral Council meeting in London.
Mr. B. Key moved that a dinner should be arranged to take place in the late autumn or early winter. He pointed out that other associations had an annual dimner, and he could not see why one should not be tried for that society.
Other speakers supported the project, and the president gave his approval and hinted that he would like to be present, provided he was given sufficient notice so that it should not interfere with his many duties. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was unanjmously agreed to.
A committee of four was formed to make the necessary arrangements, viz, Messrs. B. G. Key. A. Hingley, B. Horton and C Wallater Several new memhers were enrolled, including Miss Cressweli (daughter of the Viear of St. Matvis), she being the first lady ringer to join the Cathedral baxd.
A vots of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell Por arranging and eerviag tea, and to the chairmau for presiding, was moved by the Rev, C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation. This terminated an interesting and pleasant meeting.

## A NEW TREBLE BELL.

On the evening of Wednesaxy, June 28th, a large congregation witnessed the dedication by the Bishop of Croydon of a treble bell recently installed by John Tavler and Co. to complete the ring of six bells ef the Charch of St. Jolm the Baptist, West Wicklain, Kent.
A splendid saidition to the 17 th century ring of five the new bell is a. gift of the Barroa Hell Trust, while the cost of structural alterations in the tower and decorations in the ringing room wes borne by the loval band.
Visiting risgers, who attended from Beckenham, Penge, Haves, Bromley and Bromicy Common, were rewarded with a verv fine address from the Bishop, and alter the service rang various methods with the local band on the new sir.
The West wickham hand are 'at home ' each Wednesdar at 8 p.m. to any ringer who wonld like to pay a visit.
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## BELERY GOSSIP

An interesting figure at the diamond jubilee festival of the Wiachester and Portsmoath Diocesan Guild at Ryde on Saturday was Mr. Gearge H. Caombs, who is still Jale aud bearty at 96.
He began riaging over 50 years ago and kept it up until last year, When he retired because the belfry steps became too much for him. It was not the going up that troubled lim, but the danger in coaning down.
Mr. Coombs still looks after his own garden, and it is one of the best kept in Ryde. He works in it many hours a day, tut, he confided to us, $u$ e bas now to sit down a good bit in between whiles. Except for slight deafness, Mr. Coombs has all his faculties aud is still at
 playing.
Writing to the Rev. D. Railton, Rector of St. Nicholas', Livexpool, Miss Monica Heywood, of Claremont, Salford, sister of the late Sir Arther Heyword, said: "The account of my brother's peal being rung at St. Nieholas" Chureh as a "God speed " to the "Mauretaria" was read to a birthday gathering of 35 of the Heywoad family on Monday (June 19th), and we shoaid like the ringers to be congratutated on their splendid achievement in ringing the 5,007 changes in 3 h. hours."
The practice niglit at St. Mary*s, Banbury, has been changed from Wednesdsy to Thursday
The marriage of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, now of Pelmers Green, London, and Miss Jessie Angwin, of Truro, took place on Saturday in the Cornish ciky. In honour of the event a peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung ai Staines. Rather appropriate-if we may be permitted the flippancy. Another peal attempt at Edmonton was unfortumately lost.
The "whole pull and stand" was rung at Soutinwark Cathedral on Tuesday of last week to the memory of the late Mr. Willio Rouglitan nad the late Mr. Archibald F. Harris by the memisers of the Ancient Societg of College Youths. Touches of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung.
Her ringing friends will be pleased to leara that Mrs, Paul Field, of Stoke Walce, Blandford, retarned home on Sanday, July znd, after exactly three months in hospital. Although ahe has made a miraculous recovery, it will he some time before she will be able to resume her normal routine.
The Ficar of Aldhourne, Wilts (the Rev. J. S. Flliott), thanks the anonymous sender of the photograph depicting one of Wells' old bells. After the meeting of the Winclester ned Portmouth Guild at Ryde on Saturday, a pair of gentlemna's kid gloves was found. The owner can bave them by writing to Mr. B. J. Snow, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde.

## VISITORS* FRIGID RECEPTION

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-The letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing Werld ' from Messrs. H. G. Blanchard and N. G. Knee is rather puzzling to me, as quite recently $I_{3}$ too, called ut Bridport on a Sunday eventag, and my experience was exactly opposite to that describad by your two cortespondents. I met the ringers at the foot of the tower and received a very cordial welcome. On entering the belfry I was ot once invited to riny, and even conduct, which I did. As I had nevar been into the tower on any prewious occasion, it cannat be suggegted that I received preferential treatment. After the ringing. Mr. Northover, whom I assume is the leader in the tower, made himself known to me and invzted tue to his fome for reireshmontr. He also offered me the bells for a peal attempt, and promised that if I took a band to Bridport for this be would entertain us afterwards. This is the kind of 'trigid' treatment that I would like to see mora of.
I. feel it is only fair to the Bridport men that I should write this letier, and I feel sure that the visitors were themselfes at fault in some way, or ther would hare had a similar experience to mine.

## BRIDPORT SECRETATY'S EXPLANATION.

Dear Sir, -In reply to Messps. H. G. Blanchard and N. G. Knee ( ${ }^{\text {Ringers' Frigid Reception' } 1 \text {, I have been a member of St. Wary's }}$ band for 45 years. 32 of which as holt. secretary. This is ile first time in that period a charge of discontesy bas been levellesi againet ne. Tlie facts are as follows: The custom of the tower is to ring from 5.45 to 6 and from 6.3 to 6.23 for evensong.

Mesgrs. Blanchard and Kuee came into the tower after the bells were going about 6.8. Two visitors wha had come in bafore 6 were ringing. one of whom at his request was celling two extents of Morris* 240 . Had Messra. Blancliard and Knee been in the tower at 6 fwo of the repular band would have glady given up their ropes for them. For their Eurther information I would adu that Grazdsire Doublea Were being rumg on 12357, with 4.6 .8 covering not on the front six with 7.6 .8 covering as stated. Thanking you for allowing me bpace如 correet a wrong inpression. WALTEIR J, B. FORTMOVER,

Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's Rand.

## AN IRISH BROADCAST. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-It has never been my lot to listen to more indescribably disgraceful ringing than that hroadcast from Londonderry Cathedral at 6.25 last Smadny night. It is a pity steps cannot be taken to prevent the pessibility of sucls a fiasco.

ARISTIDFs."

## A DIAMOND JUBILEE.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD'S CELEBRATION. <br> Bishop Presides at Annual Meeting

## Ihs Winchester and Fortsmouth Diocesan Guild celebrated it

 diamond jubilee an Saturday, when the annual festival was held at Fyde, Isle of Wigtat. There was a large attendance of members from al parts of the two dioceses, and although some of those who came from the mainland found crossing not a very comfortable process in the peak of labliday trafic, and some hed to stand by aud watch crowded boats go out before they were able to get aboard, thesuteres of the mueting more that made up for any jaconvenience suffered. The featiral was notable for the fact that not only was the Guild privileged to have the Bishop of Portsmouth as preacber at tha festival service, but his lordship also presided over the business nuecting, the first time, so far as can be remembered, that the Guild has lad a Biskop in the chair duriog the transaction of its business.
The service in All Saints' Church was condueted by the Rectar of Kyde and the singing whe led by a full choir.
The Bishop, in lis address, referrod to the ministry of the bells and to the important part which church bells played in the life of the nation and the parish. Fe said he could not conceive wlat England would be like if the bells were stopped and could not be heard over the coumtriside, or across the hills and valleys calling to evensong. There would be a great emptiness in our lives, he said, if that happened. It gavo those whose business it was to lead in Church affairs mach pleasure and uzuch happiness to think that zo many Christian men and women gave up their time and effort to this real bit of Cliristian work, bringing bappiness and joy and comfort into the hearts and minds of endess people up and down England. He hoped, when they stead in their towers, they would think not anly of the sciontific successiou of changes upon which they wore inteat, but sometimes also of the great and good God in whose bonour they were ringing, for the comfort and happiness of humble souls in darh and dreary streets, in the cottages in the countryside, in the mansions of the rich apd in the palaces of lings. Let that be their incentive and their inspiration, too.

## IHANGED CONDITIONS.

The Bishop reminded the ringers of the changed conditions in the towers null said in these daya ringers ecogniged that in the belfies there should be reverence and devohion, and that their calling should he exemplified in their lires. He wes, he said, still reminded sometimes thut ringers who rant for a serpine walked away from the church when the ringing was firished. That was an unfortuaate thing. It was also an mifortunate thing that thera were clergy who never went into the riuging room. He hat nsually made a practice himself of going to the lower, and in tlat way had been brought into contact witli men whom he roult otherwise have known nothing about. He thought it was a good thing that as many clergy as possible should 111 calling people to church. The Bishop closed by exhorting his hearers to live up to their vocation so that the trames of the ringers should rank high ins the parish and their conduct be an example to thore who heard them ring
A party, numbering 130 , sat down to tea at the insitation of the
The Bishop of Porlsmouth presided at the sulsequent meeting, rind Was supported by the Archacacon of Newport, the vice-president and Master of the cuild Mr. G. Williams), the hon, secretary (Mr. F. W. Ringers), the Vicars of Xewport and Carisbrooke, etc. At the outset the Master welcomed the distinguished visitors. and specially mentioned the prescnee of Mr. Charman, of the Sussex Conntr Associawion, Mr. N. Goldsmith, of 'The Ringing World, and Air. G. Conmis, who, at the age of 96 , whs the oldest ringing member of the inild
The Bishop, in reply to the welcome expressed his pleasure st meetmg the members of the Gaild and said he and the other clergy present apprecinted the Guild's invitation to be present on the accasion of their diamond jubilea, Reforring to the presence of the "young rellow' of SG. he recalled the quotation, "Kind words can never die, end said he thought they ollght to read, ${ }^{\text {E }}$ Kind ringers can never die Ifughteri, When he looked round on those old gentlemen and ladies of 12 and 14 years who were present he thought some day in the future whe of his succesans might have to welmone sometoay well past the (applause)
The Bishop went on to say bow much he and his brother ciergy - ppreciated the friendly relationship which existed between them and the ringers. One of the astonishing things of modern churchmanship Was the whyt in which church men and women had fown out that st was not only the parson's duty to work on behalf of the church ond religion, but that it was the prixilege of the lnity to wort also. The Figeint of church bells was a very important mart of church work and he need not remind them of the rubric which sajd that a bell must be rung immediately before a service. Recently in connection with a new housing estate there had leen some little trouble shout, the use of a church bell, because some people did not like bells and thought they were a nuisance. There, ther had to come to a compromise, but it. was wery doubtful indeed whether anyone could object successfult
to the ringing of bells before morning and evening service. It was a rubric and a rubric was a law of the laud. 'We are pargons and rimgers," said the Bishop: "they cannot do witimut us and we won't go (laughter). Fe concladed with good wishes to the Guild for the future and congratulafed the diocese upon laving such an active and efficient body of ringers.

## THE MEETING.

Among the apologies received was one from the hon. treasurar (Mr. 포. Barion), one from the Southampton district secretary (Mr, G. Pullipger) on account of the illness of his wife, and another trom 3r. Jennings, who was ju hospitul. At the suggestion of the gharman, it was decided to send lettirs of syupathly and good misles, for speedy convelescence, to the sick.
A letter from the hons. secretary of the Sunsex Connty Association convejed the good wishes of that asseciation to the Guild upon its sixtietl anuiversary, and similar comgratulations came from Mr. T. Trallope, of Oxford, who mentioned that he was present at a meeting of the Winchester Guild held at inyde in 1889, when he was a member of the band at Twyiord, near Winchester.

The accounts, which had been pristed and circulated, were adopted, They showed that the balances in hand were 5244 , against $93625.8 d$. in the previous year. The receipts amounted to 512933 , 7d. including $\pm 4511 \mathrm{~s} .7 \mathrm{~d}$. From 175 hon, members aud 56816 s . paid by 699 ringing members. Amoag ihe ftemg of expenditure was E15 6s. Bd. in grants to bell restorations.

A joint report by the Guild's represeatatives on ihe Central Council Was presented, in which bley reviewed the busiaess transacted at the Whitanntide meeting, and reminded the memhers that the Counci? was always grateful for books and documents which could be added to its library. At the meetiog the Council acknowledged the gift of a large number of assoaiation reports of some 30 sociefies, corerimg a period from 1881, whech it was hoped wauld form a valuable basis for a collection, should the Council ever decide upass making one. The representaives of the Winchester Guild suggested the Guild might consider it a privilege, if it were possible, zo make $B$ gift to the Council of a couplete set of their owry reports towards this object. With recrard to the pablication of the Surprise Major book, the Guild, in fecordance with itw decision at the last annual meatiog, liad been affle to inform the Council that they would talte the fall quota of twolva copies, at a cost of 33 s . The report omplasisel what had heen said in the Council meeting that conductors of peals should take every eare that reports sent for publication in 'The Ringing World' should be accurate and complete. With regard to enilection of details concernimg old peal boards, the report, asked asembers of the Guild who brew of the existence of peal boards relaking to peals rung up to the yoar 1825, and who lasd not informed the socretary of the particulars, to lot him have the details at once. The report fiso set out the conclusions of the Standing Committee on the use of mechanical substitutes for hells, which are to he sent to every Dioreenn Advisory Commiltee in the country.
The Inom. Seeretary said with regard to the suggestion that the Gaild should present copies of its annual reports to the Conncil hibrary the diffurity was that they had not got a complete set. It mas, however, possible that between then they could gat one together If thes ceuld dn this the papies could be hound and given to the Cowncil. He prophsed that thas should he done.-Mr. Upton seconded The Bisliop emplasised that by carrying out this suggestion the members would be doing a valuable pulilio sarvice. He dud not like giving up oid things and he thought mang other members of the Councll were the same, but they would be doing a public rervice ty
 to give them now than to hang on ta thmm and let them be destroyed after they were gone by someone who did not value the reports. It they were prosented to the Council they would be kept for good.

The proposal to encienvour to make up n comaplete collection of the reports and prescot them, bound, to the Comncil was agreed to, mnd the representatives were thanked for their report.

All the officers were re-elected en thoc, wis.: Master, Mr. George Barton; recorder of peals, Mr. $\mathfrak{R}$. A. Rogers; hon, treastrer, Mr. H

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A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Mr. G. Fullinger to alter the rule with regard to the allownnce for out-of-pocket expenses to the representatives attending Centrai Council meetings. 1t. was proposed to substitute for the words "necessary ont-at-pocket expenses the words "third clasg monthly returm fare and tem shillings.' In the absence of Mr. Pullinger this was moved by Mr. Stome and seconded by Mr. W. Andrews.
Considerable discussion ensued, in the conrse of which it was pointed out that a shm of 10 s . sustenance allowance was totally iradequate when the meeting was held in some place which necassitated absence fram home for two or, perfaps, three deys Fventually the motion was amended to red 'third elas⿱ montbly return fare and not more than 109. Der day for a manimum of three daye. This whs carried with one dissentient

A member suggested that provision ought to be made to refund to The Chairman, in the absence of a definite proposition, ruled this out of order, but said he lad every aympathy with the idea. When a Working sian had a claim to represent the Gurld on tho Council he (Continued on page 434.)

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. <br> A SATISFACTORY MEMBERSHIP. Altaration of Rules.

About 70 members and friends atfended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Ascociation on Saturday at Yeovil. The proceedings started with ringing on the noble ten at the Parish Church, and thres excelleut courses of Stedman Caters were rung for service, at which the genior corate (the Rev. L. E. Walsh) ofrinted and gave an appropriate address.
Tea and the business meeting in the Church Hall followed, und at the latter the Master (tbe Rev. W. M. K. Warren) presided.
The ordinary business was preceded by a special meeting called to consider the committee's recommendations in regard to alterations to rules. Thise recommondations chiefy concerned the date of the anaal meetings in future, and the abolition of the necessity of calling a special mecting to alter ruies, as is mecessary at present.
There was some discussion, iaitiated by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, on the matter of going through the existing rules. It was felt, however, thet the towers had lad man months to consider the proposed alterntions, that the committee had carefully cousidered the business, and that no good purpose would be serfed by going through the sules once more.
On tho proposition of Mr. J. Eunt, seconded by Mr. Farrant, the alterations were approved.
The annual meeling in the association's jubilee year, 1940, will he held on Faster Monday et Tguntom.
The routine business followed. In his report the Master said: The association contiaues to grow. Nearly 1,400 members paid their faes tast year, and 170 towers belong to the association. Tinis can be regarded as satisfactory, especially at a time when maby associations inave to complain of falling membership. Tfforts must not be relaxed, and interest in the art of ringing must be kept up. Those branches which rua regular practice meatings have noted that these meetings have proved a stimulus to their mumbers, and that the introduction at these meetings of higher methods las done much to sustain and increase interest. there is nothing so likely to stifle progress as method rul in which it is easy to remain.
The excelleat work of the branches continues. The Axbridge and Frome branches have recovered under their present secretaries, and return to the head of the list in point of momhership. Axhridge and Cary branches show good lists of honorary members. This close co-aperation with the olergy and with the people of standing in the dionese is al! to the grod. The limppy reletions of the Dunster Branch with its clerey are well snown. One or two branches slow e complete return of nftiation fees. These nominal sums are intended to show the appreciation of the Church futhorities towards the work the associntion is doing One loeal searetary made a new record in tateness with his accounts, and that is the reason the report is so late. The

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The President suggested that Mr, Rarker shonid bring up a resolution at the next meeting, when the matter could be discussed alter the members had, perhaps, had an opportmity of getting some experiegce of the eilencers.

## A RECORD ATTEENDANCE.

Tho Secreiary, in a report upon the atiendance at the mecting, said they had had a record Council that dav. There had beeat 137 members present, 104 being representatives of affliated societjes and 13 honorary members. Twenty-four associations were fully xepresented with 80 members, 19 were partly representec with 44 members, and only sim associntions were murepresented.
The President then moved a vote of thanks to all who had loelped to make the arrangements for the meeting. He thanked the Hiddlesex Connty Council far the use of the Couscil Clamber of Westminster Guildhall, which, he thought, was the finest room, at any rate in regard to sound, in which they had met sirce he fat been iresident. Ee siso tharked those who lad mede it possible to use a room at the Coffer Pot on the previous evening for the sccommodation of the Standing Committee, and be expressed grateful thanks to the Church authorities, the zingers and the steeplekeepers at the various churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, where they had becn allowed to ring. He thanked, too, the Offee of Works for permission to ring at the Imperial Institute. He also included in the vote of Ehanks an expression of gratibude to the London societiesthe College Youths, the Royal Cumberlands, the Essex, Kent, London Connty, Middleser and Surrey Associations-for their hospitatity and erpecially the committee who had carried ont the artangements on fheir bebalf. The President went on to express his gratitude to the lson. secretary for the work he had done. This year particularly he (the president) had rather left the hon. secretary in the lurch except for the last three weeks, and he very mack appreciated all that Mr. Fletcker and his sssistant (Mre. Fletcher) had dome.

The votes of thinns were carried with acclamation.
Canon Coleridge then proposed a wote of thanks to the president for the manner in which he had conducted the meeting, fod, the president lzaving replied, the meating ferminated.
ocal secretaries should send in their accounts by finuary 3 lit. If the towers are tardy in their paymente, the local secretaries must either break the rule or send in their accounts incomplete, and meither of these things is deairable. If, at the annual meeting at Yeoril, it is decided to hold future annual meatings on Easter Mondays, any delay in sending in accounts will make it impossible to issue the report befare the meeting.
Tho geceral secretary would like to thank those offcers of the association and age or two friends who helped in the distribution of the reporta
The financial position of the association is satisfactory; 215 has been transferred from the deposit account, where it gained little interest, to the Bell Repair F'und, where it will do gooé and emhance the prestiga of our organisation.
I have not mach to add to the secreiary's notes. It is very shtisfactory to know that so many members belong to our ascociation, and to this fact no one has contributed more than the secretary himself, both by bis constant wisiting of towers and his insistence on good striktng. But we must uot be satisfied with what has been dobe in holding our owr: we must be determined on further extension
This can be done in two wars. (1) By extending our vision berond our own towers. (2) By enlisting the interest of the clergy, it is not sufficient to welcome an occasiona? visit to the belfry, buk an attempt should be made to introduce him to the bells themselves and show him how they are rung and how they work and all about then. He is more likely to reppat lis visit, if his interest could be engaged. Many of the difficulifes of finding recruits trould consequentif be colved. A little mare co-operation between clargy and rinvers, as workers together for God is bound to result in better fellowship, more ringers and better ringing.
The officers of the association were retelected. the accounts afopted, and Mr. Hunt give his usual clear and entertaining account of the proceedings at the Central Courcil meeting.
Other routine business was transacted, and cotes of thanks were scoorded to the Rep. Preb. A. Chisholm, the Ficar of Yeovit, to the Rev. L. IE. Walsh, to Mr. T. Baker captain of the local ringers, and to the ladies who provided so bountifal a tea. Further ringing afterwards toot place.

## EIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Anondsbury, Gloz+, on Sunday, Tume 25th, for morming service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Winliams C. Harding 2 , R. Harding 3. C. Gould 4, B. Huddeston 5, A. Hitliar 6, T. Harris (conductor' 7, C. Russel| $B$.
At St. Augustine's Cliwrcly, Kilburn, London, on Jume 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Mimor (1,260 changes) : Miss 3. Davies (first quarter-peal) I. E. M. \&tkins (conductor) 2, Miss B. Hart 3, A. R. Pergeter (first quarter-peal on tower belts) 4, A. Tozer $3_{1}$ -. J. Nichols 6.

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should not be detirred from lack of means, but he thought thet, is they had setted the matter so far, it would be better if the proposer put down a resolution for the next anmual general meeting.
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was decided to hold tha next amoual meeting at Bournemouth on the first Saturday in JuIy, 1940

Tha Hon. Secretary said last year a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question af the restoration of the Rayner tomb at Arreton, Isle of Wight. There was some difficulty about the matter, as the tomb cantained a long inscription, much of which did not relate to Henry Ravner, but to members of his family, and it was suggested that the matter be aljourned for another year, so that the officers of the Guild raight consult further with the sub-committee.This course was sgreed to.

The Executive Committee reported tliat an application had been received from St. Michael's, Basingstoke, for a grant from the Special Furposes Fund to wipe of the balance of the cost of the restoration of the bells at St. Wichael's, Basingstoge, and the committec recommended that whe balance of $£ 125$ s. be paid.

Hajor Stilwell (district secretary) supparted the proposal, and it was pointed out that 持 was et this church 60 years ago that the Gujld was formed
The recommendation was agreed to
Mr. I. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. extended the congratulations and good wishes of the daughter Guild to its parent apon its diemond jubilee.

Tha Rev N. C. Woods referred to the setious iliness of Mr. J. W. Elkins, senior Dean's verger at Winclester Cathedral and an hors member of the Guitd. He had suddenly broken down and there was little hopes of his life being prolonged for many days.

The Bishop asked the members to rememtier Mr. Eikins in their
The Master was about to propose a Fate of thanks to the Bishon at the closs of the business, when the chairman interrupted to ramark that Bishops were not allowed to te thanked for presiding at meetiage.
Finging took place during the afternoon and evening on the froe peal at ATI Saints' Churbh, the variety extending from rounds to spliced Surprise Major.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## MECHANICAL RINGING

The Fresident said at the last meeting they had a motion by the Fer. H. Drake on the question of meclanical ringing. which was referred to the Standing Committee to consider. The committee had considered the position and lord come to some conclusions.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presentea the repork, which the Standing Gommittee guggeated should be adopted and sont to all the Diocesar Anvisory Committees of the United Kingdow. It was as follows
(1) While there uay be cxceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of chureh bells is justified, any goneral adoption of such pructice is emphatioally to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unwortly of the Church of God, but also becanse it eliminates the living service of hand, and lreart, and mind, which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contritutory to an act of warship.
(2) Thy installa*ion of such a mechanteal device shoufd be severely prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a peal of prolls except as a temporary experient, as, for example, when fower or bells are under repair.
(3) In the case of building new churches it is olvious that the erection of a tower and bells must oflea be left to a future generation, or even omitted altonether, but it is a wital point of prineiple that no sanction slould ever be given to the huilding or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with 8 view to the
installation of a granophone record instesd of real bells. The oue installation of a gramoptsonte eecord instead of real bells. The oue hells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record nannot be regarded otherwise tlian an urchitectural fraud, entirely unworthy a a puilding designed for sacred purposes.
The repport was approved, as also was the suggestion that it he sent

## CHESTERFIELD BFLLS

The President sald the question of Chesterfeld bells came before the Council three or four yogrs ago. The tower was then said to be masafe for ringing and the famous peal of ten bells was silent. The Towers and Belfries Comsmittee was approaclsed and tlyey corresponded
with the Vicar, but did not get very far, because it was dificult for them to bute in. In the socond place he (the president) did not succed in getting from the Yicar the name of the architect. He beliered he was a London architect and he had hoped to meet him and have a talk with lim. Now the committee understood the position was that the trells were still silent, although the tower was said to lave been repaired and quite all riglat for ringing the belis. The nether han rather come to a head because, metording to a report which sppeared in the "Sheffeld Telegraph : about two months ago, the Archdeacon had threakened, if ho could not get ringers, to think of installing some form of canned' bells and gramophone records. The President asked if there was any further information on the matter.

Mr. J. Harris said he was afraid no further information was available, but he did not think the Archdeacon was quite right when he said he could not get any ringere. There were ringers to be got, but when a tower had been closed for years ther could not expect to get things done in a day or two. Had the Archdeacon given any ringers the opportunity to go to the tower P He thought it was the duty of the Council to try and find out what was holding things up, Within recent days the Cluesterfield District of the Midland Counties Associa-
tion had been revived and there was also the leak Society, so there tioz had bean revived and there was also the leak Society, so there
wa no lack of ontlusiasm in that part of Derbyanire. Perlans one of the reasous why Chesterfield fell into neglect was that they had no member on the Dincesan Ativisory Roard. He would like to see a member appoitated to erery Board in the country. It was becanse of fisked the Council to do something in connection with Chesterfield.
Mr. W. E. Wlite (Midiand Counties) said he had had a letter from tha president of their association on this matter, and he thought they need have no fear about there being any substitute for Chesterfielid bells.

Mr. S F. Palmer said at the annual mecting of the Midand Connties Association he met one of the old Chesterfield ringers and went into the matter fully with lim. That ringer had keen in communication with the Archdeacon and had offered to provide ten ringers-he had got the promise of the services of ten ex-ringers-and he asked for an interview with the Archdeacon. The Archdeacon replied Dy Ietter Hat he would grant him an interview in a few weeks time, as he was then rery busy. That wes in the early part of the pear Up to the week before the Council meeting the ruger in question had heard nothing further. He was afraid the Archadeacon was very indifferent with regard to the heils, and had no interest in ringing.
Mr. T. Clarke (East Derbyshire and Notts) said, knowing the bells were now ringable, he wrote to the Archdeacon fuggesting that he might be allowed to take some ringers there for a combined practice, but the Arehdercon had rot even replied to his letter
The President thonght in view of whet had been said it did not seem that the Council could talke any useful action. It was a question of somene gething round or behind the Arehdeacon.
The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thought the secretary might write to the Archdeacon and say that the Council was very glad to hear that the

Archdeacon had promised to intervicw one of the ex-ringers on the subject of restartitg Clesterdicld beilg, with a view to raisiug a band and trusting they would soon beer of the successful result of that interviow
Mr. W. G. Witson seconded the suggestion, which was adopted.

## A BOOK ON HANDBELL RINGLNG

The President. said that last year it was proposed to get out a book lundbell ringieg, and they fasked Mr. Cluris. Woalley to see what he could do about it, Mr. Wooloy had prepared a draft and had sent it out to one or two people for criticism. He (the president) had only addition he would suggest was something on Stidnaau
The Hon. Secretary said lie thought porhaps the reason why they found so little about Stedman in the draff was that, when he liad seen Chria Woolley ringing Stedman on liandhells, ho sat on the edge of a chaiz and his knees knocked together (laughter). Mr. Woolley had prepared the book and had submitted it to a mamber of prominent bandbell ringers for their criticisn, and it seemed a pity if they were to have to wait anotber year and bring it again before the Council
approval before they could print it. He suggested that it would 03 better if, bfter it fad been passed round for eriticism and adjustment. it should be put into the hands of the Standing Committee to denl with and print it as soon as possible.
This course was egreed to.

## EJLENCERS.

Mr. A. D. Barkor said in the past the Council, he believed, lad oxpressed a definite opinion with regard to peals wlien the ruellg had not been struck. After a peal. in which Seago's apparatus had been used on the bells, he believed the Council declined to recognise it. There was now among the public a lot of antagonism with regard to noise, and bells were heing rulug with the use of various forms of sound reducing apparatus. There was one peal rang last Jear im which an apparatus was used, as a regalt of which the clapper struck only on ore side of the bell throurbout the pert. Me would like to know what was the attitude of the Council to a peal ruag like that? Mr. Pulling said he understood, when the silencer in question was useck, they got a double blow of the clapper when the bell turaed us one direction, and one blow when it turned the opposibe way. That, in fact, in a whole pull the clapper struck the bell tloree times instead Tho Re
Tha Rev. C. E. Wigg said, es one who took part in the peal which Tr. Barker had mentioned, he could say, with regard to the clapper striking a double note, that was not $\mathrm{so}_{\text {, }}$ unless it was due to the unekifful handling of the hell, resulting in it humpiag against the stay. That nitht slake the clapper so that ther got the appearance of two blows, hut if the hell wis rung properly there was not the skightest risk of the sound bow being struck more than once. The apparatus was a simple one. A loop of rope or leather or wize was pat round the flight of the clapper and the ball was pulled up to any desired distance from the somme how, according to the volume of sound required. The other end was then made fast to some convenient nut on the stock. The clapper struck the bell exactly at the same time as if the clapper had been swinging free.
Mr. Gilbert asked if they lashed the clapper to the side of the hell so that it did not strike the other side at all, could they call that a peal? They could hear the liells when strnding under them, but they could noth hear them 50 yards away.
Mr. Collett said the amonnt of sound depended entirely on the lengtly of the slrap that was used. It was a metter of adjustment. Mr. P. J. Johman: Do you mean that you liave a peal in which the clapper strikes only on one side of the bell?
Tho Rev. C. E. Wipg : Yos,
Mr. Joluson: I should gifongly oppose recogniging that,
Mr. A. E. Lock said he had liad experience of these silenvers, and they could be adjusted so that the bells were loud or quiet as rea double blow of the clapper, but this did aot occur if they had good ringers who knew how to kandle a bell.
The Pregident said he foond it difficult to accept the statement thot the clapper confrofled by this apparatus sounded at exactly the same moment as if it were free. He couth maderstand it might in roundg but he found it diffictit to helieve that it did so in clanges.
Mr. Tock: I assure you jt does.
The Presideut : J sliould like proof of it.
The Rev. C. E. Wigg suggested that the Council should defer any judgment nn the question of peals rang with this apparaius attached to the hells. undil they had had the opportunity of testing it, amd perhaps at the mext meeting at Cardiff le could bring a set of the silencers and arrange to lave them fitted to a peal of bells, so that members of the Council could lave the opportunity of festing the device for themselves. He could assure the president that the bell did strike at the identical moment as if the clapper were free.
The President said the onls real teat before they could form a judgment. would he for the same ringers to ring a Ebucin of reasonatile lencth with and without the silencers.
The Rev C. E. Wigg said that hac actually been done at Sherborme Abbey. He rang the tenor hoth times nad be found the bell a little exsier to strike with the silencers on.
Mr. Barker sata his point whe whether a peal, ring with thes apparatur on the hella, could be recognised bs the Coumet.

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## PEAL NOTES.

NORWITI PEALS.
The camposition of 5,000 of Bob Royal ly Mr. Nolan Golden, rung at St. Peter Mancroit, Norwich, on Juae 28tly, is a two-part peal containing 13 courses with 8-7 reversed, five of the 6-5's and all the 5-6's.
Six of the band that rang is this peal took part on Baturday in a peal in four spliced plain Major methods at St. Miclzal-st-Coslany. Norwich the first spliced peal on the bells. The peal contained 1,344 changes of Plain Bob, 384 of Fulbeck Boly, 528 of Double Boh and 2,752 of Doubla Norwich, with 84 rlanges of method. The composifion of 5.008 by Mr. Nolan Golden had 52 course ends, with 4,5 and 6 only in 6th's place, the 4th and 6th sheir extent there, and the 2nd nerer in 5 -6.

The first peat on the befls at Probus, Cornwall, was rung on Iune 28th. The excellent striking which was maintained throughout the peal so impressed the Ficar ithe Rev. - Hammons) that he went up into the belfry afterwards to congratulate the land. He ronsidered if a remarkble porformance and intends to have a record of it placed in the belfry.
A peal of Bob Major at St, Mary's, Wookich, was a triple birthduy celehration, having heen specially nrranged as a complimenti to Messrs. A. E. Barker, F. Hoverd and D. M. Sharp (tioe conductor), After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barker, nita, at the celobrations which followed, each bithday was 'drowned' in turn. The perl was rung on June 24th.
A peal of lloh Major rung at St. Feter's, Nothingliam, on June 2gth, in honour of the wedding of Ifr. Frants Browns, orte of the Sunday servine ringers at that church, was atso a consument to ifr. W. E. Bason, of Xorwich, upon his having rung 200 peale for the Norwich Diocesau Aksociation. The mompnsition wos one by Mr. Bawon with 178 siugles, with only the tih. Sth und 6tit in sixth's phlace and all the oombingtions of 4-5-6 in 5-6.
Mr. E. C. S. Tumer rang his 2MOth peal on tower bells when lie fook part in four spliced Starprise Major methods at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, as a wedding compliment to the Rev, A. S. Roberis und Miss Tessie Angwin, whieh took place at Truro. It was aleu a birliday peal for Miss Eunu Bedford, who rang her first Spliced Surprise peal.
A peal of Grandsire Criples was rang at Brecon on June 25 th as a farewell tr Mr. Charles Powell, a ringer at St. Mary's, Brecou, und looth, trensurer of the Swanser and Brecon Diocesar Guild, who is leaving Brecan to reside at Rify in revizement. Tha peal was also in honour of the preferment of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Swausea and Precon to the See of L.landaff. The Bishop is president of the Smansea and Brecon Guild. After the meal the band with Mr Powell, enioyed tha hospitality of the Brecon riugers.
Tho pral of Boh Misjor at Borehann, Essex, on June 27th, was rung by the regular Sunday service band and is the first by such for a good many years at this tower. For a long time thiggs at Borelam were in a very had state, and it is due to dr. Stanley Edwards that the present band started. Though Mr. Edwards moved away from the parish jusf as the first of tlie bend started to handle a bell, it was not too mach trouble for him to cycle six miles ench way in all weather to give of his hetp to his pupils, and to him the condsetor and band extend their grateful thanks.

The oeal of Minor in three methods rung at Ibstock on Saturday. Thae 24th. was specially artatged as a compliment to Mr. A. W. Hoping (who was for 65 years a devoled nember of the local comphay) ont the occasion of his 86 th birthday. Unfortanately, Mr. Hurkins is not now able to $\pm$ nke all active part in the ringmg owing o heing, unable to climb the belfry steps.
The ringer of the treble (who is the only chith of the conductor, Mr. A F. Rowleyt will not be 14 years of age until July $6 t h$, and it is tweliered that, she is the raungest girl ever to ring a peal for the Minlant Connties Association.

Con June 24tl3, 1922 fwo davs atier his wedding, Mr. Emest Morris. of Leicester, hon. generni pecretary of the Midand Counties Assoniation rang. as his wedding peal, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Danatanc, Stepney. On the 17 th anniversary of that occasion a peal of Yorlinhire Strprise whs runt at Gravesend, Kent, in which Mr. Moris, who was or holiday in London, rang the bth. In the same peal. Which was rung two daws after the hirthoray of the cotauctor (Mr. P. J. Corby). Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, complefed the circlo" hy riaging the 3 rd.
Frederiek Nicholls, althongh only 14 vears of age, has mumg an "inside' hell to seten different. Minor methods for his first peal; and he rang it at the first attempt, too. This is an extraordinerily good performance, and he well deserved the congratuslations of the rest of The band on the way he rang throughout the peal at Weth-on-Dearme, Yorls, on June 24th.
The hells at Hanburf, near Bromsgrove, Worcesterslite, have recontly heon recast and rehung with all modern fitting br Messes. John Tavior and Co. The first neal was rung on them an Saturdar, Tune 24th, by members of the Western Brawch of the Worcestershire Assoctation.
The Church Ccuacil can he congratulated on their hold efforts in having a complete restoration done instead of a patclied up i.ffict, for although a country parish nad rather scatteced, Hanbury fas niroadr raised two-thirds of the cost.

## NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford

LADIES' GUILD.-The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The following towers will be open frorn 2.30: St, Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (6), St. Clement's (6), and St. Lawrence (5). Service in St. Mary-leTower Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street, at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (1s. per head), followed by business meeting.-E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern District.-

 The next quarteriy meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 8th Bells (6) will be available fron two o'clock. Short service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, 1s. per head, in Parochial Hall, folliowed by business meeting. All welcome.-H. S. Morley, Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, SelbyESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western District.-. The next meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The presentation to the late district secretary will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped that every tower in the district will be represented.

## - I. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cectar Avenue, Cladwell

## Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Maidstone Dis-trict.-Half-yearly meeting at West Mailing, on Saturday, July 8 th. Tower open at 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2 s. will be paid to members at this meeting.- $R$. $G$. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downswiew, Spring Lane, Ightham.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be beld at Christ Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, July 8tlı. Tower open 6 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Mernbers and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Paulton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5 p.m.E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., Mells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, July 8 th . Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service if arranged. Please advise Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordharn, Cambs, number for tea. A good company is hoped for.-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-Offley, July 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 , followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due. Look up Double Oxford and London Surprise Minor.-R. T. Newman, ${ }^{6}$, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

DURHAN AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The summer meeting will be held in Morpeth on Saturday, July 8th, when the bells of the Watch Tower will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea wil! be available at Oliver's Cafe, Bridge Street, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5 p.m.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Branch. --The next quarterly meeting wili be held at Sempringham Abbey, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells recently augmented to six, will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting at the School, Pointon.-C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lines.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Tower will be open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 . Tea will be provided for a nominal charge. -G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, July 8 th. Beils ready at 3.30 . A good attendance is requested. Everybody welcome. You can't go wrong here. The local lads can ring 'Owt.'-J. Porter, Hon. Sec

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, July 8th. Beils (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea alt 5. Milton bells not available. You will be very wel-come-Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10 , Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SHEFFIEID AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-Note: The next meeting will be held at Norton Church ( 8 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, Mangerhay, Norton, near Sheffeld.-M. E. Winson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting will be held at Tuxford to-morrow, ]uly 8 th.- R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

## BRIDGNORTH, ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

 SHROPSHIRE.-The ring of six bells, tuned, rehung in new framework and two trelles added to make eight by John Taylor and Co., will be re-opened on Sunday, July gth; services is a.m. and $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ringing during the afternoon.SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday, July gth, at 5.30 p.m. G. W. Stecre, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Practices for July: St. Giles', Cripplegate, irth; St. Andrew's, Holborn, s3th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, I8th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 2oth; Southwark Cathedra\}, 25 th ; St. Clement Danes, 27 th; all at $7 \cdot 30$ p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-A combined practice will be held at Harpenden on Tuesday, July ifth. The ring of eight 1eells (tenor I5 cwt.) will be available at 7.45 p.m. A good attendance is requested.-H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GLILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-A combined practice will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Wednesday, July 12 th, from 6.30 p.m. til! 9 p.m. All welcome-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, July 15th. Belis (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, July 12th? -H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis, Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hatl at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wedwesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.-R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN

 GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, July 15th (not 8th). Bells available 230. Service 4. Tea and business meeting follow. All requiring tea, please notify by July 12th, to Mr. W. Cottrell, Chitty Farm, Mortimer West, Reading.-J. G. Stilwelt, Hon. Dis. Sec.KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-A great gathering is expected at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. The beatiful gardens of Penshurst Place, and the Rectory, will be open to ringers, by kind permission of Lord de Isle and Dudley, and the Rev. $P$. H. Turnbull. Bells available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 4.30 p.m7. Tea in the Village Hall at 1s. 3d. a head, followed by a short business meeting. Special attention paid to learners at all meetings. Please notify me of intention to attend by Tuesday, July 11th.-Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,-Crewe Branch. The next meeling of the Crewe Branch will be held at Marbury ( 6 belis) on July 15 th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Wisl all those who intend to he present kindly let me have a postcard by July iath?-Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., in8, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Southern District.-The next meeting will be held on July isth at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey. Ringing from 2.45 to 7.30 p.m. An ideal spot for a summer meeting and a peal of bells not often available. All visitors wel-come-N. H. Marning. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUTLD. - Quarterly meeting to be held at Solitull on Saturday, July 15 th. Bells (ro) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the cafe of Messrs. J. Welch, High Streef, is. per head, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. - Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District. - A quarterly meeting wilt be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 15 th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service $4-30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.nn, at the Five Bells Inn. All requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, July 12th. All ringers wel-cone.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-

 DON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District - A ringers' garden party will be held at Acton on July 15th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and in the evening. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea in the Rectory gardens, at the invitation of the Rector, followed by games for those who prefer this to ringing. Church of St. Mary ( 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt .). A large attendance is hoped for. Visitors and friends from other districts will be welcomed. Names to the undersigned not later than July 13th. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Market Bosworth on Saturday, July ${ }^{1} 5^{\text {th }}$. It is hoped that members will support this meeting, the first for many years at this tower. Ringing friends cordially invited. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5 . Because of catering difficulties, please notify Mr. Wm. Henson, Station Road, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, as early as possible. Usual charge. Midland Red buses run from Leicester, Coalville and Nuneaton. Come and try some 'New' Doubles.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

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PEAK SOCIETY. - Next meeting at Ashover on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those intending to be present please write Mr. A. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, nr. Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 12 th, so that adequate tea arrangements can be made.-H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The sixbell ringing contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take take at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 15th; commence 2.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. R. Parker, Green Dragon, Church Streef, Dronfield, for tea, is. each. Tower open after contest.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13. St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at l'pwey on Saturday, July 15th. Belis (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 . Tea at 4.15 . Short business meeting at 5 . Abbotsbury bells (6) available after the meeting.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3. Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July $5^{\text {th }}$. Bells (6) availabie at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . Ali ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have another good meeting.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.
ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUII.D.-The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, July 15 th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 P.m.-P. Page, Hon. Sec., 1ro, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent,

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIA-TION.-A ringing meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, July ${ }^{15}$ th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 . Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, July 12th.-J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held, D.v., at Yardley-Hastings ( 6 bells), on Saturday, July $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{g} \text { th }}$. Guild certificates ready for six members. Service at 4.30. Come if you can.-A. Bigley, 30, Alien Road, 1rthling borough.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Chippenham Branch.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Grittleton ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July ${ }^{15} 5^{\text {th, }}$, at 3 o'clock. Usual business. Sir Audley Neeld has very kindly opened his beautiful gardens to ringers and friends. Visitors welcome and a card re tea by the ${ }^{13}$ th will oblige.-F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., $3^{8}$, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone, near Ilminster, on Saturday, July ${ }^{1} 5$ th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tca and meeting 5 p.m. Flease notify early for tea, important.-D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.
PETERBOROLIGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Thrapston Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Wadenhoe on Saturday, July 15 th. Belis (6). Usual arrangements. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Tuesclay, July irth..-W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec., Brigstock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUII.D. - Marlborough Branch.-July meeting to be held on Saturday, July ryth, at Preshate ( 6 bells). Cards re tea will oblige by Wednesday, the 12 th inst.-T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, near Marlborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wirral Branch.A meeting will be held at Upton ( 5 bells) on Saturday, July ${ }^{15}$ th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at $5 \cdot 30$. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance. - Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.
WILLOUGHBY, NOTTS.-The ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 16th, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Newark.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON. DON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District) AND HERTFORD COLNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).-A joint meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing also at St. Mary the Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts. - T. J. Lock and H. V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Secs.

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ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS (bells 6). Meeting July 22nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea at 5.30.-C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 1270 . Herts Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar). Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. W. Smith, Fair View, Jubilee Road, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, to reach hisi not later than Thursday, July 2oth.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead Dis1rict) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District). -The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July zgth. Details next week.-A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

NEW ADDRESS. - The address of Mr. W. B. Kynaston, hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is now 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

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## LADIES AND RINGING.

When the Ladies' Guiid was reorganised last year into defined districts, designed to cover the whole country, it was done as an experiment, but the plan has been found to work as successfully as could be expected, and at the annual meeting at Ipswich, last Saturday, it was resolved that it should be continued. The ringing membership of the Guild is now 350 , and it is felt that the scheme, as now in operation, is the best that can be devised for linking up the widely scattered members and maintaining interest in the organisation. The ladies, and particularly the officials, deserve the utmost praise for the determination with which they carry on the work, which, in its disappointments and discouragements, is at times sufficient to daunt the enthusiasm of the keenest spirits. The task which faces the ladies in and around London and in certain other smaller areas is not a difficult one; the problem is to organise their forces in such a way that the members who are widely dispersed in other regions can be given a sufficient interest to support the Guild. It is, of course, perfectly well recognised that, in holding meetings, the ladies have to rely for a considerable measure of their success upon the presence of gentiemen, which is always readily and gallantly forthcoming, but, even so, there are times when the ladies, for whose special benefit the gatherings are arranged, might be expected to show a greater interest, and be prepared to make a little more sacrifice. But when all is said and done, a total of three hundred and fifty members spread over the whole country does not give the Guild much opportunity to make a show of strength at any one point.
Nevertheless the Guild, despite its drawbacks, is doing a very useful work, which must not be measured by the attendances at meetings. Directly and indirectly it is bringing more ladies into the Exercise, and it cannot be denied that, in the belfry, their influence is for good. As in other things which require the exercise of physical strength, there are few ladies fitted for anything more than the lighter tasks in bellringing. Not all the ladies, either, can be classed as good ringers, but, then, neither can all the men. The ladies came into ringing at a critical time, and present conditions make their services equally valuabie. In the past they have filled gaps when men have been unobtainable, and now that a certain proportion of young ringers will be withdrawn for a time from the towers to serve in the Forces of the Crown, the ladies may once more prove themselves a real asset to the Exercise. It is an encouraging sign to read of eleven pupils at a Malvern school joining the Worcestershire Association the other day. They will not, of course, re(Continued on page 442.$)$

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main there indefinitely as a band, but the interest which they are now displaying will be carried, when they leave, to various parts of the country there, we hope, to take root and llourish to the advantage of the art. There is a place for ladies in the belfries; there is a place for the Ladies' Guild in the Exercise. If the Guild does nothing else, it gives the ladies a standing which they might not otherwise have, and it gives the members a fuller sense of their responsibilities as ringers. Its handicaps and difficulties of organisation are met with determination, and all the while this spirit prevails the Ladies'. Guild will, we are convinced, hold its own.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

 MANOHESTERE.THE NATIONAL POLIGE GULLD AND THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCIATTON.
On Satwrday. July 1, 1939, in Theee Hours and Forty-Ond Minstes, Az tge Town Hall.
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE CINQUE8, 5015 CHANGE8; Tenor 42 cwt 2 qr .25 lb.
Ex-p.C. Joen Mulliner ...Troble P.C. Joen Carter ... ... 7 P.C. Donazd Brown ... .... 2 Ex-P.C. Frederice Page ... 8 P.C. Williay Robinson ... 3 P.C. Frank Yatrs ... .... 9 P.C. Alebrt Ford ... ... 4 Ex-Eupt. Frid. R. Wieliams io Ex-P.C. Josbpe Wilson ... 5 F'C. Richard Benson ... il P.C. William Pys ... ... 6 Ex-P.C. Jabes Torner \} ...Tenor

Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by Ex-P.C. Frbde. Pagle
Rung in honour of the retirement of Supt. F. R. Williams. All the ringers ere retired or serving members of the Manchester City Police Force.

WALSALLL, STAFFS.
THE SOCLETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Thursday, July 6, 1939, in Threa Hows and Thirty-Three Minulds, At the Churce of St. Matigew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGE? Tenor 264 cwt .
Howard Howrll ... ...Treble George W. Hughes ... ... 7 Hagerpt KMIGET Barnabas G. Kgy ..** 2 .... 3
 Cbris. Wallatar ... ... 5 Jahes S. Eastmood ... ... if Alfred Adabs ... ... ... 6 William A. Walera ... ...Tenar Composed by Joyn Carter. Conducted by Howard Howale.
Rung with the bells inalf-muffled as a token of respect to $\mathbf{M r}$. Thomas J. Elton, for 38 yeara a ringer and chorister at this church.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastzra Brance.)
On Thwrsday, June 29, 1939, in Three Howrs and Twanty-Three Minutes, Ax ine Chorct of St. Borotpa,
A FEAL OF BOB MHOR, BOMO CHANEEAI Tenor 25 cwt I q̌. 10 lb .
Sydney Aprlegy .n* ...Treble *Ariedr Frehetion ... *** 5
-Robert A. Ricgardsom ... 2 †Donovan R. Waite.... .*. 6 Arthdr Yodng ... .... *.. 3 Jack Petce... ... ... ... 7 - Grorgr H. Scott ... ... 4 Willial E. Cearrb... ...Tenoy Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by W. E. Cearke.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Jackson, also to E. P. Clarke, son of the conduotor.


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WARFTELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOOESAN GULD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hows and TenjMfinuds,
At tar Chorch of Sx. Mtcharl-tel-Abchangrl,
A PEAL OF 8 TEDMAN TRIPLES, , 0 O CHANEE8; Davigs' Variation of Thurgtans' Four-part.

Tenor 13 cwt .2 qr .27 lb.
-Miss Frgda N. Arlott ...Treblo| Gropfrby E. Fowler Edgar Hemparty ... ... 2 Regimald W. Rbx .. *Brrard C. Castle... ... 3 . William J. Paice .... ... ${ }^{7}$ Abther Heywood ... ... 4 - Cgarles Collybr ... ...t Temoy Condacted by Wililam J. Paice.

* First peal of Sledman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. eud Mrs. Heywood on the anniversary of their wedding and as a farewell to the Rev, A. G. G. Thurlow, on lis preierment to Norwich Cathedral. great holland, essex. THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
Ow Sutuyday, July 1, 1939, in Three Howrs axd Four Miswhes, At ter Cerbch of All Saints,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE 8URPRISE MAJOR, 81 S2 CHANCES; Tenor 15 owt.
Mrs. J. H. Crampion ...Tyabla Mies Hilda G. Smowden ... 5
LEWIS W, Wifgen ... ... $\quad 3$ Alebrat Wifygn ... ... ... 6
-Eric J. Cos.. .6 Cladde Snowden ... ... 4 John H. Crampion .... ...Tenor Composed by C. K. Lewis, Conducted by J. H. Crampion.
* First peal in the method.

ELLLSMERE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE OHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD
AND THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1. 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Six Mtmwhes, Ait ige Cherch of Si. Mary-tue-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEES;

## Dextrr's Variation.

Robert Sperbing ...
Thomas Botler, sen.

Tgomas R. Betler ... ....
 Conducted by Thomas R. Eutcza.
Tlie quickest peal on the bells.
TWIOKENHAM, MDDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Sutuyday, July 1, 1939, in Thee Houys ard Five Minudes, At ter Cherch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF EAMBRIDGE 8URPRISE MAJOR, SOSG GHANQE8; Teaor 184 cwt .
John Gramsacry... $\qquad$ ...Twible
Tbomas H. Tappandra Norman H. Manming...

 STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sathrday, July 7, 1939, in Thete Houys and Twelve Minutes; at tee Ceidre of SS. Pbizr and Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANESIRE TRIPLES, s040 CHANGES;
Parrer's Twbivk-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt , Harry D. Lisigr ... ...Tvebld William E, Wateran... ** 5 glorge W. Aglitt ... ... 2 Sbelford Sparrow ... ... 6 Abtaor Gaimpood ... ... 3 Gaznham A. Blaxcrll ... 7 Kbite W. Weittrll... ... 4 Edwin A. Cracknbll... ...Thaf Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Spartow, wife of the secretary of the local band.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE
THE MTDLAND COUNTTES ASSOCLATION.
On Tussday, July 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minwles,
Ai the Ceurch of St. Laweence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, $\operatorname{sos}$ EHANOES; Temor 151 ewt .

 Alex Hotchison ... ... 4 William P. Stirland... ...Tenor Composed by H. Howlert. Conducted by R. D. St. Jorn Smita.

* IoOth peal for the M.O.A. Kung in honour of the wedding of Miss B. J. Suith, daughter of the Rev. D. G. Smith, R.D., Vicar of Heanor, and sister of the conductor, and Mr. E. W. Frost, of Laagley Mill.

GILLINGHAM, KINTT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Twesdery, July 4, 1939, in Three Howrs and Four ainstes,
At ter Cadrch of Sx. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, BIBA CHANGE8; Tenor iriz cwt.

Miss Doris G. Dobhir ..- 2 Stanley S. T. Sballoce ... 5
Cbarles E. J. Norris ... 3 William J. Walrer ... ... 7 Jobn E. Spice ... ... ... 4 Walter H. Dobzie ... ...Tomar

Composed by A. Knigars (No. 27). Conducted by J. Bemmext.
LYE, WORGESTMRSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUTLD FOR THE DIOOESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wedusiday, July 5. 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Two Minutes, At Cerisi Cevrch,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANEESI
Parerr's Twhlve-pari (7th observation). Tenor 3 ${ }^{\frac{1}{4} \text { cwt. in F. }}$.
Damigl T. Matein ... ...Troble Sidney D'C. Holloway ... 5
Jobi S. Mason ... ... ... 2 Gborge H. Wileiams ... 6
Howard Howbll .... ... 3 James H. Sbepgerd ... ... 7


Conducted by Danirr. T. Matiin.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Tom Miller, on hie 81st birthday.
LOUGHBOROUGH.
TEE MIDLAND OOUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Hedimesdav, July 5, 1939, in Two Howys and Thirty-Fowy Minnks,
At tue Bril Foundry.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MASOR, GOEG CHANOEES Tenor 6 6 owt.
 Composed by C. Midderion, Conducted by Colin Harrison. SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINOHESTER AND PORTEMOUTH DIOCESAN GULLD. On Suturday, July 8, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Mimules, At teg Ceurch of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GPLICED LONDON, BRI8TOL, GAMBRIDEE AND SUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MASOR, 8056 CHAHCES I

Tenor 13 cwt . 1 gr .24 lb .

Reginald A. Reid ... ...Tyebla Tower R, Taylor ... ... 5 | Gborge Williams | ... | ... | 2 | Frzderice S, Bayley | .... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


William T. Bzeson ... ... 4 Oliver Sippetts ... ... .... Timar
Composed by E, C. S. Torner. Conducted by Frede. W. Rogers
First penl of Spliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,844 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

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THE MIDDEESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCRSAN GULD.
On Saturday, July $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ 1939, iк Twa Howrs and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Ceurch of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbory, A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt . in F .

| . | 1 | Francis Kire |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -Erarse W. Py | 2 | Edwin Jennings ... |
| Starrord H. Grben | 3 | Harold G. Cascmore -.. ${ }^{7}$ |
| Cegil C. Mayne | - 4 | James C. E. Simpson ... .mTmor |
| Composed by J. Pigo |  | Condacted by J. C. E. Simpgo |

* First peal of Bristol and first attempt.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MDDLAND COUNTIES ASSOOLATION.
On Salurday, July 8, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Fiv, Minutss, At tre Cburce or St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL DF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIFLES, BO40 GHAHOES; Tenor 144 gwh
josiag Mozaib $\qquad$

## ...Treble

Ernerst Morris
s... Frant K Meastres .o. Wiellam A, Wood .... ... 4 C. Raymond Hite ... ...tenor Composed by E. Burstow. Condacted by Ernest Morris. First peal of Triples in the mathod by all, on these bells and in this diocese. A weading peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Staniforth, tho were recently married at Flecikney.

STANDISH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Satarday, July 8, 1939, in Thre Howrs, Ai tar Ceurce of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRI8E MAJDR, 508B CHANEEA; Tenor $12{ }^{1} \mathrm{cwt}$.


* First peal in the method.

BRAMLET, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLITION.
Ow Saturday, July 8, 1939, is Tuo Fowrs and Fiffy-Sita Minwtos, At the Ceuree of St. Pbter,
A PEAL DF KENT TREDLE DOB MANOR, BI9 EHAMREB;
Tegor ra cut. 15 lb . in $F$.
Josebpa Thackray

- Reggie Greaves Sam Helliwezl - $\quad$ - 3 RONALD H. Dove $\cdots$.... 1 -Joan W. Scerempieli ... 4 Lanard Drakgn .... ....Tenot Composed by J, Rebves. Conducted by Lrronamo Draza.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Majur as conductor, Rung to mark the 76th ammiversary of the consecration of the chureli (July gth), also the petronal festival (Jane zoth). LONGTON, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
Ow Seturday, 7wly 8, 1939, in Thyu Howrs and Twenfy Minutes, Ar tag Cadrcz of St, Jasn.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANEES; Temar 16 ewt.




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## SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSBIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Twa Hours and Forty-Three Minwes. Ay the Cburca or St. Jogn-tae Baptiet,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, $\operatorname{cosoch}$ CHANEEB;
Being 10 six-scores of Graydsire, two cach of Pitman's and Mouris arrangements, and 24 of St. Dunstan's, each calked differently
Ronald Wriget ... ... ...Trible Ernest Matiberws ... ... 4 Melville Jordan ..... .2 Tbomas Worrall ... ... 5 Leblie Barry ... ... ... 3 -Lionel Jordan ... ... ...Tomof Condacted by Lessir Barey.

* First peal and first attempt, aged $14 \frac{1}{2}$ years. STOKASAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Sunday, Jite 25, 1939, in Two Howys and Forty-Six Mixutes,
At the Church of St. Jobn-tar-Baptibx,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE DOUBLE8, b040 CHANQE8;
Being 42 six-scorea, with 10 callings.
Tenor 9 emt ( (epproz.).
Leonard E. A. Davirs ...Tveble Hubert Jonas
James Hogbes ... ... ... 2 Artbdr C. Mason ... .... 5
Grorgr Randle .. ... ... 3 Georgi Allyn ... ... ...Teter
Conducted by Wm. J. Beniabs.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev, and Mrs. S. N. H. Frost. IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minxtes, At teie Ceruce of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, EOAO GHARGES; Being seven different 720'घ.

 Conducted by Robsry Collins. HARTFORD. CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, At tae Cburce of St. Jobn,
A PEAL OF HINOR, EOED GHANQES।
One extent of Plain Bob and three extente each of Kent and Osford Treble Bob. Conducted by H. W. Hownrd. OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Salurday, July 7. 1939, in Two flowrs and 7 venty-Nine Misntes, At tere Cefrch of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF MINOR, $\operatorname{bgO}$ CHANEEB;
Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprisa, Double Coust, Double Oxiord, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Tenor $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ in A.
Hrrbert C. Beard ... ...Trebla Willian Henley ... ... 4
 Condacted by Tony Prick.
4 birthday compliment to Mrs. H. C. Beard.
GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Sunday, July 2, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-F.ve Minulas,
at the Cherch of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, s040 CHANGES;
Being 780 each of Clifford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury and 780 each of Lindoff's and Morris' and two '700's of Pitman's arrangements of Grandsire.
 Dayid H. Benkety.. .6 Albert E. Jonis... Condacted by J. P. Hybis.
* First peal. Rung for the patronal festival serrief, also in honour of the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer) as Canon of Brecon Cathedral.

HJNXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, Juij 7, 1939, in Tew Hours and Forty Minwies,
At res Cadrca or St. Nicbolas.
A PEAL OF BOB MIMOR, s040 CHANEE8;

Seven different 780's.
-H. W. Smite P. W. Tomprins... E. Whgstapp
.... ...Trebla
$\begin{array}{ccc}. . . & . . & 2 \\ . . . & . . & 3\end{array}$
. Wallis

* First peal et first ettampt, aged 14

GLOLODSTER.
THE GLOUGESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION On Twasday, Jwly 4, 7939, in Two Howrs and Fifis-Three Minutes, At xhe Cburce of St. Mary-de-Lode,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Beine 10 siz-scores of Grandsite and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each cailed
Ronald Wriget differentiz.
Thomas Baldwin
-Grorge Smite

..Tredif Ernest Mattarws | ... | ... | 2 | Lergli Barry | ... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| ... | $\cdots$ | 3 | Charcirs Hodges... |  |

$\begin{array}{ll}\ldots & 4 \\ \ldots & 5\end{array}$ Condacted by Lastir Barry.

- First peal and first attempt, aged 24 years. Rung on the occasioc of a visit of H.R.E. the Duchess of Gloucester.

STAFERTON, NORTIAMTTONSFIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGE DLOCRSAN GULLD.
On Thwrsday, July 6, 1939, in 7wo Hours atd Fifty-Sis Mindes, Ax tee Cherce of St. Mary-the-Wirgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Heing ons extent ench of Doubia Oxford, Double Coart, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Trebie Boh, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cmt .
Mas. E. S. Powble
.Trebib $\mid$ Rev. E. S. Powelc
Walter Prerins +4
$\square$
 Conducted by Cearles W, Clarkz.
First peal in sepen methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to WY. Perkins.

STANTON-ON-HINE-ZEATH, SHRORSHIRE
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
0n Suturday, July 8, 7939, 部Thrae Hours and Fifty-Sevon Minmita,
Ai the Caurce of St, Anarew.
A PEAL OF MINOR, BO40 CHAHGES:
Beilg an extent each of Cambridge surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tencr 8 ewt. 3 lb .
 "Tbomas Legeb ... ... ... 3 Edward V. Romenoorst ... 5 Thomas Price ... ... ... 3 Arthor Paitchard ... ...Tanoy Conducted by Arientr Pritceary.

* First peal in seven methods.

MATRE玉, OEESEIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GDITD.
On Saturday, Jwly 8, 1939, in Thter Howrs and Seven Minutes,
Ay the Catract of Ale Salise,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE I

Being 42 aix-scores with 10 callings.
Tenor 17 cut. (approx)
Eric Wigley ... .-. ...Ttable

†Albert T. Bahcrept ... 3 †jamhs A. Milner ... ...Towof
Conducted by C. K. Lewis.

* First peal and rung at first attempt. + First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

HOAR OROSS, STATFS.
THE SOCTETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFTORD. On Saturday. July 8, 1939, in Three Hows and Forly-Eight Miautrs,

> Aithe Cacreg of ter Holt Angels.

A PEAL OF MINOR, EO40 CHANGESI
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 29 cwt 2 qr .91 lb.
Norman G. Lerch ... ...Treble | Ebic E. Sprake ... Cgrisworher Wallacer ... 2 Howard Howirl . ... ... 5 Jonepe W. Cotion ... ... 3 | Barnabas G. Key ... ...Tumor

## handbell peals.

## LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUHD. [Norteern Brance.)
On Swnday, 7uly 2, 1939, im Two Fones and Townly-Five Minwhas, At 95, Sincic Bank,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 518 CHANEES: Tenor, size 16 in 13 .
P. Michabl Frebman ... $\quad$ I-2 $\mid$ John Frbeman .... ... ... 5-6
*Raymond F. Smita ... ... 3 3-4 †Kennete S. B. Cropt ... $7-8$ Composed by forn Carter. Conducted by John Frbeman.

* First peal 'in hand' and first in the motiod. + First peal and first attempt. All the above are under 20 years of age, the average age being 17 years 7 months.


## ENFIELD, MTDDLESEX.

THE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCRSAN GUILD.
On Tuesduy, Jmby 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Trvelys Minntes, At 45, Walsingeam Road,
A PEAL OF DDUBLE NORWICH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANBEB;
 Caristopger W. Woollby 3-4 "Edwin A. Barnett .... ... 7.8 Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by C. W. Wooller,

* First peal in tine method "in hand."

BURTON-GN STATHER, LINCE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (Nortaern Brance.)
On Wedmesday, July 5, 7939. in Two Howis and Twenty-Fiw Minwles, At Thrinfwoos.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5OFB CHANEESI

Tenor, size 141 in O sharp.
Mrs, J. Bray $\quad$-. -Fred Jbfrrey ... ... ... $3-4$ Philip Barnes ... Composed by Frang Bennert. Conducted by Jacz Bray.

* First peal "in hand."

DARTFORD, KENT.
THEE EENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wedmesday, July 5, 1939. in Ore Hows and Fifly-Five Minwles,
At 20, Swhisland Rgad,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHAMGEE!
Soven extenta called differently.
Tenor sixe 15 in C .

- James E. Bailey ... ... I-2 | Derex M. Sgarp ... ... ... 3-4

Gegrerey V. Morpay... .... 5-6
Conducted by D. M. Sanep.
Witness-Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

* First peal of Minor an handbella.

ROTHERHAM, YORESHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On 7hursday. Jwby 6, 1939, in Two Fows and Fordy-One Mixutes,
At 19, Middle Lane Soute,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
I. CoLin Ryder... .... ... $\quad$ I-2 $\mid$ ALberi Nase $\quad . .$.

Sidney F. Palmer
Conducted by A. Nass.
Composed by J. A. Trollope,

* First paal of Roysal on handbells.


## PEAL NOTES

(Continned from page 446.)
Anotier youthful peal ringer lias scored a peal. At Hinxwortb. Hertfordshire, on July let, H. W. Sraith, who is ony 14 yearg of age, rang his first peal at the first attempt.
Two other youths of 14 yeurs have scored their first peal at the frst a itempt. At Elmore, Gloves.: on June 10th, Lionel Gordon rang the 12 cont. tenor to a peal of Donbles, and at St, Mary de Lede, Gloucester, George Sunth ring the third to a peal of Grandsire and St. Dunsten's Droubles. The latter peal, on July 4 th, was rugg in honour of a visit of the Duchess of Gloucester.

## PEAL NOTES.

## NEARING 1,500

Mr, George Willinms got a 'star' last Safurday. He rang his firat peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and rang it alnost faultlessly. There 1s no limit to the enthusiasm and ambition of some of these young men. Mr. Whitiams is only og.

Incidentally it was his I, 499 th peal. In some respects it was a pity this notathe performence did nat make the round 1,500 , for it was at the same church, Soberton, Hants, thet in 1883 he rang his first peal,

Messre. James Bennett and C. E. J. Norris heva now rung every bell in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Gillingham, Kent, to a peal. They completed this together on $J u y$ y 4 th. Mr. Beanett begar 'collecting' peals in this tower in the days when he was O.S.M., R.M. (Wa hope we liave got these jnitials right.)

A peal of Bob Major was rung on June 29th at Bostov 'Stump, that tall and famous pile that overlooks the Wash. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Jacksots, one of the local ringers, and E. P. Clarke, son of Mr. W. E. Olarke, the conductor.

The tower of Sit. Botolph's is 272ft, high and now contains ten bells. Its "estoration was carried out in 1932 with the belp of the Bostonians of America, and it was then that the bells were increased from eight.

Mombers and ex-members of Manchester Cily Police Force rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Manchoster Town Hall on July lot, as a compliment to Supt. F. R. Williams, upon his retirement. Supt. Williams has long been connested with tha ringing at the Town Hatl and has been president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, of which he is now one of the vice-presidents.

Il. is desired to point out that although two men rang the tenor to the peal, this does not in any way refect on the 'go of the bell. It was so arranged to enable all the ringing members to tako part in "this tributa to the retiring Superintendent
The 81st birthday of Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham, was celebruted on July 5th with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Iye, on the fighlest ring of eight in the country. The two trebles are approximately 60 ench, each, ag those who have tried then realise, all the bells require skilisl lianding. The simall bells bave to be rung with the clappers on the wrong side and the slightest error of judgraent puts the clapper back, witla fatal results to the ringing.

Mr. James Shepherd, who took part, has now rung peals on the laeaviest and lightest rings in the country.

Messrs. Albert Nash, of Rotherham, and John Thorpc, of Sheffield, rang a handbell peal togother on July 6th at Rotherbam. Their previous handbell peal together was in June, 1909.

The peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples at Kibworth on Saturdey was specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eruest $P$. Staniforth, who were recently married at the nearby villago of Fleckver, which has no ring of belis. The bridegroom is a namesake of tie conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, who 29 years ago acted ass ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ begt man" at his father's wedding. The latter, Mr. Fred Staniforth, was in the same class at St. Margaret's School, Leicester, with the conducter 40 years ago, and here they are, still ringing side by side f It was also a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris, father of the conductor, who comploted 250 peals for the Midand Counties Assaristion.
Wjth a peal of Stedman Triples at Ellesmere, on Saturday week, Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, has now rung a peal upon every aviluable and ringable 'eight' in the county. The band, who travelled an awerage distance of 30 miles each, wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. M.J. Ruslh) for his permission to ring the peal and Mr. A. Hnymes, the local captain, for having everything in readiness.

The first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells at staverton, Northants, was ragg on Jaly 6th. The Vicar and his wife (the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell) took part, it was called by a Bedfordshire veteran, Mr. O. W. Charke, and was a birthday compliment to a reteran of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. Walter Perkins. Miss Evelyn Stoel and Mr. Walter Perkins rang their fftieth peal together, and afterwards the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell kindy entortained the ringers to supper.
The half-muffled peal at St, Clement Danes, the report of which Was publighed last week, was rung on Thurstay, June 29th, not Friday, the 36th. The explanation of the error is that our correspondent gave the date Friday, June 29th. We imggined that be knew the day of the week when it was rung. but migtook the day of the month, as many of us easily do. But we guessed wrong.
The church at Hoar Cross, Staffr, is one of the most beautifal in the country, but peals on the heaty ring are few and far hetween. A peel of Minor was, however, rung there on July 8th, and a member of the local band was so impressed by clange ringing that he sat patiently in the belfry for four hours while the bells were pulled up and the peal rune

The length of the peal of Cheltenham Bob Major runc at Crayford nn June 16th was 5,024 and 0 者 5,056 changes as published. The Editor, and the conductor, Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, are both innocent of this crime. The rimger who sent in the report did not know fhe length of the composition, but thought he could remember the namber of "Bcfores." It is perlusps fortunate that he does not rely entirely on his memory for his living.
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## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## EASTBOURNE RLNGLAS TRY DOUBLE COSLANY

In perfect weather, the Chritt Church, Eastbourne, ringers, with wives and lady friends, bad their annual outing on Wlit Monday and made a trip into Surrey, pith Guildord its farthest point. En route they rang af Tharaer's Hill, but owing to Bank Holiday traffie corditions, coupled with the fact that the coach Incked ' liorses ' is climbing the numerous hills, the party arrived at Guidford threecuarters of an hour late. This was regreted by all, as it meant that ringing at S. Nicolas' Church, where they were met by Mir. E. G. Heath, hat to be cut down to a bare half-hour.
After dinaer, places of inerest were visited and the journey. resumed to Horsham for gill lour's ringing at St, Marys. On the homeward journey Slatgham was visited. This little village is rather off tho map, but it las a lovely little penl of eight that go like tops. For an hour and a lade the visitors rang from rounds to Surprise, the strilking being mainly good.
During the afternoon some of the party had been sfudying some hastily drawn diagrams of Double Coslany Court Major, and at Slaughem decided to try for a course. At the third attempt, with the belp of a friend from Sontlgate, they mamaged to Wade through. The method proved to be more tricky than some had expected, but was voted 'a top hole' method by all. The journey to Easthourne was enlivened by the choral efforts af the occupazts of the back seat, lut this was not appreciated by the four members who were trying ta ring Plain Bob on liandbells at the same time.

## SURPRISING TEE NATTVES

Lowestaft, known as the "land of the Rising Sun, belied its mame on June 2ind, when the members of the St. Margaret's Sowieby beld their anmual outing, Thursday being eariy closing day. It was fine, but the ' north easter' was still bobbing arouud. Nineteen members and friends staried off att 2 o'clock for a gond rum, Diss (Noriolk) being their first call. "They were met by two of the local ringers, and tovehos af Bob Majer and Kont Treble Bob were brought round. Slome of the natives were sulprised to hear their bells pealing out in the afternoon, and evideatly thought that it was a celebration of the return on that day of the King fthd queen. Eye (Suffolk) was the noxt call and apos arriving there the party enjoyed a swmptuotas high ten at the White Lian Hotel, which had been arranged for by theit octogenarian member. Visiting the Parish Ohurch, touchea of Fob Major and Kegt Treble Bobs wero rumg. Wilby (Suffolk) was their nast venue, but while pulling up the bells they were jaformed that owing to illuess near the church no riuging could take place, Nothing deunted, they doubled back to Fressangield, dug out the obliging eteeplekeaper and rang toucligs of Kent and Oxford Treble Bols and Bob Major. Home via Harleston, where, at the Magpie Hotel, they had an impromptur supper. They arrived back in the land of the missing ${ }^{2}$ cun at 11.20 p.nn, well satished that, notwithstandiag King Sol's absence, it had been a very evjoyable outing. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the privilege granted for using their towers, and their thanks are also extended to the ladies and gentlemed of the perish of St. Murgrret's for their suppart.

## A TWO-DAY AFFATR

The 4Ist annual outing of St. Joltn the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, was, as usual, spread over two days, June 17th arad 184h, a good time being epent in tho Romney Marsh district of Kent, with headquarters at Tenterden. The party left London on Friday night and were joined by Mr. W. J. Nevard, who was looking well despite his 83 years. All were very sorry, however, at the absence of Mr. W. H. Theobald, who was prevented from going through indisposition,
MIr. R: Edwards acted as pilot lor the two days spent in visiting the Kent towers, the travelling being done in a comfortable coach. At Staplahurst the party were met by Mr. Wenban, while at Frittenden they wers welcomed by Mr. F. White. In the afternoon Appledore was first wisited, after which the wisitors rang at the historic old tower of New Romney, where the Ficar congratulated thom oss the good striking of Stedman am Double Norwich. A splendid drive followed along the sea front to Lwdd, and then on to Rye for tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Bobson. Before reaching headquarters for the night a call was made at Stone-in-Oxmey, where the local men met the party and they rang short touches of Surprise Minor on the pesel of six.

A airoll in the country before breakfast is a thing that Leytonstone ringers seldom enjoy, but some of them were out before 7 a.m. BI Sunday. After breakfasi they visited Benenden to rigg for morning service. On Sinday afternonn $\begin{gathered}\text { a } \\ \text { visit was paid to Biddenden and }\end{gathered}$ Bethersden. At the former clurch is a hardy ring of elght, but at the latter is a ring of six which would be better with the help of a competent bell banger. The last pull of the tour was reserved for Tenterden's grand rinc of eiclit, with a tenor of 30 cot. Stedman Supertative and Cambridge were rung, and some of the "boys," in cluding Mr. Nevard, did well on the hegy peal.
The methods rung during the wwo days were Stedmen, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise. Whe time spent in Kent made a great impression on those who were fortunate to take part, and the members wish to thank the clergy who eo readily granted them permission, and Mr. Ballard, Mr. F. White and all the local ringers who met and welcomed them they are extremely erateful.

## SURFEY RINGERS AMONG HRETFORDSETRE TOWFRS.

Buckland, Charlmond and Mergtham joined forces for their annaat outing on June 10th and made a tour of six Hertfordshire towers. The tous had been erranged by members of the Merstbam band, who this year decided on breaking new groumd, and the perfect Jurne weather which favoured the outing, combined with the interest of the churches visited, made the day one to be remembered.
The first contingent joined the coach at Charlwood as early as 6.30 a.m., the company being augmented at Brockham Green, Bucirland, Reigate, Redhil] and Merstham. With a full load they left the latter place at 7.40 and proceeded across Lrondon and theace via Barnet to Northaw, where the fine tower containing six bells marked their first call. The church is comparatively modern, having been restored about the middle of lasi century, when the earlier building had been destroyed by fire. It is a fine edifice in a setting so rural that it is diffecult to believe London is well under 20 miles away.
A fow miles further on the party came to Essendon, whose ancient church stands in an even lovejier setting. There is much that conld be recorded of St. Mary tbe Virgin's Church, whose chief points of interest were kindly pointed ont to the visitors by Mr. Giles, the parish elark. The buildiag wes considerably damaged by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin in the early hours of a September morning in 1916, and, though restored, the building contains many evidences of that tragic event.
Tho fios Charch of St. Etheldreda at, Hatneld was the Hext call, and there whs enaugh of interest to detain the party far beyond their cehoduled stay. The history of the church for many years is closely associated with that of the Marquises of Salisbury, and many monaments and tablets testify to the greatness of that illustrions house. The church hes a fime tower contining ten belis, whose beanty of tone was heard to full advantage in Grandaire Triples and Bob Major. At the conclusion of the ringing here there was just time for a. peep at the exterior of the great pile of Fatield House and a tour of tog old Falsce. The latter dates back to the fifteanth century and its restoration some years ago has brought to light many of the striking features of its interjor. Fere Queen Elizabeth gained much of her early edacation and not long aftor in the same building she was imprisoned by Ther half-sister, Mary Tudor. The gardens outside are reputed to be in the same formation and lay-out ms when Elizaheth walked in them nigll on four centuries ago. The items of interest here wers kindl. shown to us by ex-sergt. A. Lawrence.

Tho company enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Fed Lion Rotel, Hatfield, where they were very pleased to welcome Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Meater of thu Surrey Assnciation, who accompanied them for the reat of the tour.

The willage of Sandridge, a few miles distant, was the mext place of call, where they made the nome-toa-easy ascent of the tower of st Leonard's, ondtaning six bells. The cburch is extremely ancient, having been founded by Herbert Losinga, founder of Norwion Cathedral, not later than 1119. There is hera a wonderful stome arch dividing tha chancel from the aave, which, though altered from its original desiga, has remained unchanged for 400 years. In common with many other churches, there are signs of rough usage in the starmy days of Cromwell
A church in the fields was next visited, that of SS. Peter and Pau!, Kimpton, whose tower, egain, contains six bells. The church has a very long mave and possesses many interestirg memorials. It is of great age and comprises a mixture of the Norman and Early Tinglish styles
Tea was taken at the Old Cock Inn at Harpenden, herd by the Church of S. Nicholas, the last tower oz the programme. This fine tower has eight bells, and here, after tea, the longest spell of ringing was indolged in. The church itself is a spamions buldung with much histary and fall of interest. The people of Harpenden were given an hour of melody and lacal ringers joined the company in some of the totaches
The sum was getting low by the time the last of these died away and it was necessary to thinls of the lowe trip southwards again. Altbough so much ground had been covered, the day had seemed all too alort. The thanks of all are due to those who made the arrangemonts.
At each of the towers visited rounds were rung for the beginnars and during the day the ringing at the siz-hell towers included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Oxford Bota, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. At tho other towers Grandire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

## DAGENHAM RTNGERS' OUTING.

Dagenlarn zingers and frietds, mustering 20, had a clarabanc tour embracing Easex and Hertfordshire, nud wisited Hiarlow Common, Hunsdon, Little Eadham, Braughing end Broxhourse-four peals of eight and ane of fire. Various methods were rung throughout the day. Lanch was disposed of at the Turkey Cock at Hunsion, where the "go" of the bells made refresbment rather neceseary. Tea at Braughing was "a gight for the gods," and parties wisjting Braughing would be well adiged to Fisit the Golden Fleece. The Dagenham mon take this opportunity ton thank incumbents for their permission to ring. and the local ringers for hawing overything ready for them

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## BELERY GOSSIP

Foundry Entabllahed A,D. 1670 (12th year of reign of Elizabeth).
'Mr. Green' seems to be up to his tricks again and going round to ringers in the South, endeavouring to impore upon their geuerosity. He visited e ringer at Hastings and asked for money to get to Fastbourae. He was given 2s. Two or three days later he called on Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, in Eastbourne, and asked for mouey to enable him to get to Hampslaire. He gave the aame of 'Mr. Green.' His quest was not succersful. Fijogers ghould be on their guard againgt this genlleman.

A party of members mani friends of the Ladies' Quild travelled together to Ipswich for the auruua] meeting. Owing to the fact that one or two of them belonged to the "Tower Snatehers" Union,' or some similar organisation, the return trait was only caught because it was runging late.

Thero is, however, no truth in the rumour that three well-known members of the Guild intepd to issue a challenge to the present holder of the "Mile Championship.
The death tonk plece on July 5th, at an advanced age, of Mr. J. W. Elkins, senior dean's verger at Winchester Cathedral. A long life in the service of the Ohurch has thas closed. Mr. Elkins was keenly interested in the Cathodral bells, and be kiew and loved every stone of the fabric, with which he had been so long and so intimately associated.
Ringers at \& loosa end on August Bayls Holiday will be catered for at Leatherlead, Surrey, where as "open' meetiog is to be held.

Mr. Coryeliug Charge, of Auckland, New Zealund, arrived in EngInnd on June 28th by the N.Z. liner 'Remuera, from Welington, via Panama. His address for the present will be 30 , Carmarthen Road, Slough.
The first touch at 'home' after 17 years' absence was ruag at St. Mary'e. Slougl, on Thursday, July Gtb, when a good company met et the tower and welmoned the wanderer.
Mr. William Nevard, of Great Bentley, was present after spending the day at the Royal Agricultaral show at Windsor, recalling his first attendance at the show in 1875, beld at Taunton. The Wrington Society of Ringers also joined up for touches, a party of 35, who lad been to the Whitechapel Foundry to see the new bells for Liverpool Cathedral and the ringing tenor of four tons.

## METAL FRAMES. <br> A STMPLE PROTECTION.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, - Isea that there was a discussion on steel girderg at the Centra] Council meeting and that photographs handed to membera showed en instance of ateel girders largely esten away with rust.
We lispe such girders and frame here, which were put in by Taylors in 1913. Up to now they have never had acoat of paint, and I do not think anyone could find a spot of rust on either girders or frame.
When cleaning up the dubricant which escapea from the piain bearings I finished off with cotton waste, and I rubbed the girders and frame with this waste occasionatly. It was only just sufficient to give a thim coating to the work, and there always seemed enough lubricant coilected in the cotion waste to do this without adding any more to it. The work, besides being protected from rust, always looked fresh and clean. I did this for 25 years, while I was staeplekeeper, and When I gave up everything appeared to be in as good a condition as Whe? firgt put in.
C. TYLER.

Henfiald Sussex

## BELLS FOR CHIMING.

## To the Eaitor

Dear Sir,-I note in your issue of June 23 rd mader the Towers and Belfries Committee report that a bell hang for chiraing only should be on gudgeons so that it is free to move. I take it that this refera to a bell fitted with a chiming hammer, note rope attached to the clapper. Personally, I should think it would be more likely to damage the bell ander these conditions than if it could notimove, for geveral reasons, and I have had experience in one case of this happening.

Galhampton, Yeoril.
D. A. OSBORN.

## YORRSHIRE SURPRISE. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir, The pesi of Yorkshire Surprise Major which appeared in "Peal Notes" in pour lest issue, credited to Mr. C. K. Leqis, whe composed by Mr. George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, many years ago.

This composition, starting at the ninth course, was rung by mernbers of the Yorishire Association at Rawmaral on November 20th, 1957, to Padsey Surprise, and appears in our records as No. 4,071 of the association's performancea.
W. BARTON,

Peal Secretary, Yorkehire Association.

## NEW BISHOP WELCOMED.

On Sundey, June 25th, at St. Thomas' Church, Neath, for morning service, a quartor peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a welcome to the diocese of the newiy-elected Bishop of Llandaff the Right Rev. Joln Morgarl: Raymond Grant 1, Glyn Jones 2. Henry Boyce 3, Roland Keey 4, Witliam Gear (conductor) 5, Frederick Symons 6.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## MEMBERSHIP NEARLY 400.

TTie annual general meating of the Ladies' Guild was heli at Ipswich on Saturday and was attended by 28 mambers. Five peals of bells were available, naging from five to twelve, and all the towers were visited by some of the members.
A bhort service was held at St, Mary-le-Tower Church, conducted by the Rer. R. J. Brady, Rector of St Lawrence with St. Stephen, Who gave an address. In the absence of an organist, Miss Suowden played the piano for the bymens.
Tear was enjoyed by 57 members and frionds, after which the business mecting was held, with the president, Miss E. Steel, in the chair
Tha accounts showed a fery gratifying state of affairs. Excess of income over expenditure for the year was 9628.3 3t, and the total cash balances were fis 35 . 11d., with a stock of Dedges valued at玉1 17s. The treasurer paid tribute to the work of the district secretaries for their untirieg efforts in collecting the clusive subscriptions, and looked forward to the time when she could report that all subscriptions were up to date. Matters wore undoubtedly improving.
biss Evelyn Steel was manimously eleated president and Mrs. G. W. Fieteher hon. secretary and treasurer.

The secretary reported that the membership hai now reached 350 yinginc mombers and about 40 honorary members, which brouglit the tetal nearly to the 400 mark. One peal of Minor lad been rung dinring the year hy members of inte newly-formed Enstern Distriot. Miss H"hursfield had bean reluctantly abliged to resiga from the serelaryship of the South Midland District, and hor place Jad been taken by Miss F. Hart.

Tho Fresident gpoke of the losg thraugh deatls of Mrs. Taylor. of Maidenhead, nnd Mrs, Atkins, of Esiam, and a silent tribute was paid to their memory.
At the meeting in 1958, when the Guik was divided into new fistricts, it was decided to trr the experiment for one year. Reports were receivod from secretaries who sould not be present at the meeting, end district secretaries present reported individually, On the Whale the new scheme had worked satisiactorily, and it was resolved to contiaue the present working. It was also decided to publish reports at an early date.
Mrs. Richardson reported briefr on the Gentral Council meeting held in London on Whitsun Tuesday.

Three places were proposed for the noxt annual general meeting viz., Winghenter, Brighton and Leiestes: Brighton received ternnder, and, on being put to the vote, Winchester was chosen.
The President congratalaked Mrs. I. Bray on taking part in the renord peal of Splited Minor, and ulso spoke of the pleasure it pave her to read of the many excellent performances of the members in partous parts of the country.

Votes of thanks were passed to Miss Sylvia Bowyer and all who had belped in the srrangements for the meeting. which was undoubteily one of the most sueressful ever held by the Guild.

## LONDON DISTRICT ANNUAL MJETING

The annual mecting of the London District of the Ladies' Guild was hela at St. Gcotge-thic-Martyr's, Southwnric, als Saturdsy, July 1st. During the afternoon tlze beils were rung to Grandsire, Stedman, Boh Major, Double Norwicls, Cambridge and Loncon

The serrice was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cook). Who welcomed the Guild to St. George's.
Tea was at, the George Inn, Borough High Street, where 35 gat down, 20 being members of the Guild. The Vicar, who joined the campany at tea, mas amazed to find that many of the ladies (whoms he lad been secrotly thinking must lee still at sohooll were nonchalantly referring to their busbands '

The hosiness meeting was held at the chureln, where Mrs. R. F. Deal, the wice-president, was in the chair.
The elaction of officers resulted in the vice-president and the distrief secretary (Mrs. F. W. Housden) being re-elected. The committee now consists of the vine-president, Mra. C. F. Kippin, Mrs. F. Mitchell fnd Mrs. J. E. Dafis.
Three now memhers were elected: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Miss Brends Richardison and Miss May Davics.

As the district has members as far down as Easthourne, it was thought that a tower sompthere hetween Loudon and the const for the next meeting might restilt in bringing in some of these outlying members, and Crawley, wilh its ideal ladies' peal, whs suggested as a good rendenvens

This met with the appravirl of the company, and Milton-nextGraresend was selected as al atternative, should Crawley tower not he available.
However, as has since been ascertained, Crawley tower is afailable for the required date. September 23rd, and Mr. Oliver Sippetts has hindly consented to the meeting being held.

Further ringing tosk place in the evening. Two "solo nieces ${ }^{2}$ by the Intuies were Stefman Triples ana Cambridge Major, conducted hy Mrs. f. W. Melelnet. Nevertheless. the fuitd would like to mention here that ther are niwayg extremely grateful to the menfolk who sppport the meetings and assist in the ringing, thereby contributiog in no sanall measure to their success.
Thanks are due te Mr. Norman Bagworth for haring the tower in readiness for the Guild.

## DEATH OF MR. THOMAS J. ELTON.

CAPTAL OF ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALE.
We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas J. Eltom, of Walsall, who passed away on Saturday, July 1st, at the Wolverbampton Eye Infirmary after only a comparatively short illmess. He stayed with lis son in Guildford dusing Whitsun week and took pari in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Cafkedral.
The funeral took place on Wodnesday, July 5th, the service being hald at Blakenall Heath Parish Church, Waisall, conducted by the Vicar the Rev. R. W. Wardle, and the address giren by the Ficar of Walkall. The interment took place at Bloxpich Cemotery.

The laty Mr. Tom Elton mas 65 jear's of age, having been born on November 29th, 1873. He inad been a ringer for 48 rears. Ife first learned to ring at Blakenall. Heath (a peal of five bella) in 1891, and then went to Bloxwich to instruct a pand. In 1901 he joined the company at Mt. Matthew's, walsall, where there was ther an peal of ten, and he remaimed a regular rimger thete for 38 years and had been towerkeepor. He was also a chorister for over 30 years and servent on the Church Council.

Tom Eltan rant his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Bloswich on November Sth, 1892. His first peal as conductor was at the same tower on November 24th, 1894 . This was also Grendsire Triples.

He has been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 47 yenrs and served on the Central Council from 1924 to 1938. Wrder his influence the ten belle ali St. Matthew's were recast and augmented to ft fine peal of 12 bells in 1928.
The total number of peals in which he liad taken part was 270 and ho bad conducted 65 . His couduchme was womewhat unique, as all the compositions he had called werg different. He had rung peals of Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bola and Kent Treble Boh from Minor to Meximus. In 1899 be took parl in a peal of 11,563 changes of Grandsire Caters at Wolverliampton, ming in 7 hours and 10 minutes, conducted by J. E. Groves, and ant other noteworthy peal was at wednesbury in 1915, when he conducter a peal of Stedman Caters on St. Thomas" Dey with all the ringers named Thomas.

He will he radly missed hy mumerons ringing calleaguea throughout. the country and particularly by the local beud at Walsall

On Thursday. July 6th, members of the Society for the Aratideaconry of Stafford rang a peal of Stedman Cinques (recnrded cigowhere) with the hells half-muftled as a memorial peal. Prior to the peal, with all the ringers at tineir ropes, the Viear of Wralsall \{tho Rev. H. J. Carpenter) roulurted a brief service in memory of Thomas J. सhan.

## BARNSLEY SOCIETY'S CONTEST.

GOOD RINGING IN BAD FFFATHER.
The fourteenth anoual shteld contest of the Batusley and Dirtrict Society was held nt Kirkthorpe, mear Wakefield, on Saturday, when nine hands competed. The test piece was 600 changes it any method. Mr. A. Hoyle, of Shelley, and Mr. H. Chant, of Peltirk, acted as judges, and Mr. T. W. Strangeways, of Rothwnil, was marker. The arder of the ringing and the result was as follows

1. Wath
2. Shalley
3. Meltham
4. Frelkirk
5. New Mill
b. Iaiversedge
6. Frjezand
7. Sandai
8. Horbur

All the bends rans Oxford Trehle Bob. Friegland were the winners and received the shield and six cases of linives and forks. Sandal were scond and received six oak biscuit barrels. Melthan were third and werc awarded six cases of pasfory forks.

The Viear (the Rev. W. Willoughhyl spoke a few words of welcome to all. He said lefelt honoured wery mach in inaving such ant event at Kirithorpe, and he had enjored bearing their betis rung well.

Darfield was chosen as the next place of meeting, un Atupust 12th.
The usual voke of thanks followed, to the Ticar for inviting the society is hold the contest at. Kirkthorpe, to the ladies for the splendid tea bther had provided, to the bocal company for the arrangements made and to the judges. Thus ended a good contest on a very wet day.

## THE EBSTOCK PEAL

## To the Editor

Dear Sir, May I congratulate Miss Rowley on lier performance of ringing a peal within twelve days of her 14th birthday? At the seme time, the claim to have been the joungest lady to do so in the 'M.C.A. fails by meariv a month. On Octobor 12t8, 1912. two oi my daughters rang in Holt's Original, the wounger then Miss Eilda Wilmon-being then 13 , and 26 days short of her $74 k$ birthday.
On the following Eoxine Dot both apain rang in a peal of Double Norwich. During August Bank Eolidav Hilda rang four penls-SuperFative, Camiridge, Stedmen Caters and Double Norvich, the lest two being rang in one day (see M.C.A. report. 1912-13).

Leicester.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

## mIRMNGHAM RINGERS' SUMMER MEDTING.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, July 15t. It is customery to lold this gathering at one of the country parish churches within the diocese, and so on this occasion a return visit was paid to the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield, which is situated in lovely country about eight miles norta-east of the city. The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity was built at the end of the 13th century and the first incumbent appointed in 1305 . Extensive alterations and additions were made in the $16 \mathrm{th}, 18 \mathrm{th}$ aud 19 th centuries, and the whote of the faltrie was restored in 1926, tagether with extensipe interior decorations and improvements.
Cotil twe years ago the church was quite hidden by cottage property; since then much of it has been demolished and the space nind out is a memorial garden in memory of Bishop Vesey, who was Fector of Sutton Coldfield in 1535, and afterwards became Bishop of Exeter. He later returned to Sutton Coldfield and built the Moor Hall, where he spent the latter part of bis life in hospitality and splendour and died in his 103rd year. So great was his effection for his native place that he spared no pains to improve it and make it flourish. He was buried in the church and his tomb is in the Vesey Chapel in the aorth aisle. Some years ago this chapel was enclosed by a fine oak screen erected in memory of Canon C. W. Barnard, who was Rector from 1909 to 1925.
The maxgive tower contains a peal of eight belle, and these were madis $F$ ood une of during the afternoon and evening in various methods ranging Erom Grandsire to Cambridgo Surprise, also Spliced Granisire, Stedman and Exin Triples.
Tho usual Guild service was dispensed with, but the Roctor (the Rov. G. L. Harveri addressed the company prior to tea, giving them $\quad$, hasary welcome to Suthon Coldigld. An excellent trag had been by 30 members presant.

In the absence of the Master. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who ind sent an mpology skating he was too unwell to rttend, the weepresident, Conncillor A. Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting. The secretary reported that he had on behalf of the Gaild undertaken to dispose of six copies of the new publication of Surprise Major Methodis, being double the quantity allotted by the Central Council. Tho action of the secretary was confrmed on the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, who stated there would he no difficulty of disposing of even more copies.
There were no new members to be proposed, but tho following tower eleations wero duly ratified: Messrs. James F. Harvey, of Bradford, C. H. Kippin, of Groydon, E. C. S. Turner, of West Faling, M. G. Turner, of west Bromwich, and John Walton, of Hagley, Stourbridge, all as life members.
The Clairman, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, Eave a very short report of the last Council meeting, stating that he took it all members of the Guild were regalar subscribers to "The Ringing World, and were, therefore, quite conversant with ail the proceedings as published in recent issues. In his opinion the Conncil meeting had been welt worth while and some excellent work accomplished.
This opinion was fully endorsed by Mr. Albert Walker, gn honorary member of the Council
On the proposition of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. E. Haynes), it as agreed to hold the next cuarterly meeting at King's Norton.
The Chairman said they were pleased to see Mr. James Gcorge amongst them rgain, looking quite his old self, and congratulated him on his recowery and his wonderful performance in ringing the 7th recently at Measham in a peal of Stedman Triples.
The Secretary also referred to the recent peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Aston Parish Church by a purely local band. Considering that the peal of twelve lad only been in about four years and that nost of the band were quite young ringers, thay were to be higkly vongratulated on their success and the spirit that animated them.
A hearty wote of thanks to the Rector for the une of the bells, to Whe British Legion for the use of their club room and the excellent tea so welt served, nad to Mr. W. G. Anker, the local towerkeeper, for making such excellent arrangements, proposed by the chaitruan, mited the meeting. This, however, by no mesns ended the proceedings. Several good totsches were rung on the bandbells, and, whilst some returncd to tho tower for further ringing, the attractions of the billiard tables engaged the attention of others, whilst some patroniged another part of the club, where they were joined by others, including a party of ripgers from Ruardean, Glos, And so terminated a very pleasant meeting.

## FAREWELLS.

For evening service at St. Hary's Church, Peckleton, Leicestershire, on June 18th, two $720^{\prime}$ s of Plain Bob Minor were rung by $F$. Mears $1_{\text {, }}$ L. Ward 2, A. Pegg 3, W. A. Wood 4, F. Deacon 5, G. Nepton (confictor') 6, to mark the lest service conducted by the retiring Rector (the Rev. S. R. Pocock), after completing 53 years in Holy Orders. At the came time, the sexton (Mr. E. A. Hall), who had beld office at Peckleton for 24 yeara, retired from his duties.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

 A PEAL OF TWELVE FOR SOU'TH WALきS?A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Asgocia tion wes held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 8th, and, considering whet a very wet day it was, was fairly well attended. Rnging tool place prior to servicc, which wes conducted by the Viear, the Rev R. O. Garrod, who also gave a very interesting address. Following tea in the Schoolroom, the Wicar presided aver the business mecting A proposal to rastore St, Bride's Major tower, which is in a had etate A proposal to restore st, brics Major wower, when is a had state and to restore the bells, was explained by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W Jones), who read the Vicar's letter and the appeal. It sas wanalmeusly decided that a recommendation be made to the ammal meeting that 53 be roted from the funds. Mention was made that two bells are to be added shortly to the ten at St. Woolos', Nemport, so as to make ring of twelpe There was no ade present from St, Woolos to endorsa this

Instructors' reports were received, and a report of the Centra Conmeil meeting was Eubmitted by Mr. E. Stiteb. A number of Hew members were elected, inciading the ringers from a now tower Penrlos, where it was gtated Mr. R. Smith, of Llenfrechfe, had given instruction.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting for Monmouthghire at Abergevenney.
The Chajrman mad shauld be tume
A bearty vote of thanks was ncocrded the Vicar, the ladies and and Wha contributed to make the mecting such a success and also for the hospitality in providing tea. Afterwards the bells were rung in various methods for the rest of the evening.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

 PROGRESS ONLX SLOW.The 40 th annal meeting of the Cleveland sud North Yorkshire Association was held at Whitlyy on Saturday, Jume 24th, In spite of the winhry nature of the weather, quite a good pumber visited the old-world seasido town. Tea was held at Breckou's Cafe, Sandgate, and, being a ringer, tho proprietor very capebly supplied tho requirements of all appetites. The anmal business meeting, which was aftarwards held was presided oser by the president (Mr, J, C. Pallari) In tis annual report the secretary shated that the past year had not shown the improvement that he had hoped for, and, whilst nothing had declined, progress had only been slow. He wished to thatg all those who had assisted him in amy way during the year.

The financial position was found to be very satisfactory, a credit balance of 528 3s. 11d. being reported. As the association had a good balaseg in land it was decifod that daring the next year the ageocia tion should contribute 6d. towards the cost of eack member's tea whon athending meetings. All the officers were re-elected and a vote of thanks for their services during the year was gannimously carried.
Meetiogs were arranged to be held during the year as follow: September, at Middleham; January, 1940. Thirsk: Aprik, Richmoad; and the snnus meetire in June at Middlesbrough

The question of printing a report instead of duplicating it as had been dono for some time past, was discussed, and, after a long disnussion, t was decided to have the report printed,
Mr. FI Simpson, of Middegbrough. was elected mamber. A vote of thants was gecorded to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for their part in arranging the mecting Tha secretary was ingtructed to send a letter of condolence to Mr. J Statit, onn of the rine-presidents of the association, in his bereave mant by the death of his wife.
A return wis made to the tower for further ringing wntil eight odock, but it was interesting to nate that only the older ripgers found suficient enargy to climb the 199 steps which lead to the charch for a second time. Once up the steps during the afternoon proved to be sufficient for the younger generation.

## MTDDLESEX COUNTV ASSOCIATION

## NORTH AND FAST DISTRICT REVISIT STAMEORD HILL

After a lapse of a few wears, a meeting of the North and Fast District of the Midrlesex Courty Association and Joniton Diacesan Guild was held at St. Ann's Church. Stemford Hill, on Snturday, Jote 24th, where the association received a friendly welcome.
Mr. W. J. Prost, the local captain, had evervthing ir readiness, and the bells were made pood use of throughout the afternoen and evening. Methods rung incloded Double Court Bab Minor and London Surprise Minor, speciallp selected for the meeting, and rounds were rung for those not up to change ringing standerd, some young people making a very welcode appearance.
A whort service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Morgen. An excellent tea followed, after which the Ficar was thanked for the use of the bells and the hospitality extended to the association. In raply, he said he was very plessed to have the bells rung again every Sunday by a loca? team and thanked Mr. C. T. Coles (eccretang of the association). who is teaching the newly-formed band there. for his efforts in this respect.

At the business meeting the elention of five members was sgreed to.
A joint meeting with the Hertford County Association is being arranered to take place at Barnet and Monken Fadley on Saturday. July 22 md , and Fendon was chngen as the tower to vixit in Anguat.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## A DEIPUTY RENGENG MASTER APPOENTED

The summer quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the York shiro Association was leld at listringtau ou Suturday, and was attended by over 30 ringers from Goole, Hemingbrougl, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Eirk Eila, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme, Pontefract, (St. Giles eald All saints'), Selby Abbey, Slierburu-in-Elmet, Thorne and the local company.
The Vicar (the Rev. H. Firby), who since coming to Eastrington sonig two years ago has taken up ripging, conducted a short service in charch and gave a most interesting address and also presided at the business meeting.
lefter was receved from Mr. If: C. Wahers pxpecssing his wish o resign from the position of Ringing Waster, but it was decilided,
fter a discussion, to ask him to remain in office, and Mr. E. Bradeg, after a discussion, to ask hime to remain in office, and Mr. E. Bradiey of Šherburn-in-Elmet, was elected as Deputy Ringing Master.
in invitation to lold the September meeting at Pocklington was reseived fron the Vicar of Pocklington, who is also Rector of Numburnholme, and both these rings of belis will be at the disposil of the association.-This was unanimously accopted.
3Ir. Cryer, the vice-president, thanked the meeting for the letter of
congratulation sent to hin on lim Botls birthder, snd expressed the hope he would be with them for a long time to come. He was plensed to say he was once again in his usual gooed heaith,

Those present learned with regret of the deaths of Mr. A. Hatfield. Heminghrough, after a long illness, and of Mr. W. Midaleton, of Beverley, A former Ringing daster of the Easlern District, and : ringer int Boverleg Minster for a number of years. The membtlers stood in silence to their memory, and the secretary undertook to write to the relatives.
Fotes of thanis to the Yicar, organist, local company and the ladies who served ten were passed, and in his reply the Vicar welcomed the association to Fastrimgton, while Mr. W. Y. Haine, the local setretary, said how plensed they were at liaving such a good company present on such a wet day.
WESTERN DIVISION AND THE 'OVERCROWDING' PROBLTMM. The members of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association ha di a very enfoynble cubing on Saturday, June 24h, when they beld their summer neeting at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton. UpWards of 50 members were present during the day and a pleassing were represented.
The bells, which are a fine peal of eight with a tovely tone, were raised ahous 2 o'clock, and, excepting for a brief interval for tize tea and meeting, were rung in a variety of methods until finally lowered a hout $8.40 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Tea was served in the Castle Cafe, opposite the churcl, so that no time was lust in attending to this most essential part of the proceedings, and the 36 who sat fown were amply repaill for their aiternoon's efforts in enteling those elusive 'Sallies.'
The business meeting was lield in the clurch vestry and was exceptionally well athended, Mr. P. J. Jolnson occupy ing the chair, supported by the association's president (Camon C. C. Marshali). One new member. Mr. Donald Fowler, of Silsden, wns elected.

As no invitations had been received for the September meethat it Bradford district, as it was a considerable time since the association had been there. Mr. Barton thercupon proposed and Mr. Lofthouse seconded that arrangements be made with a view to taking the meetfog to Shipley if at all possible. It was further lroped to make this a joint meeting with the Leeds and District Society, es September is $\pi$ month when almost every Saturday is taken up with meetings, and this would, to a cortain exteat, assist the overcorwding problem.

In moving a hearty rote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the locel company for making such splendid arrangements for the meeting, Canon Marshall spoke of their very great pleasure in heing allowed to bave the meeting there He whs sure evergone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they really apprecisted all that had been done for their comfort. He expressed his regret at the aissence of the Bector, who, he was sorry to hear, was about to enter the Leeds Infmary, abd was sure ereryone present would wish him a speedy recovery. He suggested that a message of good wishes he sent to him from the mesting.-Mr. §. F. Harver seconded this proposition, which was cordielly carried.
Mr. H. Stanforth replief for the Local company. nnd eaid how pleased they were to see so many present and hoped that everyone would thoroughly enjoy themselves. They would be only too pleased to do tha game again whenever the association could visit them.
The chairman was pleased to amnounce that another record bad been made in the division-instead of failing to sent in the names for tea. Which was s usual ringers' habit that day 37 had sent in Eqr tea and 36 had sat down. He could see that lis words at previous meetings liad borne fruit, and he hoped it would be maintained.
This concluded the bugisess and the hanabells appeared and were greatly enjosed.
The towers represerted during the day were as follows: Adidingham, Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Denholme Guiseley, Hoadinaley ISt. Chad's and St. Michael'sl. Huddersficld, Idle, Kildwictr Inkley. Keighlep. Leens Parth Church, Pudsey, Queenebury, Rothwell, Shipton, Silsden, Ripon and the loca! compans.

## THE ROUNDABOUT

AN ORDER AND WHAT CAME OF IT.
A few days ago a ringer, or ringers, in Derbyshire, required a eopy of two method shects and the 'Colection of Minor Methods,' pubilished by the Ceutral Council. The crder was placed with the local Co-aperaHive Society, who passed jt ous to Messrs. W. H. Smitin and Son, who sent it to 'The Ringing World, who forwarted it to the Council's Fibrarian. The librarian sent the publications ta the Co-pperative Society. who hasded them to the customer. The librarian bad also to send an account to Messrs. Smita and Son, who seat an account to the Co-operative Society, who, in tarin, charged the customer. The customer paid the Co-qperative Society, the Co-operative Society sent a remittance to Messrs. Smith and Son, less distount M Messrs. Smith end Son sent a remittance ta the fibrarian, less a larger discount. The librarian sent at reeeipt to Messrs. Smith and Son, and Messrs. Smith and Son bent a receipt to the Co-operative Society. Happily 'The Ringing World 'kept itself out of all these subsequent transactions, but it might well have Leen included in the circumlocution. By the time postages and discomits lad been taken out of the cost of the purcliase, the transaction was not a very profitable one.
We raention all this in the hope that ringers, when they require any of the Council's publications, whll forward their order and remittance direct to the librarian, whose address is given in the advertisement in our columns, frow whichs the costomer in this case must bave taken particulare. Tt was perhaps, thoughtlesaness which led to this particular orcter being placed in this way, and the customer could laraly have realised the amount of clerical work involved, for, in addition to sending to and fro, there has been hook-keeping to do at every stage. Aht the gross amount of the order whas about 2s. 6d.! Verb sap.

## RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAMS

## MANCHESTER PEAL AND PRESENTATION,

Following the ringing of the peal of Granesire Cinques at the Town Fall, Manchester, on July 1st, in homonr of the retirement of Supt. F. L. Witliams (who is a vice-president of the National Poife Guild), the band. with many of his ringing friends in the district, were entertained to tea by Mr. Willians. Aitogether 32 sat down, but it shonld he mentioned that cups and saucers were not used on this
During the evening P.C. W. Pye called upon Mr. F. Page (a pnst menaber of the Forcel to make a presentation to Mr. Wialiams. This took the form of a solid silver inkstand, fo the shape of a bell, and a fountain pen.
ML. Wrillians thenked the police rimers for their present and said he was prepared during liis leisure time to give what assistance he could to the Police Guild and the Lancashire Association.
A very enjoyable social evening was spent and some excelient touches of various methods on handhells were much appreciated.
Mr. Waller Wolstencroft, in tharking Mr. Willinms on belalf of the visitors, said how delighted they were that the peal had been successful. Many of them had heard different partg of the ringing that affernoon and mll agreed that a good peal had been rung and they looked upos it as a defnite advancement ly the Town Hall band.
On Simdry, visits were made to Christ Church, Didsbury, and St. George's. Heaviley, Stockport, enabling Mr. Fred Page to again meet some of his old acquaintances prior to his return to Lanciug, Sussex.

## WEDDING OF TWO CORNISH RINGERS

## REV. A. S. ROBERTS AND MISS JESSIE ANGWIN

The weiding of two well-knowe Cornish riygers took place on Saturday. July 1st, when Miss E. Jensie C. Angwin was married to the Rev. A. S. Troberts, now curate at St. Aldhelm, Opper Edmonton. The marriage took place at Truro Cathedral, nad the ceremony was performed by the Vemerablo the Archideacon of Cornwall (Canon G. W. Hocklev1, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Boswell (Ficar of St, Aldhelm's, Eamonton). A Nuptial Mass followed, the celebrant heing the SubDean of the Catliedral (Cabon H. W. Sedgwick).
The bride was attended by two page boys, two bridesmaids, the Misses Srlvia Jemiu and Mry Grix, and ewo matrons of honour, Mrs. N. E. Pearose and Mrs. S. Rells, her sisters. Mr. F. M. Roberts, hrother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Messra. Cyril E. Lanson and B. Becherley were ushers. Mr. Guillaume Ormond, the Cathedral organist, was at the organ. After the ceremony the Cathedral bells were rucg by members of the Cathedral company. On the previous Tuesday evening, after the usual Cathedral practice, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella presented the bride and bridegroom with a fireside chair on behalf of the company. The bride lase been a member of the company for many years, and the bridegroom, before leaving Cormwall, was for many years secretary and for a While Master of the company, as well as being district secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guila for ten jears. and during that time both were actively interested in belis and ringing throughout the county of Cornwall.
The honeymoon is being spent at Hereford, Liverpool, the Tsle of Min and Chester, and the future address of Mr. and Mrs. Roberta will he 40 . Haselhusy Road, Edmonton. London, N. 18 .

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

VLSIT TO MILTON ABBEY.
A meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Dionesari Guild was held at Milton Abbey on Seturduy, June 17tit, and the large number who attended from far and wide was evidence of the continued popularity which this beatiful place holds; many companies making the meeting the occasion of their summer outing. The writer travelled down with the Weymouth party, and on the way a halt was mede to enable them to ring on the six bells at Puddetowu. Milton Abbey and the Abbey House are beantifully siturted in a valley, and the parks and woods of the estate extend to aver 5,000 acres The Abbey itself stands on tha site of an earlier abber. which wes founded in 938, bud was struck by lightning and burnt down in 1309. Close by stands the Abbey House, built about I771, where the Rev. John Maillard is now carrsing aut his wonderful work of spiritual healing.
The service in the Abbey was attended by over eighty ringers [riends and visitors, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rer. C. J. Collis, who also gave the address. The Rev. A. W. Harkby, cluniman of the branch, assisted at the service and read the lesson.
In the course of his address, Mr . Collis spoke of the privilege which riagers liad in transmiditeg the joyfuliness of Christianity to the world through the joyful pealing of the bells fram the church towers of Tingland. He had heard many fino bells on the Continent, but the method of ringing them could not be compared with the benutiful and peculiarly English methad. He losed the sound of the bells himself and could never undergtand how it was that ap and down the nountry there wera bells which remain untuag because their ringers were difalory in turning up themselves to ring for Sunday services, There was a tower, he said, not 100 miles from Miltom, where the ringers practised every week, but could aniy riag onco a month fo Sunday service.

Thea was taken in the gardons of a mearly cafe and 76 gat down The towers represented included Bere Regis, Bradford Peperell, Dor whester (St. Petcr's), Milton Abbey, Sfratton. Mainen Newton, Syding (St. Nicholes'), Epwey and Wyke Regis from the Derchester Tranch Lartchett Matravers and Poole from the Wjmborne Branch: and Fillingham, Mere and Zeals from the North Dorset Branch. Fisitors i=1 tended from Portsmouth. Wincrnton, Devizes, Coventry and a parts of sbudents from the treiniag college at Execter.
Immediately after tra votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Milton Ablas for the use of the Albley gnd for conducling the service to the organist and to Mr. North, the captain of the locil hand. The Wiear suitably roplied and invited those who wished to view St Cratberine's Chapel, and mary nvailed themselves of this opportumity "He chapel, which stands by the woods at the top of a bill, was built by King Atholstan, who also founded the Abhey.

Tha Wermoutls party started on its homeward journey soou after wards, and returned to the bus laden with samples of wild flowers and wild strawherries. A stop was made at Hilton, where there is an exceilent ring of six. Four landloett enthusiasts made good use of a peal ther found there, and touches and courseg of Grandsice. Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. The hour spent at this beatiful willag whs all too short, but time was slipping by, and so the party once more raluctantly went on its way.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A RINGING MASTER
Only a small number came to Tuafori ou Jufy 8 th for the meeting of the North Notts Association and to ring the fine peal of sis at this tower. The bells are rather moigy outside. as the louvres are not shuttered, but from the ringing cltamber, which is on the rround floer, the peal has a mellow and much more subdued tone, while the "go" of the bells is very good. During the afternoon and evening the usual range of methods was rung, and, in addition, Londol Surprise, Oswald, spliced Oxford Bob, Single Court and Bob Minor Orjpinal, Hartington Alliance, Crayford Lsttle Court and a method twelieved to have been rung for the first time, cailed by its composer Double Little Bob.

At the business meeting it was proposed that the method of adver lising meotings be altered, and the becretary was instructed to rircularise all towem with detnils; jt was also proposed that a Ringiny Master should be elected. This office has never pxisied in the association, as an old rule that the committee representative of the tomer vjsited be in charge of ringing lias aot been reecinded. Phe propesat will ro before the mext atinual meeting.
Ringing continued after tea until 7.30 , when the lowermg of the hells brought an enjoyable day's ringing to an end.

## APARTMENTS

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, Jdly 15th (not 8th). Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting follow.-J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-A great gathering is expected at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. The beatiful gardens of Penshurst Place, and the Rectory, will be open to ringers, by kind permission of Lord de Isle and Dudley, and the Rev. P. H. Turnbull. Bells avalable from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at is. 3 d . a head, followed by a short business meeting. Special attention paid to learners at all meetings.-Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LONDON COLNTY ASSOCIATION. - Southern District.-The next meeting will be held on July $5^{\text {th }}$ th at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey. Ringing from 2.45 to 7.30 p.m. An ideal spot for a summer meeting and a peal of bells not often available. All visitors welcome. - N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. - Quarterly meeting to be held at Solihull on Saturday, July isth. Bells (io) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the café of Messrs. J. Welch, High Street, is. per head, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. - Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July isth. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Five Bells Inn. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., G Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held, D.v., at Yardley-Hastings ( 6 bells), on Saturday, July isth. Guild certificates ready for six members. Service at 4.30. Come if you can.-A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District. -A ringers' garden party will be held at Acton on July 15th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available from 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Rectory gardens, at the invitation of the Rector, followed by games for those who prefer this to ringing, Church of St. Mary ( 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt ). A large attendance is hoped for. Visitors and friends from other districts will be welcomed. Reports available. Subscriptions due.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Market Bosworth on Saturday, July rgth. It is hoped that members will support this meeting, the first for many years at this tower. Ringing friends cordially invited. Ringing from 3-30. Tea at 5. Because of catering difficulties, please notify Mr. Wm. Henson, Station Road, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, as early as possible. Usual charge. Midland Red buses run from Leicester, Coalville and Nuneaton. Come and try some 'New' Doubles.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Scarning on Saturday, July ${ }^{1}$ thth. Gressenhall bells will be available after tea.-W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The sixbell ringing contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take take at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July isth; commence 2.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. R. Parker, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield, for tea, is, each. Tower open after contest.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

BEDEORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July isth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 . All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have another good meeting.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Crewkerne Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone, near Ilminster, on Saturday, July i5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea, important.-D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

WILLOUGHBY, NOTTS.-The ring of 5 belis restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 16 th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Newark
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHSPractices for July: *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 2oth; Southwark Cathedral, ${ }_{25}$ th ; St. Clement Danes, 27 th; all at 7.30 p-m. ${ }^{*}$ Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, t, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUIIID.-Farnham Dis-trict.-Meeting at Seale, on Saturday, July 22nd. Beils (6) from 3.30. Service 5 . Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome. C. W. Denyer, 120 , Ash Road, Aldershot.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. Fred Stone, Derby Raad, Duffield. All ringers weitcome.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

MIDDLESEX COENTY ASSOCIATION AND LON DON DIOCESAN GU"ILD (Norti and East District) AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).-A joint meeting will be held at St. Johir the Baptist's, Barnet, on Saturday, July z2nd. Ringing also at St. Mary the Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Belis available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify Mr. H. J. Eldred, g8, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.-T. J. Lock and H. V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - West Dorset Branch.- A quarterly mecting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, July 18 th.--C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 2and. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar). Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. W. Smith, Fair View, Jubilee Road, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, to reach him not later than Thursday, July zoth.-B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN CUILD.-Northern Branch. -Grimsby District.-Please note that the meeting fixed to be held at Elsham, on Saturday, July 22nd, is can-celled.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to $7.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The committee of the Lancashire Association will meet the same date. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland, not later than July 19th. No card, no tea, so please send word if you are coming.-A. Blogg and W. H. Shuker, Secs.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. - A meeting will be held at Littlebury and Elmdon on July annd, Bells (two rings of six Littlebury from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tea at Elmdon, followed by business meeting and further ringing. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, July 19th? W. Wheeler, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Harlow, Essex.

NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.-A meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 , and tea at $5.45,1 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mrs. Lawton. The Runde, Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton, Leek, Staffs, not later than Wednesday?-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND JVELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Bath Branch. - The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford nn Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 0.15 -Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WEI.IS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Axbridge Deanery Branch. - The quarterty meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on July 22nd. Bells (8) open at $2.30 \mathrm{p.m}$. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting a p.m. Atl ringers welcomed.-H. Minifie, Royston, L'phill, Weston-super-Mare.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 22nd. Belis (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Fox public-house after, also a combined practice at Hunsdon on Thursday, July 20th. Beils (8) open at 6.30 p.m.-A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.A combined meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association will be held at Wormingford and Bures on July 22nd. Service will be at Wormingford Church, and tea in Village Hall. Will all those intending to be present please let me know by July 10th, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for tea?-J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Sherfield Englisin on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15 . Names for tea by July 19th.-G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Hurworth on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by morning of 20th inst.-James T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Annual summer festival at St. Neots, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Falcon Hotel at 5 o'clock. Ringing at Eynesbury ( 6 ) - Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and Soutli Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Penn ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Is. per head, for those who notily me not later than July 17th.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on July 22nd (not Berkeley as suggested). Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Ross District.The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. - W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District. - A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Great Gienn ( 6 bells) on July 22nd. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the local cafe.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bradfield Deanery Branch.-Summer meeting will be held at South Stoke, Oxon, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea (9d.) at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Goring bells available after tea. Please notify me three days before meeting number for coach and tea.-T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Cranbourne, Cranbourne Avenue, Calcot, Reading.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District.-The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells avaitable 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Please send names to me by Wednesday previous at the latest.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Winwick, on Saturday, July 220d. Bells available from 3 p.m. After tea a call will be made at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

GREAT YARMOUTH.-On and after Thursday, July 27th, practice night will be changed from Tuesday to THURSDAY, 7.30 p.m., titl end of September. Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. All ringers visiting Great Yarmouth and Gorleston are welcome.-J. Harwood, Sec. to St. Nicholas' ringers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Tutbury on Saturday, July 29 th, and the district extends a hearty invitation to North Staffs friends. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.20. Tea at 4.45. All ringers welcome, and a card re tea by the 26th will oblige.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The next quarterly mecting will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas' on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 . Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-R, H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Dodmarsh, Withington, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Singleton Parish Church ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bus leaves Talbot Mews at 2.20. All visiting ringers welcome.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Lewisham District. -The quarterfy meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, July 29th. Belis available from 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 29th. Bells recently rehung (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 . It is very particular for the names or numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.-J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4. Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street. Great Yarmouth.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. - The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.-Carus Wilson, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-West District).-The joint meeting wilt be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , followed by tea at the old Post Office. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.-A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis trict.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturcay, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 , followed by tea in the Memorial Hall (which will be provided by the Rector and churchwardens) and meeting. Members intending to be present please advise the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 26th.G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis, Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.
SPECHUL HEXTER.-Minor crisis averted. Alteration of date, Abbots Langley meeting, to Saturday, July 29th. All the usual arrangements, good practice, excellent tea, social company. Your strong support is requested, Charming old church and country.-C. H. Horton, Bushey, City 4270. Herts Association.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - South Norfolk Branch.-The summer meeting will be held at Brockdish on Saturday, July 29th (not 22nd as arranged) . Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea ' neath' the fir tree (if fine), Rectory Hut if wet. Meeting follows. Special methods, "Westminster Surprise" and 'Bala Bob.' I have diagrams. Names for tea by 25th, please. Suffolk ringers specially invited; we are on the border.-A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

HYTCHIN, HERTS. -The ring of eight bells, restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 30th, at the 11 o'clock service. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Bedford. Ringing during the afternoon 3 to $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild is one of the few ringing associations which now devotes a whole day to its annual festival. At one time a number of the larger associations used to make the occasion of their annual gathering a fuil day's holiday, but times have changed and with them the practice of the ringing organisations, which now mostly content themselves with a half day event, when they meet to transact their annual business. It is, therefore, all the more interesting to find the Oxford Guild maintaining its custom of devoting the day to its festival. The gathering last Saturday was by no means a record for the Guild and, indeed, out of a membership of over two thousand ringing and honorary members, could not be said to be a large one, but there is something about these festivals in Oxford which is seldom to be found elsewhere, and which the Oxford Guild itself would probably lose if it met at some other centre, more modern and industrial, in the widespread diocese. Every year an effort is made to induce the Guild to break its well-established custom, and to set a precedent by which each of the three counties included in the diocese might be visited in turn; but every time the motion is brought forward it is rejected by a substantial majority. In a big area such as this is-an area, too, in which the means of communication between one side and the other are not altogether good, there is a great deal to be said for the argument of those who claim that the festival should be moved. There is a feeling that a certain proportion of members are perpetually debarred by distance from taking part in the annual meeting and thus are unable to have any share in the ultimate government of the Guild, and, in this way, lose some of the interest in it which they might otherwise have. This handicap would be a substantial one under different circumstances, but in the Oxford Guild the real management of affairs is carried out through the Districts. That the Guild itself does not suffer seems to be borne out by the fact that it maintains its numerical strength at such a high level. At any rate, it has not suffered yet through meeting annually in its cathedral city, and if there were any really serious feeling on this point it would doubtless have shown itself in the District meetings or through the very representative General Committee of some sixty members which guides its affairs.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION
On Saturday, Juiy 75, 1939, in Thvee Howrs and Twenty Minules, At the Chorch of SS. Pgter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANSES; Tenor 91 ewt.

- Miss Mary I. Rawlings ...Treble "James E. Bailey ... ... 6
†Richard Wilson ... ... 2 †Dennis G. Brown ... ... 7
IGroffrby Y. Morpby ... 3 Herbert A. Holden ... 8
*Robrry Collins ... ... $\ddagger$ Drrex M. Sharp ... ... Hbrbert a. holden
Jobn O. Weller
Composed by F. Johnson Conducted by D, M. Sbarr. * First peal of Caters. $t$ First peal on ten bells. *First peal of Caters iu the method. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung as a 2Lst birthday compliment to Richard Wilson.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EALING, MDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Juty 8, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Three Minwtes, At the Cadrch of St. Sifpaen,
A PEAL dF dOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 Ghanges; Tenor 14 owt.
Edmard Lanebstrer .. ...Trebh Cearles T. Coles
Ginfge R. Pye ... ... ... $\quad$ a Ernest C. S. Tdrabr
5
6
J. E Lewis Cocrey ... $\quad$.. 3 Wilfrid $G$, Wilson ......$\quad 7$

George M. Kilby ... ... 4 Clarence H. Dobbie ... ... Temar
Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Ermbsi C. S. Turazr.
First peal in the method on the bella. HIGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WLVCHESTER AND PORTSMODTH DIOCESAN GUTLD. On Satwady, July 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Five Minktes,

Ax the Cefrce or St. Miceari,
A PEAE OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGEE!
Holz's Ten-part.
Tenor II cwt. 26 lb.

- Norman R. Randall

Geompriy E. Fowler
Miss Freda N. Arloti ... 3 Conducted by

* Eirst peal on eight hells. + First peaf of Grendsire Triples, First peal of Graudsire on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSGIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, Jwly 8, 1939, in Three Howrs and Two Minutes,
At the Cajrce of St. Mary.
A PEAL of little bob Major, 5152 Ghances
Tenor is ${ }^{3}$ cwt,
jesse J. Moss
..Tybble Jobn H. Brotewell
Stanley Slaney...
Reginald Payne...
A. Benjamin Cooper..
A. Composed by A. Knigris.

3 •Josspa Saxton … ... 6
4 Jobn J. L. Gilbert ... ...Tenor

* First peal in the method. Condacted by J. J. L. Gilbery. of the Dake of Portland.

FDGBASTON, BIRMLNGHAN
'THE ST, MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BTRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, Iwly 8, 7939, ix Two Honys and Forty-Five Minsules, At tee Caurch of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANEE8; Tenor 10 cwt .
Jambs H. Sbepagrd ... ...Tetebla Frank E. Prrvin
Percy N. G Raingy ... ... 2 William C. Dowding ....
Danibl T. Matkin...
Hemry H. Frara .... ... 4 Franke. Haymes .... ...Temoy Composed by W. Willson, Condacted by Frank E. Haynes. An 81st Hirthday compliment to Mr. T. Miller.
MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICFSTERSHIRE - At St. Dionysins' Clurch, on Sunday. July 9th, for morning service, a quarler-pea! of Stedman Triples: Miss M. Rarrow 1, R. March 2, W. Heetor 3, F. Wallington \&, J. C. Chester 5, W. Wallington 6, G. Hollick (con(uactorl 7, W. Kilshy 8.

HAZEL BEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE MTDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Sumday, Juif 9. 1939, in Three Howrs and Three Minutrs At ter Ceugce of St. Micearl.
a PEAL OF double NORWich court sob masor, 5952 changes; Tenor 15 cwt . I 2 lb .


WHITILEEE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHTRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Bramce.)
Ow Sunduy, Juty 9, 1939, is Three Howys and Fifteen Minwies, Aitee Caurcu of St. Jobn,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, B08: GHANBES; Tenor 2 IcFt I Itr. 23 lb .

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Benjabin A. Knige | ... 2 | -Lawrrnce Walshsligy |
| Blacielenge | 3 | Frbderick G. Bradley | Frzd Blackledge ... Jobn Jackson ... ... ... 4 | Alfred Blogg ... ... ..Tempy Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by Alfred Blogg.

- First peal on eight bolls. Buag es a welcone to the Rev. M. Garner, M.A. who was inducted to the living of the above church on July 5 th.


## OTTERE ST. MARY, DEVON

 THE DEVONSHIRE GUILDAND THE RNDEPEADTANT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, M.TY
Un Monday, July 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Miswtes,
Aiter Collegiate Cefrcy op St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 GHANQESI Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 20 cwt . in E flat.
Cbarlis R. Lilley, P.G.M., Hearts of Oak Lơge
Brian Pidgeon, Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge ...
Thomas J. Bartlbit, P.G.M., Rougemoat Lodge
Jobn Anbery, P.G M., Loyal St, Mary Lodge
James E. Lilley, Earl of Mount Edgcombe Lodge Ebward Marks, Loyal St. Mary Lodge
Cbarles J. Turner, P.G.M., Loyal St. Mary Lodge
Joun Derm, Marpool Lodge.

| ... | ...Trible |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | $\ldots{ }^{2}$ |
|  | ... ${ }_{4}$ |
| ... | -.. 5 |
| ... |  |

Conducted by Charles R. Lilegy, P.G.M.
REDRUTH, CORNWALL
THE TRUTO DIOCESAN GULD.
On Monday, July 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
Ay ihe Cherch of St. Euny.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 GHANGES; Taylor's Six-pary.

Tenor 13 cwt .
Edward Sanders ... ...Treble William H. Sotigeard ... 5
*W. Jobn Raed ... Vivian E. Williams... $\quad . . . \quad 3 \quad$ Petrr Croors sbn. Stbpben Wood......

Condacted by Fredrric H. Harris.
*First peal 'inside' on eight belis.
BURTON-ON STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Nortarrn Brance.)
On Moxday. July 10, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At tre Cherce of St. Anderw,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANEES; Tenor cacmi. 28 !b.


Compoged by A. Kmigris.
Condacted by J. Bray.

* First peal of Troble Bob Major. Hung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Hobbins.


## WARNHAM, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Wednesdav, Jwly 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fowy Minutes, At the Churce of St. Margankt,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 GHANGES; Tenor $14 \mathrm{cwt}, 2 \mathrm{qr}$. II lb .

| Wa |  | ...Treblo | v |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miss F. Wy |  |  | Frederica Robirts |  |  |  |
| Har |  |  | Joz |  |  |  |
| Creil Woon... |  |  |  |  |  |  | Conducted by O. Sipperts.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Tiurrday. July 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minetes, At taz Chorch of Sy. Jambs,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, SDB8 CHANGES; Tenar 13 cwt .
Hgary Hodgeits ... ...Tyoble James C. E. Simpson ... ... 5 Madrice F. R. Hibbert ... 2 Frederick W. Bringlow ... 6
-Mrs. F. W. Hodsden ... Frbderice W. Fodsden ...
Composed by J. W. Parker. Edwin Jemnings ... ... ... 7 Harold G. Casbmore ...Tamor Conducted by H, G. Casemore.

* First peal in the method.


## TRING, HERTS

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.

On Sazkrday, July 15, 1939, in Three Howys and Four Minwles,
At tbe Chorce of SS. Peibr and Padz.
A PEAL OF TRING 8URPRISE MAJOR, sobs EHANEE ;

## Tenor 24 cwt.



Fincts Kins
... 3 Cbristophar W. Woolley 4
Composed by C. Midilaton Cbcil C. Mayni ... ... ... 7 Harold G. Casbmore ...Temor Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.

The first peal in the method. BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DLOCESAN GDLLD.
On Saturday, Judy 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, At the Churce of St, Peibr.

## A PEAL OF BOB WAJOR, 5058 CHANGE8;

Pritelard's Fodr-part Tenor :6 cwt

William Henley
Gordon W
William Wbleing
Cilliam Wellea

| $\ldots .$. | ... | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | Conducted by Eryar O'Nbile.

Rung for St. Swithin's Day. First peal as conductor. LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Houys and Five Minufes, At the Cegech of zeie Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB HAJOR, gOB CHANGE8। Tenor 11 owt.
C. Friderice Saybr
-Dennes A. Bayers .. Miss D. Constance. Robert Warman
...Treble ... 2 ... 3 $\ldots{ }^{.+.}{ }^{3}$

Ernest E. Long.... Riceard R. W. Coates Stanley Fene .... ... bey G. Walpole... ...Tenor Condacted by C. F. Saybr.

Composed by W. Garrard. Jambs D. Taylok ....... Bryan O'Nbili ... ... ... Jobn E. Taylor ... ... ... 7 Cyril A. Borgess ... ... 4 Ghorgb Gilbrry ... ... ...Timoz

* First peal of Keat Trehle Boll Major.

BRIGHOLISE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORESHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, July $1 \bar{s}, 1939$, in 7 aro Hours and Fiffy-Erght Minuter,
At rhe Cerrch of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 8UPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor $14^{\frac{3}{4}} \mathrm{cwt}$. in F sharp.


GOUDHURST EFNT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At ter Chorcy of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF ST, CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, bOL0 CHAMCES

Tenor 25 cwt .5 lb . in D.
Edwin Barmbtt ... ...Treble Ernest W. Pye ... ... 5
Edwin A. Barnett ... ... 2 -Frbderick Whitr
"Stafrord H. Grben... ... 3 Harry Parbes ...- ... ..." 7
-Harry Hosrins... ... ... 4 •James C. E. Simpson... ...Teron
Arranged and Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the frelle. LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Satwrday, Iwly 15, 1939, in Threc Howrs and Elewas Minkits,
At the Cborch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 8 TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Pitstow's Transposition of Tedrstans' Foor-part. Tenor 12 cwt .44 lb . in F sharp.
Jogn H. B. Hesse ... ...Treble Madrice Smither ... ... 5
Thomas Dehybr ... ... ... 2 Arteor J. Bariletit... ...
 Wiellam J. Robinson... ... 4 Harry Mullard ... ... .. Jemor Conducted by Alpred H, Pulithg.
First peal on the bells.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET. tHE SALISBURY DIocesan guild. On Sunday, June 11, 1939, in Three Hours,

At tre Caprch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, BOAO CHAHGE8।
Being eight six-scores each of London, Reverse Canterbury, St. Dunstan's and Plain Bob end 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 73 ewt. - Miss Gladys L. Corbin ...Tyeble Harold E. Weite Miss Peggy V. Marer.. .2 ... |Miss Violet M. Marse ... 3 -Edwin ]. Giles ... ... ...I I mar Conducted by W. C. Seote.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Dunbles. COLATON RALEIGH, DEVON THE DEVONSHIRE GULLD.


## On Eriday, July 7, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty Minutes.

At the Chorce of St, John-the-Baptisx.
A PEAL OF GRAHDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHAHGE Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor 12 cwt . in $G$.
Cbarlas R. Lillzy ... ...Tybbie Ggorgr Wbet ... ... ... 4 Tbomas Holland ... ... 2


Conducted by Canregs R. Lileby. EXMEYSTER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GIIILD.
On Saturday. July 8, 1939, in Two Howps and Fifty-Six Minutes, Aiter Chorch of St. Miceabl,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLE8, BOLO CHANGES, Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 22 cwt . in $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{i}}$ fat. Charlas R. Lilley ... ...Ticble Josepp Brealgy ... ... ... 4 -Alberi Colley... ... ... 2 Ernbst Retter ... ... Rbginald Treyan ... .m 3 Evan Morgan ... ... ... 7 imoy Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

* First peal away from treble.
DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTRAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
th Saturday. July 8, 1939. in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Minutes,
At tee Caorch of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF MINDR, 6040 CHANGE8;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720 's exel of Kent and Oxford Troble Bob and one of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 ewt.
Leslie W. Jarvis
s ... ...Treble

- Grorgr Bebny ...

Stanley T. A. Resszll...

Condacted by W. A. Kircagnside.

* First peal in fire methods 'inside.' † First peal in five methods First peal in five methods as conductor. Rung as a welcome hnet to the Rector (the Rev. P. A. Kingsford) after a iong and scrious illiness.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHTRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULID.
On Saluyday, July 8, 1939, in Two Howls and Forly-Fiva Minutes, At tar Chorch of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, SBAO CHANOES;

Seven 720 's called diferently
EnNHST WILCIAN日 Tenor 7 $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ctut}$
 Lescie Evans ... ... ... 3 Ernest F. Salmons... ...tenor Conducted by E. F. Salmong.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. $A$ birthdeyr compliment to Mr. E. F. Salmone.

> SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUПLD.

On Sunday, July 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Fowr Kinules, Ax mee Ceoren of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGE8)

Consisting of one extent of Sts. Clement's and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 Syivia R. E. Bowyer... ... 2 Harry J. Millati $\rightarrow$... 5 Alan R. Andrews ... ... 3 Ronaed W. Sieward... ...Tomor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews, SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD
On Mondny. Tuly 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fiffy-Five Minutos,
At tes Cherce of St. Miceael,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, GOHO CHANPES!

Being tiree extents of Kent Trelile Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Robert Sperring
...Tyeble Cbarles Dryland
Mrs, A. S, Roberis ... ... 2 Rev. A. S. Rozerts
George Jomes 3 Rev. A. S. Roserts in F sliarp.

Conducted by Roberi Sperring.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts. SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOGESAN GULLD.
(Noritern Brance.)
On Wadnasday, Juby 12, 1939, in Two Howts and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Cetrcer of St, Germains,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 GHANPE8!
Being six 240 's of Morris' and five 240 's of Pitman's arrangements and 20 six-scores ( 10 callings).

Tenor 131 ewt.

- Frang Metbam... ... ...Tyeble

Fidney A. Cbayerers

| tHaroed Marcon | $\ldots$ | ... | 2 | †Jace L. Millgoosr ... .... | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Conducted by Jack L. Mielhouse.

* Tirst peal and first atcempt. + First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. L. Rawlings to Miss M. E. Warch. WOODLESFORD, YORKG. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lards and District Society.)
On Sathrday, July 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Soben Minwles, Az the Ceprce of All Sainis,


## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being 720 each of Londou Surprise, Cambritge Sorprise, Killamarsh, Norbury, Kingston, Landon Bcholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 9 cwt.
Joserg Tbackray an ...Trebla Tbomas Wm, Strangmway
Abther G. Wood .... ... 2 Percy Messax ... ... William H. Senior ... ... 3 Grorge WM, Steel ... ... Temer Conducted by T. W. Strangeway.
EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHTRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOOESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, July 15, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forly-Thres Mimules, Ax tee Cadrch of St. Miceare,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 GHANQES;

 Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. W. Henty Young Treble bgied W, Oase my Tracey H. Young ... ... 2 a I ambs Youmg $\quad$...... Harry Jobnson... ... ... 3 Horack D. Wriget... ...tinot Conducted by Tracey H , Yoong.[^37]BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, July 15, 1939, in Tow Hows ard Twetty-Fivo Minutes, At the Cerore of St, Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, EQ4O CHANPESI
Seven different extents.

- F. A. Stoveli ...
W. R, Homparey
F.J. Sanders .
... ...Treble W. Claydon
- 

Conducted by H. R. Thorpr.

* First peal. + First peal of Minor.

WFEKLEY. NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GULLD.
(Kettraing Disirict.)
On Sathrday, July 75, 1939, in $T$ wo Hows and Forty-Seven Minuras, At thr Cherce of St. Mary-tar-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, EO40 CHANGEE;

Being twe extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Boly and three of Plain Bob, each enlled difereatly. Tenor 8 cwt . 10 ! b.
Mathias Hobbs... ... ...Treble | Lewis W. Kilboan ... ... 4 "Georfrey E. Watson ... 2 Bernard J. Saddingion... 5 †Raymond Idir ... ... ... 3 Burlay P. Mofris ... ...Tenor Condacted by B. J. Saddingron.

* First peal in three methods + First peal of Minor.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Saturaay, July 15. 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirdy-Fivs Minntes, At the Cherch of St. Mary Magdalmee,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE पOUBLES, 5040 EHANGES।

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 callings.
*J. Norman Hadley ... ...Treble Barnabas G Key (approx-)
+ERIC E, SpEarz ...* ... .... 2 HMACRICR G. KEY .... ... 4
IWilliam A. Partridge ... 3 †Artber V. Peartson ... ...Tendy
Conducted by M. G. Torner.
First peal at first attempt. + First peal of Grendsire Douhlet. $\ddagger$ First peal of Doulles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LTNCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUIDD.
Om Sunday, July 9, 1939, in T ter Hous and Thitty-Ond Minutas, At Glyn Garten,

## A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, 5072 CHANEEB

Tenor, size 13 in E.
Mrs. Jack Bray ... .... ... $\mathbf{I - 2} \mid$ Jack Bray .... .... ...
Ruprrt Richardson ... .... $3-4$ J. Abmigrr Trollopz.4. Composed and Conducted by J. Armigra Trollopr.

OXHEY, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOOIATION. Ow Friday, July 14, 1939, in Ttw Hours dad Twive Minutes,

Ax 28, Field Road.
A PEAL DF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGEB; Hehry Hodgetis .... ... I-2 $\mid$ Harold G. Cashmore ... 5 -6 Christofegr W. Woolley 3-4 Fredericz W. Brinelow ... 7 -8 Composed by A. Craven. Corducted by H, G. Casamoar. Umpire-Edwin Jennings.

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## PEAL NOTES.

## THE FITTH GENERATION.

A peal of some local iuterest was ruug at Zonthover, Lewes, Sussex, on Iuly 12th. Tt celebrated the birth (on Shefleld) of the first grandson of Mr. J, S. Goldsaith, whose family las been conyected with the parish for mare ilian 200 years.
Some well-known ringers took part. in this peal of Biedman Catess, which was called by the baby's grundfather, and it is interesting to note that in the sane tower 70 years ago the chilu's great-grandiaiher and great-great-grabdiather raug together in a peal of Graudsire Triples.

After the peal last weck the ringers and a Iew friends were entertained by Mrr. J. S. Goldsmith at the Kigg's Head, scene of many happy ringers gatherings, and the baby's health was duly "toasted, Mr. Goldsmith also thanked his iriends for having helped in the celebration. Tlsey cane frow Birningham, Derby, Brighton, Guildford, Haslensere and Crawley.
The composilian of the peal, one hy Mr. J. W. Parker, is an unusual one. It has tho bells turued every four courses and no $\sqrt{\text { axed }}$ 2ud's place bell.
Mr. Frank Bennett scotod lis 1,499th peal on this oceasion-less than s week after his old friemd, Mr. George Willianas, had reached a similar total-and by a coincidence it was 20 years to the very day since Mr. W. J. Robition rang his first and ouly previous peal in the tower.
Tlie name of Pitstow has long leen a familiar and honoured one in the Fixercise, sud on July Ilth a mixed band, largely consisting of well-howu ringets, Tang a pal of Stedman Cinques at Safron Walden 25 years las bean the treasucer of the local society and was tormerly hon, secretary of the Essex Association. The ceremony took place st New Southrate on July Bth, and the bride was Miss Marjorie Parker. Mr. C. T. Coles, who called the peal, served with Mr. Pitstow at Sulonice duriag the Great War.

The members of the new band at St. Giles Clureh, Lincoln (whinh contains the ring which for so long lung in the tower of St. Peter-it-arehes in the city), rany at Scothorue, on Juiy 12th. 5,040 of Grand-
 M. E. Ward. It was the first peaj attempt by four of the band and the first peal of Gramisire Doubles by the other two, though finedentally one of tyem lad taken part in the spliced peal of 102 methods-whint probnbly was good practice for this peal. It was also
hirthday compliment to Mr . S. A. Chambers, who rasg the fourth. One of the uew Militiamen, Mr. Gearge Habbins, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Burton-onStather, Lincolishite, on
Jnly loth, before joining up et Birlzenhead. It was rang to celehrate his 21st birthday.
The first Surprise peal at Brighouse, Yorkshize. rung on Saturday, brought grent credit to Mr. Alired Smidh, wio ralig the second. His only ןrevous peal had been ane of Bob Major, to which he ragg the treble, and the Superlative was rung at the first attempt. The peal was arranged for Mr. Frank Farty, of Wallascy, Cheshive.
The pead of Eent Treble Bob Major at Whitde-le-Woods, Lancashire, on Jtily $9 t h$, was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. M. Garner, who had been indncted to the living four days previously. On the conclusion of the peal Mr. Garnex cane up into the belfry and compratulated the band.
Nime men turned up for the attempt, and the band appreciated the kindly achion of Mr. E. Ramshothom, one of the local company, who gtood down to enable Mr. Waimsley, of Dayland, to ring his first peal on eight bells. It was nlso a birthday compliment to 4 . F . W, Ctarkson, of Goesnargh.
The delight ful spot of Frazelbeech in Northamptonshire was visited by members from Leieester and Finakley districts of the Midlasa Counties Ascociation on Sunday, July 9th.

Athough no methed hed been decided upon, a really good heat was soon erident in the ettempt for Double Norwich and which finally proved to be the commencement of a reslip good peal. Congratera-
tions to Mr. Willianas, who previously had not rung oven a short tions to Mr. Williams, wh
tomel of Double Norwiohn.
The two tenor men in the peal, one of whiss sas our conductor, in apparentl overexerted themselves in turning in their bells, find it wras not $11 u t i l$ hotli had pertaken of 'cups of tea' that their emeray was restered. The peal was specially arranged to enabe Mr. Frank E. Mensures to score his soth peal and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Ballard, sen.
Some of the Hertiferdbire enthusiasts had a good end-of-the-week last week. Thuraday, a peal of Bristol Surprise at Busher; Friday, a peal of Bristol Surprise oul handbells at Oxhev; Saturday, a peal of Tring. Surprise, a new method, at Tring. And they take it all in their stride.
The peal of Bristoi Surprise at Bushey on July 13 th was the 300 th peal hy Marice F. R. Hibbert. The peals liave been rung in 7 different methods or extensions of methods, which is believed to be a creater number, sung as separate peals, than by any other ringer.

The peals have heen rang in 66 towers, with 358 different ringers and an 215 dates of the year. No fewer than 125 of these peals heve heen ruag at, Fushey, and Mr. Hibhert has "completed the circle" there af least nine times, including at least three times in different Surprise Major methods. Thie pests at Bushey have included 38 dif-
ferent methods of Triples and slajor, and 65 peals have bem wh 7th
or thenor, Thurtcen-vear-olds genen to be coming to the fore. Wore peals are recorded ths week in which youths of this age bave taken part. On Saturday, at Abhrighton, Salop. Norman Hadley rang his first peal at the firct attempt, and at Weekiey, Northants, Raymond Idle rang his first peal of Minor. He raug an inside" bell to a three-guthod peal.

Che young St. Peter's Society at Burnham, Bucks, are gradually maturing. Bryan O'Neill, who his only just passed his 18th birthday, is the secoud member of the cociety 1 o conduct a 1 teal of Majar this year, whem on Saturday lie raug in a peal at Burnham. Except For Messrs. Henley and Weiling, all the ringers are mentiers of St. Peter's Society

In connection with tho dedication festival of St. Stephens, Ealing, and the anmul garden fete, the first peal of Double Norwicla Major on the bells of St. Stephen's was rung on Saturday week.
What is believed to be the first Oddfellows' peal in the West of Fingland was rung on July 10 th at Ottery st. Mary by a band of the Gaile of Devonslire Ringers. The method was Grandsire Triplos and the conductor Past Grard Siaster Charles R. Lilley, who galled Holt's Tan-part, which was once the most rung of any romposition, but of late years lias heen largely superseded by J. J. Parker's Twelvepart.
Ronald Steward rang his 50 th peal on July 9th, when he took part in four Minor mebliods at Sprouglaton, suftolk. By a caincidence it was also his 2sth peal with the conducter, Mr. A. R. Andrews.

## FAREWJEL TO FATE.

A hatabell pesi of Bob Major wes rung at Surfleet on July $9 \mathrm{tl}_{1}$ as farewell to "Kate,' who abuut seven yeara ago set many, a bachelor"s heart allutter, She had heell rusticatitg ut the Lincolnchire Ringers' Rest Home and was taking her departure ou the following day. Was it more than a coincidence that one of the ringers of that leap year peal of 1932 happened also to be skaying in the neighbourliond?
The first peal of Winot on the bels at New Radnor, Radnershire, was ruug on Tuly 8th. The bells were augmented to six by dinsers. Gillett 中nal Johnsion at Taster, 1938.
Edwin $A$. Baruett, at 20 vears of age, rang his $350 t h$ peal last Saturday. when he took partin a peal of St. Clament's Boly Major at Goulihurst, Kent.
At the same time Mr. Stafford F. Green, of Southbaraugh, rang his 200th pail, 94 of thent haviug bees with Mr. Fred White, of Cranbroole. They have heen rung in 93 towera in 20 counties, for 24 aeso-
aintions, bad, of the total, dit. Green has conducted 38 . The 200 molide a great warietay af wiethods on mom six to twelve bels, including no fewer than five methods of Maximus, hut, curiously encugh, bot a single peal of Grandsire Triples. That is a pleasure st-th to come. A hirthday peal in five Doubles meihods was rung on Suaday, June 1Itll, for Misg Pegg, Marsh, Who wiss 14 years of age two days previously. None of the hand, except the conductor (Mr. Wै. C.
Shute), liad previously rung a peal in arore than one method. The peal was rung at. St. Mary's, Lyteliett Matravers, Dorset.
Derel Sharp, of Crsyford, called a penl of Graudsire Caters on the light ring of ten at Cudham, Kent, on Saturday, and thus completed peals of Grandsire from Donbles to Cingues on tower bells. The peal was alst hirthday complimeni, to Riclserd Wilson. who rang his first peal on ten bellg. "It. whe Misa Mary Rawlings' first peal of crandsire and Robert, Collius' first pea? in the methad 'inside:' ns well as the first peal of Caters by hoth of them.
Another peal as a birthday eompiment to Tom Miller was rulge at Edghation on Satitrday weel.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT REVISTT ACTON.

An enjoyable istrict meetirg was held at Acton on Saturday, at the invitation of the Rector, the Rep. Perceval Goush. $A$ short service was conducted by the Rector, who gave tho members a bearty welcome. Ho referred to the remark of a speaker at an earlies meeting rather surprised him. But, hes said, lye raalised that this should ho true of all work for the Church. There shauld be bappiness, joy and enthusiasm for religious work, es well as for the ordiaizy forims of sport, and it was wrong to repard religion only as gad and scrious Ringing for God shouid he a thing of 10y. He ended by expressing his gratitude to those who ring the bells of the Charch and hoped that their service to God would long continue.
Tho weather cemmining fine, ten was served in the Rectory gardan to a company of 37. The assistant eceretary (Mr. W. G. Wilson) apologised for the unavoidable absence of the vice-president. (Mr. J. A. Trollapo), the geveral secretary (Mr, Q. T. Coles) and the district secretary (Mr. J. E. L. Cockes).
Mr. W. F. Coles proposed a cordial vote of thapks to the Rector for his invitation to Acton, for conducting elle service, for providing ans excellent tea and for the nse of his lovely garden, to Mr. Fddowes who played the organ, to Mr. Fruin (werger) and to the ladies who served tea, The Rector replied assuring the members of $\Omega$ welcome to Actoul at any time.

Handbell inging on the fine bells brought by Mr. O. W. Taylor, of Watiord. clock goll and $\overrightarrow{\text { arts }}$ on the lawn proved such an attraction that mary members did not gat back to the tower for ringing, hut thoge whe did had goan practice on the handy ring of eight.

## A SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE MEETING.

## GULDPORD AND LADIES' GULDS AT SHERE.

Shore is reputed to be the prettiest village in England. No doubt this is a debatable point and will be disputed by many, but the sumn weather of a recent Saturday certainly gave the linishing touch to an ideal setting for the combined meeting of the Southeru Distrier of the Ladies' Guild and the Guildford District of the Guildforil Diocesan Gunli.
An attendance of 50 included the Guildiord Guild Master (Mnjor J. H. B. Hesse), the general secretary of the Guildford Guid (i《r. G. L. Grover) and the Farnham Districh secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer). The Rev. Sir Payet Bowman, the Recter of Shere, was away or holiday, but had left messages of welcome, and regret that he was unabie to bo present.
The curate of Shere, the Rev. J. E. Penney, kindly condacted the fully choral service, and gave an: exceptionally interesting address. It was, hes shid, remarkable that the troubled times through which we were passing had in one respect revived one of the most ancient uses of bells. Caden Elliotit and the Rev. Pat MeCormick had formed a Leegue of Prayer, and wherever possible liad arranged for a sanotus bell to be rung at a cortain hour oí the day, calling people to spare a few moments to pray for peace.
The Rev. Penney presided at the Guildford District meeting. Messry. R. Badcock, E. Inwood, J. Lancaster, G. Morrey, J. Newman and M. Whitty, all of Shere, were, amid applnuse, elected ringing merstiers of the Guikd.
The district secretay (Mr. W. F. J. Cope) expressed thenks to the general secretary for the way in which he was assisting the local hand. Mr. C. M. Martin, of Bramley, had also been busy again, and as a result of bis efforts the Misses G. and M. Hunt, Mirs. C. M. Martin and W. Spreckiey were elected honorary members.
The meeting clospd with en expression of thanks from the Master.
A variety of methods were ruyg during the afternoon and evening, but the local hand were not neglected and toucles of Grundsire Triples gave them opportunity for advancement.
Mrs. Cape presided at the annual husipess meeting of the Ladies' Guifin, at which the vice-president (Mrs. Bruce) was re-elected, and the hont secretary (Miss E. F. Mills) agreed to carry on fer one more year. The committee was also re-elected.
Mrs. Oldroye was welcomed from the Northern District.
It whs proposed to hold the next meeting at Ewlurst on September 30th.
The members present were rery sorry to hear of the recent deatlo of Miss Fisher, of Dorking, one of the first members of the Southern Distriet

## UNIQUE GATHERING AT SEMPRINGHAM ABBEY.

I.HNCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' MEETING.

A guatmerty meeting of the Southent Branulit of the Lincoln Diveotan Guitd was lieide at Seupringluam Abley. The church, which stands in the fields practically a nile from anywbere, dates back to 1128 A. D. when thers was thers in village of Sempringhan. It is interesting to note tluat the first person zo hold this living was 'Saint Gilbert' of Sempringham tia the year 1129. It was he who catablished the first order in this country and also build the flrst. Priory and school in an order in this country and also huit the first Priory und schoi in an is proceediag in this vicinity and the remains of the foundations can be clearly seen of the ancient priory. The old Abbey. Church of today is in wonderful preservetion, the chief characteristies of its architecture lieing pure Norman, with some parts of the Perpendicular period. The fine tower, some 60ft. high, now luas a musibal penl of pix beils. Origically there was a peal of three belle, the treble and 2nd beils being pre-Heformation. These have heen preserved, and yow form the 5th and benor in the new peal. In 1931 Messrs. Bewell, of Ipswich, were entrusted with the work of restoration, which consisted of recsating the tenor and making the peal inis four belle. These were rehung in a new iron frame and provision made for six bells at I future date. November of last year saw the crownidg point by the addition of two more trebles, the tenor being 8 twt. (approx.). This was mada possihle by the late Rector of Sempringham, who gave the 2nd bell. while the treble bell was provided by public subscriptions-
Despite inclement weather ors Saturday, July 8t1, quite a large ghthering nitended the meeting, and about 30 ringers were present from Lincoln, Peterborough, Southall, Itourne, Market Deeping, Glinton, Mortan, Biellinghorough, Folkingham, Hough, Edmonthorpe, Branston and Pointon. The Rector, ble Rev. G. L. Pilkington, kindly put tha bells at the ringers' disposal duriug the afternoom and evening, and these were kept going to a variety of touches.
A slorta service was leld, conducted hy the Rector, who gave a brief outline of the history of the Abliey.
Tea was hold at the achool at Pointon, the adjoining village, and 22 sat down. At the business meeting which followed the Rev. G. L. Pilkington was elected an hon. member of the Southern Branch. Mr. J. T. Ralt, the tower captain, was eleuted a ringing member, as was also Mr. S. R. Wisson, of Bitling borough.
It was decided to hold the mext quarterly meeting at Thurlby, and the business concluded with a henrty yote of thanks accoruied to the Hector for the uso of the bells and the service, nnd also for the excellent tea provided free. Thanks were also grassed to Mr. E Marriotf for presidiag at the organ and to Mr. J. T. Rolt.
The tower was then again wisited and further ringing continued mutil 9 p.m.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will ringers piease zote thet the Jasper Whitfield Snowden aunual commemoration dinaer is fixed to take place at York ou Saturdey, October 14th. Fuli particulars in later issues of 'The Ringing World.
The Rev. G. T. Perry, curate at St. Giles', Millanhall, who welcumed Mr. Frank Beanet's party while on their peal ringing wour last year, is to be anducted to bhe living of New Mils, Derbyshire, next Friday. Both the Rev. G. T. Perry and Mrs. Perry have taiten up ringing since last August, but owing to nany activities have so far not progressed beyand rounds. At New Mils, however, they should have turther opportunities, as there are bells in this parish, with which the late Rev. A. T. Beeston was formerly associated.
One of the towers open at the Oxford meeting last Saturdey was Iffley where the church is famous for ith Norman architecture. In 1734 Benjamin Annable and his band of College Youths, after their unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Graudsire Caters at New College, dined "at Weer's bevond Frier Bacon's Study and some (if not all) of them stepping over to Iffley they rang the six beila there iviz., 700 changes upon them).' On Saturday a band after ringing, mora or less successfully, a course of Cambridye Royal at New College, went over to Ifley and rang upon the six bells there
Mr. William Saunders, leader of the Coalbrookdale (Salop) band, is collecting cigarette cards for the beaefit of the Hospital for sick Children, Great Ormonde Street, London. Cards from all brands of cigarettes are induded and we understand that the hospital exchanges them at the rate of 2s. 6d. per thousand. Already Mr. Saunders nas sent 21,000 cards to the hospital, which is asking for more, Ringere who rish to help the scheme should forward cards to Mr. Saundece at Institution House, Coalbrookdiale.
A recomonendation that evening selool pupils should be taught eampanology is to be brought before the London County Council.

## THE ACTIVITIES OF 'MR. GREEN.'

## To the Editor.

Sir. It will he of interest to your readers thet this gentleman still parsues bis profitable course through the country and has recently been operating in Brightou
There is now a slight variation in the story, for he has appeared as Thomas White, giving the address, 2, Church Road, Astlee, Hants. Evidently during the course of his travels he has colfected some striking sales talk and uses, quite without authoritr, of course, the ammes of Mr. George Williams and Mr. A. D. Stone.
Presumably Astlee is a corruption of Eagtleigh, to which place be is supposed to be going. Particulars as to appearance ate as followa: Age 60-65, height 5ft, $4 \mathrm{in}_{, 1}$ rohust build, weariug a black overcoat. Only risible teeth ere two prominent eye teeth. Fresh complexion.
I have obtained a specimen of White's writing, which he gave an receipt for a 'subscription' he abtained, and this would be avaslable if proceedings are ever taken.
S. E. ARMSTRONG, \#од. Gen. Sec.

Sussex County Association

## "DOUBLE LTTTLE BOB.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir.- I read in the North Notts Association report of the Tuxford meeting of a new method, Double Little Bob, being rung.
Since there are at present ouly four Little and two Very Litile methods. it would be interesting to know more of this.
I wonder if the method can be spliced with an Alliance or Special Alliance method to produce an extent. If not, then can it claim to be one?

FERNON TAYLOR.
Melton Mowbray.
[Wlat is called Double Little Bob is, we believe, the same as Dart ford Little Eob, which mas rung some years ago in Kent. It is an unsymmetrical method and not a regular one according to the accepted standards. We doubt if it can be of any value for sqnicing.-Edmor, "Ringing World.]

## 'THE ROUNDABOUT.

To the editor.
Dear Sir,-One read with no littie diagust of the s dividend hunters" of Derbyshire, whito caused so much trouble by saring themselves the expense of the poundage on a postal order and a three-halfpenay stamp. It is to be loped that they wili spend in most enjoyabia summer holiday on the dividend received from the tramsaction. Leicester.
H. BROUGFTON

## A ROYAL VISIT.

In Honory of the visit of F.R.F. the Duchess of Gloucester to Beckenham to open the new hospital buildings on Tuesday, July 11th, the ringers of St. George's Parish Church rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Boly Major. Mr. Tom Groombridge (District Einging Master) and frieads assisted, and Mr. W. Martin, aged 80 Fears, subcessfults rang a 504 of Stedmans. In the erening a quarterpeal of Grandsire Triples was rung by John Collins (first quarter-peal) 1, D. Brown 2 Mary Raflings (first quarter-peal inside ${ }^{2}$ ) 3. B. J. Barrett 4, G. E. Rewlings 5, G. Fogden 6, W. J. Rawling (first quarter-peal as conductor) $7, \mathrm{C}$. Anstin 8. All are Eunday service ringers at Beckenbam.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

## Fres Mambership for Infirm Ringars.

The festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild drew ringers from the threa eounties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks to Oxford on Saturday, aud, despite showery weather, ad enjoyable day was spent, with a reunion of friends, a stirring service in the Cathedral, lunch in the glorious Dining Hall of Christ Church, end ringing in many of the towers for which Oxford is famous. Even the necessury business meeting was a pleasant incident in the day's proceedings, and the overwhelming defeat of the aunual attempt to move the festival away from Oxford once more sinowed that the members look upon the city as the home of their Guild, to which they delight to return year by year.

The Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge) conducted the service, and the preaciner was the Rev. J. J. E. OMalley, Rector of Sandiurst. There was evidence in the hearty singing that many of the ringers present are choristers at their own clrurches.

About a liandred members attended the business meeting, held is the Clapter House. The Master presided, supported by the Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the hon. ireasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hithbert). Letters of apology were received from Bislop Allen, Ganon ■. J. and Miss Norris, and M. J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe). The last named wrote that he still shared the opinion that the other two counties (Berks and Bucks) slould alternately be chosen for the annual festival. It would make the reunion more real, and probably give many more members the opportanity to attend who could not visit Oxford.

## SAMSTAOTORE POSITION OL THE GUILD.

In the coursa of his report tinc giaster said lie had good reason to believe tha Guild was holding its own in all ways. He could only wish that the services of qualified instructors were more generally sought, especialls in the case of those bands who, having learnt a little, made little or no further effort to advance in the art.

The Deputy Master reported that stendy and conscientious work was being maintained in most of the towers. One part of the Guild's activities which was usually overlooked in the officers' reports, he said, was the number of unsuecessful peal attemphs. These of len indicated more real propress than the peals which were completed and published. since they were conmonly in new or difficult methods. For example, peals of Spliced Surprise Major by a resident band had bern very few in the history of the Guild. but the fact that quite a mumber of attempts to Fing such a peal bad been made during the past jear wns an indication of the progress which was being made in advanced methods of ringing amongsi the members. In conclusion, he offered a word of congratulation to all the memhers of the Guild, and they made up quite a large number. who had rung their first peal or their first in a new method during the year 1938.
The general secratary, in hie report, reforred to the keenness and good feeing which prerailed in all the branches, and said in most branches progress was being matie. The membership of the Guild renained approximately the same. The number was 2,377 ringing members (including 454 non-resident) and 205 honorsiry members. There were 235 towers in union. Seventy-six peals were rung during the year, amongst them being several Surprise methods and two or three 'non-conducted.' Several woung members scored their fird peal, which, to lim, was always very pleasing. He had given advice at Cholsey asto work necessary and had examined and passed finished work a Aston Tirrold, Stoke Poges, Kirtlington, Stanton Farcourt, Witney, Fariham Royal, Wroxton, Hanwell and Wantage. He expressed the thenks of the Guild to the branch secretaries for the excellent work put in. These offeers had in many cases difficult districts to work, but kept on doing all that was possible for men to do to make a success of things
The treasurer's gtatement of nccombte showed that 59417 s . 3d. was received from the branches and new non-resident mencbers, and s1 10s. 8d. from the sale of onnual reports. The balanee of for 18 . 11d. increased during the year to 99812 s . IOd. In the reserve fund Was e75 3 s . 8 d . The balance in the restoration fund, after expending $£ 453 \mathrm{~s}$. in prants, was 590 11s. 5 d .
The Fion. Treasurer, in his report, said that if assistance from the restoration fund was to be continued on the same large scale as last Year some new form of income would have to be found. The nnnual report continued to be a heavy drain on the funds, and members shoald give their immediate consideration to this matter.
The reporte, which had been printed, were received.

## CANON COLFRDDGE RE-FLECTED MASTER.

On the election oif offcers, Canon Coleridge said he thought they had better appoint someone else as Master. He was getfing old, infirm and decrepit. and his parachial work made it nearly always impossible to attend meetings on Saturdays.

The Deputy Master said the question tefore them was, who aid ther want for Haster of that Guild? Did they want Camon Coleridge? The meeting said 'Yes' in unanimous chnrus, and Mr. Wigg, amid applause, declared Canon Coleriage re-elected.

Canon Coleridge thanked the members for their renewed confidence. He had the work of the Guild at heart, he saju, although he could not get to the branch meetinge as he would like to. Another diffeulty was that although le could get up into a tower, he was always afraid that, in abtempting to come down, they might liave to pick up a dead body (laughter)
The other officers were unamimously re-elected,
A trustee had to be appointed to fill the place of the late Dr. Joyce. The Master snid he could not possibly express their feelinge not oaly at the loss they had sustained as a Guild, luat 咕 what the peoplo of Reading liad lost. In addition to his medical services, Dr. Joyce was churchwarden at St, Mary's; he wook the lead in the tower and paid for the whole of the restoration of the bells himself. His death brought a very great loss to the Guild.

The Rev. B. Girling, of Brightwell (chairman of the North Berkshire Branch) was appointed to tire vacancy, and to fill the vacancy on the committeg caused by the death of Mr. G. Holifeld, sen, Mr. R. A. Post was elected, the Secretary pointing out, in conaection with this appointment, that Mr. Post. ought to be on the commititee, as he was one of the Guid s representatives on the Central council. if he doesmt know what the committee would Tike to do or propose to do. If he is on the committee he will be able to go to the Council knowing how much we grumble ahout the Council " (laugliter).

All the retiring members of the committee were re-elected.
The Executive Committee recommended that the festival should be held next year at Oxford, and this was proposed by Mr. W. Hithert, jun., and seconded by Miss $\nabla$. Eobinson
Mr W. Birmingham (Slough) proposed and the hon. treasurer seconded that the meeting ahould be held at Reading. On being put to the vote, Oxford was chosen by 47 wotes to 16 .
The committee recommeried that, a grant of 855 s. be given to the Coleshill balls restoration. the Fale of White Horse Brancla liaving already roted 82 2s.-The Hon. Secretary said the belis were a Gne littlo peal of six that bad been restored. There was a foung band of ringers making some progress, and he thought the grant would be a great belp
Mr T. Trollope suggested that, as there were no other grants to be made this year, the sum should be increased to 86 6s,, aud this was agreed to.
An application from Clolsey, which bad just been received, Fas deferred, with the jatimation that the Guild would help as far as it could.

## RFTAINTNG OLD MCEMBERS.

Mr. W. J. Paice moved a recommendation of the Gemeral Committee in the following terms: "Any member, who because of advancing age or infirmity, has to discontinue his or her active ringing shall (on the recommendation of the tower foreman, and confirmation at the brauch annual meeting) continue his or her memberslip of the Guild without being called upon to pay any further subscription.'
He said in the parish in which he rang they had two old members who lad boen counceted with the church for over 50 years. They could not ring now, because they were old and more aften ill then well. They had tauflat he did not know how many ringers to ring, and, wher they could, they, now sat in their gardens and listened to the bells and they told him how much they enjoyed it. In the Sonning Deanery Brazch, of which he was secretary, he knew there were many similar cases. He received a letter only that week from an old ringer, who lived in an almshouse, saying, 'I enclose P.O. for 15. 6d. to pay my annual subscriplion to the Guid, which wise due last January. I want to carry ont ns long as I can, as I have been in it so long. My membership dates from 1881, but I am out of ringing now for good; my sciacica prevents me from getting up and down stairs. ${ }^{-1}$ That, gaid Mr. Paice, was an instance in his hranch; there must be many cases in the Guild similar to that which were known to members. He only wished that many of the yourg ringers of to-day would show the same lopalty and devotion to their tower and bells that these old ringers hed done in the past. Tley bad kept the bells going for Sunday services and had taught large number's to ring, but themselves were now unable to ring because they were infirm and many of them lnsd a struggle to pay the subscriptions, whinch they could ill afford. Some of them ceased entirely to pay because they were uaabie to do so. The Guild would lose riothing by passing the resolution, which simply meant that instead of these old ringers ceasing to be members, they would keep them hy printing their names in the annual report. If an old member hac the means and preferred to confinue to pay his subscription, there was nothing to prevent him from doing so.

Mr. H. Farmer, who secanded, said a man had little left out of an old age pensior with whiel to pay such things as subscriptions. By passing the resolution the Guild would not only keep their games on the books, but would keep the ringers as members of their organisation, and he added, "ther will stitl be one of us.

Mr. T. J. Fowler thought the resolution was too restricted. He thought it should extend to oll members who were still able to do a litfle ringing as well as to those who were debarred by old age and infirmity.

Mr. R. A. Post proposed that any member who reached the age of 65 should become a fife member of the Guild. This was a course which they followed in the Oxford Society.
(Continued on nest prge.)

## CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH BELLS <br> ARCHDEACON EXPLAINS POSITION

## To the Edicor

Sir,-I see that several speakers at the Central Council meeting ins reported in your issue of July 7th, which has just been sent to me) are misinformed as to the matter of the Chesterfeld bells.
It has been my desire to have the bells reinstated for the lasi four years, but costly improvements continuously uarried out in the interion restoration and furnishing of lhis great church have delayed matters, and it has been necessary, also, to break down the opposition to the idea of restoring the bells. The late architect, Mr. Leslie Temple Moore expressed the view, ailter several tests, ihat it was unsafe for the bells to be rung, though it is true that lie said that, when the work of the restoration of the spire lud been completed, this judgment nught be recousidered. It is natural that, anter the expenditure several thousund pounds on a wark that had so little so show for at sonte infuential people opposed the iden.
never threatened that, 'if I could not get ringers, I would instituke gramophoue records. What I did say to the Church Council and to the parochial meeting was that it was very wrong for there to he a peal of ten bells unused year after year at a destral church liko this (except for the feoble chiming apparatus), and that either the bells should be put in order, or, if the wower were proved to the unstitable for ringing, that they should be given away to churches which could use them. I added that a "gynthetic" peal would be cidered that.

There are no ropas to the bells: the frames are, after seven or eight years of conplete disuse, probably in need of repair, the hells themselves are out of tume, and need either turning or recasting, and a set of ringers reeds training. All these things I bope, if spared, to have attended to in the near future. We have very considerable aldigntions at the Parish Clureh, and I have been trying to work Ancurding to plan with regari to the continuous improvement of the intorior. My predecessor accomplished the very costly work of ex lemal renovation. I have got so far as to obtain the goodwill of the Church Council to obtain the best opinion as to the stabilivy of the lower, and lave been in touch with different autharities abouh this. Yon cmities muth lindly exercise a little patience, and realise that it is not a simple case of climbing the belfry stairs and ringing a peal of Bob Ropal.

T. DIL PORTH-\#ARRISON<br>Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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A. lengthy discnssion followed, in which the scheme put forwaril by Mr". Paice met with general approval, and cventuaty, aiter various alterations to enlarge its stope had been put forward, it was carried it its original form
Messre. H. A. Edwards and © . I. Gardiner were added to the list of qualified instructors in the Guild, and, on the recommendation of the conmitiee, it was resolved that the travelling expenses of the Deputy Master and hon. treasurer, iu attending meetings, be pitd.

## A DRATN ON THE FUNDS.

The hon. Ireasurer called attention to the lack of sales of the munat yeport. It cost e2s 8s. 9d. to print last year, he said, and they oniy got hack 81 10s. 8d. froms sales. It was thus a great frain on the funds Fe had no definite promosition to put before the Guild at present, but he had been considering whether thes sloutd charge a small booking fee for peals. He dicil not know, however, if that would work. He loped the members would try and help the (inild out of the difficulty

The meeting cotrfirmed the election last year of 149 new members.
Mr . T. Trollope asked what happened to all these members.
The Secretary replied that the new memhers got on with the job while the old ones wasted their time thinking about getting buried (langhter).
The Master proposed a vole of thanks to the authorities of Clirist Clurch for the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter Fonse and the Dining Hall, fad also to fhe preaclier for his most acceptahle sermon and to the organist.-This was secouded by the hen. treasurer and carrled with applanse.
At the surgestion of Mr. W. J. Paice, it was agreed to send the goot wishes of the Guild to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Woking ham. on his appointment as Prenentor of Normich Cathectral.
The meeting having concluded, the members adjournen to the Diging Hall, where luneh was served. Alterwards a brief tonst list was gone thranglı. 'The King and Chureli' was proposed by the Master: Mr. I. - Goldsmith suhnitted 'Tle Oxford Diocesan Guit,' gud Mr. P. T. Hibhert pave " The Master abaf Deputy Master: , to which Canon Colcridge responded recalling that Rishop White, whose portrait orcupied a place of honour in the hall. was once one of his ringing pupils. Canon Coleridge added a plea for more young men to take upp finging.
After lunch the various towers in the city were vistred and a great deal of ringing was done until the early evening.

## DEATH OF TRURO RINGER

## PASSLVG OF IR. W. H. SLEEMAN

The death took place on July 6th at Truru, after a short iltauss, Hr. Willian H. Sleeman, wha wes known to gverybody as just Billy: Mr. Bleemats was hom at Advent in North Cornwall is 1874 and learned to ring oue of the four bolls there in his very carl leens, Hat Lis eavly career was bogun in true Cormish style. He cane Truro more than 40 years ago and joined the band at Konwya. The ring of cigit there was renung in 1905, about the time of the formation of the Truro Diowesar Guild, and the band, with a kinowedge of Grandsire, went on to ring several peals. thated of which ure ecorded on a board in the tower. Billy "touk part, in most of these.
When the bells at Truro Cathedral were opened in 1910 he was one of the offini Comish bamp to ring on $1 u n e$ 2lst of that jear. He remaned at Kenwyn, and taught many to ring there, undif 1928 When be joined the Cathedral band, and, duriny the years following was awaya willing to stand in a pal, and he took part bti serera Graudsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, and Bol, Major and Minor He was Master of the Cathedral band for about two yerrs.
Recently he had rujoined the Kerwyn band, and it was at Truro Cemetery that he was buried on Sunday, July 9til
3he Ficar of Kenwyn, Canon F. Thomas wfieduled at the iuneral, and the bearers were past and present members of the Keuseral hand. Tingery from Kellmy and Kea attended the fuyenal. Wrentlas were sent by the Kenwyn and Cathedral bands.
"Eilly * will long be remembered in Truro and district and by mat
friends who have visited mruro.

## DEATH OF MR. J. W. ELKINS

DEAN'S VFRGETL AT WINCHESTER OATHEDRAl.
of the most respented and esteemed citizens of Winchester One of tue nost respected anc esteemed citizens of himehester yad been for more than 50 years a verger at the Cathedral und was for lome a member of the fard of rineers The daconsed fenlomas was boru in 1854, whd from his twelfth ycar had liwed io tho shatew of the Cathedral, which he served as werger and nfterwards as SubSacrist and \$ub-Librarian, in the digcharge of which daties he endeared himsel to all wito came ma contact wilh lime to him the Cathedral was not so much a building of historie interest as a spiritual friend, which he fad learned to love by loag assousation and contact and this was the imuression which he was able to convey to mony of those whom lhe conducted over the great church.
Fis life at the Cathedral brought him in combet wilh mengy famous and importank persons, including the late King und Queen Mary and the present King and Queen. He was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guifa and al ohe time served as clistrict secretery and treasurer
The funeral serviee was held in the Cathedral and was attended by a large number of people, testifying to the extracolinary rogerd in which Mr. Elkins was held. The clergy taking part included the Bishop, ths Dean, Canon Lloyd and the Precentar. All the Cathedral clergy mere present, with four of the honorary canons and the full chon. The Dean preached on eloqueat sermon, and immediately aifermards the whole pull and stand was rumg with the bells halfmufled, followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters, condncted by Mr Wilfrid Andrews, maptain of the Cathedral band.

## GLOUCESTER \& BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## A quarterly meeting of Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and

 Brista Diocesan Association was beld at Stapleton on Salurdar. June 24in. The weather was very wet, but 30 Fingers attended from Henbury, Warmley, Mangotsficld, Coalpit Heatla, Westerleigh, חristol Wichwar, Abson. St. Ambrose, Biton, and the local tower. The hells are a very mice ring of six. Service was conducted by the Ficar (the Rez: J. E. Stalcy), assisted by the ourate, and the former gave a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of at the Memorial Hall, by kind invifation of the Rer. ata Mrs. Staley, and the Vicar afterwards presided at the metting.Bitton was chosen for the next quarterly meetiag on July 22nd.
Totes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service. to the curate and thwe urgauist, alro to the Yicar and Mis. Staley for providing the splendid tea
After the meeting the tawer was gyan misited, and some gond practice ohtained in various methods.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ST. ALBANs.-At St. Peter's Chureb on Sanday, July gih, for even ing service, a quarter-peal of Doulble Norwich Courl Bols Major (1,280 elanges): F. G. Mason I, F. G. Coward 2. 4. W. Debenham 3 $\because, T$. W. Watson 4, F. Kirk 5, ※F. T. Spicer 6, G. E. Debenlam 7 *H. Fi. Frost (conductor) 8. * First quarter-penl in the method This ouarter-noal was arranged for the ringey of the Rod, who hails from Mete, whilts,

BRIGHTWFLI, ARRIK,-On Sunday, Iuls 9tl, for evensong, a puarter-peal of Douljes ( 1,320 cinangesh, being 240 each of St. Simon's. April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and 360 of Plain Bob: F. Froker 1. C. J. Gastel! 2. J. R. Pease 3, F. C. Castell 4, O. G. Barmard (conductor) 5, G. Srder 6. First quarter-peal in fixp topthoite hy all.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Bear Sir-It is not my usual practice to make use of the columas The Ringing World for correspoadence purposes, but on this occasion I ask your indulgente iu order thai certain mattery may be brought to tho notice of members of the Essex Association. On Saturday last I attended a meeting of the South-Western District of the asscciation nt Rayleigh and to ny astosishment, and disguat became the centre of what, to my mind, was a mean and most unfaix attack on tho management of the association.
It was stated that, after the last anuual meeting leld at Chelmsford an Whit Monday, complaints were voiced by a large number of those attending as to the manner in which the meeting wis conducted hy the chairman and that a considerable amount of time was wasted iu earming out the election of officers. It: was also said that the conduct of the meeting was disgosting.

Afother spoaker alleged that the Annual Report was a disgrace and the information contained therein quite out of date, although subsequently admiting thatt it ranked about fourth in order of merit out if tell differeat association reports which he liad in his possession. proposals emanuting from this district carried by tho annual meeting, certain members took advantage of my gresence to work of steans it a manner which was far from Friendly, although taking care to way thut no ciffence was intended.
association was most, disgraceful, partipularly in the presence of the Fivar of Rayleigh, who appeared to be astounded, mud, hat it been done in any other part of the county or at a general meeting. I have not the slightest doubt Hat considerable protest would have been made.
Hith regard to pomplaints being made after the ammal meeting. the only ane which I heard, apart irom the bad acoustios of the ball, was that. Mr. Chalk had taken up far too rauch time with lis Benevo-
lent Fud proposal, and I would gesure hinn that in unduly labouring the sulufect with his verbose meanderings, not only on Wlit Monday, but it various district meetings at which he lad been allowed to speak tupon the sulaject, be lad reduced the great majurity of his hearers to a state of boredom and had done far more harm than good to his chuse. This is not nerely my personal opinion, but has been expressed in my hearing an numerous acmsions.
As to the election of the Master, il most ridiculous statement reached my ears, that things were not done fairly down this way (apparently menuing at Chelnsford), Any reanobably minded pervols present at Che neeting knows that such a statement is utter nonsense.
If our Anmual Report is not up to dste in its information, a point upon which $\mathbf{I}_{\text {, }}$ as general secretary, entirely disngree, it is the fault
of those memhers wha appear to have far greater knowledge os to this than myself for not passing on information. However, it appears that nothing sliort of an 'Encyclopedia Britannica' devoded entircly to ringing watters in Fssex would be entirely satiefactory.
There aro many other matters I could mention, but lave no wish to take up more space that 1 car aroid, and in closing would point out, that if those who liase for the past iwo years talked so much of benevolent funds, and from whom we should expert benerotence to exude in profusion. would bear in mind that true benerolence is nor the mere giving of grants from a fund, but the desire to do good and to show is charitable feeling in wort and deed towards their fellows, which can do far more good than the giving of an accasional copper to a collection, in the carrying on of the work of our associaton and, indend, in whatever wall of life we mar be. $\mathbf{L}$. J. CHARE.

## Chelmeford. Jyly I4th

COMRTTTEE TO BE ASKED TO DISCUSS VITAL POINTE The criticism of the management of the assaciation referrad to the leter from the hon. Eecretary was raised under the item of i atleer bueinesg.'

Mr. Lurkin apened by saying the wes frankly disappainted with the Association Report for 1939 . Fur too much space was wasted, when such thinga as nem compositions, list of peals rung for the association sivce its formation, and quarter-peals rang during the year, culald be inserted.
Mr. G. L. Joyce attacked the General Committee, saying that if the annund meeting at Chelnsford on Whit Mouday was a specinzen of the way ditugs were being conducted in general, he was very sorry for the future of their association, and it was up to all members to see that what was wrong was put right, and as quickly as possible. He further stated that what be had just said was auly what mearly averyone elso was thinking, and he moved that a letter be sent to tho General Committec esking for a committee mesting to he held as soon as persible to discuss vital points in connection with the association.

After further discussion this was carried.

## PRESENTATION TO LATE DISTRICT SECRETARY.

BUTLER'S LONG SERTICE.
At a Mcoting of ihe Bouth-Westeru Division of the Essex Assoctation hold at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8 th, and attended by 50 members, almosit every tower in the division being represented, al pre sentation was mado to Mr. E. J. Futler, who recently reliuquished office of disfrict secretary after a quarter of a century of servies. A shor service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Sowter), Who gave a rery warm weicome to all. Tea, urratged by Mr, C.
Steward, was enoyed in the Church Hall, followed by the lyusiness meeting presided over by tho Fev. A. C. Sowter. Six yew members were elected, including five from Stanford-he-Hope and Langdon Hils, foth thesu towers joining the association.
Orect was gelected as place for the next meeting, to he held on Septeuber 21st.
The presentation took the form of a eilver tea sef suitably eagraved. Several menthers paid tribute to JIr. Butler's loyalty and service to the disfrict intring bis 25 years in office
Mr. Clalk, District Master, remarked that the keynote of Mr. Butler's work had always been efficiencs; and he spoke of the very valuabln advice he was ever ready to give to incumbents whenever their bells needed attention.
In making the presentation, Mfr. Priar said lhat he had known Mr. Futher since beforp the war, whell they were all trying to belp one another in the art of change ringing, and from that time he had seen the Soutli-Western Division grow from a few soaftered towers to the united 1rody it was to-day, die in no small measure to Mr. Rutler's enthmsiasm in lis work. Mr. Prios also paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Butier for the part she had playcd belind the scenes in the success of the distriet.
Mr. Butler, in reply, sxid that no wards could express his apprecia. tion for rhe kindiness shawn to Jirs. Butier and himself in presautipg them with sach a beautiful gift. Ali that he had done, he added, for the district had heen a. labour of love, and althougla he did not now
hold anv official capacity. they could always rely oa his supporl. He spoke of tine help he had received from the tower secretaries in the district and filso paid tribute to the clergy of Essex for the kinniness they had always shown to hive wherever he went, He wished the tistriet montimued success and hoped they would all ratly round their new secretary and support him in every way
Thay Mastor referred to the fact that the Rev. Camon Brown, of Leytonstoms, hat just completed 50 wears its the ministry of the Church, and proposed that it letter of congratulation be selit to him rom the district. This was unanimously agreed to
The uspeting romoluded with a ficary rote of thanks to the Rector for allowing use of tower and hells, for conducting the service and taking tha shair, to Mrs. Sowter for so hindy deputising as arganist, and to $51 \%$. Steward for making all the arrangenients. This was carried with applause and respondea to by the Rector.
The tamer was flien rerisitea and touches in nothods ranging from Grandsire in London Surprise were brought round.

## HOBART RINGERS ENTERTAIN LORD MAYOR

NOTABLE VISTTORS TO TASMANIAN BELFRY.
To celebrate the patronal festival and 106tb anaiversary of the parish, the bellriugers of Foly Trinity, Hobart, were 'at bome' on Tuestay evening, Jume 6th.
The staircase leading to the tower was decorated with fowers. The helfry also was adorned with pot plants. Being winter time, the helfry was heated by electric fires. The guests were the Lord Jafor (MTr. J. T. Sorandy. Member House of Assembly) and the Lady Marores, the Hon. F. S. Raker (leader of the Opposition of the Tasmanian Parliament) and Mra, Baker, Mr. F. W. Medhurst (who since the risit of the English ribgers has presented the belfry witha telephonel, Mr. R. I. Wallace (Eenior churchwardent. Mr. A Hidilestone, il past inellringer, nad many others. Apologies were received from the Deputy Lord Mayor (Mr. S. Grisp), Mr, E.J. Rogers, Mr. F. Tisher (Editor of the "Mercury') and Mrs. Dsher.

After the guests had heen received by the president [ithe Vers, Archdeacon Blackwood), the ringers Tang a "peal" of Doubles: $I$. Lucas 1, \& Snith 2, J. Williams 3, B. McElwee 4. J. Quatnby 5, A. R.

Wilson 6. Afterwards call changes were rung on the eight beils. The handhells ware also used.
Supper was servert, consisting of coffee, sandwiches nnat cakes.
The Ten. Archdeacen Blackwond said how pleased he was to welcome the guests. It was the firet visit of the Lord Mayor; althongh he (Mi'. Soundr) was not a ringer, he congraturated the ringers on ringing true Sunday by Sumda!
The Lord Mayor thanked the ringers for their hospitality. He was delighted to he amongst them. He tristed that it, would not be long hefore thes han another sisit from the English bellingers, as lue Tranted to give them a civic welcome duriog his term of offle.
Afterwards the Lord Mayor and the Fon. H. S. Faker went un the tawer, and, returning. Thanked all present, for the enjovable evning which went all too ouickly.
The hos. sectetary (AT. A. R. Wilean) desices to place on recorif the names of Mr. and Mre, and Miss Pedder (who were present) for their mans donations towerds the mssomation's fonds. Tt will he remembered that Mr. George Marlin, of Maidenliead, Wha the ghest of Mr. and Mrs. Pedder in 1935.
The English albums of cathedrals and clurches. presented liy the ringers of the lifitish Tsles, were on vinw and mach admired.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTERN BRANCH ELECTS ELEFEN SCHOOL PUPILS.
the summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, July 1st, The church possesses a ring of six bells (tenor 11 cwt ), and the meeling was attended by 40 members, wives and friends, including visitors from the Northern Branch. A short service was condueted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies), who, in his address, sald he was much inmpressed by the good fellowship among ringers, and remarked that if there was more of this spirit in the world to-day it would cure most of the ills that existed.
An excellent tea was served in the Schoolroom by lady helpers, and was generously supplied by the Rector.
After tea a course of Grandsire Triples and several tunes were rung on the hanabelis.
At the business meetiug, the Rev. W. H. Deties, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to all present.
It was decided that the arrangements for the nexi quarterly peal should be left in the hands of Mr. A. Morgan, of Grimley.
The Rector was elected an hon, member, Mr. Tr. Farty, of Wallasey, Cheshize. was elected as a life member, and the following 11 pupils from the Abbey School, Malvern, were accepted as unattached members: The Misses M. Richardson. D. Richardson, H. Weall, J. Weall, M. East waod, Jill Buddee, Joan Budden, Aane Harper, R. Taylor, P, Peel and J. Taryy.
It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kempsey
Mr. S. Holt reminded members that the association library containing books on bells and bellinging is opena to anyone. He also reported that the general secretary rarely had any application for association certificates.
Mr. W. Short suggested that the branch secretaries should carry one with them to show members, and Mr. R. Matthews said they should be givent to new members.
Mr. S. Holt replied that the latter suggestion would have to be introdured at the committee meeting in Janusry or at the nest anuual meeting
Hearity votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the ladies concluded the meeting.

## PORTSHEAD LADY RINGER MARRIID

Tha marriage took place very quietly at 9.30 a.mu on Suyday. July I6th, in St. Peter's Church, Purtishead, of Miss Blanche L. Staddeu and Mr. Tolm Kelly, The cerenony vas performed by Prel). H. W. Juk̃es.
The bride, who is a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Batli at.d Wells Diocesan Association, has given valued help in Portishead belfry for the past 14 years. Despite every effort for secrecy, four ringers turned up very early for Sunday morning ringing, and with the help of Mrs. Simmions (sister), Miss Brown (aunt) andi two brothers, the bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Grandsire Triples voiced the good wishes of the band as the bride and bridegroom left the charch. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: R. G. Wiliams 1, Mrs. W. Edwards 2, Mrs. L. Simmons 3, Miss \&. Hyman 4, A. Lame (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, Romald Gale (first guarter-peal) 6, E. J. Goldstone 7, J. Thomas 8 .

## VISIT TO ST. ALBANS

Tlue members of S. Nicolas' Society, Guildford, with wives and friends, bad their amnual outing on June 24 th and wisited St. Albans. Tlse coach ride, which took them through Wiudsor Great Park, was much enjoyed, but unavoidable delays caused them to arrive late at the Alibey, where they were welcomed by Mr. H. F. Goodenough and had the opportunity of ringing on the Abbey twelve. The visitors will not soon forget the long climb to the tower nor the views they obtained as the result of their labours. One or two of the party rang on $t w e l v e$ for the first time in rounds, but the other ringing was confined to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Then ther went on to St. Peter's Church, and, in this commodious and well-equipped belfry, rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Double Norwich. They were received here by Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. F. Kirke and others, and the welcome in both towers was mucli appreciated. After tea some of the places of interest in the ancient city were visited. Some found the oldest licensed premises in England and decided that it was well worth while to inspect the interior. Others, under the guidance of Mr. J. R. Mackman, paid a hasty visit to the Roman remains of Verulanium. Mr. E. G. Heath, the hou. secretary, was heartily thanked for the successful arrangements he had made, and thanks were also accorded for the facilities giver for ringing at the Abbey and St. Peter's.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH CONGRATULATIONS TO EINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS.
A meeting of Stockport Branch of the Cheater Diocesan Guild was held at Northendeu on Saturday, Juiy 1st, when some 28 members and friends journeyed to this old church, situsted about half an hour's bus ride from the centre of Marchester and yet still retaining a sense of the peace and quiet of the countryside. The bells, a peal of six by Inudiall, were set going early in the aftermon, and, il spite of the fact that they proved a litile difficult to handle, several good teuches were bronght round betore service in church at 4.30. The nsual Guild form of service was used and was, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Ronald Allen, who also gave a very inspiring address. He told the ringers that there had been a cluzch at Nortinenden from the 12th century onward and quite possibly even earller. In the early days it was served from the Abbey of Chester, and ihis would suggest the erigin of the yame, it being the northern church of the diocese. The family of the present leader of the belfry had been ringers at Northenden for about 200 years, and he thought that it was good to remember the past in these days whon they lived so much in the present with its crises from day to day. As Te looked on the tower of the church during the crisis last autumu he was led to think of all the changes that this old church has seen and the Wars through which it has passed, and weat on to say that just 95 that old tower has survived, so must the Charch as a whole survipe all the changes. Wars may come and go, but still the Church will go on, and, althougls at times its light may appear to burn very dimly and even though the hells be sifenced, he was certain that the will to serve and worship God would always be retained. He believed that in spite of all the criticisms and complaints, the Chrich was to-dar stronger than ever before. He had recently had a young Clinese staying wild hum, aud, on asking him what struck him most about this country, received the reply, The friendiness and freedom of the people, ${ }^{*}$ and these were the natural fruits of Chistianity. The preacher went on to point out how ringers could serve to ilhustrate the fundamentsl Christian truths and made special mention of the team spirit required in the helfrs. He satd that if men would anly learn that it was just as essential to have this toam spirit in national and international affairs, the individual striving for the good of the whole, then the troubles of the world would be greatly lessened. Be also pointed out that ringing migith be considered a very public job, as all the ruistakes were heard by all the surrounding neighhour)hod, and
made the point that just as in ringing all their actions were hrodeast, so in their daily lives they must exercise care that thet actions were always in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Rector conduded his address by reading the fme poem by Tennysen, 'Ring out, wild hells.'
After the service tea was partaken of in $n$ mearby cafe and ant enjoved an excellent repast. The usual business nueeting was held under the chairmanship of the branch chairmnn, the Rov. F. Bonner, who voiced the menbers" delight at being present at Northenden.

The husiness was of a routine nature
The secretary (Mr. C. K. Levpis) presented a report on the proceedings at the amual festival, for the henefit of those unable to attend arid it was resalved to send a letter of corgratulation to the Liucolnshire spliced Minor band on their yecent fine performance.
The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his services, the wardens, the local ringers, the organist and to all who had contributed to the success of the raceting. Furthor ringing then took place until a late hour, the methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

## A LANCASHIRE FESTIVAL

A uumerous company of rimpers gathered at St. Wichael's, Flixton. Loncashire, on Sumday, July 9th, on the oconsion pof the church anniversars, and some very fine ringing took place. Before the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, those taking part Being Lewis Taplor 1, Harry Shulker 2. Ethel Colifer 3 Samuel Rickard 4. Donald Brown 5, Ferbert Collier 6, Albert Ford (conductor) 7. Rohert Thomas 8.
After the service the company was joined by Messrs. Robert Davies, H. Edwards, David Vincent nud H. MoKinnel, and touches of Steriman and Grandsire were rung and some call changes for other members of the company.
Mr, Herhert Collier expressed his delight at the wonderful way the neighbouring ringers had responded to the occasion, and Mr. Harry Shuker sprang a surprise when he said that in the touch of Stedman rung, the counties represented were Suffolk. Surrey, Middlesex, Montgomeryshire, Staffordshire, Shrapslire sud Lancashire, and each representative had served his county well.

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## NOTICES.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Fox publichouse after. - A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-Meeting at Seale, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome. -C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. Fred Stone, Derby Road, Duffield. All ringers welcome-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON. DON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District) AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).-A joint meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing also at St. Mary the Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify Mr. H. ]. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.-T. J. Lock and H. V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - West Dorset Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on Saturday, July aznd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service $4-30$. Tea and meeting to lollow. Everybody welcome.-C. H. Lather, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpoie, Bridport.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar).—B. J. Lark, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15.-G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. - A meeting will be held at Littlebury and Elmdon on July 22nd. Bells (two rings of six Littlebury from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tea at Elmdon, followed by business meeting and further ringing. - $W$. Wheeter, Hon. Dis, Sec. Mill Street, Harlow Common, Harlow, Essex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Bath Branch.-The rext quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and meeting 5.15.-Theo Grant, Swains wick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Axbridge Deanery Branch. -The quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on July 22nd. Bells (81 open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.-H. Minifie, Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next meeting has been arranged at Penr ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3.30 p.m.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 7.45 p.m. The comrnittee of the Lancashire Association will meet the same date. - A. Blogsy and W. H. Shuker, Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern DivisionA combined meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association will be held at Wormingford and Bures on July 22nd. Service will be at Wormingford Church, and tea in Village Hall- -J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Annual summer festival at St. Neots, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Falcon Hotel at 5 o'clock. Ringing at Eynesbury (6).-Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Great Glenn ( 6 bells) on July 22nd. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the local cafe.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bradfield Deanery Branch.-Summer meeting will be held at South Stoke, Oxon, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea ( 9 d. ) at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Goring bells available after tea.-T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Cranbourne, Cranbourne Avenue, Calcot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Loughborough District.-The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Wigan Branch.The next meeting will be held at Winwick, on Saturday, July 22ad. Bells available from 3 p.m. After tea a call will be made at St. Peter's, Newton-le-W'illows.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.Practices for July: Southwark Cathedral, 25 th; St. Clement Danes, $2 ;$ th; all at 7.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, r, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A mid-week meeting will be held at Buxted (St. Margaret's, in Buxted Park) on Wednesday, July 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea s p.ni. All welcome. Names for tea by Monday next, please, Miss K. M. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.-B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Tutbury on Saturday, July 29th, and the district extends a hearty invitation to North Stafts friends. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.20 . Tea at 4.45 . All ringers welcome, and a card re tea by the 26 th will oblige.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas' on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 . Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Dodmarsh, Withington, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available from 3 p.171. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.-T. Kay, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Singleton Parish Church ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July 29 th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Buts leaves Taibot Mews at 2.20. All visiting ringers welcome.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 29th. Bells recently rehung (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. It is very particular for the names or numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.-J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4 , Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUII.D.-Isle of Wight District.-Quarterly meeting at Brading on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 , business meeting after. All requiring tea please notify H. P. James, Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight,

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. - The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-inder-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.-Carus Wilson, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-West District). -The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , followed by tea at the old Post Office. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Koad, Great Bookham, as early as possible.-A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstail on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 , followed by tea in the Memorial Hall (which will be provided by the Rector and churchwardens) and meeting. Members intending to be present please advise the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 2fth.G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis, Sec., 35, Woodstocle Road, Sittingbourne.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - South Norfoik Branch.-The stimmer meeting will be held at Brockdish on Saturday, Juiy 29th (not 22nd as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea ' neath ' the fir tree (if fine), Rectory Hut if wet. Meeting follows. Special methods, 'Westminster Surprise' and 'Bala Bob.' I have diagrams. Names for tea by 25th, please. Suffolk ringers specially invited; we are on the border.-A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUll.D. - North Bucks Branch.-A ringing meeting will be held at Okl Bladwell (bells 6), on Saturday, July 2gth, when it is hoped for a good attendance. All visitors will be welcome. Bells from 5 p.11.-Walter Sear, Fon. Sec., ig, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Lewisham Dis-trict.-The guarterly mecting will be held at St. John's. Sidup. on Saturday, Julv 2gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers, will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, July 24 th. Half fares (up to 25.) will be paid to members attending this meeting.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Cary Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday; July 29th. Bells 3 p.m7. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting following. Barton St. David also atailable. Please advise for tea. - W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

BATH AND WELIS ASSOCIATION. - Taunton Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday; July 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

PETERBOROLGH DIOCESAN GiUILD. - Peterborough Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, on Saturday, July zgth. Usual arrangements. Wifl those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 25 th? W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137 , Scotney Street, Pcterborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LUDIOW AND CHURCH STRETTON BRANCH OF HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Joint meeting at Chureh Stretton on July 2gth. Eight nice bells in beautiful surroundings. Good attendance is requested. Names for tea to either W. A. Farmer, \%o, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or W. J. Beniams, Ben All, Henley Road, Ludlow.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhild, on Saturday. July 29th. Belis (8) available 3.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome, but a card re tea will oblige.-I. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., I, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will lse held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting ${ }^{\prime}$ p.m. Business : Nominations of officers.- leter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting witl be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, by Thursday, July 2 -th. Business meeting in the tower 7 p. m7.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch, -A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.ma.-H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2gth, at Snaith, near Goole. Belis (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Crown and Bell Hotel. There are several hundreds of six-bell methods. Jusi look a few up and come along and practice them. - E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Northern District.-A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 2gth. Beils (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served to those who notify me by Wednesday, 261h. All are welcome. Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Newcastle.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch.The summer meeting will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, Jufy 20th. Bells (6) available from 3-9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Mapledurlam Lock 5.45 p.m. (is. each). Bicycles can use the Warren Road. Motorcycles and cars must take the Woodcote Road. Please let me know by July 2 fith how many for tea. - E. G. Foster, for, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Bridgwater Branch- Quarterly meeting at Huntspill on Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at + p.m. Tea and neeting to follow: All ringers welcome. -G. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bridgnorth Branch,-The next meeting will be held at Claverley on Saturday, July 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 , followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than July 27 th.-H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.-You are invited to attenci the mecting at Abbots Langley on Saturday, July $29^{\text {th }}$. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at $5 \cdot 30$, Village Hall. Nearest station Kings Langley (1 mile). Buses from all parts to church. As arrangenents have to be made for tea please let me know by $26 t \mathrm{th}$-C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 420 o.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.- Quarterly meeting will be held at Dinder on Eaturday, July $2 g$ th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. W. H. Marsh. 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GLILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Whiton (6), Saurday, July agth. Findly notify me for tea by Wednesday, July 26 th. - W. C. Moore, 5 , William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

HITCHIN, HERTS.-The ring of eight bells, restored by Jolm Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 301h, at the 11 o'clock service. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Bedford. Ringing during the afternoon 3 to 4.30 . I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blachburn Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Paristi Church on Saturday, Aug. $5^{\text {th. }}$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Mceting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. - F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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## GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.

We record some great achievements this week. Two of them are in the field of Minor ringing; two are personal records. The Lincolnshire band, of which Mr. Gearge Feirn is conductor, have rung a peal in one hundred and four methods in seven extents. No one can say exactly what is the limit of splicing in this direction, but the peal rung at Bigby comprises the greatest number of methods that it has yet been found possible to put into seven true 720's, and is, therefore, at the moment an unbeatable record. Look at it how you will this is the finest achievement in Minor ringing of all time, and the congratulations which this band earned when recently they rang peals in 100 and 102 methods will be renewed to-day on this greater performance, got, not merely by adding two more to the methods they had already rung, but by substituting a new extent, containing thirteen other methods, for one they had previously included.

It was this Lincolnshire band that took the record out of the hands of the Chester Guild, and were it not for this great achievement, a peal by the Cheshire men last Saturday would have been all the more noteworthy. Nevertheless, the peal in fifty-seven methods of Plain and Treble Bob is an outstanding performance, and in the praise that will be bestowed upon their Lincolnshire rivals, their lesser success ought not to be overlooked. It does not equal some of their own records, but it is a performance which merits more than passing attention.

The individual records to which we refer are those of Messrs. George Williams and Frank Bennetit, who, by a stroke of good fortune, were able to take part in a peal which was the fifteen hundredth for both of them. They first rang a peal together fifty years ago, and now they have reached a memorable point in ringing history together. No two names are better known in the ringing Exercise than theirs; and no two men are held in higher respect. Moreover, great as have been their peal achievements, their services to ringing are not to be judged only by those high standards; through long years they have given their best wholeheartedly to advancing the art, and everyone will hope they will long continue to enjoy the pleasures of peal ringing and carry on their important but less conspicuous work in their own towers.

There are morals to be drawn from the achievements bere referred to. George Williams and Frank Bennett began their ringing when every peal was a hard earned triumph and they were few and far between. But their devotion, their zeal and their enthusiasm have brought them to a notable pinnacle, not sought in any desire for fame,
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## TEN BELL PEALS.

MANOFESTER. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Satnyday, July 15. 1939, in Three Hows and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
Ay fer Cateldral Chorce of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF CAMERIDGE 8URPRISE ROYAL, BOG0 GHANEESI Tenor 27 cwt. 3 gr. 6 lb.
William Fernety ... ...T Tieble David Vincent... ... .... 6
Jabgs Fgrnley ... .... ... 2 Jambs A. Miliner ...... Herbert Davbaport... ... 3 -Pbrcy Swindley ... ... 8 Tbomas B. Worsley ... ... 4 | Jamas H, Riding *** ... 9 C. Kenneth Lbwis .... ... 5 | Jobn Worta ... ... ... Tenay Composed by H. W. Wirdr. Conducted by Johe Wortr.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. G. W. Biddulph, of Lawton, Chestire, until recertly Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild. SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WHNCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GTITD. On Wednaday, Jwly 19, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thirty-Two Minmes. At tee Churce or St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BDE ROYAL, 5080 CHANGE8; Tenor 22 cwt. I qr. 7 lb . in E flat.
Mrs, C. H. Kifpin .... ...Tyebie Ernirst J. Azlifre ... ... 6 Joan S. Goldsmita ... .... 2 George Willians Jobe W. Faithetle ... ... 3 William R, Melvicle ... 8 Ernest J. Monday ... .... 4 Reginald A, Rebd .... ... 9 Frane Bennett ... ... ... 5 Charlqs H. Kippin ... ...Tenor Composed by York Grebs. Coaducted by Caarles H. Kippin. A 'welcome home' peal to the Rector, Canon R. B. Jolly, after a visit to Canada and U.S.A. The 1,500th peal by both Frank Bennett and George Williazus.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF OOLLEGE YOOTHS.
O4 Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hows and Forty-Five Minmtos,
At ter Cgoref of All Saints
A PEAL DF STEDHAN CATERS, 50ß7 CHANPEB!
Tenor 42 cw , in C
Ernest G. Fenn... ... ...Trebte Joen H. B. Hasse ...* ... 6 Edwin H. Lewis ... ... ... 2 Gilbert E. Drbenaad ... 7 Willam H. Pasmorg ... 3 Edward P. Duffield... ... 8 Henry G. Miles... ... Harry Hoskims ... ...

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On 7hustay, Twly 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Foity-five Minutes,
At the Chorca of St. Mary Magdalrne.
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE HAJOR, EOF日 CHANGES।
Tedor 12 cwh.
Stanley F. Webt ... ...Titilie Stanlgy Clabk ... .... ... 5 Alfred Prior ... .... ... 2 Ernest J. Butler ... ... 6 Ricuard J. Warrilow ... 3 Jogn H. Crampion ... ... 7 Lewis A. Cordeli ... ... 4 Willian Wareleg ... ...Temor

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WILLENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARUHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Thursday, July 13, 1939, in Three Hokrs and Thisteen Minutes, Ay feg Cherch of St. Giles,

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| Cbristoparr Waliats ... |

* First peal of Mujor and first in the method. $\dagger$ First peal in the method. Kung es a farewell to the Rev, and Mrs. Perry.

BAETON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satheday, Jwiy 15, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Five Minules,
At the Ceurch of Sx. Peter.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, BO8s CHANOES, Tenor 10k cwt .
Arthur W. Hondless ...Trebla ${ }^{\text {Cbarles W, Taylor ... }}$.** 5 Marin Walker.. Gborgr L. Hall...
... 3
Georgr Dobbs ... ...
…
Composed by J. Nicholes. OSEP日 ATBINSON... ... ... 7

Condacted by W Goddard.
First peal of Trebie Bob as conductor. Rung in conpection with the golden wedding celebrations of Dr. Charles Moor, a former Vicar of Earton, and Mrs. Moor.

## WIGAN, LANCASHERE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCTATION.
On Salurday, Tuly 15, 1939, in Three Howrs and Eleven Minutes, At ieg Ceorch on St. Jamre, Poolsrock,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part.
Tenor $25 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
A. Parker
R. Foseraw
J. Horrocks
J. Errington
$\left.\begin{array}{cccc}\ldots . . & . . . & \text {..Treblr } \\ \ldots . . & \ldots & . . & 2 \\ \ldots . . & \ldots & . . . & 3 \\ \ldots & . . & . . . & 4\end{array} \right\rvert\,$
A. Forshaw ... ... ... 5
-S. Clodgr ... ... ... ... 6
S. Forshaw... ... ... ... 7 W, Farrimond ... ... ...Temor A. Parkir.

Condacted by

* First peal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCTATION. On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At tur Caurca of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHAMGE8। Holt's Ten-part.

Ernest Matibrws
tervor Pritceard
Basil Latham ... .... ...Trebie Tromas Paics
.. ... ...
.-. ... 3 LesLie Barry ... ... ... 7
Thomas Baldwin ... ... 4 Gborgs Latbam ... .... ... Temoy Conducted by Leslie Barry.
LOUGHBORODGH, LETCFSTERSHIRE. THE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Jwly 17, 1939, is T wo Hours and Eight Minutes,
At tae Beli Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF DOUble morwich caurt bob major, 505 Chamgesi Tenor 6 cwt .2 qr .13 lb . in B .
Gzoffriy Harrisok ... ...Tyeble W. Arteur Riddikgton ... 5 Jobn H. Grondy... ..... $.2^{2}$ Colin Harrison ... Walter P. Whitghead ... 3 G. Ronald Edwards ... Joan P. Fidera Composed and Conducted by Ernest Morris.
Quickest peal of Major set rung on tower bells. Tile conductor's toot la pea! on these bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHLRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOOIATION
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Twesday, Jmly 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
Ai ter Chorch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5112 CHANGES Tenor 12 awt. in F sharp.
Joan Holman ... ... ...Treble |Jogn H. Brotbwell ... ... 5
jogn J. L. Gllabri ... ... 2 Ernest Tborpe ... ... ... 6
 Tom Brotbwell ... ... 4 Norman Cbaddock ... .. Tompr
Composed by G. Lewis.
Conducted by J. J. L. Gilbert.
*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the conductor, Mr. R. Payne and Mrs. B. Camm.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOGESAN ASSOCTATION.
On Wednesdav, July 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fivo Minutes,
At ree Chorch of St. Illiyd,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GLGO GHANEESI Tenor 16 cwt .
Ernest Stizce ... ... ...Treble | Edward T. Bailey ... ... 5
Alfred W. Heath ... ... 2 D. Rers Jambs ... ... ... 6

Joun W. Jongs ... ... ... 4 Alfred W. Wright ... Composed by A. E. Eambs. Conducted by C. H. Ferry.
Rugg for tle 35 th anniversary of the belts, on which 102 peale have been ruag.

## MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSEIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thur sday, Juby 20, 1939, in Thye Howrs and Nine Mixwles, At tae Ceorch of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, BOSE CHANGES!

 Tenor 17 妻 cwt .Kinnete Hill ... ... ...Treble Edward V. Rodenauret ... 5
Thomas Price ... ... ... 2 Thomas Tudor ... ... ... 6
Williay Weatherby $\quad . .-3$ William J. Cagstrr ... ... 7
Alan M. Hickman ... ... 4 Artbor Pritcbard ... ....tomor
Composed by J. R. Prischard. Canducted by W, J. Cerster.
First peal on eight bells as conductor.
HURSLTM, HANTS.
THE WINOHFSTER AND PORTGMOUTH DIOGESAN GULDD. Un Thursday, Jwiy 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifit-Five Minkres, Ai tar Cherch of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 5058 CHANGES: Tenor 14 cwt. in $F$ share.

| -Miss Nebta Smita .. ...Treble | William R. Melvile |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mrs. C. H. Kipain ... ... 2 | Whipred Andrews ... |
| Legliz A. Tremerri... ... 3 | Harold P. Rebd... ... ... 7 |
| Ricbard Smita ... | Charlbs H. Kippin ... ...Tenor |
| Composed by J. R. Pritceard. | Conducted by C. H. Kıppin. |

* First peal of Major.


## NORTEAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (Northampton Brance.)
On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Howrs and Four Minutes, At tee Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOR MAJOR, 50NO CHANEES।

-G. Frezman ... ... ...Treble |]
Tom Law
f. C. Dran ...
G. Valbntine
.... ...

W H. Austin ...
Composed by Jobn Cartra. Coaducted by Ton Thbbetr.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of a paat of Plain Bob Major on these bells, conducted by B. AnMable, Jumo 15ti, 1739.

PETERSFIELD，सAMPBHYR
THE WINGFESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUTLD On Satwrday，Juby 22，1939，in Three Howy and Ten Mrmetas Ax miz Churce of St．Prite，

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDOH，日RI8TOL，BUPERLATINE AND GAMBRIDCE

 SURPRISE MAJOR，B120 CHAHEES；Tenor 16 cwt．
C．Erneet Smita
．．．．．．Treble｜Towrr R．Taylor
Charles E．Bassett ．
Fredrrick W．Rogers
Kenneth Smelling
Compor ．．． 4 Oliver Sipperts ．．．．．．．．．Teney
Conducted by Oliver Sipagits
This peal consisted of 2，240 London， 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge，with 116 changes of method．

BADSEF，WORCESTERSHIRE．
THE WORCESTERSHLIE AND DISTRICIS ASSOCLATION． Un Saturday，Jwiy 22，1939，in Two Hours and Fifly－Five Minntes，

At tar Ceqrec of St．Jahrs，

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES， 5040 CHANEEB；

Teqastans＇Fowr－part．
Tenor ${ }^{5} 5 \mathrm{CWE}$ ．

Conducted by Sidney T．Holx．
BURGFILL，HEREFORDSELRE．
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Soturday．July 22，1939，in Tao Howys and Fifty－Two Minutes， At ter Ceqrce of St．Mary－tee－Virgis，

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES，5040 CHANGE8；

Pagker＇s Twelvg－part（7th observation）．
Tenor 10 是 cwt．
Wilfrbd F．Morbion ．．．Trdble Adstin T．Wingate ．．．．．． 3 William H．Symonds ．．． 2 Rev．E．Geoffrey Benson 6 George T．Codsing ．．．．．． 3 Ernest E．Salmons ．．．．．． 7 Jobm D．Woresy．．．．．．．．． 4 ERnESTH．Williams．．．．．．Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred F．Morgion．
First peal as conductor．Quarterly peal for the Hereford District． GULVAL，CORNWALL
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，July 22，1939，in Tero Howrs and Frfiy－Six Mimutas，
At ter Cedrch of St．Golval，
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLE8，b040 CHANGE8；
Parker＇s TwRIve－part（7th observation）．
Tenor $12 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$ ．

Edward Sandrrs ．．．．．． 3 Cypil E．Lanxon ．．．．．． 7
Cbarees T．Colrs ．．．．．． 4 William Wood ．．．．．．．．．．．Ther Conducted by Cyril E．Lanxon．
＊First peal and first attempt．First peal on the bells since their relanging． HONITON CLYST，DEVON THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD
On Satwyday，July 22，1939，in 7 hyee Hours and Sevem Minutes， At the Cedrce of St．Micharl，
A PEAL OF ERANDSIRE TRIPLE8，bO40 CHANGE8，

Holt＇s Ten－part．
－Edward Mitcarll
Ernest Retier．．．
Jorn Salway ．．．．．．．
Conducted by
＊First peal．
UPTON ST，LFONARD＇S，GHOUCESTERSHTRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRIGTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Satwrday，July 22，1939，in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes，

At tae Ceorce op St．Leonagd，
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLEE，EOH CHANQE日 Holits Tbn－part．


GILMORTON，LETCESTERSHTRE．
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION．
On Salurday，July 22，7939，in Thret Howrs und Eight Minuter，
At ter Caprer of Acl Saints，

## A PEAL DF BOB MASOR，50b CHANGEBI

 Tenor 10 ewt 3 qr .19 lb. Composed by E．W．Tipler．Conducted by Frank K．Measeres． ＊First peal on eight belis．＋First peal of Major．First peal in the method as conductor

DEPENHAM，SUFTOLK．
THE SUFPOLE GUILD．
（St，Mary－lz－Towzr Society．）
On Satwday，July 22，1939，in Thye Hours and I wsoty－Ome Minwtrs， Ax fge Churce of St Mary Magbalenza，
A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MAJOR， 5120 CHAMCES Tenor 2 rix cwt．in Efiat．
Charles A．Catcepoly ．．．Tyeble George A．Flbming ．．．＊． 5
Sylvia R．E．Bowyer ．．． 3 Alan R．Andrews ．．．
Cbarles J．Sbdgley ．．．．．． 3 Cbcil W．Pipe ．．．．．． Hobari E．Smita ．．．．＊＊ 4 Eredrricr J．Smitr ．．．．．．Tomo Compostd by G．Limdoff．Conducted by Cearlbs J．Sedglzy．
First peal of York Surprise Major by all aud first attempt．First peal of York Surprise Major for the Suffolk Guild．A wedding com－ pliment to Miss Alma Symonds，younger danghter of Mr．G．E． Symonds，secretary of the \＄t．Mary－le－Tower Society，Ipswich．

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS．

BUCKNAL工，STAFFORDEHTRE．
THE NORTH STAFFORDSEIRE ASSOCRATION．
On Friday，July 14，1939，in Three Hows and Thred Hinwtes，
At the Cerorg of St，Mary，
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR，5040 CHANCES；
Being 720 each of Milton，Cambridge，Burslem，Bucknall，Castleton，
Oxford and Kent．Tenor $10 \frac{10}{} \mathrm{cwt}$

 Conducted by Joun Wareldon．
＊First peal．Trumg in honour of the leader of this tower（Mr． William Wheeldon），who has completed 50 years ats a rigger．First peal as conductor．

CULHAM，OXFORDSHURI．
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
（1）Eriday，July 14，1939，in Two Howrs and Forty－Thyed Minules．
At the Ceurce of St．Pade，

## A PEAL OF MINOR， 5050 CHANGES।

Being one estent of Cembridge Surprise and two eacls of Oxford Treble Bob，Kent Treble Bob and Plair Bob．Tezor 7 cwt ．（approx．）． Marir R．Cross ．．．．．．Treble Alberi E．Lock ．．．．．． 4 －Mrs．A．E．Locr $\quad . .$. Jonatban Hongy ．．．．．．4 3 Acan R．Ping ．．．．．．．．．．．Tenoy

## Condacted by Alan R．Pikk．

First peal in foor methods．＋First peal＇inside＇in four methods． First peal on the bells．

## NEWCASTLE－UPON－TTME．

THE DUREAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCTATION． On Monday，Jthy 17，1939，in Two Hours and Fifiy－Nint Minuth．

## Az ter Parige Churce of St，James，Bbnwele，

A PEAL OF MINOR， 5010 CHAHGE8，
Being one exfent each of Cambridge Surprite，Donble Oxford Bob，St． Clement＇s Bob，Single Oxford Bob，Oxford Tretle Bob，Kent Trable Bob and Plain Bob．

Tenor 165 cts ．
Jonn H．Clifton．．．．．．＊．．Trbble
Tgomas W．Czowr
．．． 2
Jobn Anderson

## Condacted by W．J．Davidson．

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss \＄elby Josephine Smith， granddaughter of Mr．C．L．Routledge，Ringing Master of the New－ castle Onthedral Guild，and also as a birtfday compliment to the treble ringer．

FRENSHAM, SURREI
THE GULLDFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Surday, July 76, 1939, in Two Howes and Forby-Eight Minwta, At fere Chdrch ef St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGEB:

Being 30 six-scoxes of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cret. Cgarlbs W. Denyer ...Treble -Dodglas W. Dadson Ediard J. Bragg ... ... 3 †Alfrgd J. Cegxga ... .... 5 -Edward J. Heaze ... $-+4 \quad 3$ |Eric A. CaEe ... Conducted by E. J. Bragg.

* First peal and first athempt. + First penl in two methods. Rung to celabrate the r/00th auniversary of the earliest record of the church.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
TEE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUIL.D.

## (Nortbern Brance,)

On Honday, July 17, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty-Six Minufes, Ai fie Church of St. Chad,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DDUBLES, 5040 CHANEES;

Being 30 sim-scores, with ten callingg, (three $240^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$ of Morris' and three 240 's of Pitman's arrangements).

Tenor 10 cwt .
-Raymone Syallierass ...Tyeble
Harold Marcon ... .... 7 Jack L, Millagesz ... ... 5 - Bernard G. Hooseman ... 3 H. William Homphreys...Temor Coaducted by Jage L Millaoose,

* First peal and first uttempt. Tweatyr-ffth pes] as conductor. POINTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Salaviay, Jwly 22, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Five Minutas, At zhe Chdrce of St. Georgr,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;


## Being seven extents in 57 methods

1. Double Oxford, Loadon Bob, Thelwall Bob, Lythant Bob, St, Clement's Bob, College, Childwall Boh and Wavertree College.
2. Plain Bob, Double Boh, Reverse Boh, Fulbeck Bob and Ganterbury Plepoure Bob.
3. Dover, Ghepstow Balmaral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight.
4. Ely, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
5. Camterhury, Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.
6. Taxal, Humber, Marpie, Braintree, Newdigate, Charlwoad, Old Oxiord, Neasden, College Bob IV., St, Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Fistont Clarence Deliglat and Morning Star Treble Rob.
7. Oxiord, Ockley, Cepel. Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, Loadon Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kiogston Treble Bob, Donottar, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Wath Delight. Temer 13 cwt. $2 \mathrm{qr}, 17 \mathrm{lb}$. in F sharp.

...Treble Јонм Worta
|ames Fsrnley... ... Conducted bv C. K. Lewis.

* First peal in 57 methods. + First peal in 57 methodis away from the treble. One hundred and thirty-six changes of method.


## ELSTON, NOTHE.

THE MIDLAND OOUNTHES ASEOCLAMON
On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, Ay tee Chorch of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, BO40 CHANQES;

Being two extents of Oxford Trehle Boh, two of Kent Treble Bob and thres of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.
Grorge E, Foster ... ...Tyble |Arthor E. Chilton.... ... 4
Miss Katagrine Eurcbancl 2 Edpard Fogter ... ... 5
Miss Grace Burcenall ... 3 Egrderice G. Hooper ...Tenoy Conducted by F. G. Hopprr.
First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. OCKHAM, SUREEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUHD.
On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty-Sevon Minutes, At the Cborch of St, Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IAE DOUBLEB, s040 CHANEESJ
Forty-two diferant extents.
Tenor 8 cwt,
J. Armiger Trollofy ...Tibble Ernest J. Ayliffe .....-

Joan S. Goloseitre... ... ${ }^{2} \mid$ Cgarlas Hazelden $\quad$... 4 Ernist C. S. Tomnhr ...Tanor
Conducted by Ernest C. S. Terner.
F First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. In this peal the whole hunt was changed in epery ertent, each bell being ured in tura wis the treble.

## THE SPLICED MINOR RECORB. BrGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

 THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.(NORyHzRen Branct.)
On Wedmeday, July 19, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-On Minuter,
At thr Church of Aly Sainis,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANRE8।

Seren extents in 104 methods :-

1. Beeston, Melandra, Leasone, Peveril, Clelaea, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Watorford and Berwya Treble Bob.
2. Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Enutsford Rostherne, Bogedoae, Wilmslow, Els Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
3. Blaxhall, Mitrbani, Stanlıee, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Slambraok, Finclley, Ellacombe, Buxtor, Wordslay, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Grayford Little Court and Little Bob.
4. Langton, Candlesby, AFford, Tettershall, Renington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Suttor, Leake, Wrangle Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
5. Charlwood, Neasien, St, Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Orford, College Bob IV ${ }_{-1}$ Winleadea, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morniug Star Treble Bob.
6. Gapel. Sandal, London Sclolers' Pleasure, Kingsion, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carishrooke, Watth, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.
7. Windermare, Frodsham, Kitlarzey, Forsmonden, Emmerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Plessure, Fulheck, Reverse Boh, Double Roh and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt .1 gr .8 lb.
 Conducted by Grorgr E. Firin.
198 changes of method. The greatest number of methods that bave been incorporated into seves true and complete extents.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORES.
THE FORESHIRE ASSOOLATION.
On Salwyay, July 22, 1939, in Two Howfa and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
Ax mer Chorch of All Saints.
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 644 GHANGE8;
Being '720 each of Cambridgo Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandaj, College Exercise, Oxford and Keat. Tenor 13 cwt .

- Edward Bradizy ... .... Treble | Gborge Lord ... ...

Conducted by Danirl Smita.
* First peal in seven methode.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRNINGFAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUMD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAMF.
1! w Twaday, Jmly 18, 1939, in Two Fours and Forly-Five Minwte. At 273. Alberi Road,
A PEAL OF ERIM CATERS, 5059 CHANGES:
Tenor size 17 in A.

Alean Short ...: ... .... $3-4$ Grorge E. Swann ... ... 7 . 8
Morris J. Morris ... ... 9-io
Componed by Gabrikl Limpoff. Conducted by G. F. Swann. Witness-Mrs. Shepherd.
First pert of Erin Caters by all the hand and by the Guild. OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HEETFORD COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Friduy, July 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiten Minwtas,
At 28, Fibld Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 50E CHANGE8
Henay Hodgetzs ... ... i-2 | Caristopeer W. Woolizy 5-6

Composed by J. E, Burton, Canducted by H. G. Casamorr.
A birthay complimend to Mr. Willian Crampton.
(Other peaf roports are unavoidably hold over.)

## PEAL NOTES

## COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SCOTLAND

A baud of College Fouths risited Sconland last week and on Satur day rang a peal of Steduan Caters at Inveraray, Argyllshire. They Fers the guegts of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, at Dun A'Bhuilg Achnamara, during the week-end. The beautiful acenery find the raried forms of enjoyment provided both on land and water were thoroughly appreciated by all, and have left an unforgetrable inapression.
In the old days, when the College Youths had an outing and近evelled on 'shanks' pony, they once made Northampton the object of their journey and raug at several places en route. At St. Peter's Church, Northampton, they acored a peal of Bob Major, which Anumble called. This was on June 15th, 1739, and to celebrate the bi-centenary another peal of Bob Major was rung in the same tower last Saturday (July 2nd).
The regular zervice ringers at Buchuall, staffs, rang it peal of Minor in seven methods on July 14 th in honowr of thair leader, Mr Willian Wheeldon, who has completed 50 years' service at this church The treble ringer left to begiu his military training the zext morning
Not for more than 25 years had a peal been rung on the bells of St James', Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, until last Monday week, when peal in seven Mmor methods was brought round as a birthday com pliment to Mies Selby Jogepline Smith, grauddaughter of Mr. C. L Rontledre Finging Master of the Cathedral Guitd and to Mr. J. H Clifton. who rang the trehla to the peal.
Mr. Thumas Bialdwin, of Gloucester, reng his 300 th peal last Satur day, when he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Upton St Leonard's, Gloncestershire. Mr. Baldwin has talen part in a number of long peals and atampts, and rang the treble at Painswick to the then record lesgth of Cinques $(13,001)$ in 1920.

Edward Mitchoill, of Heavitree, who is only 15 years of age, Farg his first peal at the first attempt on Snturany at Honiton Clyst, Devon.

The peal of Little Bob Major at Handsworth, Shefield, on July 18th wes runs to celebrate the firthdays of the conductor (who attained to 21 years on that date) and of Mr. Reginald Payne, whose anni versary fell on the previous day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Canm

The first peal on the bells of St. James' Church, Poolstack, Wigan, since the relowging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was rung on Iuly 15 th as a compliment to the Rev. L. J. F. Welton, tho ourate, on his ordication to the priesthood.

## A HUNDRED PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY

Mr. Tirnest Morris, of Leicester, is the firsit to ring a hundred peals on the bells at Loughborough Foundry. Ha completed the century on July 17 tb , with a peal of Double Norwich Major, the fastest ever rong on tower bells. It, was round in two hours and sight minutes. The composition luas the and its extent in 23 alternately, and is in alternate short, and long courses. It was rusg for the first time

Mr. Morris' 100 peals on the bells, of which he has conductod 38 , include Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, and among them are the quickest and longest on the bells, both of which be conducted He also called on them the longest peal of Lidtle Bab yet rung ( 6,7201 and the record of Ilkeston Treble Boh $(9,120)$. In addition his peals in the campanile include the quickest tower-bel peal ever, 5,040 Cambridre Surprise Mivor in 1 hour 50 minutes, and the quickest of Major, 2 hours 8 minutes, The peals of Bob Major include callint $7,008,9,760$ ( 400 Singles) and the extent of tenors together, 13,440

Tha peal of Exin Caters rung at Aston on Tuly 18th is believed to ho only the second peal of Caters in the method in hand.' It was rung after about six attempts of varying lengths, the longest being on the previous Tuesday, when, with F. Fr, Haynes as referee, jt was lost through a change course 14 courses from home siter 2 hour 20 minutes' ringing. The band anuch appreciate Mrs. Shepherd's kindness in placing her lounge at their disposal. She is the mother of R. I. Shepherd of the Aston band, and is herself lemrning to ring. To celebrate the 700th annirersary of the church, a peal of Double was rung at Frensham, Surroy, on Sunday, Jaly 16th. The peal was celled by Sergt. Bragg, of the Grenadier Guards, and four of the bend were local ringers, two ringing their first peal at the first attempt and two their fisst peal in two methods.

The 100th peal $o^{2}$ Bois Maior low the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was rang at Willenhall on July 13 th. It was a farewell to the Rev, and Mrs. Perry and was the first peal of Major on the bells since ther were recast.

Three more members of the new St. Giles" Society, Lincoln, have rong their first peal, making seven from this tower in a week. Ray Skallibrass, whe rane the troble to the neal of Doubles et Dunholme on Joly 17th, has only just twmed 15 years. It was Mr. Jack Mill house's $25 t h$ peal as conductor.

## PEALS AT BRDDCEND.

The peal rumg at Bridgend on July 19th was the 102 nd peal on the bells This is helieved to be only the second tower in South Wales if not in the whole of Wales, where more than 100 peals have been ring. The other tower is st: John's, Cardiff. The hand which took part have rung quite a numlier of peals at Bridgead, viz. E. Stitch 66, M. W. Heath 18, C. H. Perry BI, J. W. Jones 63. E. T. Bailey 24. D. R. Tames 51, A. J. Pitman 86 . A. W. Fright 49. Mr. E. Stiteh hes 'completed the circle' in the tower, with the Iast peal.

Apart from the new record in Minor Splicing set up at Bigby, another really jine periormance in Minor riuging recorded this week is the 57 -method peal by members of the Chester Diocesay Guild at Poynton, Cheshire, on Saturday, conducted by Mr. C. K. Lewig. Thirteen of the methods were plain and the rest Treble Bob and Delight.
at Debenham, on Saturday, a peal of York Surprise Major, the first in the method by all the band and by the Suffolk liuild, was rung as a weddimg complinent to Mise almo Symonds, younger daughter of Mr, G. E. Symonds, tite popular secretary of St. Mary-la Tower Society, Jpswich.
A peal of Cambridge surprise Rowal at Manahestar Cathedral on Seturday week was Mr. C. K. Lewis 1501 h peal and was rung to celebrate then binth of a son and heir to Mr. G. W. Biddulph, untal recently Ringing Haster of the Creme Branch of the Chester Dincesan Guild.
Mr. Thomas Tudor rang a peal of Boh Major at Mariket Drayton, Shropshire, on July eOth. His last pretious peal was ruag no lesi than five years ago
Tha peal of Cambridge Surprise 3 ajor at Harlow Common, Fssex, on July 13th, which was rung as a birtliday compliment, to Mr. E. J. Butler, was specially arranged for Mr. R. J. Warrilow, of Stafford.

Mr. William Short, who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Bedsey o' Saturday, has now rang a peal on mech of the existing rugs of eight in Worcestershire.

SOMETHING DIFITERENT IN GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.
It was only a peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was wovth ringingat any rate, just once. That was the opinion of the five members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who rang 42 six-scores at Dekbam, Surrey, on Saturday.
But it wasn't quite an ordimary peal of Grandsire Dowles. The treble was not always the treble. All the bells, in turn, wre used as the wbole linht-as the work of the treble in a plain method was described in the earliest days of change rimging.
Only one peal had ever previously been rung on these lines, we believe, but to add further varieby at. Ochlam two six-eccres wers included, in which one haif was rung with one bell as the whole hunt and the other half with a different bell. The turn over uas dowe with a special single, and siz-scares are not anly worth ringing on theso lines, but really add to the Eum. Here is an example of how this riagle is made, ansuming the treble to be the whole hunt at the start:

At the single the the becomes the whole hunt, and the two hells are tarned over again 00 changes later ty a similar manner. In between, bobs at alternate feads have to be calfed.
Four of the band at Ocklann rang their first peal on fire bells, and Mr. J. A. Trollope's only previous peal on this number was rung 46 years ago. Mr. J. 5. Goldsmith has now completed the series of pents on all numbere from Douhles to Maxinus since January.
The peal at Gulval, Cornwall, on Eaturday, was arranged to evable Mr. O. T. Coles (Middlegex AssociaEion hon, secretary) to ring a peal whilat on holiday in the county and so get one rearer lis 1.000 h peal, which is not very far distant. Miss Cornish, a member of the local band, received the hearty congratulations of the ringers after the peal on the excellent way she rang thraughout. Her previous ongest toncla lasted anly 20 mivutes.
It is about 100 years ago that the Rev. W. W. Wingfield was inducted as Vicar of Gulval. He wasg Vicar of the parish intil he died in 1912, and the two treble bells and the clocis were given by the pariahioners as at mentotial to him
Rug after meeting short for Major, a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was rung at Watli-on-Dearne, Yoriz, for the birthdey of Mr. Edward Fradley on Saturday
His wife took part in the peal. She had not struck a blow before in three of the methods (London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Sandal) and had cyeled 24 miles hefore the peal. She is to be congratulated, therefore, upon the successful way in wlich she rang, when called upon unexpectediy to ring three strange methods, Both she and her huskand scored their first peal in seven methods.
It was at Wath on Februnry 27 th, 1816 that a peal of twenty-ome 200's of Minor was rune, making 15, 120 changes.
The peal of Hinor at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath on July 8th was rang 2 hours 57 misutes and not 3 hours 57 minutes as printed.
The peal at Burton-ow-Stather oul July 10th was a 21 st birthday compliment to H . Judd, who has since bergin his military training in the yeighnourhood of Dipkenliead.

## SUNDERLAND CHURCHS JUBILEE

For festal evensong on Sunday, July gth, on the occasion of the 50 th anniversary of the dedication of 'St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, and a visit from the Bishop of Newcestle, a quarter-pes of Stedman Triples was ming: G. Harvey 1. G. S. Taylor 2, T. Stephenson 3. M. F. Harsison 4. H. B. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker 6, F. Angley (conductor) 7. R. L. Patterson 8.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

A meeking af the North Stafiordshire Association was bele at Cheddleton on Saturday, wher a company of 25 attended from Burslem, Brown Eage, Cheddlefon, Draycott, Kingsley, Leelr, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Cheadle and Stoke-on-Treat. A snort service was conducted by the Vicar of Checideton (the Rev. W. G. Burgis)

Tea was keld in the Cburngt Hall, where the Vicar ssid he was glad to welcome the ringers to Cheddletor, as his rivgers had found a beneft in joining the organisation. Mr. J. H. Martin supported the views of the Ficar, and Mr. A. W. Hall, in than Eing the Vicar and ringers, remarked that the Vicar of Gheddloton brad never refused the use of the bells fior a peal.

Mr. E. Steele, in seconding, invited the ringers of Cheddleton to come to the raetings more nften, as they offered the opportanity to pick up more change rimging.-Mr. J. E. Wheeldan thanked the ledies for serving tea 80 well.

The Vicar remarked that it was Mr. $\bar{J}$. E. Whesidon's 71st birthday, and he was wished 'many happy returas,' with musical honours.
One new member, Mr. F. Triner, of Norton, was plected.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

An enjoyable and successiul meetiag of the Canterbury Distriet of the Keat County Association was held at Littlebourfe on Saturday, July $22 n d$, when 41 members and friends were present, representing 14 towers of the district, together with two visiting ringers.

Goon use was made of the six bells. Tho association's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley), an honorary member of the sesoclation. He gave the members a sincere welcome ta Littlebourne, both in the belfry and in the charch.
Mr. Pitman was at the orgen and the lesson was read by Mr. J. W. Hover (Dover)

At the kind invitation of the Ficar, the members were entertained to a eplendid tea at the Viearage, at the conclusion of which he was, on the motion of Mr. H. Whitehead, heartily thanked for his hospitality.

After tes chairs were teken on to the lawn and two sets of handbells were brought into use. Courseg of Triples were rung, and the - Dover Twins' entertained the company with some excellent tuae ringing. In passing it might be mentioned that this tuns ringing is fast hucoming more than a poptar part of these gatherings, and it looked for at each meeting.
A return was later made to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30 . when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsirg Doubleg to Cambridge Burprise.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD
The annual meeting of the Swansee and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Swanses on July 15th. At the service at St. Jamer Church prior to the meeting the Rev. W. Cynwrd Williams gave a very ingtruotive address to the members. Mr. Williams was a ringer at Morriston for a mumber of years before he was ordained and licenged to the parish of Clydach. He will be leaving the country eariy next year to take up duty amongst the Welsh colony at Cherbut South America.
Tea was provided by the kind generosity of the Vicar of Swansea.
The Lord Bishop took the chair at the meeting, when the iollowing oficers were reelected: President, the Lord Bishop; Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Hoare; secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. Rowlands. Mr. C. Morgan (Brecon) was elected treasurer in the place of Mr. C. Powell, who bas left the district. A telegram was received during the meeting from Mr. Powell corveying his lest wishes.
The preaident is learing the diocese in the near future, haviag been recently appointed to the See of Liandaff a few weeks ago, and Mr. E. Stitch referred to the work which the Biahop had doue for the Guild during his short stay in the diocese.
The members returned to the tower, and the bells were in constant use untril 9 o'dock.

## WEDDING BELLS AT HEANOR

An interesting wedding took place at Heanor Parish Churel. Derbyshire, on Tuesday, July 4th, when Miss Brenda J. Smith, daughter of the Rev. D. G. Smith, R.D., Vicar of Heanor, and Mrs. Smith, was married to Mr. E. W. Frost, B.Com., youngest son of Mr. and Mre. J. A. Frost, of Langley Mill. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Ven. the frchdeacon of Derby, assisted by Canon A. R. Lee, R.D., Vicar of Holy Trinity and Rural Dean of the Gity of York, and the Rev. Harry Price, Vicar of Cotmanhay, Mr. Eria Lacey officiated at the orgen.

After the ceremony a representative band of ringers from Feanor, Ripley, Nottingham and East Kirkby rang the usural Queen's and fired the bells, and touches of Grandmire and Stedman Triples followed.
In the evening a peal of Bobl Major was rung, conducted by thr bride's brother
In ths interval between the afternoon and evening ringing the ringers were entertained to tea at the Central Cafe as the guests of the Vicar
The bride's father is an hon. Member of the Midland Counties Association, and her brother, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, was until recently Master of the Oxford University Society.

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## BELERY GOSSIP.

The Ceniral Council's Librarian will be grateful if no orders are sent to him for publications between July 30 th and September 15th, as he will be awry from home.
Will the captain of the Happisburgh, Norfoll, ringers please get in touch with W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herte? Many of the visitors to the Henry Jolimson Conmemoration Dinner are familiar with the ring of eignt bells at St. Ched's Catholic Catliedral, Birmingham, and will no doubt be interested to know that the peal is to be recast and-rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.
This will be the fourth moajor job carried out in Birminghau in recent years, the recasting of the twelve at the Parish Church of St. Martin, the new ter 㫙 St. Pbilip's Cathedral, and the new twelve at Aston Parish Church being the others.

## JAMES GREEN.

To the Editar
Dear Sir--In view of a renewal of the activities of "James Green, and of Mr Arnstrong's hint of possible proceedings, Worcestershire rimgers feel it should be gencrally known that a person using this name has already baen through bhe hands of tho police for this ofence. In 1932 he imposed upon the good nature of riwgers in the country to such an extent that proceedings were taken at Evesham Police Court and he receved a sentence of twelve months hard labour. On that accasion be was in possession of the Worcestersbire Association's report containing the names and addresses of all tower repregentatives, and very few of them escaped his undetirable attentions. Thin man's correct name is Michael Mackay, but his aliases are innumerable, and in this district varied from 'Jimmo Green' to 'a relative of W. Short, and one, at which I do not feel flatiered, when be unguccessfully introduced himself at a tower as 'the brother of Amy Johnson.
If required, full particulars, photograph, ete., would, of course, be olitainalie from Evesham Police Station.

> 1. D. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary, Worcestershire Association.

## RIPON CATHEDRAL VETERANS.

SUNDAY SERVICE RTNGING AWARD.
Ripon Cathedral bellzingers have been awarded the First Certibate under the Sunday service riming glteme of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers. The certificate has been held for two years by Thdeaster, and now comes into tle possession of Bipon. Tipon gained 641 poims, l'adecster 696, Middlesbrough 436, and Whitby 324.
The Dean of Ripon (Dr. C. M. Owen) entertained the ringers to supper at the Black Bull Hotel on Monday, aud visited them for a short time, and offered lis congratulationg. The Precentor of the Cathedral (the Rev. H. R. Williams) attended, and also Mr. A. Graham (the Dean's werger), and Mr, F. Tingle (president of the locai Association of Ringers).
Several touches were rung on the hanibells after supper.
There are some veterans amongst the Cathedral ringers, and in a group of ten who were present at the supper it was found their combincd service covered a total of 375 years, while four of them together made 202 years. Mr. J. Metcalfe has been a ringer for 52 years. He commenced to ring at tha age of 14.
Others with long service recurds present were Mr. J. Rumbold (50), Mr. T. Ingleby (50), Mr. G. Langshaw (50), Mr, C. Howroyd (40), Mr. F. Tingle (37), Mr. W. Dixon (35), Mr. R. Duffield (25), Mr. Pearson (14) end Mr. F.: Fudson (14).

## A HALESWORTH CELEBRATION.

## BRED AND DRYNKE' FOR THE RINGERS

Last week the Halesworth (Suffolk) Society celebrated its 400 ch anniversary. The first reference to ringers in the parish is to be found in the bequesti, on July 194l, 1539, of a certain sum of mouey, by one William Walpole, to the prient, clerk and ringers "to provide for their bred ana drynke.

On the eve of the 400 h snniversary members of the society and visitors rang various towehes under the direction of Mr. Fred Lambert (verger and steeplekeeper), the eight menbers at the ropes totalling 449 years in age (an average of 58 ), four of them being septuagenarians.
The company, nambering 20 members (performing and honorary), are the proud possessors of che first written changes known, these being contained in a manuscript book dated 1621, which is now in the custody of the Rector and churchwardens.
Some of the bells in the Halesworth tower are the origiaal ones cast and hung about 1440 , and others are dated 1511, 1604, 1627,1759 and 1770.

After the ringigg in the four stendariz methods by ringers from Blythburgh, Bungay, Chediston, Darslism, Huntingfield, fedenhall, Nottingham, Southwold and the local company, the parky proceeded to the British Legion Club and partook of the "bred and drynko" to the British Le

## A GREAT DOUBLE EVENT．

## GEORGE WILLIAMS AND FRANK BENNETT REACH 1，500 PEALS TOGETHER．

A unique double event marked the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal， rang at St．Mary＇s Dhurch，Southampton，on Wednesday of last weeis． It was the $1,500 t+1$ peal by bolh Mr．George Williame，the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild，and Mr，Frank Bewnett of Brigliton．It was not specially arranged for the purpose， but it coincided，hernuse on the preceding Seturday，after both had reached 1，499，Mr．Bennett lost a peal elsewhere．

Only two men，the late Mr．William Pye，and Mr．G．R．Pye，had ever previously reached this great total，and it was a remarkable coincidence that two such old friends as 部r．Willjoman ard Mr． Bennett should hinve been able to schieve this total in the same peal．IL is all the more interesting from the fact that Mr．WiHiams himself called Mr．Ben－ nett＇s first peal 50 vears Ego in Guildiford．Later． they were hoth associated with St．Peter＇s Society， Brighton，and rang a great mumber of pais to－ gether．Then came a parting of Elie wavs， with on ly oceasional meet－ ings，and sometimes n tour together．Naw after half a century they have made a new historicel lacdnark． In the courge of this 50 years thay liave curkg 338 penls together，nmong them having been the first， peal of Londou Surprise in the City of Loudion and the first peals if oxford． Norfolk．Westminstar and Bristol Surprise ever rung． Mr．Bennett，wh was born is 1889 ，learled to
rime at Basingstoike．His rime at Basinggtaike．His MR．FRANK BENNETT， first perl was rung on Jarch 2 nd，1889，at S．Nicolas＇Clurch，Guild－ ford，while his first as conductor was a peal of Grandsire Triplea at Weybridge，Surrey，in the same year．

In 1895 Mr．Bennett went to live in Brighton，where St．Peter＂s Society was，et phat time，one of the leading companies in the conniry．During the twelve years that followed he rang over 400 peals，and then，in 1907，he removed to New Cross．In London he helped to build up a very excellent band，which put some notable
performances to their credit．While in Loudon Mr．Bennelt was hon， secretary of the Royat Cumberland Youths for seven years．Theu Le returaed to Brighton，where he has continued his activities．
At 82 years of age Mr．George Williams is one of the marvels of the Exercise．He not only rings and conducts peals，but drives a motor－car，cycles，climbs the stairs wit North Stoneham to keep the belle and ropes in order，and generally does things which many men， twenty years his jutior，cannot do as eficiently．

Mr．Williams has been Finging for zearly sixty years，and rang his first peal at the little village of Soberton，which was the liest peal in Hampshire for the furuser Witchester Diocesm Guild．Ylue pareity of change ringers at that time may be judged from the faet that this was only the second peal for the Guild，which had been formed four years before，and ringers liad to be collected from Surrey as well as Hampshirs to make up a Grandsire band． IL was not until a yent later that Mr．Willams rang another peals and this he called．

Following his trade as a miller，lie moved to varlous places，always teaching and helping ringers wher－ over lie went，and then lee gettied in Brighton，It was to his geaius and leadership that st．Peter＇s Society largely owed its success，and when，after s gumber of years，Mr． Willituas returned to his Hative Emupshire，it was a sad blow for Sussex ring－
ing and the fortures of St．Peter＇s Society in particular，
While at Brighton Mr．Williams was，for mary years，hon．secretary of the Central Division of the Susser Associntion，mad after returuing to Fhamphire he became hon，secretary of the Wimehester Diocesan Guild，of which he is now a vice－president，as well as Master．He and Conoa Coleridge are the only two ringers who liave been members of the Central Council since its formation．A list of the peals rung by Messrs Benmeft aud Williams will be lound on page 485.

## WARWICXSHIRE GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETENG AT SOLIHULL
The July dieeting was marred by heavy raiustorns，but those who oruted the elements to wiait Solimull were rewarded by ringing on tivis heartiful peal of bells，while the spacious and well－appointed ringing chamber evoked much admiration．although the ringing wes not up to tlee usunl standard，useful practice was obtrined by many who Eeldom have an opportunity to ring Caters or Royal，whilst geveral yourgsters had their first pull on teu bells．in welcome wisitor was Mr．Joseply W．Cotton（hon．secretary，Burton District，Mjelend Copnties Association！of Orerseal．
旦位er tea at a lozal cafe，the business menting was held in the tower．Irt tha unavoidnble absence of the Master（Mr．J．H．White）， Mr．G．F．Swana was voted to the chair．Apologies were recewed from Messrs．White，Perrens and Webb．

Ariting out of the minutes a letter was read from the Rev．M．O．C． Melwihe（formerly hon．secretary of the Guild），thanking the members for their good wishes，expressed at a previous meeting，on his ordipa－ tion into the ministry．

The meeting places roted for the rext three months were Monks Rirbr（Angust）nnd Berkswell（September），and for the next quarterly Ruply（October）．
Harold Williams，of Stoke，Coventry，was elected a ritaging mem－ ber，and the election of four life members ratified，Arthur Riddington （Blaby），Ronald Swann（Birstall），William Bottrill（Leicester）and Charles Marahall（Blaby）．
A vote of thanks was proposed by E．Stone to the Ficar for the use of the bella，also to the local ringers for their arrangements．
Further ringing terminated quite a good meeting，despite the

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION．

The summer festival of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St．Neots on Saturday．Members and friends were present from Bromham，Burton Latimer，Cambridge，Chatteris，Eynesbury，God－ manchester，Grear Staughton，Hartiond，Henlow，Hitchin，Melbourn， Meppershall，Peterborough，Ramsey，Raunds，St．Neote，Southbill， Swavesey，Tempsford，Terrington St，Jahn，Hitchmarsh，Trumping－ ton，Turves and Wilburton．
Service was couducted by the Ficar（the Rev．W．Kniglts），who afterwards presicied at tie business meeting．

It was decided to risit Ely for the 1940 summer festival．
The sum of $£ 2$ 2s．WBs voted towards the sixth bell at Rampton．
Mr．Goakes，of Peterborough，was elected a non－resideat life mem－ ber，and the mpeting closed with a henrty vote of thanks to the Rev．Knights，to the organish，alsa to the Rev．Canoa A．R．South Phillipg，Rector of Ernesbury，for allowing riagiag at bis ehurch．

## MR，CORNELIUS CHARGE＇S RETURN．

Mr．Cornelius Charge，who was formerly a member of the Metro－ politan Police and a well－knowz ringer in London，has receutly re－ turned to this country from New Zealiand after an absence of 20 Fearm． At Portamouth on Sunday，July 23 ra ，For evensong，at St．Mary＇s， Portsea，he took part in a querter－peal of Stedman Triples，his first quarter－peal since he left England：J．D．Harria 1，C．Charge 2．F．W． Rogers 3，J．Topp 4，F．S．Bapley 5，T．R．Taylor 6，C．Guy（first quarter－peal as conductor）7，L．P．Cook 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## ME. CHALK'S REPLY

Dear Sir, I feel that I must through 'The Ringing World' object to Mr. L. J. Clark's Lafriendly observations on my efforts to ineugurate a Benevolont Fund for Essex ringers and to some of his statements.
It is not always possible to gauge the reception of one's verbal eforts when advocating something new, but prior to the Whit Monday neeting the projected benevolent schense had been well received at places as wide apart as Walthanstow, Stanford-le-Hope, Harlow, North Weald and Great Tey. I spoke to many at these meetings on the Benevolent Fund for the first time. Some, like Mr. Clark, might have been present at more than one of these meetiggs and so sufferd boredom,' but to make a statement thrt the majority of my listeners rers bored is not a fair criticism.
At the Whit Monday meeting I may have tried the patience of some present, but surely the mover of a proposition, the only one down on the puenda that day, should be expected to put his cards on the table and befora the taking of the vote lave the right to reply. It was, indeed, an effort to put anything over in such a bad-sounding luall, but whatever I had said on that day, prepared or unprepared, and I aan claim to have given much thought or the matter beforehasd. the result of the voting would have been 'Against.' In some perts of the connty the opposition was adamant, and I doubt if anyone's effort, clear out to the late degree, weuld have braken it down. I hid the consolation, when it was all' over, that I had gpent time and money to try and benelit 'hard-hit' humanity, in this cage my unforfunate fellow-ringers.

Mr. Clark's last parsgraph is most uncalled for and offensive. The ringers in question from the Soutl-West District do think and practise benevolence, and they do desire to dwoll together in unity. Need I mention that two outstanding presentations to old servants have been made in the last two yearg-collectiva efforts flat reflect a benewaleat 5 pirit!

The reference to the Rector of Rayleigh, who presided at thie disfriat meetiog, as 'being astounded' ato tho ariticism is not true. He himself commented at the close of the meeting on the value of constructive criticism. I can assure Mr. Glark that had he been mbsent from the ditrict meeting the same matters would have been discusged, not because of the 'two defents' mentroned in bis letter, hut because there are matters bearing closely on the welfare of the Essex Association which must. receive urgent attentron. Mr. G. I. Jorce's requeat for a committeo meeting was very sound, for it would सo far to clear up the clouly atmosphere which prevails at present. My sincere wis? is that Mr; Clark will not make observations and statements in the Press which one is forced to challenge.

## South Wooãford.

CHALK

## NO ATTACE ON CONMITTEE

Dear Sir, -I am the unfortumate victim of the circumstance that a very briel précis of what I said at Rayleigh should appear, side by side, with Mr. L. J. Clark's letter of protesi. It wonld appear. from these that I an the villain of the piece. Facts are these: Following Mr. Luflin's attack on the report. I actually supportent the committee (of which, incideatally, I am a member) by moving an awemdment to Mr. Luflin's resalution, stating that the committee already had utiler consifleration matters which covered the question of the report. I did not altack tlie committee or any officer, but I did (and do) stirongly eritbise the loose handing of the annual general meeting. I thoroughiy agree with Mr. Clark in that I was never so bored in my life, but I cannot allow any ouggestion of the Master's absence to hear rny weight whatsoever. Nor can I pess that which suggests that מo protest was made at a general meeting. To stifle criticism at a meeting of my own district until the Master was present would, to quote his own words at Chelmsford, stifle it perhaps for a long, Tong time-perhaps for ever. And if Mr. Clark cannot remember my gentle reminder, at Chelmsford, that I 'had a home to go to, and that I objected to the counsel-cross-examination of Mr. Ohalk, where all matiter should pass throuph the chair, there is no douht that it did not pass Dr. Spencer Phillips by, His gentla rebuke, after the meeting to me, that atl must be alloued their say, and my reply that "You were too hind: leave ao doubt in my mind that the Mgster is man-of-the-world enough to realise that most criticism when severe is impersonal.
I say again. As I said at Rayleigh, that I hold no feeling against ans. but that there are many things which require urgent attention. And it is the job of the commitee to do it. I knew rothing of the undercursents mentioned by Mr. Clark, wntil after the Rayleigh meeting, hut, I do know how dengerous it is for any district to meet with oppnsition which apyears to be organised, and in this respect I shall hone to bave my Eay in its proper place.
But I. can say here, for all Fssex to read, that the first thing in the report which requires attention is the rules. I find, therein, that I am committed to belfry reform ; that a member must ring a five-bell neal: that I cannot elect a member prior to a peal of finor, while I many for a peal of Triples; that a probationer must pey and not vote: that one rice-president (of two) appears to have been elected hy mistake; and other things. All of which were 'revised in 1935.'

## LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS REACH THE TOP.

## PEAL IN 104 MINOR METHODS

It has not taken the North Lincolnshire ringers long, since thetr legt success, to reach the summit of achievement in Minor riaging. On Wednesday in last week at Bigby they Fang a peal in 104 methods, the Freateri number that the skill of composers bas yet been able to put into seven true extenta.

This peal had not quite the same extents as the 100 and 102 method peals. The additional methods cauld not just be introduced into one of athes of the 720 's previously used. To ring the 102 methods they had to discard one of the extents used in the peal of 100 methods and learn 23 new methods. To go on to 104 methods they had to drop yet another of the earlier 720's and introduce one with 13 further methods. It malses the early benting of their owen record all the more remarkable. The new extent introduced on this occasmon included sleven Delight and two Treble Bob methods.

Altogether there were in the peal three Little, 19 Plain, 28 Alliamce, 13 treble Bolb, 39 Deligit and two Surprige methods, and of tile extents as they were rume. Nos. $1,2,3$ and 5 were composed by Mr. $\mathbb{A}$. G. Driver, and Nos. 4, 6 and' 7 irronged by Mr. C. K. Lewis from Mr. Driver's tables.
It was fittimg that this peal should have been rung at Bighy, tor not only is it the parish where Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Bramela of the Lincoln Guild, fs Rector, but it was in this tower that the band's first step in their achevements rwas taken. Here it was that in February, 1935, that a peal in 14 methods was rung in which four of the present band took part, it being their first splicen peal.

The road to the record which this band has traversed since the beginning of last pear is as follows:-

| Date |  | No. of Methads | Changes <br> of Method |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb, 12th, 1938 | Dinhoma, Lines. | 34 | 130 |
| Aug. 17th, 1938 | Elsluam, Lincs. | 43 | 128 |
| Nov. 26th, 1938 | Elsixam, Lincs. | 49 | 132 |
| Dec. 17th, 1938 | Bussinglam, Lincs. | 53 | 138 |
| Aptil 28th, 1939 | Bixby, Lincs. | 60 | 166 |
| May 261h, 1939 | Duaholm, Lincs. | 70 | 181 |
| Juns Jfth, 1939 | Bassingham, Lincs. | 100 | 189 |
| June 24t.1, 1939 | Leadenham, Lince. | 102 | 190 |
| July 19ih. 1939 | Bigluy. Lincs. | 104 | 196 |

Honours in the ringing of most methods in seven estonts had prewousty rone to the Chester Guild and the South Lincolnshire band. On Soptember 5th, 1936, at Disley, Cheshire, 68 methods: December 5th, 1838, Alearkirk, Lincs, 70 methods: June 12th, 1937, Buxtan, Dth, 1838, Algarhark, Lincs, 73 methods: December 4th, 1937. Algarkirk, Lines, 80 methods; Juno I5th, 1938. Disley, Cheshire. 88 methods.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. <br> (Continued from previous column.)

I hope that members of the assaciatian, to whom Mr. Clark is appealiag, will realise one fact. We are an association os g whole and not a collection of districts one against another. And, yes, just one other thing. 'That it ir ketter to have the 'guts' openly to criticise than to whisper it in the belfry. Hornchurch, Esser.

## THE ANNEAL REPORT

Dear Sir, With reference to Mr. L. J. Clark's letter, I slould like to make a correction. He writes that a speaker, which was $I_{\text {, }}$ arid that the Essex Association's Ambual Report was a disgrace, although subsequently admitting thet it ranked fourth in order of merit out of ten different annual reporte held by me.
I think Mr. Clark must have misumderstood wiat was bain at the meeting at Ravleigh. What 1 said was that I held 14 different anaual reports. that nine were far better, and that the other four were no worse than our Esfer Assoclation report. Tbis criticism of mine was going to be made whoever was present at the meetine ss I wra going to be made whoever was presenk at he, neetiog, as was unable to be present at the annual general meeting. Other criticsm from variaus members seemed to me to be fair, and from what I as suggested by Mr. Clark.

FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Prittlewell.

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## RINGER'S OUTINGS.

## A ROLIND OF GLODCESTERSHIRE " TWELTES.

On Saturday, July 15th, Leicester Cathedral ringers had their annua busman's holiday. The party consisted of 32 ringers, "spares and encumbrances. A start was made at 8.30 a.m., the object in wiew being the twaive-hell towers of Gloucestershire. At the Cotswold rillage of Painswick, the party was met by a local ringer and Mr. J . Austin, of Gloucester, who for the next hour or wo wes to be guide philosopher and friend. Incidentally, in the two latter categories Jach is als right but his services as guide are certainly not to be recommended! The betutiful clsurch in a glorious getting was much ad mired end the fine old ring of bells were soon beard over the countryside. The slay at Painswick was ald too shors, end a mave was made to Cheltenhnm, where lanch was writing. The restaurant wes successfully located, in spite of Jack Auscin's endeavours to lose the party After lunch a visit was paid to the Parish Church, where the visitors were met by ${ }^{3} \mathrm{r}$. William Dyer and numexaus other ringers. Touches of Cinques were braught home, but a course of Cambridge Msximus came 'unstuck' in the last lead. After tea the party moved on to the beautiful Abhey at Tewkesbury, where Mr. H. Devereux was waiting. The massive tower wes ascended with many evidences of bellows to mend, and the bells were set going fo Stedman Cinques followed by Cambringe Maximus. The more energetic members of the party went to the top of the tower and found that the views to be abtained were something to marvel at. Afterwaras a pleasant hour was spent at a local hosteliz, where all too soon came the words Time, genlfomen, please. Final farewellg were said and a start made for home. Leicester was reached at the somewhat disgraceful hour of 1.30 an.m. The outing was voted the most suecessful and enjoyable that the society lias ever held, and the best thanks of all are due to the kind friends who made such admirable arrangementa at the qarious placeg of call

## BEDFORDSHIRE FXCURSION

Ickleton ringers had a very enjoyable tour itto Bediordshire on June 17h. At Eaton Socon they were met by the captain of the local band, who made them velcome. After ringing they went on to Bromhan and again the local captain gave them a welcome. Another risiting team were busy on the church bells, aild the Ickleton men enjoyed bearing somes good ringing. Afler having a pull themselves a move was made to Bedford for lunch before going on to Husborne Cratioy. When they arrived there a wedding was taking place, so they were just in time to give the bridal couple a wedding peal. The Ficar (the Rev. A. Rust) canae inta the boliry and gave the visitore a hearty welcome, Going on to Wobur: hey Herbert, who lad arranged tea for them at the Magpie Hetel. Afterwards some of the lacal ringers made the pisitors welcome at the
church and all bad a ring on the grand peal of bells. The ride throutz the pars on the Duke of Bedford's egtate on the wry Biggleswade was enjoyed. The party were accompanied by their Ticar (tine Rev. A. E. Pmmey) and a fave friends, who wish to thank all tho olergy for granting permission to ring and to ell friends for their lyearty welcome.

## A HALF-DAY IN THE GOTSWOLDS

A parky of South Staffr ringers liad a ringing outing in the Cotswolds on June 24th, but it was an vnfortumato choice as it rainen intermittently almost the whold of the afternoon and evening. However, a start was made from Wolverhampton at 1.35 p-ma, arriving at
Chipping Campden, situated in a hollow of tho Cotswolds, at 3.15. Here they rang Grandsire, Siedman and Plain Bob on the mellow ring of eight (teyor 24t cwt.). Fram Campden they went to Loughborough, whera the church and willage are tucked away in the bils sud after ringing, a zun of 2 miles brought them to the lite marke place of Stow-on-the-Wold, where there is a magnificent peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.). Tlue heavy bells bothered most of the visitors, sund the best ringing there was a really good falt in peal.
Alter tea a short jonrney to Lower Slaugiter, a pretty willage situated on the benks of a stream which flowa into the River Windrush The six bells are in two tiers so that the trebles can scarcely ve beard, the ringing chamber, moreover, is illuminated by means of 3 rather inadequate cil lanip. In spite of this an ercellent 240 of Oxford Treble Pohs Minor was brouglat round, as well as Kent Treble Bob and Gracdsire Doubles. The final objective was Bourtou-on-theWater, where the Windrush flows through the centre of be village. At St. Lawrence's Church the ringing incladed Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob hajor and Kent Major.
The principal items of Interast during the day were the magnificent Perpendiculiar style tower of Campden Church, the peculiar ootes of the hells at Longlorough. which sound like a peal cast in minor key, the peal board in Lower Slaughter Church recording the peal of 5,040 Grandsize Donbles, 15 callings, in 1928, the fine peal of bells at Stow, and, instly, the almost incredible amount of pork pie and tomatoes corsumed by certain members of the party at the Fish Inn on the way home, which was reached at about 12 midnight to $12.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Thuaks are due to the various incumbents for permission to ring, to the ringers who so tindly met them at some of the towers (in one case causiog some jnconvenience), to Mr. Fred Bennett, who made all arrangements for the tour, and to his two friends and himself for placing their carg at their disposal

## A LONG RUN

All Saints', Maldou, TSsses, ringers had a trip into Suffolk and Norfolk for their annual outirg on June 24tt. They were accompanied by their wives and friends, including Mr. Shepneard-Walwyn, the bind ringer. At Debeaham they were met by Mr. W. Rumsey and soon dat the bells going in Bob Major, Double Nowwicl, Kent and Stedman, and all enjoyed the ring on that beautiful peal. At Diss, in Norfolk, they were received by one of the lecal band, and, aiter ringing, had lanch at the King's Head. In the afternoon they visited Midenhall, where the annual Sulfolk Choir Festival was being held. After a rehearsal the Vicar kindly gave the ringers permission to ring before the evening featival service. The last tower was Haverhill, and the journer home was made via Yeldbnm, Bocking and Witham. Home was zerched ab 11 oclock after a journey of about 150 miles. The ringers thank the inoumbeats for granting the use of the bells and also the fowerkeepers for mecting them and laclpiug to make the nuting an cujoyable one.

## IPSWICE RINGERS IN LONDON

Iondon was the renderrous of St. Mary-le-Tower Society. Ipswich, on the occasion of their annual outing on June 24ih, the party of 23 leaving Ipswicly at $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$, and arriving back at 1 a.m. on Sunday. The ruging hegan at 10 a.m. at St. Dunstan's, Steprey, where Mr. F. E. Thompson met the party. Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung. Next at St. Leonard's, Shoredileh, some SuperlatIve and Cambridge Maximus, also two courses of Formard Maximus were brought round. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. Tom Longdon had averything ready for more Cazbridge Maximus. St. James, Clertenwell, provided Double Norwich and Superlative Major. Dinaer Talbot's. London Wall, was followed by visits to St. Lawrence Tewry far Lamion, Superlative. Cambridge and Plan Bob Major, fand St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. for Cambridge Maximus and Siedman Cinques. As min extra turn St. Magnta', London Bridge, was risited ${ }_{4}$ and a rood course of York Strprise and Double Norwich foral, bejeved to be the first course of York Surprise to be ruag in London, were brouglit round. An hour's liandbelt ringing at the Coftee Pot with Ancient Society of College Youths friends end social intercourse followed. Through the kindmess of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the party were shown the bells already cast for the mew peal to be put into Liverpool Cafhedral. Thanks are due to jncumbents, steeplekeepers and others for their help in making the outing a huge success.

## A SCOTTISH OUTING

The annual outing of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, took place on Saturday, June 24th, in the form of a motor-conch tour of the Snott romatry. Travelling hy coach via Biggar and Peebles, they reached Melrose in time for lunch, and afterwards vieits were aid to Melrose Abbey and Dryburgh Abbey. As this was festival day in Melrose and Peebles, both towns were gaily beflagged, and the carnivel Trocessions, etc.. ndded interest, to the four
On the return journey a visit was paid to Edinburgh Castle, in which is situated the Shrine-the Scottish national war memorinal. At St. Mary's Cathedral half an hour's rigging, consisting of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, was enjoyed after tea, and Glasgow was reached nt $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. after an enjorable day. Thariks are due to Mr. Charles Raine. Who arranged the vitit and had the bells ready to "pull off." and to the Rinht Rev. Bishop Logie-Danson, Provost of the Cathedral, for the use of the bells. Also to Mr. Thomas Winderam, who brought nia accordion and kent the party in lively mood on the way, s.ssisted hy other memhers of the hamd, with a variety of tuneful (?) instranments.

## DEATH OF MR. S. O. FERRY

## ORTGTNATOR OF 'FIERY'S LIST

There has passed away recently one who, a geraeration ago, was a tower of etrength to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in the person of Mr. Samuel Detavius Ferry. He retired from bis position ens mager of the Steel Works at Elswick (Sir W. G. Armstrong. Whitworth and Co.), Newcastle-upon-Tyme, to live iu the New Forest, at Atholl Lodge, near Ringwood, shortly after the war and practically gave up his connection with ringing
While af Elswick it was through his influence that Mr. W. H. Earber came to the works and bas remained there ever since, and his coming was a great incentive to ringing in the North.
Mr. Ferry rang in over 20 peals for the association. ranging from Triples to Royal in the standard methods, with a sprinkling of Surprise peals, and was very useful at the heavy end.
He was pertaps better known as the origiantor of 'Eerry's List," details of which appear in every anmual report of the association. Under this sclieme the value of Smanday ringing is tabulated for each tower, and at the end of the twelve months a first and second certificate is awarded to the towers having premier points in two divisions one for five and six-bell towers. and the other for eight, ten and twelve bells. This has promoted much healthy and framdiy rivalry amongst the competing towers and has encouraged regular Sunday ringing to a wonderful extent. The scheme, or a modified form of it, has been adopted by other associations.
Mr. Fersy was nearly 80 years of age and was an elder brother of Mr. E. E. Farty, a past secretayy and president of the association, and who also did veoman work in the North.
Mr. Ferry leaves a widow and one datughter to mourn their loss. He was interred at Ringwood Parish Churchyard.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## WYKE REGES SILENT BELLS

The quarterly aeeting of the Dorchester Hranch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Upwey on St. Swithin's Day. The drench ing rain in the morning gave over to britliant sumshine in the afternoon, und the bells of the Parish Church were pealing early in the ufternoon prior to ine service. In every way it was a bappy githering.
The Rector (the Rev. A. S. Brrant) officiated at the service, and the uddress was given by the Rev. T. R. Teague, Tiasar of Preston (Heymouth wh whoke from the prophecy of Isaiah vi. Whom siall I send: Who will go for us? Then eaid I, here am I, send me. Mr.
Tergue said he came with a message of goodwilt from Preston and siution Poynta, where they had tour bells, two of which were dated 1629. He revisualised his first experience in South Africa us a missionary and the impression creaced by the beanty of rlythm of the Zalus' lamguage and the click of a thousand tongues in motship which was so diferent from worship as they experienced it in this country, He went on to say how rich was this country in bells, in history and in tradition, wirich in themselves were an achnowledgment of the sovereiguty of God on Sunday, of duty, of adoration and of worship.
Following the service bhe members were invited to tea by the Upwer band in the Reading Room, and the luospitality aecorded was in the best tradition of the Grild. About. 50 members and friends were oresent.
Sulbequently the usual quarerly mecting mas held, and iu the absence on holiday of the chairman, Canon Slemeck (Rector of Majrien Newton) depulised st the unanimous request of the usembers prosent. He was supported by the Rector of Tipwey, the Rev. A. T. Iennines).
Reports were made of recent meeting at Calne, Maidcu Newton and Milton Abbey

The semetary stated that the next mepting would be held at Bere Regis-if suitable to the Vicar-early in September, and a ringing practice at Abbotshury and Miniden Newton.
Ganor Slemeck proposed a hearty vote of thans to the Rector and the preacher for his inspiring address and welcomed all risiting ringers, Ho also thanked the organist, and blower.
A specisal vote of thanks was accorded to the Upwey band for their invitation and hospitality, snd, on their belnalf, the Rector said how glad they were to welcome their friends

An urgent plea was made by the yecretary for the restoration of the silent peal of eight, at Wyike Regis, and suggestions were made for the further support of the funds in hand for this purpose.

The meeting farminated after a liestor vote of thanks ladi been passed to the chairman.
The following towers were represented: Bere Regis, Darchester, Maiden Newton, Preston. Stratton, Wpwew, Bowington arad Whke Regis, and there were visitors from North Cadbury. Many members visited the famous Wisling Well quite nemr the church.
An excellent practice was contimued for the learners until late in the eveming.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GULLD

MACCLESFIELD BRANCE.
The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild jourmered almost to the limit of their area on Saturday week, when a ringing meeting was helit at Congleton, the first to be held at this place for i great many years. There was a minimum attendance, due no darbt to the poor weather conditions prevalifing. However, shortly nfter $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ringing commenced on the melodious perl of the eight bells of St. Peters Church, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Fitar (the Rev. W. R. Johnson).
The Yicar. who extended a very warm welcome to the ringers, gave a very znteresting address and spoke of the duties of the ringers to the Church and the very necessary office the ringer holds in the life of the Clureh.

At a short basiness meoting, whicln followed tea, bhe Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild,
Further discussion on the proposed trip of the branch to Loughharough Bell Foundry took place, and the arrangements now appear to he taking shape.

A resolution was moved that the secretary should send. on behalf of the branch, a letter of congratulation to the Lincolnshire ringers Who recently rang the peal of 3 jinor in 102 methods: a trulv great periomance. The preyious best, in 84 mathods, hat heen rung by menters of the Chester Diocesan Guild. It was felt, howntrur, that thr Cheshire men would not let a mere 19 methods stand between them and the record, and no doubt an attempt witl be rande in the near future to emulate the Lincolnshire lana's excellent performance.
A hearby vote of thanks to the Ficar and wardens for atlowing the nse of the bells, to the Vicar for so vers kindly conductine the service and ncting as chairman at the meeting, also to Sr. Slater, of the loral compans. for having everything in readiness for the meetine. was praposed by Mr. J. Bradbury, secarded hy Mr. T. W. L. Slack. and receired with acclamation.

The Vicar suitably responded and bfterwarde further use was made of the bells. The methods rang durime the aftermoon comsisted of Frandsirs and Stedman Triples, Camhridge Surptise Minor, Plain Boh Maiar. Kent and Oxford Trehle Enh Major ana Double Forwich Court Boh Wajor on the tower bells, whilst courses of Grendsire Triples ann Plain Bob Major were rang on handhells.

## UNOFFICIAL RINGING MASTERS

Sir, -So it appery you have failed to convince at least one large society on this question of branch ringing masters-which goes to prove that Mr. Amos is not alone in his mantention on this metter. Despite what you say about + it can anly be done by an association branclr master," I notice in "The Ringing World " of Jume 30th thet the Yorkshire Association lias taken the oppostte view, and hes very wisely and rightly decided that a lrancli may have such in person, but on the distinet understanding that no afficial stufas extached to such an appointment as far as the association is concerned, and I am told by two of its primcipals that this recomraendation was placed before its members and endorsed nem. con.

Though my views on this matter may be stronger than some people's, I consider the Forkshire Association has given a lead which others will do well to follow. It is a pity they did not go even further and include the general ringing master in the definition as welt, for commonsense policy is, I should think, saficient to tell anyous that we should not think it right to ever dream of calling a person the official warden 'or the afticial verger' who was not definitely attached to the church in question-neither can it be right to recognise ringing masters as such. After all, if the associations have no legal veto in tha contral of any tower or bells (which ever you, Mr. Editor, do not dispute they have), they must be unoficinl and therefore at outside body!
In this diocese there has recently been formed a Vergers' Guild, which periodically holds gatheriugs like ringers. Imagine this body appointing one of its members to act at, all its services as 'the offial
rerger ${ }^{*}$ ! Or pictrre a persan beivg asked to accept a Vicar's wardeaserger ' Or picture a persan beivg asked to accept a ticar s wriaen Whea anything special was to be held he would he expected to renounce his authority in favour of someone from another church, and when all was over he could live bis wardenship back ragin. What person would take a position on that hop ?-this is what, in fact, you principle is too ridiculous for words.
You seem to place considerable importance on the position of a captain if the incumbent egrees to this policy. Nize nut of ten don't know that the associations expect such a thing, or they might take n very different attitude.
The Forkshire Association 1 ans totd, have alwnys agreed to the ocal captain offciating, und it seens that this body in alixious zot to disturb \& practice which, I understand, they have proved, attor many Years of experience, has worked exceedingly well. They surely deserve ohe respect of all, despite, the cheap gibe they received from the Falt Ne Ringing Worla.
P. AMOS.

Nortiamptas
stated, "We are alwor gue of my former letters, wr. Editor, you to print views with which we do pot agree, Mr. Amos now awaits the publication of this letter for proof of good faith of that statemesit.

## MR. AMOS 'IN THE SOUP

Poor Mr. Amos has gone lamentably "into the soup" again. If lie had read and understood the report of the Forkshire Association'g useeting he would have known that what the pleeting discussed was the sppoirtment of "Deputy Ringing Masters in the Districts, and he would have realised that the ube of the wurd 'unoflicial' was intended to mean that the appointmert; if made, wauld not, cerry official status in the constitution of the association, because there is no provision for it in the rules.
But that is a minor catastrophe for Mr. Amos, He apparently does not know or else he las wilfully ignored the fect that the Yarkshire Association has an officially appointed Ringing Master in each District, The regulations for the management of districts provide for the election of Ringing Masters, give the Ringing Master a seat (ex-officio) on the District Committee and puts him into office, on election, for three rears. The fows present District Ringing Masters are in office until 1940. Thus the Yorkshire Association do not take an opposite view to the Fditor of "The Ringing World,' but endorse it by their rules Of course, there are none so blind as those who won't ree and none so perverse as those who deliberately distort facts.
Mr. Amos challenges us in his postscript to puhlish his letter on the sirength of an assurance given in a previous footnote. But be deliherstely ornits the essential proviso thet was laid down bt the same time, and that was that views must be reasonably expressed. Unfortunately, Mr. Amos, in his anriety to score over those who do not agree with him, ofter allows his por to run away with his discretion,
We have allowed Mr. Amos to hrve his say and we must now ask him to carry on his further efforts at reform in this direction by other means than the morrespmidence colamas of "The Bingiag World.

## PEAK SOCIETY

The Ashofer meeting of the Peak Society, held on Saturday, July 15th, was well attended, more than 20 members and friends being present from the following towers: Ashover, Bolsover, Chestertield, Darley Dale, Dore, Matlock, Ripley, Treeton, Stoke-ov-Trent, Staveley and Diffield. Some good practice was put in in the staviard methods, whilst a course each of Cambridge and Londion Surprise were brought round, a course of Superlative only fating in the last lead.

| Ohis six bells (Plain Bob to 7 Surprise) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rung } \\ 35 \end{gathered}$ | Conducted 36 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ibl 'rriples ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 |
| Bob Major .-. ... +-. | 94 | 68 |
| Bobs Rnya! | 8 | 5 |
| Grandsire Triples ... ... ... -.. | 129 | 94 |
| Grandaire Triples on handbells ... | 4 | 4 |
| Grandsire Major ... | 1 | 1 |
| Grandsire Caters | 16 | 11 |
| Grandsire Cingues | 1 |  |
| Union Tripies | 12 |  |
| Stedman Triplea ... ... | 312 | 226 |
| Sitedtuen Caters ... ... ... | 57 | 34 |
| Stadman Cinques ... .-. | 15 | 2 |
| Oxford Treble Boh Major | 3 | 2 |
| Kent Treble Boh Major | 110 | 92 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ... | 31 | 18 |
| Kent Trelale Bob Maximus | 3 | 1 |
| Double Norwich Caurt Bob Major | 202 | 161 |
| Double Norwich Courb Bols Royel | 1 |  |
| College Exercise Major ... ... ... | 1 |  |
| Champion Major ... ... ... | 1 |  |
| Norfoll Surprise Major | 3 | 1 |
| Westminster Surprise Major | 3 | 1 |
| Gloncester gurprise Major | 3 | 1 |
| Oxford Surprise 3ajor ... | 3 | 2 |
| New Cutherland Surprise Major | 6 | 6 |
| Bristol Surprise Major ... | 15 | 3 |
| London Suryrise Major ... | 87 | 6.4 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 131 | 81 |
| Superiative Surprise Major --- | 199 | 123 |
| Yorkshire Surprise Mfgjor | 3 |  |
| Naw Combridge Surprise Major | 1 |  |
| Splices Suxprise Major (4 methads) | 1 |  |
| Cambridge Surprise Royel ... | 14 | 3 |
| Cambridge Surprise Vaximus | 2 |  |
| Total | 1,500 | 1,035 |

## MR. FRANK BENNETT'S LIST

The following is the detailed list of Mr. F. Bennett's penis, which fitwe heen ruag in 547 towers, in every county of England and iu seven counties in Wales and six in Ireland.

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Total rung 1,500. Total conducked 670.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The next meeting is at Tutbury on Saturday, July 29th, and the district extends a hearty invitation to North Staffs friends. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.20. Tea at 4.45. All ringers welcome, -J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-onTrent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas ${ }^{1}$ on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 . Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Dodmarsh, Withington, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 3gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.-I. Kay, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at Singleton Parish Church ( 6 bells) on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bus leaves Talbot Mews at 2.20. All visiting ringers welcome.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 29th. Bells recently rehung (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.-J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4 , Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GUIIDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-West District). -The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , followed by tea at the old Post Office. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.-A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict- Quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 , followed by tea in the Memorial Hall (which will be provided by the Rector and churchwardens) and meeting.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUJLD. - North Bucks Branch.-A ringing meeting will be held at Old Bladwell (bells 6), on Saturday, July 29th, when it is hoped for a good attendance. All visitors will be welcome. Bells from 5 p.m.-Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Narthern District.-A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All are welcome. - Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Newcastle.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Cary Deanery Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, July 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Barton St. David also available. Please advise for tea. - W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - South Norfolk Branch.-The summer meeting will be held at Brockdish on Saturday, July 29th (not 22 nd as arranged) Bells afternoon and evening. Service $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea neath ' the fir tree (if fine), Rectory Hut if wet. Meeting follows. Special methods, "Westrinster Surprise and 'Bala Bob.' I have diagrams. Suffolk ringers specially invited; we are on the border.-A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Lewisham Dis-trict.-The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting.-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON BRANCH OF HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Joint meeting at Church Stretton on July 29th. Eight nice bells in beautiful surroundings. Good attendance is requested. Names for tea to either W. A. Farmer, 7o, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or W. J. Beniams, Ben All, Henley Road, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations of officers.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hurts Branch. -A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.-H. J. Parker. Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at Snaith, near Goole. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Crown and Bell Hotel. There are several hundreds of six-bell methods. Just look a few up and come along and practice them.-E. Cooper, Hos. Sec. 6. Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Dinder on Saturday, July 2gth. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. W. H. Marsh. 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.

IT'S UP TO YOU TO CONE ON Saturday, July 29th. Abbots Langley ( 6 belis). Tower open 3.30. Tea (Village Hall) 5.30. Railway: Kings Langley (1 mile). Excellent bus service from all parts to church.-C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6), Saturday, July 29th.-W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

HENLOW, BEDS.-A fete in aid of Church Funds is being held to-morrow (Saturday), July 29th. Ringing ist the evening at 6.30. All ringers weicome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. - A joint meeting will be held at Whittlesey, with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, on Saturday, July 29th.F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch.The summer meeting will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from $3-9$ p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Mapledurham Lock 5.45 p.m. (is. each). Bicycles can use the Warren Road. Motorcycles and cars must take the Woodcote Road.-E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

HITCHIN, HERTS.-The ring of eight bells, restored by John Tayior and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 30th, at the 11 o'clock service. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Bedford. Ringing during the afternoon 3 to 4.30 .

LLANBEDR, near CRICKHOWELL, South Wales. -The ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor \& Co. will be reciedicated by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon at the affernoon service on Sunday, zoth inst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for practice during August: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1st; St. Magnus the Martyr, 3rd, 17th and 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 10th; St. Paul's Cathedral, 15th; Soutliwark Cathedral, 2213d; St. Clement Danes, 24tl; St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th. *Business meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Brancti. - The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parisin Church on Saturday, Aug. $5^{\text {th. Bells available from } 3}$ p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.rn. Members and non-members cordially invited.- $\overline{\mathrm{F}}$ : Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.
SALISBU'RY DJOCESAN GUILD. - Devizes Branch). -The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon ( 6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Urchfont bells also available for ringing during evening. Advise me carly how many will attend the tea.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec.; 584, Semingtor Road, Melksham.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Northwich Branch.-A meeting will be held at Gt. Budworth on Sat., Aug - 5th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m -H, Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech Branch. - The branch will meet at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LEATHERHEAD, St'RREY. - August Bank Holi-day.-Ringers' rally and convivial gathering, OPEN TO ALL RINGERS and their friends. Ideal spot for a Bank Holiday meeting. Frequent trains and buses; good going ring of ro bells; park and gardens adjoining church. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Duke's Head at 5.30 p.m. (rs. per head) for all those who notify Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Friday, Aug; $4^{\text {th. -F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., }}$ Surrey Association, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

RETFORD.-Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 7th. Joint meeting of the North Notts Association and Sheffield and District Society. Towers open for ringing: East Retford, 10 bells; West Retford, 6 bells; Ordsall, 6 bells; at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. O. Streets, Cobwell Road, Retford, by Wednesday, Aug. 2nd.-R. Towler and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. -The ring of 6 bells rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Southern Branch.-The summer meeting of this branch will be held as arranged on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at Bidford-on-Avon. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous. -]. E. Newman, Hinton Cross, Evesham.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.-Ringing suspended until Monday, Sept. 11th.-James E. Davis, 118 , Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

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## OLD MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

The gesture made by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting, to old and infirm members, by resolving to retain them without subscriptions, is one which naturally met with sympathetic and very general approval, the principal division of opinion being on the point that the proposal did not go far enough. Men who have long served their association deserve well at the hands of the members, and when old age and disability overtakes them it should be deemed a privilege, if they are in straitened circumstances, to retain them on the roll without calling upon them for further contributions, These men cherish their attachment to the association which perhaps they have supported throughout a long ringing career, and it would be something of a slur on the association if they were lost because they were unable to meet their ansual subscription-and, unfortunately, there are cases where even pence count. The concern of many of the members of the Oxford Guild was whether the proposal should not extend to oid but necessitous members who are still able to ring, as well as to those who are debarred by infirmity. Someday, perhaps, these may be included.

Some associations extend free membership to all the ringers who have been subscribers for a certain number of years. This 'freedom' of an association after long years of loyal support is a thing which is valued by the recipients, not because they are relieved of the small annual subscription, but because of the recognition of their services which is implied. Some societies, of course, cannot afford, owing to their restricted financial position, to offer this honour of free life membership, but there are few who would not readily do it if they could.

There is an argument which we have heard put forward that it should be the duty of the church to which the old ringer has been attached, to continue to pay his contributions after infirmity has laid him aside, but that, we think, is rather an impracticable and uncertain kind of scheme. True, it would be a recognition of long service, ended by disability, but church authorities, often unable to make ends meet, are seliom ready to pay their ringers' affiliation fees, and are not more likely to find the subscriptions of those who have ceased, even through no fault of their own, to render service to the church. The happiest solution is for the associations to honour their old members, and, after all, financially, they will be no worse off than if they lose the subscriptions because the members are unable to pay. On the other hand, by making them 'freemen,' the associations can demonstrate that the 'brotherhood' of the Exercise, so often talked about, is no empty phrase.

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On Twasday，July 78，1939，in Two Hours and Fonty－Threa Minules，
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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR，5056 CHANOER； Temor 10 ewt．
Alec Cagrar ．．．．．．．．．．Treble Frane B．Lopkin ．．．．．． 5
Join H．Botaam．．．．．．．＊＊ 2 Harry Kilby ．．．．．．．．．．． 6
Eric B．Hartley ．．．．．． 3 Ernest C．S．Torner ．．． 7
Mrs．J．H．Bozgam ．．．．．． 4 Cecik C．Mayng ．．．．．．Temar Composed by N．J．Pirsrow．Conducted by Efnest C．S．Turner ＊First peal in the method．

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* First peal. † Firat peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged as a birthay compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter.

SOBERTON, BLAMPSHFTE
THE WINOHDSTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUTLD On Tucsday, July 25, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Fiva Minutes, At ter Chorce of Sr. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOA, SOMO CHANDEB। Tenor 13 cwk : Fgr .24 lb .

Fredrrick W Rogres Mrs. C. L. Goy .** ... *** 2 Ernhet Brett ... ... ... 3 Cormelios Charge a** ... 4 Composed by B. Annabler. First peal as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUID.
On Saturday, Juiy 29, 1939, in Three Hows and Fowy Minsics
Az the Chuech of St. John-tre-Evangerist,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 GHANOEB Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.
 A PEAL OF GUPERLATIVE SURPRIBE MAJOR, 5056 GHANOE8; Tenor 124 cwt .
-Harry C. Jones $\qquad$ ...Treble Rolamd Biggs ... .. ... 2 Willam H, Fessele ... 3 Erederice G. Biggs ... 4
Composed by G. Lindorf.

Ernest J. Munday .... ... $\frac{5}{6}$ Cecil L. Goy ... $\quad . . . .$. WILLIAM LINTER, JON. ... 7 Fredegick S. Bayley... ...Tener Condacted by Wm, Limter, juN.

Prrcy Newton ... .... ... 7
Harry Wimgrove ... ...'Tenoy
Conducted by George Martin.

Ernest W. Moray ... ... 5 Waleter Prce 6 William Welling ... .... John Greenotge ... ...Thor onor

Fradraick w. Rogrrs
Charles E. Basseit.
Towbr R, Tayzor
Frrderice S. Baycry ... 4
Composed by F, Dance.

* First peal of Liondor.

WEST MEON, HAMPSEIRE.
THE WINGHESTER AND PORTSMODTH DIOCESAN GULLD On Saturday, 7uiy 29, 7939, in Thyes Howes and Eleven Minwtes, At yer Chorce of St. John-ter-Evangrlist,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAdOR, G024 CHANGES: Tenor 12 䘹 cwe.

## THE MTDLAND CODNTITS <br> On Saturday, July 29. 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Scuen Minutor,

 At the Churce of St. Margaret,
## A PEAL OF CAHBRIDGE SURPRISE HAdOR, BOE6 GHANGE8;

Rung on the light eight.
Tenor ro cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
Ernest Morris ... *** *..Tyeble Frank K. Measpres.** ... 5
-Grorge Homperzys ... 2 Wheliak Root ... ... ... 6 Alpred Ballard ** ... 3 Arthur Cattrll ... ... 7 -Edwin Caztell ... ... 4 †Geo. Stedman Morris ...Tenoy Composed by C. Midderton. Conducted by Geo. Stedman Morris * First peal in the method. $\dagger$ First peal in the method as conductor. lung ag a 50th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, verger and cierk of this church

> KTRBT-LESOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
Ot Saldyday, 7 Hy 29, 1939, is Two Hows and Fify-Eight Minwies,
At the Cedrch of St. Miceazi,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOE MAJOR, 5184 CHANEESI Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb , in G.
 Grorge E. Jennings ... 3 George Watrrman ... ... 7 William J. Nevard... ... 4 Edward E, Davey ... ...Tenoy Composed by H, W. Wicds. Condacted by Edward E, Davry. * First peal on eight bells. * First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three मlowy and Five Minufes,
At ter Caurce df St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IFE TRIPLES, s0go GHANRES;
Parker's Twelye-rart.
Tenor $19 \mathrm{cw}^{3} \mathrm{c}$.

RIEGMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday. July 29, 1939, in Throe Howrs and Fourteon Mimutes, At ter Chorch of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, B040 CHANGESI

Vicars'.
George Wiggins
Lebsie W. Jarvis Artagr F. Lewry
Pred Miles.
$\begin{array}{ccc}\ldots & \ldots \text { Treble } \\ \ldots & \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & \ldots & 3\end{array}$
Cbarles Paintir $\quad . . \quad-\quad 5$ Albert Relfe ... ... ... 6 William A. Eitcheneide ... 7 Frank H. Hices ... ... ...Tenor
Condacted by Acbert Relfe.
A birthday peal for Mrs. and Miss Kitehenside.
COGGESHALL, FSSEX.
THE FSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 29, 7939, in Three Howys and Fobe Minwtes, At the Cherch of St. Peter-ad-Vincola
A PEAL OF GAHBRIDGE SURPRISE MAdOR, 5058 CHANGEs;
Jognson's Variation of Middegron's.

| -Gerald Fross | ** | *+Treble | Lewis W, Wiplen |  | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frank Claydon... |  |  | Grorgr A. Wigmiman |  | 5 |
| Cladde Smowden |  | 3 | Frane B. Lofein |  | 7 |
| Franx C. May |  |  | Albert Wif |  |  | Conducted by Franr B. Lofkin.

* First peal of Surprise Major.
 Hrrbert G, Andrews ... 3 Arthur Habding ... ... 7 J. E. Lewis Cockey... ... 4 Frank Milcir ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Ernest C. S. Torner.
* Firat peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.


## GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX

 THE FSSEX ASSOCIATIONOn Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and I wenty-One Minutas, At taz Cobrce of SS. Mary and Lambrnce, A PEAL OF BOB MANOR, 609 EHANRE8; Tenor 25 cwt.
"Ohbn J. J. Rogrrs ... ...Tyebl| Harry Bradley ... ... ... 5
George Griggn ... ... ... 2 Leonard G. Day... ... ... 6
1Miss Annie Weite ... ... 3 Artgur H. Everetri... ... 7 Caristopee E. Jaggard 4 HomaceJ. Manspimid ...Tomor Composed by Sir A. P. Hegwood, Conducted by A. H. Everett. First peal. + First peal in the method.

## BELL ROPES

MADE FRON TTALLAN EEMP. OR TTALIAN FLAX. GOFT AND PLLABYE IN HAND. ALL ROPES SENT OARRIAGR PAID AND ON APPROVAL.
Cheap Quotationa. Katablinhed 150 yearis. 'Pbone 803.

## DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORK8, GRAMTHAM

FARNDON, CHESEIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOOESAN GUILD
On Sutwoday, July 29, 1939, in Thyte Howys and Five Minwtes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, EOBG CHANGEB। Jobnson's Variation of Midderton's.

Teror 12 cwt 22 lb
William E. Flbiceer ...Tyeble James Swinuley... ... ... 5 Fred Hartian ... .+* ... 2 John W, Griptitas ... ... 6 James C. E. SIMPSON .+* ... 3 HARRY PYE ... ... ... ... 7

Conducted by Parcy Swindery. EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
TEE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On 5unday, July 30, 1939, in Three Howrs and Two Minwfas, At Cerist Cherce,
A PEAL OF BOB MRJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8y cwt.
Gborgr Breney ... ...Treble Leblir W. Jarvis


- Miss Betty Raypibld.. $.4 \quad 3 \quad$ Frank H. Hices $\quad .$. *Hamold G. F. Reynolds .. 4 William A. Kitcasmsidr Tanop Composed by J. R. Prircaard. Conducted by H. S. Hobdan.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Mejor as conductor. Rung prior to evensong on the 80 th auniversary of the dedication of the ehurch.


## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Ow Saturday, July 22, 1939. in Two Howrs and Forty-Five Afinwter, At the Churci of Sr. Hmem,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kont Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, called differently.

- Timothy G. Bongen Trebl tBertie C. Tencr 12t cwi. in F.
-Miss Pearl Grapes ... .... 2 2 $\quad$ R. William Bahber...
†MRs, R. W, Barber ... 3 Denis A. Bayles ... ...timar Conducted by D. A. Bayces,
* First peal. \# First peal in two Minor Methods. \# First peal of Minor, also first "inside.

ARELEY KLNGS, WORCESTERSEIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, Um Salnfday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minuten, At ter Chorcz of $\mathrm{St}_{\text {t. Bartholomew, }}$

## A PEAL OF EOB MINOR, BO40 CHANGESI

Seven differeatly called extents. Tenor $8 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

 Conducted by A. W. Glazzard.
F Firat attempt for a peal. + First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.
TRE BEDFORDSHIRE ASEOCLATION.
On Saturday, Twiy 22, 1939, in Two Hows and Fordy-Six Mimutes,
Ax the Cerrce of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB HINOR, 5040 CHANGE8।
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Schoinrs ${ }^{*}$ Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.
 Conducted by L. H. Bywarzrs.

## TARVIN, CHESEIRE,

THE CHESTER DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, 7 mly 22, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Fitu Minutes,
Ax the Cerrce of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGEDI

Compriaing one extent erch of Cambridge Surprise, Orford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bab, St. Clement'e and Plain Bob.

Frgd Hartyan ... ... ... 2 Harry Pre ... .*. .*.

Conducted by Frank Varit.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.
CADEDKy, DEVON.
THE DEFONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sunday, July 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At ter Churce of St. Michabl and Ale Angreb,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Boing 42 sis-scores, with 12 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in $G$.
Cearles R, Lilley... ...Tyeble |Josepa Brbaley ... ... 4
 Conducted by Cearles R. Lillesy.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells.


## ASTON CLINRON, BUOKINGHAMSEIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUIED.
On Monduy, Jnly 24, 1939, in Three Howrs,
At tae Cborce of St. Micearl and All Angels,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ons extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Double Court, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, Tenor 13 ewt.
-Leblie J. Gregory ... ...Trabif |tHarry C. Jonbs
PMEs. E. S. Powril ... ... 2 Whetga Ler .... ... ... 5
Rev. E. S, Powble..... .3 ... 3 Rev. C. Ellidy Wigg ... 7 amoy Conducted by Rev. C. Ellior Weg.

* First peal. + First peal in four methods.

CWMCARVAN, MONMOUTHSHIRE
THE ILANDAFF AND MONMOUTE DIOCESAN ASSOCLATLON. On Salurday, fuly 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fonly-Five Mirutes,

At the Partse Chorch,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, EOAO CHANEES;
Being 10 six-scores of Stedman and 32 of Grancisire ( 10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.
Jobn W. Jones ... .... ...Troble | Rev. Ivor J. Ricgards ... 4
Willam Powzll

| $\ldots .$. | $\ldots$ | 2 | Robrrt Smita |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3 | Ivor Wilciams |

... Torap
Conducted by Robert Smith.

* First peal. IFirst peal of Doubies on the bells.


## OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHRRE ASSOCIATION.
On Salwrday. Jwly 29, 1939, it Two Howrs and Fifly Minutcs.
At ter Churcer of Si. Mary.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 12 extents of St. Simon's and 15 each of Grandsire aud Plain Bob. Temor 10 cwt . in 9.
Josw E. Hilson ... .... ...Tybbl| Herbert L. Harlow'... ... 3
Miss Evelyn Sterl ... .... ${ }^{2}$ Donacd L. Cockinge .... ... 4

> Reginald West ... ... Towor Conducted by D. L. Coczengs. BIRKENHEAD, CHDSHIRE.

TEE LANCASEIRE ASSOOLATION.
Orl Safurday, July 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forty-Fowr Minutas, At tar Ceurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANEEEI
Being 720 anch of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxiord and Keat Treble Rob, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

 Conducted by J. Brown.
*First peal of Miner "inside." Rung as a compliment to the danghter of Sr. F. Wondward upon lier marringe.

## ANOTHER MINOR RECORD, BIGBY', LINCOLNSHIRE <br> THE LINCOLN DIOGESAN GUELD. (Norterrn Brance.)

On Wednesday, Jwiy 26, 1939, in Threo Howrs and Twaty-Six Minufor At taf Chorce of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 6480 CHANGE8;

Nime exleats in 125 methods:-

1. Beestan, Melandra, Lebsowe, Peveril, Chelsea, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyit Treble Bob.
2. Skipton, Cliepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedoce, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
3. Blaxhall, Mitcham, starahoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes Sharnbrook, Finchley, Elfacombe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lamberburst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Grayford Little Courd and Little Bob.
4. Chalfont, Croner, Steventon, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsiogham, Lammae, Olney, Northaw, Pegshurst Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
5. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wain Rect, Surflect, Spalding, Pirchleck, Sibsey, Gosberton Allance and Kent Little Court.
6. Langtort, Candleshy, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Sutton, Leake, Wrankle Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
7. Olarlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Collere Bob [V., Willesdeu, Kumber, Braintree. Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
8. Cape!, Saridal, London Scholara Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Drake of Noriolle, College Exercise, Norhury. Orfora Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donothar and Pontefract Delight.
9. Windermere, Frodsham, Killamey, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Boh, Double Boh and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 ewt. 1 qr .8 lb .
Frank Lord ... ... ... ...Treble Jace Bray
Mrs, I. Bray
MESS....
2 Jace L. Milleousi

## Conducted by Gropge E. Feirn,

There were 243 changes of method. The greatest. number of methods Fet rung in a peal. The longest leugth by all the band.

# TOLLJSHUNT D'ARCY, ESSl:X. <br> THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION. <br> On Satwrday, July 29, 1939, in Two Howrs and Tresnty-Eight Minutr, <br> At the Caurca of Si. Niczolas, <br> \section*{A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;} 

Being are extent each of Double Oxford, College Single and Double
Court, end two eacht of'St. Clement's rad Plain Bob. Tenor $5 \frac{3}{2}$ ewl.
Dodglas Bareaway ... ...Tpeble | Jogn M. Gaypord ... ... 4
Ronard Sccicing
Heragri Dgvenisa
....... 3 Ralpa Bird.
Tenor

* Firat peal of Minor.


## EWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Satwrday, July 29, 1939, is 7hyet Howrs ana Ton Minwtes,
Ay Thi Parish Church.

## A PEAL OF MIMOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Corsisting of an extent of Double Court, two extents of Eint Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt . Mrs, L. Wright... ... ...Tyeble Harry J. Miliatt Gborge W. Ahliti... Leglis Wriget

Conducted by Acan R . Anding
Conducted by ALan R. Andrews.

## WEDDING BELLS AT PUTNEY

On Saturdey, Jaly 29th, a marriagg was molemnised fot St, Mary's, Putney, between Mr. A. C. Williams and Miss L. Machin. Mr. "Alp ${ }^{1}$ Williams has been a member of the Putney local band for some 15 years and also of the London County Association. The wedding was a ample but prothy ceremony. The best man was a business colleague, whilst the bride, attired in white vith a sheaf of red roses, was attended by two bridesmaids in smoke blue. A reception was held at the home of the bride (who is a member of St. Mary's Fellowship Guilla), Where the ringers toasted the happy couple, after riuging 'Merrie Peales' at the Parish Churoh. The "nowlyweds" left for Southsea for the honeymoon, and will reside at Southfields. Wandaworth.

## THE PEAL AT INVERARAY. <br> A HAPPY ADVENTURE.

## Gellege Youths' Visit to Scotland.

It very rarely happens thas a peal is rung under such happy conditiona as that at Inveraray, Argyllshire, on July $22 n d$, by ten members of the Ancieat Society of College Yoatha-excilement and anticipation in the various departures from home, followed by realisation wonderful in zoore ways than one.
The members Were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis at their Scottish home 'Dun o'Bhuilg ' (prononncen 'Voolig '), Kilmory Knap, Argylshire. It jrs situated at the end of Loch Sween, opposite the Isle of Jurs. E. P. D. and wilí (on holiday tour in Scotland) were the first arrivals, followed on Friday by J. F. B. H. and the hon. treasurer's party, which included Mrs. E. (pilot), the Master and the conductor. Their route was via Great North Road to Ecotch Corner, Cartide, crossing the border at Gretna Green, Ergine Fierry, Loch Lomond, the head of Loch Long and up Rest and be Thankiul to Loch Fyne, over the Crinman Canal and thence down Loch Bween. The trati party (made up of the hon, secratary, W. F. P., G. L. D. and Mr. H.) left, Euston at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, one member being literally chicked in just as the guard's whistle was blowing to the groat relief of the other three. Following arrival at Glusgow ther travelled by steamer via Firth of Clyde and the Kyles of Bute to Ardishaig. Here they were met by their host, and a run of 27 miles along tlee shore of Loch Fyne brought there to Inveraray. The following is a brief itimerary of the activities
Fridny evaning : Oherla up on the lobster pots, and much atrenuons rowing by one of the crew, unaided by the bow oar,
Saturday: Departure for Inveraray ( 45 miles). Welcome by Mr. Anderson Campbell. Adjustment of ropes, raising bells and sounddeadening the traps and doors by means of snils and sacks fent by the bost. Picnic lunct at Eoot of tower and arrival of train party. The peal, followed by reatoralives and the journey back to Knap for scpper. Great satisfaction all roumd. Good bells, good 'go,' good ringing. And so to bed.
Sunday morning: Cheery breakfast party. Many lappy returne to Mrs. Lewis. At midday, sailing in the Sound of Jura. Good breese and choppy sea. Nohody actarly sea-aick. At 3.30 p.m. ead departure of train party to Lochgilphead and thence by hus to Glasgow. Othera walk to Loch Caolisport (Killesport), and, after supper, a visit to Castle Sween. Ruins of an uncient fortress on tive banks of the Loch. Many disngrecments happened here centuries ngo.
Monday morming: Permed labour corps for jobs of work in garden. Sailimg. Lunch. Sail to Eileen Mhor, an uninlabited island, containing the ruins of a twelfth contary chapel and St. Cormac's cell (eighil centary). A very impressive appt. After supper, fishing until 11. 30 . Glorious moonlight night, but, not dark, and a wonderiul scene. Great fialiermen ali, and a fair catch. Hosts daughters a great crew and fine stailors. dnti-exposure treatment, followed by bed.
Tuceday morning: Sad departares.
It must be rememibered that Kilmory is ten miles from the nearegt Post Office and Kirk, 151 miles from the nearest inn, and ahout 65 from the nearest rail station, so the expedition wes really quite an adiventare, with criforgetrable memories for ail, not least anong them the vonderful hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Eewis and the help of their daghters, and the awe-inspiring scenery-tio preat peaks (the Prps of Jura) straight accoss the sound from Dun a'Builg, the mists, the wonderful view of the mountains looking up Loch Sween and the Sound, and the gorgeous colouring, mele an everlasting impression on one's mind. It is a myatic country and one unconsciously becomes lost in the part.
The peal nttempt was the outcome of an invitation made by the Duke of Argyll to Mr. Lewis on the occasion of the society's tercentenary dinmer, and all are most grataful to Hig Grace and those concerned in the welcome extended to the wisitors.

## DEATH OF MR. W. F. ELLINGHAN. <br> ACTIVE MTDDLESEX RINGER

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, of Heston, Middleaex, one of the ringers at St. Leonard's Churels.

The funeral took place on Thursiay, July 27 th, the service being conducted by tho Vicar (the Rev. H. Crages). The bells were rung mufled with teanor open one stroke before the service. The deceased was buried at Isleworth Cemetery, close by some other noted West. Middleser ringers, and in sight of Isleworth Charch, where they did moss of their ringing. In the evening a fully muffled quarter-pesl of Bob Major was rung to his memory by C. d. Tricker, G. W. Morrif, M. W. Norman, A. C. Langiord, H. H. Chandler, F. J. Cattermoul, O. S. Bird (oonductor) and J. Herbert

Mr. William Framefs Elliggham was born 51 years ago and had lived all his life is Heston and the surrounding neighbourhood. He had been a most regular member of tho lowal band for n mumber of yeara. Not a prolific peal ringer, lie had, neverthelas, rung a number of peels in plain methods, and was able to conduct. Always mont willing to participate in any rimging when called wpon, he will be sadly missed in his local tower and the district. He was a member of the College Fouths, the Iondon Connty Asseciation and tite Middleser Association monges others. He leaves a widow and son to mourn their loss.

## PEAL NOTES.

## AN EXBIBITION RTNG.

It is interesting to notice the name of Mr. Charles Painter appearing in a peal of Grandsire Triples, luag last Saturday at Bingmer, Sussex. Mr. Painter has been a ringer ab this church for something like 50 Fears, having learnt there at the time the late Rev. C. D. F. Davies Fas curate.
Mr. Painter did tho peal ringing for mauy years but he was in the first peal of Stednan Triples on the bells in 1894 and also rang the 7th in the samn year to the quickest, pent on the bells- 2 hours 32 minutes tenor $14 \frac{1}{2}$, cwt.-which everyone thought was pretty good going. Last Saturday's penl took 3 hours 14 minutes.
The bells at Ringmer are an "exhibition' peal. They were cast by Mears and Staimbank and were exhibited at the Great Exlibition in Fyde Park in, we believe, 1893. In those days they were reputed to be one of the finest rings at their weight in the kingdom.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, bas returned to peal ringing, affer an absence of seven months, enforced by his serious operation last January. He took part in a peal of Superiative Surprise at Hughenden, Buchs, on Saturday, and, not only was he no worse for the experience, but declared next duy that le felt betfer and "as light as a fairy. He was given a cordial weleome by his tean maies.

Five Buckinghanshire towers were represented in the peal, and two of the baud. Harry Jones, of Ellesborough, and Walter Lee, of Wendover, rayg their first peal of Surprise Major
Verger and clerk of St. Margaret's, Leicester. Mr. Ernost Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, celebrated his 50tli birthday by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday or the light eight at his parigh church. It was called by his brother Meeting one short at Cwwerran, Mon, a locsl ringer (Mr. Ivor Williams) readily agreed to ring the tenor for a peal of Doubles and was made a member of the Llandaf and Monmouth Diocesan Associrtion before starting. Cwmearvan bas always been noted for the hospitality of its churchwarden, Mr. Ballinger, of the Bourne Farm, from the time of the late Mr. Edwin Barnetf's residence at Monmouth, He entertained everyone to tea at the Bourne aifter the peal an Satrirday. Mr. Ballinger is a ringer, and, although nearing four score years, can still ring a sis-score of Doubles.
Mr: W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, now well on in the efglitieg, fas just "eompleted the circle" at Girby-le-Soken. Last Saturday he ranf the fourth there to a peal of Double Norwich Major. FIRST FOR 50 YEARS.
Mr. Cornelius Charge has scored his first peal gince his return from New Zealand. He rang it at Soberton, Hants, on July 25th, with another ex-member of the Metropolitan Police Force, Mr. Ernest Brett. After 20 years absence it nust have been a happy experience for Mr. Charge.
The cansecration of the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster (the Rt. Rev. Thonuas Edward Flymm, P.L.D., M.A.) on July etth was celebrated at Chorley, Lancs, by en peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the R.C. Church of St. Mary. Before going to Lancaster the Bishop was Rector of St. Mary"s.

After the peat the ingers were kindly entertained to refreshments by the clergy of St. Mary's.
The composition was the late Mr. Arthur Knights' No. 4, which was rung for the first time.

A peal in four Minor methoda wes ring at Aston Clinton, Bucke, on July 24th, tbe frat time that a peal in more than one method had been rung on the bells.

Mr. William Botirill left Leicester on July 27 th to reside at Luton Beds He is cane of the vice-presidente of the National Police Guilu and Has been e regular member of the Leicester Thorsday band of P.G.'s (these initials do not stand for "Police Guild,' the members of which grab only wrong-doars).

As an official "farewell,' the Thursdayites arranged a peal attempt at Claybrook and a really fire peal of Cambridge resulted.
Tho Thursiayites are, indeed, sorry to lose 'Bill', as he is familiarly known to his friends, and aithough this was a farewell peal, they sincerely hope he will often drop over to Leiccster and, of course, that it wil! be on a Thursdey.

## FATHER AND SON"S 100th PEAL TOGETHER

Ar. James Swindley and his som, Mr. Percy Swinaley, of Chester rang their ove hundredth peal together when the latter called a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Farndon on Saturday. They are, it is believed, the first father and son in the Chestar Guild to have rung this number together.
A band of bachelors on Seturday rang a peal of Minor at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex-tbe first peal on the bells since 1913.

There are not many peals rung nowadays at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, but on Sunday a band of Kent and Surrey ringers rang a peal of Keat Treble Bob Royal there to enable Mr. A. A, Boar to complete the secquence of peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.
Five members of the Dobbie family took part, and it was Errest J.'s 175th pes?
Mr. E. Stitch "completed the circle" of Bridgend tower, not for the first, but for the sixth time, when he took part in the peal there on July 19tin
(Continued in aext column.)

## ANOTHER LINCOLNSHIRE RECORD.

## ONE HUNDRED \& TWENTY-FIVE METHODS. <br> Hine Spliced 720's in One Peal.

Before the report of their remarkable peal in 104 methods appeared in print last week, the North Lincolnshire band lad made pet another record. Having in their previbus success spliced as many methods es it is at present possible to inciude in saven trae extents, they went on, on Wednesday week, to ring mine extents ( 6,480 changes), which included 125 methods. The two additional extents were those dropped from the 102 and 104 method peals in order to extend the number.
Have they any more worlds ieft to canquer in this particular phase of ringing? Thas peal is a great end culminating triumpla, and once again Mrs. Jack Bray, Frank Lord, Charles Mótuiness. Jack Brey, Jack Millhouse and George Feirn will earn the whole-learted congratulations of the Exercise. There is nothing we can say to add to the admiration which will be felt for the Eingers upon this pertormance, but tha band's own appreciation of their conductor is well hut simply expressed in the words of ane of them, 'George is iruly great."
In the peal they rang last weel there were 243 changes of method, and of the nine extente. six were compased br Mr. A. G. Driver and three arranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF SFLICED SLTRPRKE MNOR.

Dear Sir, I feel that I shonld like a word or two in which to congratulate the Lincolnshire band, and not forgetting, the Cheshire baud, on their fine performances. We say 'Wetl cone. But 1 wonder if ringera to-day ever realise or give one thonght to that band, emong the pioneers of spliced Minor riaging, who in the village of Tibenham for tho Norwich Diocesan Assocjation rang tile first peal of spliced Surprige Minor. Sad to say there are only two of that company living to-day-Mr. John Snellivg, still of Tibenlaam, and the writer. The peal comprised 14 Surprise methods in seven extents and was rung on Thursday, January 23rd, 1913.
F. SEAGER

## Beeahcliffe, Keighley, Yorks.

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## MIDLAND COUNTYES ASSOCIATION.

The Derby District of the Midiand Counbies Association held a very succersful mpeting at Duffield on Saturday week. Despite very incler ment weather, 30 zingers atteaded from Beestons. Stapleford, Heptom, Burton, Ripley, Bolsover, Heanor, Sandiecre, Nottinglam, Draycatt and Derby, with members of the local company. Tlie methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, DuField, Forward and Little Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative, while a course of London was unfortunately lost in the last two leads.
At the business meeting held in the belfry it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Belper on Saturday, September 2nd,
The ringers verv much appreciated the welcome extended to them by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Irwin. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having all in readinoss was proposed by Mr. James Pagett, of Derby Cathedral compary and carried unanimously, after which ringing was contimad until $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## PEAL NOTES

(Continuef from previous column.)
By an error, in our issue of July 2lst, a'star' became aftarlsed to the name of Mr. W. Henry Young, in the Ewyas Harold peal of Doubles, indicating that it was his first peal, Actually Mr. Youug has been ringing peals for many years. Hu used to bo an instructor in the Hereford District.

Youth and age were associated in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mitchem, Surrey, on Saturday week, when John Davison, aged 13, rang kis first peal, and Mr. David Wright celabrated his 79th birthdey. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins, hon. eecreiary of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Society,
The first peal on the six bells at Cadbury, Devon, was rang on Sunday week. All the band except Mr. C. R. Lilley, the conductar, rang their first peal of Stedman. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Churchwarden Lagrworthy for kindly providag reireshments after the peal, and Mr. M. L. Coles, the lacal captain, for making arrangements and getting the bells ready.
Three of the Sunday servire Fingers at Ranworth, Norfolk, took part in o peal of Mivor on July 22nd, Timothy Budgen and Miss Pearl Grapes ringing titeir frst peal at the first attempt and Bertie Grapea his first peal inside.
Plain and simple Bob Minor, but some useful work was accomplighed by ringing a peal in this mathod at Areley Kings, Worcestershire, on July 22nd. The treble man, who is a member of the local band, scored his first peal at first attempt; while H. Horgh, of the Claines band, rang his first peal of Minor. The leader of the Hartlebury ringers (A. W. Glazzard), the conductor, has now called his first peal other than Doubles, and revealed his capacity by utilising geven different callings. Incidentally this was the first peal on the bells since their tuning and rehanging by Tayiors orer a year ago.

## RINGERS WEDDINGS.

## SUFFOLE LADT MARRTED.

On Satarday, July 15th, the bells of St. Mary's Oburch, Bungay, Suffolk, rang out merrily in touches of Bob Major, firing, etc., to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. E. Chase, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Chase, of Bungay, and Miss Ivy M. Barrell, joungest daugtter of Mr. and Mas. H. E. Barreli, of Bungay.
The bride is a member of the local company of ringers, and her father is clerk and verger and coptain of the local band at St. Mary's Church. Those taking part in the ringing were Messrs. A. H. Took F. C. Lamhert (conductor), G. Howlett, O. Loome, A. Baldry, H' Fairhead, A. Wiliams, S. Hood and K. Garrod, The following towers were represented: Bungay, Redenhall, Hailesworth, Alburgh, Ditching aam and Ellingham.

Afterwards the ringers joincd the wediding party and a very pleasant hour was spent, the happy pair taking their departure on their honeymoon. With the very best wishes of all present, for their future bippine eas.

## HANDBELKLS AT WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Phyllis Day and Mr. Edward Dalingwater took plece at Doncaster Parisls Ohurch. Mr. Dalingwater is a member of St. George"s, Doncaster, tower, and as the happy couple left the church handbells were rung by fellow-ringers as of fitting greeting the tower bellg being unrmgable. The presents included a set of carvers and a coffee pot from Doncaster ringers, and a tea servoe [rom Gainshorough ringers, with whom Mr. Delingwater was formerly associated.

## DISTRICT SECRETAEY MARRIED

The bells of St. Mary's rang out truly for the wedding of Mr. W. R. Kynaston and Miss Marion Bratu at Rodbourne Cheney Church, Swir don, on Satarday, June 24th. Mr. W. B. Kyraston is the popular hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Aksocistion and is well known iv Swindon and district.
The Rev. S. F. Allison officiated nt the ceramony and the bride was attended by the Misses B. Bratt (sister), R. Wise, S. Manning and D. Williams. She was given in marriage by her ancla, Mr. A. Haytor The best man wrs Mr. Reg. Kynaston, brother of the bridegroom-
Redboume Cheney Girl Guides formed a guard of honour, sind the ringers formed an archumy of kandbells, under which tie happy couple passed as they left the church.

## QUARTER-PEALS.

FARLNGDON, BEREXS. - For evensong on Somdey, July 30Ln, e quarter-pasl of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Mace 1, W. O. Cuse 2n L. W. Cuss (Down Ampney) 3, L. A. Smith (Fairfordi) 4, O. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughea 7, J. Belcher 8 .

ACTON.-On Sunday, July 2nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major ( 1,264 chenges): F. W, Garner 1, P. Rowe 2, H. G. Andrews 3, P. E. Clark 4, J, E. Lewia Cockey (conductor) 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, W. G. Wilson 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. 亩rst quarterpeal of Bob Major by ringers of treble and secord.
BELGRAVE, LEIOESTma.-At St. Peter's Church, oa St. Peter's Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stadmas Triples ( $1,260^{\circ}$ changes) : *Jeck Kesterton 1, *Oreil Castleman 2, *Horace Woolaston 3, Sidney Harrison 4, Arthur Skinner 5, Ronald Swann 6, Rowland Barrow (conductor) 7, *Harry Woolaston 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

WOOLWICH.-At St. Mary's for evensong on July 30th a querserpeal of Grandsire Triples ( 1,260 changes) : Miss L. Aldridge (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Gibert (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Dougias Brown 3, F. Mackinder 4, F. Johnson 5, A. S. Richards (conductarj 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, J. Loam (fint guarter-peal) 8.

TWICKENHAM.-At St. Dary's on Surday, July 30th, a quaterpeal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: *E. Pond 1, H. Andrews 2, ©. W. Ottley 3, J. Herbert 4, E. C. ©. Turner 方, H. A. W. Hugher 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, *Don Lothian 8. * First quarter-peal in any method

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.-On July 19th two of Mr. E. F. Poppy's junlors scored their first guarter-peal. This was 1 ,260 Grandsire Doubles : "Miss N. Gooderhsm 1, *Miss A. Fillen 2, Miss w. Gonderham 3, L. Lock 4, A. Lock, juu. (conductor) 6 . * First quarter-peal.

FAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS - On Sundey, Jume 25th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triplea: H. J. Balcombe 1, ir. Blond 2, W. Lambell 3 , H. Bishop 4, R. G. Rice 5; B. L. J. Brown (cenductor) 6, A. H. Webb 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Rung to commemorate the christening of the conductor's son and heir.

## N.U.T.S. AT BRIDPORT.

The National Union of Tower Snatchers have been on the gratch again A party of them heve been touring Dorset way, and on Sumday, with the kind co-operation of the local ringers, they rang a guarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Bridport before apensong on Sunday: E. Beach (Wraysbury) (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Melville (Coventry) 2, Miss E. Bedford (Uxbridge) 3, H. Smith (Melksham) 4, W. Hunt (Twyford) 5, D. Rrock ('sunburv-on-Thames) 6, r. Darvill (Prithleweli) (conductor) 7, E. Hartley (Willesden) 8.

## APPRECIATION

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St. Mary Magd. Rectory, Bridgnorth,

Shropshire.
July 25 th, 1939.
Messrs. John Taylor \& Co.,
Loughborovgh.
Dear Sirs,
We are very pleased indeed with the work that you have done and consider it a fine piece of engineering. The tone of the six old bells is greatly improved and the two new ones harmonise well.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J. STEWART JOBLING.
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The balls of Euntsham, Devar, have been restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and are to be rededicated this evening at 7 p.m. "יु the Archdeacon of Exeter.

Huntshem was the home of the Troytes, and in 1877 C. A. W. Troyte, a Triajty Hall, Cambridge, man, and author of Troyte's 'Change Ringing, completed a band, atherwise composed of Oxford University Scciety ringers, who rang at AppIeton 'the first peal ever rung by members of the two wniverbities without the essistance of any other persons.
Some of the others who took part were the Rev. F. E. Fobiusor (condector) Mr. (as he then was) O. D, P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillatt (who togethar founded the Gloucester and Bristal Diocesan Association), Mr. F. A. Milne, who became president of the Mfiddesex Association, and others who subsequantly abandoned ringiog. Before that time his brother, J. E. Troyte (ondergraduate of Christ Ohurch, Oxford), was an extremely active member of the Oxford Society.
There aro two attractive ringing gatherings on August Bank Holiday. In the South, there is to be a relly at Leetherheed, Surrey, and in the North, the North Notts Association and the Sheffield and District Society are holding a joint meeting at Retford, Notts.
Foundations for a new All Hallowa' Churah ate 'Twickeminm are now being formed and the shape of the tower is distingwishable. The church is to be built of stone brought from all Hallowe', Lombnrd Streat, London. But will the bells go, tao? Or will they find a home elsewhere?
The denth occarred on Saturday of Mr. Joinn Overton, of Bridg. north. The funeral took place on Wednesday.
The achevement of the Nortli Lincolnshire band in ringing a peal of nine extents of spliced Minor in 125 methods is a "brain twister." Many ringers would go crazy long before they could reach this stage of ringing and we are not sure that the Lincolnshire band may not have an oye on their future comfon if anything should bappen to them.
We hear that one of them has already obtained a job at a Lincolashire mental lospital repairing the pads in the padded cells.
at a meeting of ringers in the North the other day, a vote of thanks was accorded to the caterer for the fine tea supplied. 'I am pleased to hear that," esaid the hostess in reply, "it was come left o'er from last week.'

## THE B.U.R.G. TOURS.

To the Fditor.
Dear Sir,-Owing to illnesk, we arve two or three emply seats ia the coach for the B.U.R.G. Motor-Coach Tours (six days, Augut 14th to 19th inclusive). Perhaps a couple of your readers may wish to take part. The tours are 29 2s. for nearly 800 miles' run and a ring at 40 or more towers. Accommodetion is f1 10s. Gd. for seven nighta B. and B., and the midday meal (hot dinner sir days) 10m, 3 d . Part of week or dars may be booked pro rata.' Any ringer or friendg interested should apply immedjately to

EDGAR GUISE, Hon Sec., $46 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{Tankards}$ Close, Bribtul, 2, or wire Bristol 35828.

## "WARFIELD' IS 'CASSIOBURY.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I and informed that the method ruag at and named Warfield on May 20th had previously been rung at Watford in May, 1936, $88{ }^{\prime}$ Cassiobury.
I am not surprised, for I wondered why such a good method, published in 1924, should remain unrung for so long \& timb buh I am sorry I failed to connect "Warfield 'with "Cassiobury " us " Berkshire without 7th.'s.'
The footnote should now read. 'First peal in the method (Cassiobury) by all the bend and for the Guid.'. With all due apologres.
L. STILWELLL.

Windsor

## SHEFFIELD BROADCAST.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I fael I must congratulate the Sheffield Cathedral zingers on thair woaderiul broadeast on Sunday evening lasi. It was not only good to hear कwelve, but it was a pleasure to hear them struch properly. I used to think that twelve bells never came thraugh well, bet I'm inclined to change my views on this matier. So Bravo, Sheffield.'

Wimbledon, S. W.

## FEDDLNG BELLS.

At Chidingstone, Kent, on July 2gth, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ernest H. Everest, the captain of the local ringers and Tonbridge djetrict representative on the committee of the Kent County Assomation, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by fellow-members of the disiniet, but was lost after 2 hours 45 minutes owing to a ahift caurse

## ILKLEY BELLS TO BE RECAST. <br> MEMORIES OF JASPER SNOWDON. <br> 1kley in Yorkshire has more than one clatm to fame. What gome

 one has called the Torkslireman's authem is sung about Ilkiey's moor, but to ringers its greatest interest hes in the fact that it was here, at the Vicarage, that Jasper Whitfeld Snowdon was borm, and it was at the Parish Churcis that he first ncquired the interest in change ringing which eventualiy had such far reaching results, through his influence as a writer of techmical books on the art. It is here, too, under the shadow of the tower, that he lies buried.And now Ilkley bells, whicla are as intimately assaciated with the name of Snowden ne the name of Snowdon is with change ringing, are to be recast by Massrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.
Jesper Snowdon was born shortly after his father had been appointed Fiesr of Ilkley, and one of the first things to which the Rev. Foln Snowdon tarned lis attention was the restoration of the bells. There were three at that time, dated respectively 1609,1636 aud 1676 . The two heaviest were cracked. The outcome of the Vicar's efforts


## ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH

was a new perl of six, cast by Trylor, in 1845 , and the fifth, spon which this is recorded, bears the name of the Rey. John Snowdon, as well ms those of the four cliurchwardens of the time. The bells were opened by being chimed for sorvice on Suaday, January 21 th, 1846.
After leaving Romsall and settling down to mechanical engineerme, Jasper Snowdon found his way to the belfry and became interested in rigging, but, heing unable to got on with the old ringers, he dropped it for a period until 1870, when, the old hands falliug out, he formed the Ilktey Amateur Society, which prospered so much under his leadershin that they soon wauted more bells. Vinder the advice of Sir Edmund Beckett Deuison (afterwards Lord Grimthorpe). whe was a friend of the fanily, a treble and tenor were added and the old fourth recast a semi-tone lower, the whole peal being rehung in an oak frame at ecost of about ezso, of which the Ilkley Amateur society themselves contributed 850 . The hells were firgt rung as an octave for divine gervice on November $23 \mathrm{rd}, 1873$, and they have gone on ever since.
Jasper Snowdon died unexpectedly after at short illness on November $16 \mathrm{th}, 1985$, at the age of 41 , and was buried in the family grave in Inkley Churohyard. In 1887 the change ringers of England placed a memorial Etained glass window in the north aisle iljustrative of the art of ringing and based upon the 250 h Panlm. So Ilkley Chareh is full of the memories of Jasper Whitfield Snowdou, whose jnfuence is still at worle more than 50 years after his death.

## BELLRINGERS WITH GRIEVANCES.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir,-I cannot understand why, among bellingers, there are great number who are continually grumbling, ialling out and backbiting. And I cannot understand why much of the brief epace in "The Ringing World" is used for the airing of trifling grievances. Isu't bellinging part of the infuential voice of the Christian Church? It is a great pity that mingling with its masic there always seem to be people who prefer to be out of tune. I refer to those Who cause much unpleasantness.
Surely bellringers, as Christians, should strive to bridg differences and brigg abont reconciliation. They seent to forget the Christian wer at service. In my opinion they ghould weconcile, overlook wroag deeds or forgive. Our Lord's earthly life was spent in a gething of much wurldy anrest-lurt He ssid, "Be of rood cheer."

Parkstone.
LESLTE COX

## DEATH OF MR. C. D. POTTER. <br> PRESIDENT OF BARNSLEY \& DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The death occurred at his home ou Tuesday, July 25tla, of Mr. Charles Dalton Potter, president of the Bernsley and District Society, and Barnsley" 'Grand OId Man' of ringing. Had he lived until September 2ad he would bave been $\$ 0$ years of age. Mr. Potzer had been ill for some time and was in a Slyeffeld nursing home for two montha, returning to Barasley on July 13th. He lezves a widow, three sons and three daughters in bereavebient. Three sons were ost in the Great War
Mr. Potter had been connected with ringing for over 60 yearg, having rang his first peal when he was 18 years of age. He took part in ringing for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and tlse Diamond Fubilee, the relief of Wafeking, the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V., and he also had a tonch at Monk Bretton previous to a peal being rung in honour of the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizaboth.
He was not a great peal ringer, but was always pleased to be in a ringing chamber and was liappiest when he was lielping young ringers to ring either Grandsire Doubles or Plain Bob Minor.
Mr. Potter was one of the founders of the Barnsley and District Society, which was formed in 1909 chiefly to encourage Minor ringing, and this society had been close to his heart up to his denth. He had held various offees. He was secretary from 1912 until 1930, when he handed aver the duties through failing liealch. He was then made Life vice-president for his services and in 1932 elected as president, which office he held at the time of his death. He was the instigator of the annual shield contest, in which fe took keen interest. This was started in 1926, and he had pever missed bcing present at these contests until this year, wheu, through his illness, he anfortunately could not he present.
Mr. Potter Bad been a member of the Yorkshire Associntion since 1893. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and had represented the Barnsleg and District Soctoty on the Centrat Council since 1927.
He wns the founder and principsl of Mesers. C. D. Potter and Sons, builders and public works contrackors, of Barneley, and was a member of parious orgamisations connected with the building trade. He was loved by all who knew him.
The funeral took place on Fridar, Tuly 28th, tlite service, conducted by the Rector (Canon W. E. Wilkinson) and the Rev. A. E. Snow (Rectar of Cumberworth), being held in St. Mary's Church at noon, and the interment taking place in Barnsley Cemetery. The bells of Sit. Mary's Churcta were rung fally muiled previous to the service to touches of Kent Trehle Boh Major, and, ofter the burial, 720 of Oxford Treble Roh Minor was rung. Fingers were present from the following Lowers: Cawthorne, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylnndswaine, Monk Bretton, Darfield. Sandal, Wath and three of the local band.

Mr. Potter was of a retiring disposition, lout liad a leart of gold. He was never happier than when extending hospitality to his Eellowmombers, and his death has caused a gap tliat cannot be filled. Those wha knew Charles Dalton Potter best will miss him most.

## DEATH OF SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. FREDERICK W. CRTPPG.
Sussex has lost one of its oldest ringers by the deatis of Mr. Frederich W. Cripps, of Shorelauth, who passed away on Sunday, July $23 r d$, at the age of 69 years after a long illness. Eo har heen a ringer for over 50 years.
Born at Roffey, near Horghan, be lived for a consiuerable period on his father's farm at Lower Beeding, and then, on his marritge, went into farming on his own account. Later he liecame licensee of an inn at Kingsfold, near Warnham, whence lie took over the Marlipina Inn at Shoreham, which he held for 19 years until he retired about six years rgo. At Lower Beeding, and later at Shorelam, he became leader of the ringers and berved on the commitiee of the Susser County Association. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of Callege Youths. Mr. Cripps leaves a widow, two sons (one of whom, Mr. Jack M. Cripps, is a well-known ringer) and two diughters (one of whom lives in Sydirey, Australia) in bereavement.
Mr. Cripps was once an active penl ringer, but kept no record of his peals. He had, however, rung mary in the better known methods on six and eight bells and a few peals of Royal. He lad called Holt's Original and a few other peals in plain methods.

The funeral took place on Thursdey of last week and was conducted by the Viesr (the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop), the choirs of both St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' Churches attending to lead the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymns, "Abide with me " and 'Jesus lives.' In additiot to the family mourners many were present to pay their last tribute of respect, among them Mr. F. E. Pjerce (churchwarden of St, Mary's), Mr. E. C. Steward (churchwarden of St. Nicholas'), Mr. Nixey (postmaster) and the following ringers: Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Page, T. Burtenshaw and F. Knowles. After the service, St, Mary's bells were rung half-muffled by Messrs, $\mathbb{F}$. E. Armatrong (bon. secretary, Sussex Assaciation), K. Hart (St. Peter's. Brighton), J. T. Toms (Good Shegherd. Brighton), J. Farmer mnd a. W. Groves (Heene), and T. Howe, T. Burtenshaw, H. Gariner, J. Gardner, O. Giles, F. Halsted and F. Page (of the locnl band).

## BREAD END DRINK FOR THE RINGERS. <br> THE ORIGIN OF THE CUSTOM. <br> To the Editor

Dear Sir,-The Halemworth ringers do well to remember their past, but the clain tlat they are one of the oldest ringing societies in England, with a 400 th anniversary, has no real foundation, apart from acy question of continuity.
No doubt it is true that on July $19 \mathrm{tb}^{2}, 1539$, William Walpole bequeathed a certain sum of money to provide bread and drink for the ringers, but that is no proof that there was any riuging socisty in the town, or even a regular band of ringers.
Walpole had no intention of benefting the ringers or encouraging the art of ringing. Like bundreds and, indeed, thousamds of other men of his time, what he wras thinking of was to provide for his own obiit, that is to say for a requiem mass to be sugg for the benefit of his soul on the anmiversary of his death. A requiem mass of this sort iuvolved an elaborete ritual, and the payment of many assistants ind to be provided for-priest, deacon and sub-deacon, clerks to sing and the rest.

Two important features of the ritual were the burning of tapers and the ringing of bells, and in wills of this sort there is always provision made for money to provide wax and for the men who rang.
The ringing was real ringing. The bells were swong as ligh as the fittings of the time allowed, not merely chinied or knolled Mufled rimging was, of course, unknown. Nothing like change ring ing, either method ringing or called changes, had ss yet been juvented, but probably the bellis were properly rung in rounds. It is unlikely that tinere were any special risgers and, probably, what happened was that the parish clerk picked out a few lusty young fellows from the parish and sent them up into the tower to pull the ropes. In some cases the ringing at an obilit seems to have lasted of and on all the day. It was the usual thing to gend them beer and bread, which they consuraed in the belfry.

In the sisteenth century there can hardly have been a single church af any importance which did not porsess endowments for these obits, but ali were confiscated by the Crown by the Act of 1547 on the plea that they were superstitious uses, which in the main probably they were.
J. ARMEGER TROLLOPE.

## SEVERN SALMON.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AT RUARDEAN.

The social side of ringing is one of jts glories, and certainly more sociable gathering than that which sat down at the Angel Inn Ruardean, to the annual salmon supper of the South Forest of Dean Branch of the Gloucegter and Bristol Diucesan Association can scarcely be imagined. This was the first occasion on which the branch supper had been beld at Ruardern; previously it had been keld at Lydney.
The president of the brancl, ex-Supt. J. Sheliswell, M.B.E., was supported by the Rev. G. F. Hilder and the Rev. St. J. Bradford, of St. Johm the Baptist's Clurch, Ruardeag. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. T. F. King and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Bath), Messrs. T. Austin and Tr. Baldwin (Gloucester), ex-Sergt. J. Williams (Newent), Messr3. W. Yeend (secretary of the Cheltenham Branch), C. W. Martin and W. Townsend (Cheltenham), and Messrs. J. Clarke and J. Webl (Ross)

After a delightful supper of Severn salmon, now patatoes and greon peas, trille and biscuits, the president proposed the toast of The King.
The Rev. G. F. Filder welcomed the visitore, solying how pleased he was to see ringers from so far afiela. He also remarked on the inconvenience of the present systers at the Parish Church whereby ringers, choir and clergy had to use the same room. He hoped as soon as possible to build a separate vestry and asked for the support of all ringers, as such an addition would leave the tower to the Fingers alone.-Mr. W. Yeend, Cheltenham, suitably replied.
Mr. Scott, of the local band, thanked the hostess, Mrs. T. Morgan, for the excellent supper she had prepared.

A first rate musicel evening followed, including songs from Messrs R. Powna[l, S. Scotit, J. Clarke and W, Scott, which Mr. E. Parsons accompanied, and pianoforte solos by the \#ev. H. St. J. Bradford. Several touches and tunes were rung on handbells, bet undoubtedly the 'high spot' was the course of Grandsire Triples hy Messrs. J. Austin and J. Williams, so aptly described by the president as the two schoulboys," Their ages are 77 and 87 respectively
If this was the first anmual salmon supper to be Jeld at Ruardean, it is hoped it will not be the last, and it is hoped, too, that next year it will be bigger and better still.

## OLD HAVANT RINGERS MEET

Old members of the band at Harant met again on Sunday, Jtay 23rd, at St. Faith's Church, and took part in a quarter-peal of Grandisire Triples (1,260 changes) for evening service: W. Monk (Hawant) 1, F. Brett (Holborn) 2, L. Best (Gardif) 3, R. Robinson (Portsea) 4, F. Penn (Westbury) 5, R. J. Hasted (Hayling Island) 6, R. Hasted (Farpham, conductor) 7, \&, Parsons Havant) 8. The ringers of the 3 rd, 5 th, 6 th and 7 th were members of the Havant hand together 19 years ago.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

GOOD RINGING AT SEVERAL TOWERS,
The annual ringing festival of the Trura Diacesan Guild was held at Helston on Saturday. Among those present were the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Eovtheard), the treasurer (Mr. F. Dunstan), the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella), the Assistant Riag ing Master (Mr. W. J. Garland), Mr. C. E. Lanxon, Lc.,Col. C. F Jerram Miss E. Symons, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert and members from the following towers: Trura Cathedral, Altarnon, Cury Gulval, Helston, Landewednack, Manaccan, St. Stephen's in Brannel, Towednack, Wendron and the nowly-affiliated tower of St. Breock. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles, of the Middlesex Association.

Besides the delightifl light ring of sight it Helston, the sixes at Crowan, Cury, Mawgan and Wendron wers available. The ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, call changes and rounds, and although e certain mixed band seemed to be atteropting to fire Helston bels, the shiking was guite good-much better than is often heard at these festivals.
A gervice was held in Helston Church, condueted by the Vicar (the Rew. A. D. Moon) and the Rev. A. M. Dajntree (Vicar of Cury).
Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which the diocesan secretary, in propasing a vote of thanks to the Viear and all who helped in organising the festival, said he had received a message from Mr . Symons, their veteran president, regrettigg his inebility to be present and wishing the festival all success.
The Ringing Master, seconding, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Coles and spake of the advantages of bands mixtrg up sometimes with other bands, and also of ringers not always ringmg the same bel
Mr. Coles, replying, referred to the iact that in most Guilds memberghip was individual and not by tawers as was the case in the Truro diocese. He emphasibed the Ringivg Master's point of bands mixing together.
The gecretary, taking to liearb what had been said, deserted the Cathedral band for Landewedmack, and had some excellent practre with them in call changes at the six-bell tower of Mawgen

## 'HOME COUNTIES' MEETING

## SURPRISES AN BARNET.

A most enjoyable joint meeting, Arranged by the Middesex County Association and Loudon Dincesan Guild (North and East Distriet) and the Fertiord County Absociation (St. Albans Pistriet), was hela at Barnet and Monken Hadley on Saturday weak. Over 50 members and visitors, had pleasure in participating in the ringimg, which resclued a high standard, and the non-residents of the two counties came from such a wide area that the event could be termed a Home Counties meeting. There were different kinds of Surprises. For instance, Mr. H. J. Eldred received one or two more postcards than usual, but, even so, the caterers were made unexpectedly busy by those who "brought their postcards with them!' Then there was the ringing at Barnet Church until 5.30 p.m., because there wha no service; tha meeting of old friends once again; end methods without practically any limit.
Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president of the Middesex Counly Associatian) welcomed the members of the Fiertiord County Association, although actually on their own soil, huk he referred to the fact that in 1889 a parent body of the association be represented wris formed at Barnet. A word of appreciation was extended to Mr. A. Day, president of the Hertford County Association, for his attendance The death of Mr. J. Roberta (Northaw) was referred to: he had been a lopal and trustwortly minger ancalso a member of both associations, and the gathering stood for a moments in silent tributc.

Altogether the two district secretaries save so many happy faces that they were able to go home with contented minds in the knowledge that the fiving of their serfices for the benefit of fellow-members was so successful.

## CAPTAIN AT TILEHURST FOR 45 YEARS

After being captain of the bellringers at Thlehurst, Berka, for 45 years, Mr. H. Goodger bas retired andi a presentation took place at Stow-on-the-Wold during the auting of the rivgers. It whs subscribed by past and present members of the belfry. Mr. Goodger recelved a silver bell inkstand suibably inscribed asc Lis. Goodger a siver-plated egg stend.
The presentation was macie by the Rector Goodger's long and successful record of service.

In replying, Mr. Goodger, who was taken ly surprise, thanked everyone for their kindiess and hoped his successor, Mr. R. N. Rumbem, would have as happy a time as he had had.
The outing took place on July 22nd, when a party of 25 ringers and friends, including the Rector, the Tew. F. G. Sherwood (who is Reading Branch chairman of the Oxford Guild), Mr. Wiggius and Mr E. G. Foster (branch secretary), had a half-day's conch tour, in the course of which they rang at Dorchester Abber and proceeded via Witney and Burford to Stow-on-the-Wold. Ringing here was confined to the front six owing to a mishap to the clock wire. After tea at the Unicorn Fotel. Great Tew and Eirbington were vibited for ringing, the methods including Gramdsire and Stedman Triples and Bah Major.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## CHERRIES AND CRICKET AT TUNSTALE

Ideal summer weather drew a large number of zizgers and friends to the summer quarterly meeting of the Rochester District, held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 29th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, but the cricket matcil erranged between Northfleet and Fainham teams of ringers, which should have started at 3 oclock, had to be held over until after tea, as a part of the Northfleet team ' unissed a whole turn! en route from Sittinghoume and found themselves very much behind time.

The ringers' service, attended by well over 70 members, was takent by the Rector of Tunstall.
A first class tea in the Memoriai Hall was very kindy provided by the Fhector and churchwardens, and the waiting at tea was undertaken by local ringers' wives, who did their part well. As usual Mr. Spice, son, one of the K.C.A. weterans atill going otrong at Tumstall, made all preparatious to secure the success of the meetirg and when there is a summer mecting at Tunstall Mr. Spice invariably nnsures a good supply of cherries from the local orchards, which are much appreciated.
Foutine matters were dealt witin at the businass meeting, inelnding the fixing of place for the angual distriet meeting. It was decided to hold this at Rocliester in the latter part of October.

Following the tea and meeting, ringing was resumed by those merhbers who were not in conffiot on the cricket pitch, and continued until after 9 o'elock.
Reearding the cricket match: the teams, composed mainly uf the younger ringers and including a good proportion of the fairer sex, were fairly well matched-(Note, it would be difllmilt to state hew many umpires there were in all!)-but on the showing of the score board Northofeet were slightly the better team. Howewer, both sides, as well as onlookers, Tad a jolly good time, and a return match will doubtless follow in due course.

Altogether the mectitg af Tunstall was a complete succeas in every way.

QUARTERLY PEALE IN TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.
The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Penshurst on Saturday July 15 th . About 50 membera and other ringers were present, amd enjoyed some good ringing, masing from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd. District Lowers represented were Brabted. Chindingstone, Leigh, East Peckhan, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Penshnsst, while ringing friends came from so far away as Kingston, Leptonstane. Bedaington, Grayford and Chislehurst.

Through the kindness of Lord De Isle nna Dudiey and the Rer. P. H. Turnbull, Rector of Penglurst, the heautiful gardeas of Penshurst Place and the Rectory wece open to the wisitors.
Service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea in the Fillage Hall the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. $P$. $H$, Turnbuil. Amollg those present were Mr. and Mrs. F . W. Honsdel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Masser, Mr. ana Mrs. C. Parks, Mr. T. Groombridge, fen., and Mr. T, Groombridac, jun. The chairnan was supported by the district representatives, Messrs. E. Everest and T. Sannders, Mr. E. J. Ladd (Master) and the secretary Mr. A. E. Pichardson)

Mesgrs. R. Austen and O. Butler, of Bawkhurat, were elected ns practiging memhers. Sr. F . Lamb (churchwarden of $\mathrm{St}_{\mathrm{L}}$. Peter's. Tunhridge wells) ind Mrs. H. Lamb were elected as honorary members.
Mr. E. T. Iradd, reporting on the last quarterly peal attempt, sain he was very disappointed at the lack of renuests from members wishr ing to stand in, and suggested that if the atempts were to go on, the members would have to show more interest.

The next attempt is to be Bob Major, and although some nemes were put forward, it was made clear that this did not meatu that members not at the mecting would not be considered if their names were sent to the Master. The attempt would probably be made at Speldhurst on August 26th.

Fotes of thanks were accorded to Lord de Isle and Dudley, the Rev, P. H. Turnbull, and Mr. G. Edwards, the local secretary, for all the had done to help make the meeting a success.
Hfo F. W. Honsden, on behalif of the ringers from outside the district, said he would like to thank the members of the Tonbridge District for the way in which they had put themselves out to welcome them-Mr. W. Massey supported Mr. Housden. He said that it was the first meeting of the Kent Association lie bad attended, and remarked that he had been treated with no warmer welcome enswhere.

GOOD RINGING AT MATDSTONE DISTRICT MEETING.
A meeting of Maidgtone District of the Kent County Association was held ett West Malling on July 8th. There was fome exceptionally good ringing, but it would not have been of such a bigh standard had it not been for the visitorg, who came from Little Chart, Rochester Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry (London), Beckenham, West, Wickliam and St. Mary's, Chatham. Local towers represented were only Ighthanr, Linton, Maidstone and West Malling. This was rather a disappointment, as West Malling is a tower which is nat very difficult to reach, and half-fares were pajd to members who attended the meeting.
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## QUARTER-PEALS IN CANADA <br> VICTORIA HINGERS' ACTVITIES

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Iriples was rung on Christ Church Cathedral bells, Victoria, B.C., on Empiro Day (May 2Atha) by Miss M. Izard 1, Arthur Izard 2, A.C. Melhuish 3, A. King 4, W. Sampson 5, T. Guest 6, A. B. Lomas 7, E. Lake 8.
Three days later a half-mufled quarter-poal was rung by the same band in memory of Mr. Hopkins, who died on the 25th, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Hopkins was e member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and one of the first to come forward when the bells at the Cathedral were installed three years ago. Unfortanately, ill-heafth prevented him from taking any active part in the belfry, but in spite of that his keenness and interest was of considerable help to the arganisation. He always 'listered in' to the broadcast of the hells on Sunday evenings.
During the wisit of King Geargo and Queen Elizabeth on Mfay 29th and 30th the bells bardly stopped ringing. They were sung as the steamer "Princess Marguerite" came in sight of Victoria and continued until the royal party prrived at Gorernment Honse. Amplifiers Were pleced around the city, connected to the belfry microphone. On Tuesday morning the ringing stanted before their Majesties leftGovernment House and contimged at intervals all dap. At 2 p.m. they were brondcast bofore and aftar the King's speech over C.B.C. and American Network. The ringing continued antil 9 p.m., but in spite of so much ringing every bellringer saw the King and Queen at least once.
For the past fear threo of the band who formerly rang at the R.C. Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, have been living in Victoria, and the Fancouver hand keenly felt the loss. However, they have ben able to wuster a full company of pight, and even more at thmes, but on Sunday, June 16th, when two of the former membera $1 \mathbf{M r}$. A. B. Lomas find Mr. W. Sampson) revisited Vancouver and brought with them Mr.J. E. Hutchings, of Fictoria, a well-struck quarterpenl of Grandsire Triples (fram the 'Glavis ${ }^{\text {' }}$, was rung by A. G. Watte B. A. B. Jupmas (conductor) 7, J. E. Hutchings 8.

## TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

In commection with the festival and thanksriving for the restaration of Tewkesbury Abbey on Thursday, July 10th, fow courses uf Giandsire Caters were rung before the service, the Rev. E. G. Bensan, a former curate at the Abbey, taking part. After the service six coursas of Grandsire Caters were rung. On Sunday, July $23 r d$, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by Albert Humpliris 1 , Willim Townsend 2, Sydney E. Romans 3, John Austin (conductor) 4, Thomas Baldwyn 5, Charles Murtin 6, Thomas Newman 7, Thomas Borehani 8, Johr F. Ballinger 9, Henry Devercux 10.

The bells have recently been overhazled by Messrs. J. Taplor and Co., and everyihing is in perfect order again.

## NOT OFTEN RUNG.

Riggers from Winglow and North Marston assisted with the ringing or byening service on Sunday week at Padbury, Bucks. Theae bells, peal of six. with tenor 14 cwt., are not often rung owing to the shortage of ringers. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung an this accasion, and Mr. Frank Hopgood, of Wimbledon, who cycled 120 miles on purpose to take part, wishes to thank Mr. Gough, Mr. Gibbard and their fellow-ringers for their very warm welcome

## THREE GENERATIONS

Grandfather, father and daughter took part in a 720 of Bob Minor
 July $2 J^{2} d$. Tley, were Mr. J. Saddington Mr. B. J. Saddington and Miss M.J. Snddington (aged 13). G. E. Watson, aged 16, ealled his first 720. Miss Mf. J. Saddangton 1, B. J. Saddington 2, J. D. Bail 3, J. Saddington 4, C. G. Eendry 5, G. E. Watson 6.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwicln, Double Oxford Bob, Keut and Oxford Treble Bon, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.
Owing to the illiress of the Vicar, no service could be held. Following tea at the Bear Hotel, at which 25 members were present. Mr. C. H. Sone presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on October 1 1 thth. After three places had been proposed for a by-meeting, East Farleigla was selected, and the meeting is to be held on August. 26th.
Mr. J. Main, of Aylesford, was elected a member, and thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a message of srmpathy was sent to him, with good wishes for his speedy rerovery. Thanls were also given to Mr. Slowman for the arcangements made. When the ringers returned to the tower they were met by the unfortunates who had lost a peal at Wrotham in the afternoon.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## TOUR TN THE TEAMES VALTET

The Wenstead ringers and their friends had a very successful outing on Siumrday, July 15th, when they visited some of the interesting cburches in the Themes Valley. A short halt was made at Reaconsdield, where the charms of a country town were much in evidence. By 10 o'clock Marlow was reached, and the tuneful eight of All Saints' Church were rung to Kent Treble Bob and Suedman Triples from the attractive tower overlooking the Thames, near the saspension bridge. Although the church and bridge have only just passed the century i sge, Marlow cam trace its first incumbent to 1204 and claim to hav been as Saxon market town.
Shiplako was the next objective, reached via Henley. This stretelu was a real ferst for the eyes. The veteran ringer, Mr. Porter of the Plowden Arms, welcomed the ringers, and toucbes of Kent. Treble Bob and Bols Major were rullg on the plessing bells of SS. Peter and Paul's. One wondered if these bells rang out when Lord Tennyson was married there in 1850 . Ancient glass brought from St. Bertin'g Abber and St. Omer entich the windows, whilst in tha vestry is a portrait of the Rev. Jemes Graper, Vicar 1746-1776, a worthy historinn The original paintius of this celebrity, by John Cornish, was presentel to the National Gillery last year
Luncla was well eerved at the Plowden Arms, the home-grown pens being a speciality. The joutney was then continued to Reauing aud thence wia. Pangbourne to Wallingford. Mr. J. I. Norris, a longmervica ringer, greeted the party at St. Mary's, where eight rioh-tomed bells, tenor 81 cwit, grace the spacious tower, embatiled and pinnacled. Touches of Stedman Triples, Keat Treble Bob aud Mob Major were much erjoyed.
A short run brought the party to Sutton Courtenay, where tea wos taken without any delay, served by two ladies, who might in turn be classified as 'ancient and modern: At the conclusion Messrs. J. Chalk and $F$. Bryant, on behalf of the ringers and visitors resnectively, thanked Mr. J. Crampion for all that loe had done to make the outing such a great success.
Mr. J. Crampion suitably replied snd expressed his willingness to act again. Thon followed the final ringiag at All Eaists" a rery attractive edifice, in keeping with a fascinating willage. Mr. Allert greeted the party, and touches of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent Treble Boh were rung on a melodious sis.
The interior of the church has Early English work from the 12 t ti to tho 16th century. of particular interest are the 12 th century ornamented cylindical fons eud the 25 rolsmes, the zenains of a chaituel library. Hera are found 17th century copies of Foxe's "Martyrs ' and Raleigli's "Fistory of the World.' Two tombs in the churcheard are worthy of mention; one a l4th century altar-tomb and the other the high tomb of Cotswold stone to the memory of Lord Oxford and Asquith.
A general surrey of the picturesque viliage followed, the bighgioiner the the delightfol river scenery eloge by. Reluctandy all and Higl Wycomue. Mernories of a liappr day porchester, Wathagton comes, good bells and good companyl

## HOLBORN GTILLD'S EXCURSION

St. Andrew's, Holborn, Gnild had a very enjoyable day for their outing. They travelled to Slough by train and then had de deliglitful coach drise through Maidenhead, Marlow and High Wrombig to Haddenhare, where they rang, Bnd then went to Chippine Norton and hat funch at the White Hart Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Brett, the Ringing Master of the Guild. After iunch tho toast of 'St. Andrew's Gvild' was proposed by Mr, W, C. Cook and acknowledged by the Master, and the heaitly of Mrs. E. O. Bedford was also drunk with musical honours. Mrs. Bedford (widow of the late Fector of St. Andrew's) had kindly sent cigars and cigarettes for the party. Ringing on the Parish Church bells was afterwaris enjoyed, the time passing all too quickly witl touches of Stedman, Pigfo Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Then some of the party tried the experience of going "down the clute" on a mat. How the experiment ended or how they landed is not recorded. The journer was continued to Buckiaginam. Where there was ringing on the delightful peal of belle, and then to Tring, where, after tea, there was further ringing. On the homeward journey through beaubiful country lanes rabbits alounded, which made Percy wild, because he had left his darts in the doubleone at Chipping Norton. Paddington was reaclied at the end of a very happy day end thanks were given to the secretary for lis euccessful efforts in arranging such an enjoyable trip. The Guild take this opportunity of thanking the parious incumbents for the ase of their bells and the ringers at the respective towers who made the visitors bo welcome.

## CHESHIRE RINGERS VISIC WALES

On Saturday, July 22nd, the ringers of St. Reter's, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, accompanied by ummer of privileged friends, participated in tive first of what, it is sincerely trusted, will be a series of annual outiugs. Tho venue chosen was Llangolen, the charmingly situated fown in the Dee Valley and a favourite resort of pichic parties of all kinds Though the weather was not tow promising at life start, the party turned up in fulf force, aud a quich run through Queen's Ferry over the LIandegla Moars nind round the Forseshoe Pess enabled them to see some of the loweliest scenery of this part of Wales. The Horseshoe Pass, with its bairpin bonds, provided some of the ladies with a thritt, but all were umanimous in saying that the view from the pass was well wrorth the excitement of the rum
On arrival at the destittation, a move was made towards the Parish Church, where everyone was anxioug to try out the bells. Quickly they wers rajsed, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent Trable Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Triples were lrought round The bells 'go" spleadidly, and it was with a great reluctance that the ringers eventually left them in order to shtisfy the inner man. After a sumptuous tea at the Glym Oafe, several of the parby returned to the tower, where they were pleased to meet some of the local hand, who stood in some of the touches with them. The rain baving cleared away, othcrs wandered round the town and spent the ereming in various ways, a couple of the more energetic even clambing the hill locally known ne ' Crow Custle'! A start for home was made about 9.30 and a delightinl afternoon's outing came to ma end all too quichly. By the why, tha rest of the compauy would dearly like to know if the Eeptheman with the caullower enjoyed lis Sundry dinaer I The band would like to thanl: all those who in any way contributed to the success of the outing, particularly the Wicar of Llargollen for permitting tise use of the belts, and MTr. Downlaw, of the local hand, for his kindness in having she tawer and bells ready. Special thanks must also be extonded to Mr. J. Leslie, of the Rock Ferry band. who not only made all the arcengements far the diayr but was the life and soul of the fourney home, keeping ererybody in a really happy mood, his "saud dance' in particular convalsing the party. On behrlf of the ringers not of St. Peter's band, the writer party like to say how much they onjoyed the whole trip and appreriated the hindly thought which prompted the invitation to join in the outing.

## PUTNEY MEN ON POUR.

The members of the St. Marr's, Putney, hand held their annuat outing on Saturiay, July 8th. They lof Putney Church at 7.30 a.m. and gicked up the two "lads" and olhers en route for Rickmansworth, where breakfast was said to be waiting. It wasa't, but we got it and proceeded to the eliurch and gpent three-uumrters of an hour ringing. part time of the good ten. Mr. W. T. Eison had arranged an itinerery which allowed of no delay, as off we bad to coack to Watford, where touches were rung on this splendid eight. A crowd geemed to sense a veddiag, but were disappointed, as only Mr. and Mre. 'TwickenHamys marched ont togotiver After a dispute with a nasty motorist man, of we went for Tring. A grand ring of bells these, with Mr. Reeve to do the lonours. We were ratlier cat dowlt, as the roads seemed to our driver to lead everywhere but in our desired direction. Nevertheless, we had time for a "bit" of dinaer at tho Old Brewery louse. It was a goad bit too.
Here Alf caught us up in time to lave a snack after a strenuous dasli from Town. A longish drive brouglit us to Bicester, where a ight eight by Johnston ara lung, and where there is the pectaliar come and go of sound due to sallies sometimes being in the holes in the ceiling. Pleasing ringing thouph. It is a long way to Marlow from Bicester, 60 off we went to Oxford, whil someone "rucked.' This mada us a bit late for tea, amal again curtailed ringine on an awifuly made us a bit late for vea, san again curtailed riging on an awfully nice and handy ring; the praise of Which need not siog. we hast lave the bells down by 9.25 , we were only able to ring a course of Grandaf" and Stedman, aud zather reluctantly had to leave. This concluded the day's ringing and a elear course was set for home, stopping en route to cool the engine, what time the "lads' played a game of darts under the able tuition of the late outing secretary, who, incitentally, is not eo good at derts as at swimming. Home res reached at 10.20 after a splendid day. Methods were very plain, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Elson, Miles, Cassell and Herbert. The weather was very mixed, but ardour was not damped, only one clap taking a $刀$ ap. Thanks are due to the Vicars and Rectors for Lind parmission to ring, to the gentlemen who met us at the towers, and to Mr. Elson, who planned such a delightin! excursion. J. H.

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## RINGERS OUTINGS.

NORWICE RINGERS AT SURFLEET,
St. Peter Mancroft Guita visited three towers in South Lincolnshire on the occasion of its amual onting on July $15 t h$. They were accompanied by the Vicar and president of the Norwich Assaciation, and 65 rnembers and friends shared in the excursion. At spalding Mr. A. J. Farr welcamed the visitors, and the bells were set going-st can hardly be said 'rung '-to three short courses of Superlative. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Kelt Treble Bob gave everybody an opporof Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob eave

Havigg waited for the stragglers-and a mumber were completely apathetic to the carefully drawn up time table, much to the annoyance of a certain member who was extremely anxious to get a close-up of Eome of Rupert's tomatoes the bus set off merrily for Surfleet. Frerghody enjoyed himself here, ringer and non-ringer alike, for in their otwn inimitable way Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Enid combined to make the all-tao-brief stay as pleasaut as possibie. Twenty-six enormous teas were consumed, Rupert's egtate exanined, and Bob Meximus, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major rung at the fanous leaning tower. The risitors scrawled their migerable signatares in the Bonk of the Mighty-everyone of note has, of course, completed bis education here-nad remarked upon the splendid 'splice the founders had made in adding two trebles to the already light peal of ten. Having bid Surfeet adicu, \& fine peal of bella was found at Holbeach, with a warm welcome from the local band and a long draught of elastic ropes. But the ringing was apparently not so disgraceful as some yisitors before them had done, and tonches of Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Triples and Bob Major gave alt the satisfaction of adding the rimging of these belis to their experience.

## A ROUND OF NORFOLE TOWERS.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Rushmere, Ipswici, lade a tour of Norfolle towers on Saturday, Jume 17th. In fpswich they picked up friends from St. Clemeat's and St. Matthew' $\mathrm{s}_{\text {, }}$ Ipswich, and two members from Holbrook, who had gycled the six milea to join the party. The first stop, after a run of 40 miles, wes at Attleborough, where a well-known brand of cider is made. Here the six bells were soon in ase afte: petting accustomed to the fact that the treble hangs balind the 2nd. The treble riager is a man to be looked up to here. The next run was to the round tower at Watton, with a very good ring of sir. After some good ringing a move was unade to Saliam Toney where is freserved one of the three old bell frames made about 500 yearz ago and of queer design. The bells were rehung in new teak frames is 1936 and the old one hoisted abowe the new one. The bells are a good ring of six with lenor 13 h cwt. Swaffham was the next stop for ringing on the eight hells, end dinner at the Greyhound Hotel. Kinging at Necton (B) and Holma Hale, another six-bell tower, followed The latiter are a very fair peal, rehung in new frames in 1911. Next on to Ashill, where whs found the only peal rung during the day jrom the ground foor. These are quite a pice peal to ringA run of 16 miles was needed before tea, which was serred at the home of one of the local band at Wilton. Afterwards there was ringing on the six bells, the tenor of whieh has just been recast after loguing been out of use many years. Leaving here, the last stop was over the Suffolk border at Brandon, another six and recently rebung. The return was mane wie Thetford, Ixworth and Stowmarket, home beimg renched at 10.30 , after havirg travelled 130 miles. Methods rung ware Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich Surprise and Double Court.

## EXCURSION INTO SURREY

A party numberieg 20, incfoding a fov friends, left Bournemarth early on Saturday morning, July Int, by motor-coach for Guildford. A stop was made at Alresford, where touches of Grandire and Stedman Triples, Plain Fob and Thouble Norwich were suceeasfully brought round on the much mproved musical peal of eight at St. John's Church.
Guildford was reached sharthy after noon, but some delay was experienced in finding parking ground, whicls eventually proved to be under the goses of the wisitors hard by the Churcly of S. Nicolas. Some Caters and Major were much enjoyed on this fine peal before the party adjourned for luncheon. An easy journey after lunch broaght the ringers to Haslomers for some more ten-bell ringing. Full use was made of the opportanity to ring this tuneful hittle peal, and great. disappointment was felt wher a particularly well-struck touch of Stedman Caters failed to come round. Peluctance to leave these heautiful bells and sarroundings led to an averstay of thme which the driver clererly made up and at the same time contrived to show the company some of the country go that the arrival at Bishop's Waltham was very litule fehind schedule. After tea touches in the stordard methods, including Double Norwich, were saccessfully brought round an the recently augmented peal at st. Peter's Church in the wilage hefore starting for home about $g$ p.ra. The party cannot adequatelv express jtw gratitude for the hind errangements made by the ringers at the various towers and the permissions to ring. Unfortomately, the two Guild meetings coinciding with the date prevented many friends being at the towers. This was just a little disappointing, gis the visttors had looked forward to geeing them as well as ringing their heautiful bells.

## A NEW PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Mr. Edrar Shepherd's 5,039 of Grandsire Caters, rung af Lejcester on May 30th, is a conposition with mome unasual features, alkhough the author daes not claim originality for the pian. The matn quaity aimed at is symmetry, which has certanily been achioved, in combination with an exploitation of the pusical arrangements of $6,8,9$.
Aifer the first tho courses, the peal is in six blecka of nine courses each. Tho first course in each block is a bluming course for the big bells The positions of the four front working bells are \{dentica! in all the blocks. It is interesting to note that the peal was composed from the end backwards.

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Is the succediug parts this course ${ }^{*}$ is called 2 zs .4 .55 , except in the 4th part, where a bob is substituted for the Single at 2 . The courseendis of the first part ond in 7689. 2nd part 7988, 3rd part 7896, 4th part 7859, 5th part 7886, 6th part 7698.

## LOCAL BAND'S GOOD START.

The ring at St. John's, Church, West Wickham, which was recently augmented to six, is being put to good use by the local comprny, and recently the first extent was rumg at the first attempt. Ib Wse a 780 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and wiss accomplished by G. W. Jones I. J. Page Wood 2, ㅍ. Mackinder 3, P. S. Davta 4. D. Brown 5, A. S. Richarás (canductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by the ringers of the treble and fourth.

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HUNTSHAM, TIVERTON, DEVON.-The ring of eight bells restored by Joln Taylor and Co. will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Exeter to-night, Friday, August 4th, at 7 pm.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. - The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. $5^{\text {th. }}$ Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Menbers and non-members cordially invited.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvi] Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Devizes Branch).-The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon ( 6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.in. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Urchfont bells also available for ringing during evening. Advise me early how many will attend the tea.-W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Northwich Branch.-A meeting will be held at Gt. Budworth on Sat., Aug. 5th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m.-H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech Branch.-The branch will meet at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.-W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

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RETFORD.-Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 7th. Joint meeting of the North Notts Association and Sheffield and District Society. Towers open for ringing: East Retford, 10 bells; West Retford, 6 bells; Ordsall, 6 bells; at 2.30 p.m.-R. Towler and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for practice during August: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 10th; St. Magnus the Martyr, 17th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral, 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th. *Business meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1. Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ABBOTT'S ANN, NEAR ANDOVER, HANTS. Ring of 5. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 recast and the peal rehung with modern fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Bells wilt be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 7 p.m., on Aug. 11th.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. -The ring of 6 bells rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wotton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, Aug. I2th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Visitors welcome, but a card for tea would be appreciated.-W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan and Liverpool Branches.-Joint meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August i2th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. $S$. Cadwallender, 103, Church Rd., Rainford, near St. Helens. -S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs,

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Southern Branch.-The summer meeting of this branch will be held as arranged on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at Bidford-on-Avon. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous. -J. E. Newman, Hinton Cross, Evesham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Monthly meeting at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. - W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-Hitchin, Aug. 12tly, at 3 p.m., just rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Make this best meeting of year. All welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by service.-R. T. Newnan, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence ( 6 bells) on Saturday, August i2th. Bells available from a p.m. All welcome.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The mext meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify me not later than the 10th inst.-I. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea I5 p.m. Please notify for tea.-C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill, Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Aug. 121h (usual procedure). Special bus from Worcester Street at 2.45 p.m. (will members please note), and card for tea by the 8th inst. will much oblige. - W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock. Lydney:

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Schools. For teas please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 9th. Doncaster to Huddersfield and vice versa, Bus No. 14, passes through. All are welcome.D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 . Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H . Ridyard, Branch Sec.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Aug. 19:h. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1 s ., 5.15, at the Tower Café. Half rail fares, maximum $1 s$. 6d., allowed to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Nortlı Street, Worthing

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WORCESTERSIHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Preliminary Notice.-The eighth annual dinner will be held at the Star Hotel, Foalgate Street, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at 6 p.m. A large room has been reserved and ample seating accommodation is available. Garage on premises. This is the first dinner of the season; book the date and so help justify the optimism of the committee. Tickets (3s. each) shortly available, and obtainable from branch officers, Dianer Committee, etc.-J. D. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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## IMPORTANCE OF NEW CONDUCTORS

There are often complaints and regrets at the lack of ringers in many places and we hear a good deal of the difficulties of obtaining recruits. There is frequently good ground for the apprehension that, in some centres, there is a risk of the art of ringing suffering a severe set-back when the present generation of ringers is no longer able to carry on. It is one of the problems which have to be faced, although we do not believe it is any matter for despair. Bad times alternate with good in most things, and in ringing it is particularly so. Bands spring into prominence, flourish for a time, and then fade out, and their place in the forefront of the Exercise is taken by others. This has happened throughout the history of ringing, not only among the leaders in the art, but also among the lesser lights, who are not so conspicuous in what counts in peal ringing, but who zealously carry out their duties Sunday by Sunday in ringing for service. For a time they maintain their strength. Then come losses and gradually, as the band dwindles, interest decays and eventually the bells are only occasionally heard. Obviously the remedy is a constant acquisition of new blood. Too often a band is satisfied to go on without recruiting. They have men sufficient and competent for the time being, and do not bother to provide for ' the rainy day.' They are content to go on by themselves, never counting the time when inevitably their ranks will be reduced.

There is also another angle to this subject, and that is the encouragement of new conductors. There must be a leader in every band, but, unfortunately, some leaders have the idea that, while they are in command, the conducting in the tower is their monopoly. They cannot make a greater mistake. They may have all the confidence of their company, they may possess all the talents, but sooner or later the band with only one conductor is likely to strike the rocks and founder, or be saved only with the greatest difficulty. Every ringer with any aptitude should be encouraged to study and practise conducting. It makes the ringer himself more proficient, it increases the interest of the band and the leader need lose none of his prestige-he is still in the tower to command, and it rests with him to choose the conductor for any touch or occasion.

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the report of a peal which we publish this week, we learn that no fewer than five of them have called a peal, and the enthusiasm of this band is immense. That there is need for the encouragement of more conductors the figures of the Peals Analyses Committee are proof. True, peals are only one indication of what is happening in the Exercise generally, but they are symptomatic of other activities. The number of new conductors does not keep pace with the increase in the number of peals. Last year, for example, there was only one new conductor to every 30 peals rung, in 1937 there was one to every 26, and in 1935 one to every 23. The figures for 1936 were slightly worse than last year, but the improvement in 1937 was not maintained. A good deal of the future progress of ringing depends not merely upon the number of new ringers, it depends almost as much upon the new conductors. Leaders of bands should therefore feel it a duty to get as many of their ringers as possible to take up this important part of the art and encourage and help them to master it.

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Mrs. R. Rtchardson ... ...Trebia Alezrt H. Ward ... ... 7 ... 2 Jobn S. Goldsmita ... ... 8

 Cemarles t. Coles ... ... 6 Ropbry Ricbardson ... .... Temor Composed and Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all the band. E. C. S. Turner's 100 th peal as conductor.


## GAMBRIDGE.

 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.On Monday, Augnst 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Thiyty-Nine Minmes, At the Church of St. Marv-the-Grbat.
A PEAL DF STEDHAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANEES:
Tenor 28 cws.


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## GREAT FARMOUTE, NORTOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. Mary-te-Tower Society.)
On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Thye Howy and Fifty Minules, At tae Churce of St. Micgolas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDEE SUAPRISE MAXIMUB, 5280 CHANGE8] Tenor 307 in C sharp.

| George A. Fleming | $\ldots$...Troble | William J. G. Brown |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cearles ]. Sedglay... |  | Lhwis W. Wirpen | - 8 |
| Sylvia K. E. Bowyer | ... 3 | Erbderick J. Ticeett | ... 9 |
| Hobmri E. Smita | 4 | Frrdirick J. Smite ... | 10 |
| -C. Ernest Smite |  | Fgederick W. Rogers | 11 |
| jogn W. Ward ... | . 6 | Cecil W. Pipe |  | jogn W. Ward ... ... ... 6 Cscil W. Pipe ... ... Teno

Composed and Conducted by Cearles J. Sedgley.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells.


## TEN BELL PEALS.

BHDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCLATION.
Om Salwhday, Augusł 5, 7939, in Thres Hours and Ten Minutes, At tee Cherge of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, B018 CHANGES; Tenor I $\$$ cowt. I qr. 20 lb . in E flat
David Wriget .... ... ...Teble $\mid$ Cbanles Pothecary ... .... 6 Cgarlbs H, Kippin ... ... 2 Cgarlgs W, R. Grimwood ? James E. Davis..
... 3 Amos W. Clarz .


Composed and Conducted by Frane E. Darby. BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHRE AㅇSOCEATION.
On Monday, Augusf 7, 1939, in Threc Hours and Thivly Minutes. Ax the Cbireb of St. Pate,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb . in D.
-Norman Inegip ... ... ...Treble Harry Gayion
Ernest C. Lamgeri...
... 2
-Reginald H. Howson Herpeat Herrert L. Harlow ... 8
CHarles W Craree
… 3中Syeney Foskity

| 4 | HYGNEY FOSEHIT | ... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | Lewis H. Bywaters... | ...$T$ moy |  | Grorge W, Debenaha

Composed by Rzv. H. Law James, Conducted by G. W. Debenaam * First peal an tea bells. t First peal of Royal. E. C. Lambert's 2001 li panl

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSEEY, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Thursday, Jtily 27, 1939, in Two Fours ahd Thivly-Five Minutes,

At tar Cemoch of St. James.

## A PEAL OF STEDHAN TRIPLES, BO40 CHANEES;

J. J. Parker'a Five-part, No, 12.

Tenor 13 cwt .
Francis Kire
Tvelle Francis A. Smita


Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.
F First peal in the method eway from the tenor. MOORSIDE, LANCS.
THE TANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCETY
On Monday, July 31, 7939, in Three Hours and Nine Minmes, At tez Cerorch 0. St. Teomas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANEES;
Teorstans' Fotr-part.
Joan Meadowcropi, jN.... Treble

- Harold Armstead ++. .... 2

Harold Armstead .+* ...* 2 Isanc Gartside .... .... .... 6
-Clement B. Taylor -... 3 IVan Kay ....... ... .... 7
Frane Lawton ... ... ...* 4 John W, Troblove .... ....Tonsy
Conducted by I. Kay.

* First peal. A first birthday compliment to Mayy, daughter of the third ringer.

NEWCASTLE STAFFORDSETRE
THE NORTH STATFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Momday. Judy 31. 1939, in Inree Howrs and Nine Minutre, Ax the Caurgh of St. Gilbs,

## A PEAL OF RRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, B040 CHANGEB!

Rebves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tencr 77 cwt .

 Dodglas R, Whalley ... 2 Edward Steele ...* ...* ... 6 | Mrs. Berys V. Miles | $\ldots$. | 3 | Cabrles H. Page | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gborge E. Kettle | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\dot{4}$ | Sidney Tbompson | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ Temoy | Conducted by Dooglas R. Wealehy.

Rong is celebration of the wedding of 3rr. A. Thompson, hor. secretary of the association, and Miss Ada Bourne.

HANDSWORTH, YORESEIRE.
THE YORFSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sempfirld District Socizty.)
On Wednesday, Augwis 2, 1939, in Two Howys and Forty-Nine Minutes, At fer Cedrce of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 6040 OHANAEII

 Tenor in cwt. in E sharp.Fred Watkingon
M1ss Locy Kelly
Jonn Holman ...


Rumg as a fareweli to Dr. Lconard Hedley Burrows, who left Sheflield the same dey to live in retirement after having been Bishop Shetheld the same day
of Sheffala for 25 yearr.

## CHESTER

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, August 5, 1939. ix Three Hours,
Ax ter Cbepch af St. Mary, Handbrideg,
A PEAL OF COHYILLE BOE MAJOR, 500B CHANGE8; Tenor 90 cwt, in E.

Georgif F. Nhwiok ... ... 3 Pbrcival W. Caviz ... ... 7
Prrcy Swindley ... ....... 4 James C. E. Simpzon ... .... Teror
Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.
The firgt peal isi the method.
NORTFOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOOLATION.
(Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.)
On Sarurday, Augest 5, 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Eight Minmet,
At the CEorce of Sy. Mattarw,
A PEAL OF AIREDALE SURPRI8E MAJOR, Si52 CHANGES:
Tenor I5 cwt. 3 gr. 16 lb . in E .
Alfred Smita ... ... ...Trable | Harry Davison ...* ... ... 5
Miss Mary Weite ... .... 2 Hergert Davenport... ... 6
Kennetr Simpson ... ... 3 George Robinson ... ... 7 James F. Harvay .... ... 4 Lesliz W. G. Morris... ... Tenoy
Composed by G. Lewis, Conducted by Lesler W. G. Mornis,
The first peel in the method.
ROTHFPFIERD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GULD. On Saturday, A ugwsi 5. 5939, in Three Hows and Tweive Minwtes, At the Chorce of St, Denys,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANOES; Tenor $23 \frac{\mathrm{c}}{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Charles A, Bassety ...Tyeble Arteqr F. Lewhy
Wilciab A. Kitceraside... 2 Lescie W. Jarvis … ... George Beenty .... ... 3 Albert Rrlpz ... ... ... Huge Maceinder ... ... 4 Franz H. Hicks ... ... ...Tenor Arranged and Conducted by Acbrat Releg.

* Firgt peal on eiglut beils. Rung es a 2ist birthday compliment to F. 五. Kiens.


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NORTE MIMMS, HCRTFORDSEIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fify-Thres Minutes, At tee Cgurch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MAJOR, $\operatorname{go8}$ CHANGE8; Tenor 13 cwt .


* First peat in the method. First peal in the method as couductor. J. G. Rumsey's 300th peal.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANOASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOLATION.
(Furness and Lake Distaict Brance.)
On Sadurday, August 5. 1939, in Three Howrs and Two Minuts,
Ax tar Cegrce of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGE: Tenor 10 cwt .
Frbd Walker ... ... ...Tyetle Jobn Bagmall ... ... ... 5
 Frane Rayment .... .... .... 4 Nicbolas M. Nbwby.... .....Tenor

Composed by J. R. Priscaard. Conducted by N. M. Newzy.

* First peal af Major. First penl of Major as conductor. Kinge as a birthday compliment to the mother of W. T. Clarke, who was 90 on JulJ 28 th.

CLAINES, WORCESTTRSETRE.
THE WORCESTEESHIRE AND DIETRICTS ASSOCLATION. On Saturday, Awgust 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fif/k-Seven Minules. At tan Chorch of St. John-ter-Baptist.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor ifowt.
-Fredrrice Flock ... ... Ireble |Alpryd W. Glazzard .. 5 Ernest Wilson... .... ... 2 Jobm J. Jbpfbribs ..... .6 Jabrs Woodyatt ... ... 3 Allen Morgan... ... .... 7 Grorge E. Large ... ... 4 Frederick G. Yatrs ... ...Temor Conducted by Grorga E. Large.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. A wedding compliment to Mr. Ralph W. Sayers and Miss Winilired Swith.

STOWMAREET, SUFFOLK.
THE SDFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Three Bours and Eightem Minstes, At ter Chorch of SS. Pater and Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, BOES CHANEEE Tebor $2_{4} \mathrm{cwl}$.
Artetr Grimwood
...Trabla Harry D. Listar
Suelford Sparrow $\quad 2$ Garnham A. Blaxceri … 3
Eigite W. Whitigll ...
Edwin A. Cracenble ... 4 Urban W. Wildney ...Tmat
Composed by C. Midoleton. Conducteć by Harry D. Listrr.

* First peal of Canbridge Surprise Mujor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), OHESHIRE,
THE Chester diooesan guild.
On Saturday, $A$ ugust 5,7939 , וn Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
Ay the Cedrch of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5OEG GHANGES; Tenor $14 \mathrm{cwt}, 3 \mathrm{gr}, 2 \mathrm{Ib}$.
William Fernley
...Tveble
Josepa Whittaker ...
...Treble
Jambs Fernley ...
... 3
Walter Shaw … ... 4 James A. Milner ... ... 7

Tjack L. Mill hoose ... ...Temor
Composed by C. Midoleron. Conducted by J. L. Millbodse.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

UFFORD, SUEFOLK.
THE SDFFOLK GUILD. (St. Mary-le-Tower Sociriy.)
On Sunday, Axgust 6, 1939, ix Two Howrs and Fifty-Fivc Minutes, At tey Chuych of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES; Tenor is cwt. i gr. 8 tu. in F゙ sharp.
William J. G. Brows ...Treble Joben W. Ward ... ... ... 5 Grorge A. Fibming ... .... 2 C. Ernest Smith $\quad . .$. Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... 3 Frederick W. Rogers ... 7 Lewis W. Wiffen .... ... 4 Cecil W. Pipe ... ... ....Tenar Composed by F Bennetr. Conducted by Frbdi. W. Roebris.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE

## THE WORCESTERSHULE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(Westbrn Branct.)
On Monday, Augnst 7, 1939, in Thres Howrs and Thithen Minutes, At the Chorce of St. Matthias,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGEI।
Pritcbard's Fodr-part. Tenor $16 \frac{3}{2}$ cwi,
Robert G. Knowles ...Tybble Allen Morgan ... ... ... 5
James WCodyatt ... .... 2 Jobn J. Jbrfaries
Grorge E. Large ... .... 3 William Lewis ... ... .... 7

- William H. A. Compton 4 Cbarles Camm ... .... ....Tber Conducted by Grorge E. Large.
* First peal of Major.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

COUND, SHEOPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE $\triangle$ SSOOIATION. On Sunday, July 2, 1939, in Thyee Howrs,

At yhe Cherch of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 siz-scores, 10 calkiugs.
Tenor 12 owt.
Tbomas Roberis ... ...Trebla Harold Warkins ... ... 4 Alfrit Benbow ... ... ... 3 Charlis E. Edwards ... 5 William Morris... .... ... 3 Herbert Woedbodse ...Tenor Conducted by C. E. Edwards.

- First peal.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSEIRE. THR SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOGESAN GULLD. On Salwrday, July 29, 1539, in Two Howrs anc Fiffy Minutes.

Ait ter Cautach of Sy. Eili.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, EOAO CHANGES;
Being seven different exteuts.
 D. Llaweleyn ... ... ... 3 C. H. Hawxins ... ... .... Temor Condacted by C. H. Hawkins.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. E. Parmenter.

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## HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GULD.
On Sunday, July 30, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thivly Minutes,
At thr Ceirge of All Saints.
A PEAL OF GOUBLE GOURT BOB MINOR, 5040 GHANGES; Consisting of seven extents.

## Tenor 8 cwt.

Francis Sage ... ... ...Tpeble
Grorgr A. FLEming ... Sycvia R. E, Bowyer ... 3 Aian R. Andrews ... ... Temor

## ...

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Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal and first attempt. First pent in the method on the bells

AYLFSBEARE, DEYON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GULLD.
Ow Monday, Jujy 37, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forly-Fivo Minutes. At tge Ceurch of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, G040 CHANGESI
Heing seven 720 called diferentily. Tenor 15 cwt in F (approx.). Jobn Degen ... ... ... ...Tyeble Brian Pidgbon ... ... ... 4 Cearlas R. Licley ... ... 3 Edward Marks ... .... ... 5 A. E. Cgersman .... .... .... 3 John L., Glanvill .... ... Tenor Coadacted by Cbarles R. Lirley.
Fisst peal on the bells.
APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCLAMON
On Monday, July 31, 7939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minstes At ree Chorch of St. Mary,

## A PEAL DF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Sover 700 's in 14 methods: (1) Bourne aud Netherseals; (2) Notfolt: and Primose; (3) Cambrige and Ipawich; (4) York and Durlam; (5) London and Wells; (6) Rossendale and Stamford; (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth.

Tedror 143 cwt .
William Feasey.
William J. Poddifoot ... 2 William J, Randall ... 5 AUGDSTINV. GOOD ...4 … 3 Walier AYre ... ... ...Teng Conducted by Walter Ayrz.

* Firat peal in 14 Surprise methods. The conductor's 500th peal. RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT GOUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesdav, Augus! 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Mintics, At ter Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Beiug one extent af Canbridge Surpuige, und two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9it cwt. in G. Grobgr A. Naylor... ... Treble |"James Webb $\quad . .$. Doris G. Doreie... ... ... 2 Georgr H. Spice .... ... Jogn E, Spice ... ... ... 3 Whiter H, Dobeie ... ...Tenor Condacted by Georgra. Naycor.
* First peal. Rung as a farewcll peal to the Ficar, the Rev. Pierce. ROCE FIBRRY, CHESETRE.
THE CHESTER DTOCESAN GUILD.
Du Thursday, August 3, 1939, in Two LIows and Thirly-One Minutes.
At tar Cgorch of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANEES;
Beiug 720 emch of Bererley, Chester, Cambridge, Carlisle, Canterbury, Loudan and York.

Tenor 10 cmt in G .
-Harold Andrew
James H. Coore $\qquad$ Tredb Josera Lestie
2 Acexander J. Marian … 4
Cgarlas C. Helse ... .... 3 ... 3 Frany T, Parry ... ... .... Temoy Conducted by Joeepe Leseif.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rew. H. P. Williams (curate st St. Peter's) on the occnsion of his marriage to yiss F. M, Lythagoe. SHENFIELD, ESSEK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Friday, $A$ ugws 4, 1939, in Twa Hours and Thirty Minmtes,
At tbe Cherce of St. Mary-tge-Virgin.
A PEAL DF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 GHANEE8;
Being T20 eack of Fork, Durham, Londou, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley and Cambridge.
- William T. Forrrsibr ...Tyoble John Sitca wan .... *** EDward T. Sicy ... ... 2 ERobrric. Hbazel ... ... 5 Cbarlas Harringion ... 3 |Harry Terngr ... ... .... Temor Conducted by F. Turner.
\# First peat in seren Surprise mathods. Kung to mark the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmstord, the diamond jubilee of the Essen Association and the 690th anniversary of the dedication of the churut.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Tuo Hows and Forty-Siz Mimutas, At tre Pariga Cgorce of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8 I
Consisting of an extent, each of St. Clement's, Oxiord Bob, Double Court, Gembridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Georgr E. Jennings.
$5 .$.
..Treble
William J. Nevard
..Treble
Miss Vialzi A. Frost
Allliam J. Nevard
-
3 Garry J. Millati
$\begin{array}{ll}\text {... } & 4 \\ \text {... } & 5\end{array}$
Conducted by Alan R. Aspriws.
Arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. J. Nevard's grandson to Miss M. Ainger, of Brigbtingsea, which took place earlier in the day.

RETTENDON, FSSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Augut 5, 1939, in Twu Hours and Thirty-Erght Minwles,
At the Parise Chopce,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5840 CHANGES!

Being 720 of Cambridge Surpripe and wro 720 g each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob aud Plain Bob.

- Wilpred P. Ockendon ...Treble Gerald Frost ... ... ... 4 Wilidam Pbrry... .... ... 2 Frank C. May ... ... ... William S. May ... ... 3 Frank B. Lopkinan ... ... Temor Conducted by Franr B. Lofeje.
* First peal of Minor.


## handbell peals.

## BRASTED, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOMATION.
Om Thursday, August 3, 1939. in Tro Howys and Fifteen Miwnes, At Moorcocks,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, EO24 CHANGE8;
Tenor, size 14 is D .
Miss M. J. F. Ricgardson I-2 Miss B, M, Ricgardson ... 5-6 Cbristorgbr W. Woolley $\quad 3^{-4} \mid$ Miss D. T. Richardson .... $7-8$ Composed by G. Lindorf. Conducted by C. W. Wooreay.

* First peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCRSAN GUILD.
On Sunday, Augwst 6, 7939, in Two Hours and Fi/fy-Five Minults,

A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGE8। Tenor, size 18 in $A$.

> Ggorgr F. Swank ... .... I-2 $\begin{aligned} & \text { Erngst C. S. Turnar } \\ & \text {.... } \\ & \text { 5-6 }\end{aligned}$ Albert Walker ... .... .... $3-4$ Rupert Riceardson ... ... $7-8$

> Cgarles T. Coles .... .... g-io

Composed by J. E. Grovzs. Conducted by A. Warxer.
Umpires-J. S. Goldsmith and G. R. Pye.
SURFLEET, LINCOLNSETRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sixiday, August 5, 1939, is Two Howrs and Terenty-Sevan Minutes, At Geyn Garthe,
A PEAL OF OOB MAJOR, 505G CHANEES! Tenor, size 15 in C .
 Rdpert Riceardson ... ... $3-4$ Grorge F. Swann .... ... $7-8$ Composed by F. Bennety. Conducted by Ropert Riceareson.

Umpire-G. R. Pye.
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## A WEEK-END AT SURFLEET.

NO REST AT THT REST-HOME.
some half-dozen rimpers of various vintages, weat last wbek-enu to the Lincolghime Hone of Ftest, for the purpose of recuperation, but, as events proved, they were given very little rest and no grenter amount of peace. Tlie prearragged progranme had included just a couple of peals spaced out for Saturday and Monday, but they reckoned without the weather and their host, Usually bhese rest cures carry with thers a certain molount of exercise by way of tenuis and bowls, but the wet weather prepented this form of recreation and there geemed more opporiunity of relaxation, But this they were not. allowed

Various oddnents were colleched by the lost at Peterborough on Fridsy everiner and in the fircamland of Glyn Gartl, Surfeet they arpected to laze for the betier part of the next three days.

But on Saturdav morning these wews were brought up with a jerk. There was a newly wequired set of handbells to be tried out. These had bean picked up at a metal merchamt's, but, not haviug been traimed in Steuman Triples, they refused to ga the whole dietanceWhich was perhaps fortunate for the mext addition to the party, who motid otherwise have had to cary lis portmanteau the long mile from the railway station. As things turned out the charabone arrived just in time to mert him.
By dinuer time the dining room table had stretched in tell-tale fashion, and when the tea interval arrived there were more than a dozez round it in a happy reunion. Afterwards a peal of Little Bob Maximus, on the word's lightest ring of twelve, proved more than the joke that some of the oven lighter hearted expected it would beThey found than Maximus is not the easiest thing to ring at Surtleet, However, the peal doac, nothing remained but to eat, drink and be merry-and ihis proved a tot casier than ringing Maximus, even though if was only Little Bob.
Then, the Lincoln and Derby tontingents having departed, peace fell upon the Home of Rest, and Sunday was anticipated as a day of repose But not a bit of it. The vorning was dovoted to service riuging and church attendance, but before the clock hands pointed to 7.30 the haudbells that once visited Australia were knocking off Stedman Caters. The umpires liad tae best of the bargain. One heard the stazt and the finish, the other heard enough between times to put dows the course ends. For the rest, they were in the land of nod, or very near it.

Birt that was not tio worst of it. After an hour's ringing at the charch before evening service the host commandeered three of the rest to christen the new bells, and a peal of Bob Major was the Fesult. The only coasolation they had was that their friends realised that, if gnccessful, they would not finish while it was 'light, and made proviniom accordingly.

## WEAT HAPPENED AT CAMBRIDGE

On Monday a journey had to be made to Cambridge, where, through the Eindness of the Ficar and local ringers, the bells of Great St. Mary's Church were arailable for a peal of stedmay Cinques. Great St. Mary's, which is the Universily Church, has many points of interest, and its bells, too, hare a bistary. Fabian Stedmax rang on the bells that were in the tower in his day, and during his time they were mugmented from six to aiglit. They wete increased to ten in 1722 and have been a peal of twelve since 1770 .
The Cambridge Youths whs a society founded over two hundred years afo, for 'pramofing gnd carrying out the art of change ringing in the tower of Great St. Mary's Church, where the books, handbells and club bos shall be kept." The peal boards, still in the rioging room, testify to the prowess of the ringers there in the latter part of the 18 hl century : 6,000 of Bols Maximus in $1788,6,000$ of OxFord Treble Bols Royal wing, and 7.002 of Grandsire Qunters in 1791.

More recent performances are still in the memory of some of those who were in the tower lest Monday, for they formed part of a band that rang two peals of Stedman Cinques on the hells on August Bank Holiday, 1912, in one of which, for the first time, a Viest and his curate (the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and the late Rev. H. S. T. Riclaraden) rang a twelve-bell peal together in their own tower; and a year later when some of the same band rang in a peal of Cambridge Maximus in the morning and of Stedman Cinques in the afternoonfour twelve-bell pals on the same bells in two visits.

The bells at Great St. Mary's run bsciwards, and this makes it not a little differlt to get the bang of things. It caused a bit of trouble at the stari of Monday's peal, which had to be begun a second time, but this was nothing to the trouble caused by an alleged 'brass bat ' just hefore the start. He tested the length of the rope and. as he thought, set the bell. He was contemplating the rope end. where there was a tuck in an inconvenient place, when it disappeared from his hard and ranished through the hole in the coiling. The bell had gome over. Fe las lost his "bress hat' and been degraded to the ranks ns a restit. Sonneone, of courae, had got to suffer for the cracking of the sfay. The conductor nfterwards chose to ring the bell without the contraption. but, then, in Stedmen's days they did not bother about stans or sliders, so why bother now? Had these been Stedman's dafs the exprit might liave bean mulcted in fone of fourpence, which seems to have lieen the usual forfeit; the price might have henn even more if they had nsed stays.
(Continued in nest column.)

## PEAL NOTES.

## HR. WHLTER AYRE'S 500th PEAL.

Although there are now quite n number of ringers who liave ruls 500 peals, it is a noteworthy achevement in a ringer's career to ruach this total. Mr. Walter Ayre, a former president of the Hertford Comaty Association abd one of its district secretaries, has joined the ranks of this distimguished company, His 500th peal (whicla was also his 25th on the bells at Apsley End) was rung on July 31st, when he


MR. WALTER AYRE,
who has just completed 500 peals.

## IWO NEW METHODS

Peals in two new methods were ring on Satardny. One, a surprise method, the product of Mr. George Liwis, of Sheffeld, was rung at Northowram, Halifax. It was zamed Airedale.
The first peal of Gonville Bab Major (No, 36 in the C.C. Cotlection) was rung at Fandbridge, Chester. It is one of the Plain methods, the value of which seems only just beginning to be generally recognised.
Leiston is not as prominent in the peal oews to-day as it was some years ago, when the Bailey family had more than enoligh rithgers to make up an eighthell band. But there are still some of the trothers left in the Suffolk town, and lest Saturday rour of them took part in a peal of Bristol Surprise yung on St. Margaret's bells.

It was Mr. J. G. Rumsey's 300th peal and it was grod to gee him on the tenor box again. Hig activities at the 'back end' have been seriously curtailed since he broke a wrist three yeare ago. Out of these 300 peals, MT. J. M. Bailey, the conductor on Satarday, has shared in 193
Saturday's peal was rung in honour of the birth of a dauglter to the Rev. A. H. and 3rs. Waller, of Leiston Rectary . The baby is the first child born to a Leiston Rector for 22 years.

Mr. Ernest Larmbert, of Cosprove, Northants, raug hils 200th peal on Monday, when he rang in a peal of Bob Royal at Sc, Paul's. Braford
Mr. Ralph W. Sayers, mach respected member of Claines tower, and Miss Winifred Smith were married on Saturday, and ns e compliment to them a peal of Grandsire Triples was rumg.
In honour of the 90th birthday on Jaty 28 th of the mather of Mr . W. T. Charke, a peal of Bob Major was rung on Snturdey at Broughton-in-Furness, Lanca.
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But eventually the peat was rung and the conductor returned to complete his holiday at Surfleet, having, as he said, rung one more towards bis two thousand.

In the peal at Cambridge nobody got a mark of distinetion, but in the Maximus at Surfeet everyone earned a "star." It wras their first peal of Littla Bob Maximus and ouly two or three had ring a peal in the method before, and that was on eight bells. The peal was also notable for the fact that $\bar{j}$ was Mr. Ermest Turner's one hundredth as coaductor. It seems expensive to call one's one hundredth peas.

Although the Birmingham contingent returned to Surfeet, the break op of the party came after the peal at Great St. Mery's. with warm expressions of thanks to the lioti and hostess Mr. nod Mrs. Rupert Richardson) for another enjoyable time and lavish hospitality showered upon their guests.

## PEAL NOTES

(Continued from previous page.)
Mr. W. J. Nepari rang im os peal of Minor at Thorington, Essex, on Saturday, speciatly arranged to celebrate the wedding, which took place earlier in the day, of his grandson-also W.J. Nevard-and Miss M. Ainger, af Brightlingsea. After the peal he very kindly extanded hospitality to the bayd.

Messrs. F. W. Rogers (hou. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmoulh Diocesan Guild) bud C. E. Smith (Ringing Master of the Guilford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) spent an interesting and successful week-end witls the Ipswich ringers, who gave them an excedingly cordial welcome.

There was a peal of York Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on Saturday (incidentally Mr. Snatia's first peat of Maximus), a peal of London Surprise Mejor on Sunday at Uford and a peal of Cambridge Sur pribe Maximus at Great Yarmouth on Monday. An excellent brg for three days. The peal at Great Yarmouth was the first of Surprise Meximus on the bells of St. Nicholas' Clurch, reputed to be the largest church im the country.
The peals were arranged for the visitors from the Sonth and they desire to express their thanks for the kindmess extended to them.
The peal of York Surprise Maximus at Ipswich was a remarkable performance in more waye than one. Messrs. Rogers, C. T. Smith and Wiffen had not previonsly struck a blow in the method, and it was also the first touch of York Maximus by Mr. Ward.

It makes the fifth method of Surpriss Maximus that Mr. L. W. Wiffen has rung without any previous practice before startiag for a peal, viz.. Superlative, Yorkslire, Putzey, Fochester and York.
York Surprise is one of the methods which should be taken up by all towers, speciaily those with 10 and 12 bells. It extends perfectify from Minor upwards and is very ensy; in fact, one member stated that it was only one degree in advance of Treble Bob. It far exceeds Cambridge in musical qualities.

The peal was cung in honour of the wedding of Miss Alma D Bymonds, daughter of the conductor, Mr. G. E, Symonds.

## A FOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

At Roct Terry, Chechire, there is a company of eleven who ring the six bella regularly for Sunday services. On August 3rd six of them rang a peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods on the occasion of the marriege of the Rev. H. P. Williams (eurate at St. Peter's) and Miss F. M. Lythgoe, which had taken place earlier in the day.

The conductor was Joseph Leslie, who is the fifth niember of the band to call in peal, and two of the ringers scored their first peal at the first attempt. Most of the band are young people, the average age of the zingers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5 th in the peal heing

16 years 3 months. Rock Ferry is to be congratulated on the enthusiasm of ita youngsters and the successinal way in which the leaders have bailt up this competent band. It is a lesson to macy other towers.
With the merry pealing of bells, the wedding of Mr. Audrew Thompson, hon. secretary of North Staflordshire Association, to Miss Ade Bourne was solemnised at St. Giles' Church, Newcastle, Siafts, on Sunday, July 30th. On the following day a peal of Grandsixe Triples was rung ju honoter of the event.
The dauglaters of the late Rev. F. S. T. Richardson, who was a prominent member of Cambrißge University Guild and did such valued work for the Central Comeil and the Hereford Diocesan Guild, sang in a handbell peal of Bob Major at the liome of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, at Brasted on August 3rd. The peal was conducted by another member of the C.U.G., 近r. C. W. Wooley.
After 25 years as Bishop of Sheffleld, Dr. L. H. Burrows has retired, and on the day he left the Sec e peal of Bob Major was ruag as a farewell at Handsworth.
A peal of Surprise Minor at Shenfield, Essex, on August, 4tlo, was a triple celebration. It was rung to mark the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chalmsford, the diamond jubilee of the Lesex Association and the 690Lh anniversary of the dedication of Slenfield Parish Church.
Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst. Kent, las now rung all the belta at Rotherfield, Sussex, to a peal. He completed the circle with a pea! of Bob Major last Seturday.
Members of the local band at Cound, Shropshire, rang a peal of Granciaire Doubles on July 2nd.
A peal of Double Court Minor on July 30th at Holbrook. Sutfolk, enabled G. A. Fleming, of Ipswieh, to completo peals in Court methode on 6, 8. 10 and 12 bells. We believe be is the firgt to do this.
The firat peal on the bells at Avlesbeare, Devon, was rung on July 31st. One of the banu was Mr. A. E. Cheesman, of Banstead, Surrey. Mr. Francis Kirk, of St. Albans, rang his 150th peal for the Hertford County Association on July 27th, when a peal of Stedman Triples whs rung at Bushey.
LEYTON.-On the occasion of the annural battalion parade of the Boyg' Brigade at \$t. Mary's Parish Ohureh, on Sunday, July 16th, a guarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by G. Dawson 1, F. W. Housden 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. Moule 5, A. Prior 6. E. D. Smith (conductor') 7. A. W. C. Ball (first quarter-peal) 8. HOLCOMBE ROGUS, DEVON,-On Julv 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsira Doublas (1,280 chances, 10 eallings): W. Wright (firat Quarter-peal) 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. W. J. Tarr 3, W. Stevens 4, W, 0. Newberry (first quarter-peal ns conductor) 5, D. M. Bellamy (fifst quarter-pend) 6.

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## BELERY GOSSIP.

The first meeting of the recently re-formed Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association is to be held at Eekington on Saturday week.
There are already reminders of the ' dinner season.' The Worcestershire Association will kick-off on September 30th, the Yorkshire Assiciation hold their gathering at Yark on October 14th, while the Lancashire Association dimuer is fixed for October 2lst at Liverpool.
Auother dinner which is being arranged for this year will have special interest for Sussex ringers. It is to be held at Lewes on October 28th on the one hundredth annirevsary of the opaning of the bells at Soulilover, thea a newly-cast peal of eight.
Many happy returns of the day to Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, whose birthlay is to-morrom. Mr. Willson was born in 1868 .
Next Tusesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at Ipswich on August $\overline{55 t h}, 1908$.
The peal ringing tours begin next week. On Saturdsy, the 19th, a party will invade Lancashire, making Liverpool their headquarters. At the beginning of September smother company of tourists go to Bedfordshire, while Yortshire is to be the hunting ground of anothes party, who will be numerous eaough to put on three peals in a day somotimes.
Many congratuiations have reached the hon. secretary of the Royal Curaberland Youths (Mr. G. W. Steere) upon the birth of a som and heir. There whs an error in Mr. Steere's address given in the notice in our last issue. It should bave been 46, Milton (not Mitson) Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

## CHESHIRE 'CENTURIES.'

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Messrs. J. and P. Swindley were not the first father and son amnog Chesbire ringers to ring a luundred peals together. A hundredth peal together, by father and son, was rung at Frodsham on September 10th, 19e8. This was a peal of London Surprise Major by the local band, in which the father rang the 6th and the son rang the 4 th and conducted the peal.
Even this may got have been the first of its kind. Quite a few frthers and sous lave been active peal ringers in Cheshire, tha Gordons, Holdings, Langfords and Fearnleys, just to mention a tew.
W. BIBEY.

## THE BRISTOL GUILD TOURS.

No effort is being spared to make a suecess of next week's tours arrayged by Bristo United Guilds. Some forty or more towers will be visited, ane all those taking part have been provided with a most interesting 'Preview,' compile a Dy ' M . J. G.,' which not only gives the routes for each of the siz days, but particulars of the places and churches, so that the perticipants will know cactly what to look for. This Preview must have been prepared ai the experse of much labour and care, but it will add immensely to the interest of the various trips which will be made each day from Bristol.
The first day (Monday) will take in the country via Glounester, Tewlesbury, Pershore and Cirencester.
Tuesday's expedition goes to Wiltshire, iucluding Waxminster, Amesbury, Devizes and Bradford-on-Avon.
On Wednesday the rouste lies to Shepton Mallet, Taunton, Minehead and Bridgwater.
Wiltshire will be invaded again on Thursaay, Chippenhare, Swindon and Calne being included in the rum.
On Friday the places included are Wells and Wookey Eole.
Saturday's itinerary takes the party to Glastonbury, Yeovil, Crewkerne. Wermouth, Dorchester and Sharborne.

## RAMPTON BELES.

RTNGERS' OPPORTUNYTY.
All Saints' Day, November ist, has heen fixed for the dedication of the new treble bell, or bells, at the little village of Rampton, Cambridgeshire. Whether it is une or two bells depends upon the result of eforts made before the end of this montll.
At present there are four bells: the fifth is assured, and, if $£ 50$ can be raised by the end of August, the ring of nix will be completed.
"There are," writes the Rector, "still many bell books on the manteishelves of the mistememberers-at least I am optimist enough to refuse to believe they are basheted or luznt; so perbaps another Ramptor reminder will have a remedial ring about it.'
There are already 14 ringers at Rampton, half of them Jadies, ready to come to grips witi siz bells, and jt is now up to ringers beyond the village to help cecure them.
The local ringers hope to utilise the four bells in a 'wedding peal' on the occasion of the marriage of the Recior's hrather on Auguat 12th.
Contributions to the fond should be sent to the Hev. T. L. Havere, Ramptor Rectory, Cambridge.

## ANOTHER RING OF TWELVE

## ST. WOOLOS' CATHEDRAL, NEWPORT

Another addition is to be made to the rings of twelve bells. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to augment the present ten at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Monmouthshire, with two trebles.
Wales has no pat of twelve, but this will be the next best thing, for Newport is ith the area of the Llandafi avd Monmouth Diocesan Association.
The present telts lave a tenor of 21 cwt. 2 qr. 28 1b. in E. Orieinalis they were a riug of six, by Bayley, of britewater. They

There aze two ather tings of ten in the area of the Llandaff and Sonmout ${ }^{1}$ A ssociation, namely at Lluudaff Cathedral, and St. John's, Cardiff, bots in the county of Glamorgan.

## RINGERS' RALLY.

## BANK FOLDAY AT LEATHEREEAD

A highly successful gathering, which oniy goes to show that those who conterd that ringers do not want meetings arranged for a Bank Holiday may not always be right.' Such was the comment mads to the writer at the conclusion of the rally at Leatherhead on Monday

The gatherimg was the outcome of a resolution adopted at a previous meeting of Surrey ringers, when the proposer drew attention to the fact that for years, over a very wide area in Southern England, there had been nowhere a man could go if be wanted to do kny ringing on August Bank Holiday, and suggested that the defect be remedied
The result certainly justified the making of the experiment, spite of the onsettled weather, between 60 and 70 ringers put in an appearance during the sfternoon and evening, and there is little doubt thalt, had the weather been fine during the morning, the attendance woud have been even greater, with catering capacity taxed to the utmost. Fifty-six sat down to tea, representing the following 30 towers: Banstead, Beddington, Bexley (Kent), Beckenham, Bishopsgate, Camberwell, Carshaltow, Olandon, Chelsea, Taling (both towera), Epsom, Ewell, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Holborn, Hounslow, Kingaton-on-Thames, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Putney, St. Neots (Hunta), St. Lawrence Jewry, Steprey, Southgate, Tempsford (Beds), Fwickenhern Woodford, Wimbledon, Westerham (Kent), Yardley (Northants).
The Fiear (the Rev. G. R. B. Coleridge) condugted the service gave a short address, in the conrse of which he welcomed the meeting to Leatherhead Church. Basing his remarks on the subject of the Prayer Book Leston for Angust 7th, "The Name of Jesus,' he said that there was probably never a time when superstition was mare rife than it is to-day, eren in the Dark Ages. People put their faitb in all kinds of siliy and superstitious things, suell as Plans with the Flanets, permuiations with the number 13, etc., rather thay in the aacred mame of Jesus. He boped that some people would hear and understond, even on it Bank Haliday, the message of the bells, axd put their faith, not in sunerstitious heliefs. but in Christ's teaching, Ten, was scrved nt the Duke's Head, at which the Vicar presided. On behali of the ringers of Leatherhean le again extended a hearty welcome to the wisitors, and after reading out the nanes of a few of the places whence they had come, espressed the Inope that they would thoroughls enjoy their visit.
It was is matter of regret to some of the adder ringers that Mr. Arthur Dean, who was tways elosely identefed witit ringing at Lextherhend in former years. was now incapacitated by zlness from further ringing and quite unable to get either to the chuxch or to the Duke's Head to meet lis friends. In the circumstances, therefore only one thimg could be done. If he could not get to them, they must Do to him. So at intervals daring the afternaon and avening Mr. Dean held a veritable leve of old pals who called to pay their respects and talk over old times. All were pleased to find fim so checrful in spite of a painful malady,
The ringige throughout the day comprised all kinds of methods, from Grandsire to London Surprise, to suit everybody. At 9 oplock the bells were lowered and the mecting dispersed. Then to the station by way of the Duke's Head. All seemed happy. Judging by the harmonious and vomiferous sounds emitted from $x$ compartment of a train making its mey towards London abouk $11 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{o}}$., a certain section of the crowd was very happr inded.
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## MARRIAGE OF YORKSHIRE LADY RINGER

The marriage took place very quietly on Tuesday, August lst, at St. Michael'e Ghurch, Beadingley of Miss M. Fisher, oul! daughter of Mrs. and the late Mir. Alfred Fisher, and Mr. Harry Booth, $\operatorname{son}$ of Mr. J. R. and the late Mrs. Booth both of Leets. The ceremony was performed by the Ficar (the Bev, R. J. Wood).

The bride, who is n member of the Ladies' Guild and the Yorksinire Association, has given valued help to the St, Micheel's band, where she learned to ring about four years ago. The remainder of the band, torethe with two or three friends, woiced their good wishes on the hells $n s$ the bride and bridegroom left the church.
The bappy couple left later in the dey for Oxiord, where they are to take up residence, Mr. Roatlz being the Professional Reader for the National Institute for the Blind.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN OVERTON. DOYEN OF SHROPSHIRE RLNGERS.

For 64 years leader of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Mr. John Overton passed peacefully away at bis home, 31, Wesk Castle Streot, cri July 29th, at the adranced ago of 88 years. Well known, honoured and greatly respected by many ringers and other friends, Mr. Overton, by his wonderful skill as a tencher af carrect. change ringing, proved himsalf to be one of the 客reat pillars of the Exercise. His kindiy manner had won for him a position in the county of Shropslive and also in the Fereford Diocese that no other ringer had ever held. He was an hanorary wice-president of the Herelord Diocesan Guild and had been Ringing Master of the Bridgnorlh District gince its formation in 1919. He introduced change ringing to Bridgnorth and rang upwards of 100 peals in various parts of the country.
About 30 years ago Mr, Overton and his Sunday service tean rang pine peals of Stedman Triples in one year, conducted by his son, Wilfred. Five of these peals were rung on five different peals of eight, St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Coalhrookdale, Shifnal, Ludlow rnd Pattinghem. They also rang peals of Kent Troble Bob Kajor at St. Leonard'g. Soon afterwards be trained his colleagues and took part in and ranc within a few changes of a peal of Double Norwich Major, which would have been the first for a local band in the county of Salop or the Hereford Dionese. However a few rears ago it was a great joy to him to listen to the first peal actually rung by St. Leonard's ringers, two of his sons, Horace and Wilfred, the latter conducting, talking park. Wherever they entered the competition for the Hereford Guild Shield the Bridgnorth ringers won it. It is now in St. Leonard's Cburch.
In 1925, to mark his 50 years as foremen of St. Leonard's, Mn. Overton was presented with an illuminated address, and in honour of the occasion a peal of Stedman Triples wes ruag at Bridgnorth. Mr Overton rang the treble, the peal was conducted by bis som Wilfred and his scns, Horace and Harry, also took part. A solid hronze peal tablet was placed in St. Leonard"s Church recording the peal
Mr. Overton was very musical. In his younger days he played in a loent drum and fife bund and also with the Town Brass Band. He trained a very clever haudbeli tune rizging beam, which used to be it great demend at vazious functions.
The last time Mr. Overton rang at St. Leomard's was in 1955, when he was 84 . Ahout that period lis legs began to fail him, the result, no doubt, of co much Etanding during lus employment at the local carpet works. He began work at 11 years of age and retired in 1928 , after working 66 years. He is survived by four gons, who are al ringers, and two daughters. His wrife died some years ago.
That funeral took place at St. Leonara's Church on Wednesẻay of 1ast week. Six of St. Lomard's ringers acted as bearerg, and wisiting rimgers preseut included Messrs. Willinm Saunders, Coalbrookdale (Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild); James P. Hyett Har, Hereford (assistant secretary and peaf zecorder of the Hereford Guild) ; Joseplt Stanier, Madeley, Salop (representing the Sbropshire Aswociation) ; and George Oliver, Lichfield, Wreaths were sent from the Hereford Guid, "In faithful remerabrance of John Overton for his serfice to bellyinging ' from St. Leonard's tower, in gratelul memory '; one from the Bridgnorth district, and one from St. Mary's, Eridenorth.

After the interment at the cemetery a well-strack 720 of Boh 3inor was rong at St. Wary's on the back six bells with half-muffed clappers by W. Saunders I, G. Oliver 2, T. P. Hyett 3, H. O. Baker 4, W Hayward (conductor) 5, J. L. Stanier 6. St. . Leonard's bella mere rang half-mbifted during the ovenigg.

## WEDDING OF NORTH STAFFS SECRETARY.

The wedding took place at St. Giles' Church, Newtastle, Stafis, on Tuly 30th of Mr. Andrew Thompson and Miss $A$ da Bourne.
Mr. Thompson is hon. secretary of the North Staffs Associstion and its representative on the Central Council. He is also Tower Master at St, Gilea' Churck, and the bells rang a merry wedding peal aftes the cermony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Tohn Bourne, wore a gown of white lace, trimmed with silver, and carried a bouatet of zed roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids Mjes Doris Bourne (sister) and Miss Nancy Thompson (sister of the bride(groom), with Master andrew Roy Revan (neplew of the bridegroom) as page. Mr. Bertram Darber was best man
The choral serrice was conducted by the Rector of Newcastle (the Rev. C. J. Watrins), ayd the hymns, led by the choir, were "The Voies that 'breathed o'er Eeen' and 'O periect love.

On the following eveaing a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event was rung at St. Giles ${ }^{3}$ Chutcla by members of the North Staffis Assaciation.

## A FAREWELL

At St. George's, Stockport, Cheshire, for evening service on Sunday, Tune 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsira Caters $(1,259$ ehanges): J. Barker (first quarter-peal) 1, A. F. Bailey 2. T. Simpson (first quarterpeal ${ }^{\text {E }}$ insinde ${ }^{\prime}$ ) 3, A. E. Jackson 4, H. Meakin 5, F. Twig 6, W. Jackson 7. H. Jackson B, II. Ashton (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 9 P. Lafin 10. This mas rung as a farewell to Mr. Hart: Aghton on leaving Stoclport for Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire.

## ANTIENT SOCIETY OF ST．STEPHEN＇S

BRISTOL＇S OLD GUILD AND ITS RULES．

## An Analysis and a Comparison．

In our issue of December 30th last，Mr，J．Armiger Trotlope wrote of Bristol＇s old Guid，and the myth of a Royal Charter． Hers he discusses further the ancient body and its rules．
The men who did the＂pleasure＇ringing in the seven－ teenth century belonged to all classes of society．Some were gentlemen at the universities and Inns of Court，and some were of the lowest of the people．In the towns they were often good－class townsmen－tradesmen and mem－ bers of the lesser professions－and such most tikely were the members of the Society of St．Stephen＇s Ringers．
The earlicst extant copy of the rules（or as they are sometimed anlled，the ordinumces，or the Charter）is dated 1693，but it purporta to have been transcribed at second hand from a manuscript dated 1620，aud substantially it is the sime code as was agreed to when the company was founded．
There is nothing unigue about these rules．They are similar to those of the other ringing societies which existed in early times．In the British Museum among the sloane MSS．is the original manuscript with the rules of the Sctollers of Cheapside，dated 1603 ．A copy of these rules（late 17th century）is in the sibrary of All Souls＇College at Oxford，at copy of the rules of the Society of St．Hugh，1612，id in the muniment room at Lincoln Cathedral．The original set of rules of the Esquire Youths， 1602 ，is at Bloomsbury．Apd there are one or two similar documents in the Bodleian Library．
All these codes were strongly influenced by the tradition of the guikds，but there is nothing in them which does not belong to the early 17 th century and nothing that necessarily carries their detes back to the 14th or 15 th centuries．
The government of each society was entrusted to a supreme offcer elected for one vear and ralled sometimes the General and sometimes tha Master．To assist him were two other officers，called Stewaregs or Wardens，also elected annually．Generally there was a permanent official called the Beadle and sometimes a Treasurer and a Warner．
The memhers were straded according to their status and standing in the company．Whers first elected they were apprentices；in due time thev becnme freemen；nnd when they had passed the ohair they were assigtants of the company．The organisation was that of the
trades guilds，the City Companjes and the social cluls of the periad． trades guilds，the City Companies and the social clulbs of the period． In all there was an elaborate gystem of fines，graduated according to the nature of the offence．They relate to such things as yefinsel to take office，disobeying the Master＇s orders，misconduct in the belfry or club room，bad lenguage，neglect of duty，nou－httendance aud kuch like．Since the socinl life was as prominent as the ritaing，the rules relate as much to the club room as to the belfry．

## THF：ANNUAL FEAST．

Tho chief event in the society＇s life was the annual ferst．It wha held on the anniversary day．and every member not being let by sickness was bound to attend on pain of being fined．The st． Stephen＇s rules make no mention of the annual dinner，but it is quite certain that it was held and on the 17th November．
Another mule，like the last inherited from the guilds，was the obliga－ tion to attend the obsequies of a flereased nember：and nfter the foneral at wis custnmary＇to ring one knell pail either at the cliurch whero the burial took place，or elge nt the next parish church at Which the company could conventently be got together．＇In pree Reformation times it was on ordinary thing to ring at a man＇s obiit， or the anniversary of his death．and money was often left．for that purpose．The St．Stephlen＇s vulics contain refarences to direct sur－ vivals of that custom．
Tha Bristol rules liave been transcribed several times and by men who did not maderatati them，and it in likely that some of them mave become corript．No． 9 subjects the Haster to a jne of one shitling if he neglect or forget to warti the company ouce wifhin every I4 days for to ring a Tissit sett peale．The scribe asidently did yot know what a Bissif．sett peale was ind so did got try to modernine the spelling no with the othor words．Probably he thought it was a technieal expression and Rissit perhaps the name of sume man．
But Bissit（whirh shnuld not have heen spelt with at capital 31 il only a variatt，of＇heret．＇which，in tuth，is an inflection of 舑he very common English word＂set．＂A Bissit sett peale oaly meant the properlv nrranged ringing which the company did once a fortuisht，
Rule No．16．as nsually printan，is nlso obviously corrupt．It remde： －If any of the snid Company slanll take a rope out of a fellow＇s hand whem the hells dn ring woll，asid no make a fault to fy off and come too near，lio हliall par for his offemce one penmy to the company； The reading given in＂The Bristol Mirror of December 7th，1822．in （except for the spelling probably much nenrer the arisimal of 1520 It is：If anje one thnche a rope in hisse felowes hande whenne the Belles do welle $17 \pi g$ soe asse to make theta fy offe or come toe neare he shalle forfeit a peanie．＂

This rale cannot meam what at firat sight it seame to gay．It canmot mean that wlien ringibg was going on no one was to walk 11p to ons
of the ringers and grab the rope out of his hand．Conduct like that would not need a rule，and would have led ant to a fine but to hot words and，like as not，a blow．To understand we must realise how the bells were rung．
The generai principles of bell hanging wera the same as at present， but the fittings were much rougher and cruder，xequiring the outlay of much more muscular strength，and there were no stays and sliderg and but balf wheels．The bells could not be raised and set before ringing as at present．

## RULE TO SET A HIGH STANDARD．

When the ringers began the bells were hanging mouth downwards and the object was＂to raise the bells as guick as may be，＂but heeping perfect time and concord．It is nob，I thinl，known low many bells there were at St．Stephen＇s in 1620，but probably there were five or perhaps sis．One man would bo put to the treble，three or four to the teaor．and two to each of the otleers．At the start all the band had to exert their ntmost strength，but as soon as the bells were raised high enotgh to clapper properly on both sides there tas mo need for more than ane man to cach rope．It，was the duty，bherafore，of the assistant riager to leave the hell to＂his fellow，＂for if＂he touched the rope in his hand＇now that the＂bells do well ring，＇he mignt upset the 日trikimg．

This rala was intended to set a high standard of techmical skill in the rimging and so was the one which reads as follows：＂If any of the Coropany ghall miss to strike his bell at the second sway．in the rifing of a peale he shall for his ofterce pay one pennys to the company．＂ We get a full explanation of this rule in Stedman＇s ${ }^{2}$ Campaualogia＂ －In raising a peal of bells all the notes ought to strike round at one pull，but mistake me mot；I to not mean at the frst pull，for at small bells＂tis usual to swav them all rouna at the first puil］without atriking，at the second pull to strike them at the fore stroke，and st the third pull at the hack stroke．In raising a peal of mure weighty bella＇tis ustal to strike them double at the fourth pull．＇．

To carry out this rale required a gead deal of skill and the outlay of a very great deal of plyssical strength．It would ba an almast impossible feat with modern hump ring of dight whete the hig hell are tucked up into the stocke and the clappers of the little hells swimg freely，urless the hells were very light．
For a hundred years or sos the St．Steplien＇s Society existed as a hody of men interested in hellinging and meeting at reanlar intervals for social intercourse．No actinal account of its doings during tine first 60 yeats anrwives，but the fact that it did exist tells us sufficiant．
Meanwhile ringing 1ade altogetlee altered in character．Tlie inven－ tion of the Sixes about 1610 had introduced the art of change ringing． which，aided by the publication of Richard Duckworth＇s＂Tir－ tinnalogia，in 1668，and Tabian Stedman＇s＂Companalogia＇in 1607. after the Restoration manophlised the attention of the nore advanced ringers．Instead of tho athletic farcination of raibine and ceasing angers．Instend of tho athletic fancination of rainine pand ceasing changes．
But this development took place slowly and onty in parts of the country．The mew art was horn amang the students at the two universities and the Tnms of Court and was developed by the ringern of London ant Oxford and Cambrivge，Nottingham amd Randing mnd the Eastern Countfes．In some disfricts ringers stifl cilune to the nid tule which oven yet lingers among the round ringers of Cornwall． SOCIAL LIFE AN IBPORNANX FFATURE．
For all the number of its bells，Bristal took no part in the early ilevelopment of change ringing，and that was prolybly the ultimate canse of the great alteration which at the ciose of the 17tly contury or the begining of the 18th took place in the character of the Si． Etephen＇s Company．It ceased to be a society of ringers and heoame an ordinary becial club．

We reust remember that in the old societies the social life was ea prominent and almost as important a feature as the ring ing．The ringers were naturally sacinble，convivial and clubable petsone，so milch co that，in the npinion of maty of the straiter sort of people． they were a dissolute，disorderly and drunlsen lot．The reign of Queen Anne wass o great time for clubs．All over the cambtry in every Queen Anoe was is 官reat time for clubs．All over the caumbre in every drawing up rules zand scales of fines．The ringers had their orgatiss－ bion ready made，and when the interest in rimging wamed among the memhers they could still catry on as a club and admit rgernita who cared nothing for bells．

And interest in tinging did in some casea wane．Round ringivg was ceasing to be a rport for gentlemen and the newer change ringing was far more diffenlt ard technfeal and appeated to a smaller and more stlect numbir of devotees．Had the St．Stephen＇s men taken to charge ringing the fascination of it might have hept the somiety in touch with the belfry ；but that did not happen，and after o while the company ceased to be ringers in everything but name．

The alteration，of comse，did not take place all at nnce．When the mociety etarter it consigted of men of mucla the eame secial status，but there are signs that，in time，it was found necersaty to introduce men of a lower class，so as to find enougls ringers to man the rapes In the lista of zamen in the minute books，which date from 1682 ，a few mamters ars ortitied＇esquire，the majority are entitied＇Mr．＂and the rest have no title at all．The division is not fos has heen exg gested into professional and nmateur ringers，for that distinctiou hat never，at any time，been recognised in the Excreise．In alden time
class distinctions were very much more marked and insisted upon than they are now. A man was not called an esquire unless he actually was an esquire, nor entithed Mr, unless he was a man of some position and standing.
Whell the final link with the belfy was broken we cannot say, bun thronghout the greater part of the 18th century the Society of St. Stephen's Ringers was an ordinary club, whose main concern was the periodical dinnerg. But that it still continued to exist and, on the whole, to prosper is a tribute to its good fortune and tho character of its members.

The life of any one of these societies, whether a company of ringers or a sacial club, was usually not a very long one, and hung on a rather slader threai. It did not take much-a quarrel, the death of some of the mentrers, waning interest or failure to secure new mem bers any one could easily wreck the society.

There are signs that the Fociety of College Youths to some extent went through the same experience as the St. Stephen's Somety, only. with them, there never was a complete break with the belfry, and as the critical time the influx of a number of young and enthusiastic nem members saved the society for the Exercise.

## SOCIETY BECOMES A DINING GLUB.

In the early years of the 19th century the St. Stephen's Corapany of Ringers was a dining club, whose amual feast was attended by number of the principal citizens of Bristol.
This was the time when what the newspapers call 'the quanm customs of its early days, were invented; when a few wague rumoura were crystallised into traditions, and the proceedings given a yenuer of sham'antiguity. The pageant, called "The Don ' and the singin\% of the song about the Golden Drys of Good Queen Bess date probathly from about this time. During the dinner oge of the members dressea up like a Spanish Grandee, with a big red nose, headed a procession enrying lighted candlos. Which escorted the newly-ulected Master to his seat and the old code of rules was solemmly read.

This ceremony is still, I believe, carried out muder the impression that it was part of the ancient and original ritual of the company But the whole thing is evidently a fake. It may be objected than these men would not have loen guilty of a deliberate fraud, but than is to look at the matter in an eutirely wrong light. They were not antiquarians and they were not engaged in any serious business They were a number of worthy gentlemen, met together to eat stimner and have a jolly time, and they played a game of tet-us pretend. For the whole thing, even where it was a genuine survival was a pretence. They pretended tiat they were $16 \mathrm{t} \mid \mathrm{c}$ century ringers that they were bound by a set of mules they did not in the least hir understand; that they derived in sone mysterious way from Quecm Flizaheth. It was nntural, almost inevitable, that they should seek to heighten the illusion ly fictitious details and the Don, with his bin rod nose, gave a touch of fun and burlegque which was appropriate to the occasion

## DEEIBERATE FAKING.

That there was deliberate faking is slowa by the account of tho company, published in "The Bristol Mirtor" of December 7th, 1822, evidently by a leading member.

The writer gives the tradition about Queen Eilizabetly and hes pronise, states that a Charter was obtaimed from James I. and proceeds to quote a number of the rules. In doing so he does not copy the sprelling of one of the genuine manuscripts, but adopts an imita tion of $15 t^{\prime}$ century orthography to give the thing an extra antiquflatour. It is rather clever, but altogether overdone. If genuine, it would prove that the 'Charter' was not the crant of King James, but 200 vears older. But actually it does not take much study to see that the thing is not genuine, and the writer gives himself away by adding os cotrplet of his own:-

Maye theyo rinnge peales offe tripple bobbes grandsires
Tille the worlde ends is atle-consuming fiere.
Tripyla bobles grandsires ' is monsetuse, and by ije time that there were such thing as Treble Bob and Grandsire English spelling hau becone much the same thing it is mow. Also the ringers' traditional proaunciation of the word Grandsire has a silent 'a' and a very bloort ' $\hat{y}_{\text {. }}$ ' It rhymes with casacer, not with fire.
There was no meed and no room for such things as the Dou in the old St. Stephen's Company. Like other similar bodies they adoptea this ritnal and their rules because they wanted to fold their meeting* and transsct their business in proper form, not because they wantea to the "quaint." The rule about not striking a bell at the second sway once nueant something, but we may be sure that it was not read ont ht the anmul dinner. It was only when it lad long since mean nothing that it became 'quaint' and so of valte in a pageant.
It is instructive to compare the only two early 17 tit century ringing societies which stitl survive-the Society of College Youths and the Society of St. Stephen's Ringers. The first is what it always hes beeu, a compnny of rincers. It has kept its original objects, its originsi organisation, and its original routiae. It obeys, for the most part. its original rutes, but those rules adapted to the changing yesra. There is mothing "quaint" about the Society of College Youths, bus We may he quite sare that it is far nearer to what the Society of St. Stephen's Ringers was in 1600 than that society is now.

The St. Stephen's pageantry is interesting and worth while, but it has no remote connection witly a ringing society of the early 17th century.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

## FIRST MEETING AT SOMERLEYTON.

East Norfolk Branch held a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 20 th. It was the first meeting that the association had held at Somerlerton, and it was well appreciated by the Rector (the Rev. Gerald Halsey) and the local company, who have recently started ringing aud are keen to progress. After ringing in the afternoon gervice was conducted by the 体ctor and tea was served in the Rector's room.
The Rector wan supported by Mr. W. Lee (branch chairnan), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (oranch secretary) and Mr. H. Tooke North Norfolk secretary), and 26 riugers were present.

A short business meeting was held, at which it was proposed to hold the nexi mecting at Lodion on Satrarday, October 21st, and the belfry election priot to a peal of Mr. E. R. Brown, of Sowerleyton, was ratified.
A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, who presided at the meeting, for the use of the belis and ahl the help he liad rendered to make the meeting a succesg.
In reply, the Rector thanked the assaciation for comiug to Somerleyton and ale cor the loyal support given at the rededication of the bells after the rehanging just after Easter. He hoped there would the more meetings held there.
Ringing was resumed after tea and carcied on till 9 p.乃n., more ringers turning up during the aveying. Members attended from Norwich: Farmouth, Gorleston, Wymondham, Reedham, Acle, Fomeete, Kessingland, Sadbary, Mulbarton, Halvergate, Ranworth, Haddiscoo, Norton, Bungay and the local company. The methods rung were London, Ipswich, Cambridge, Oxford azd Kent, Dowbla Court, Plain, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Minar.

## SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH

The Eummer meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norumich Diocesau Association took place on Saturday, July 29th, at the beantifully situated Church of SS. Feter and Paul, Brockdish. Fifty-one members and ringers were present from 27 different pariblies, vis., Attleborough, Brock dish Bressingham, Bexgh Apton, Caston, Diss, Garholdisham, Gressemball, Pullam Market, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Sheifanger, Starston, Scote, Winfarthing. Watton and Wroxham. Suffolk Fingers were present from Botesdale, Exning, Fressingfieln, Ipswich, Mrndlealam, Ftickinghall, Wilby and Yaxley, while Mr. and Mrs. Hurry, from Sawstor, Cambridge, and Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex, were also present.
The Rer. A. J. Niaseaman (Rector) conducted the association's special service and rate an adriress. The lesson was read by the Pural Dean (the Rev. Tr. A. Nock).
Fortw-five sat down to tea in the Fillage Hall and Mr. William L. Duffiela presided at the husmess meeting which followed. He was supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (hon. merwber), tho Rev. A. J. Nixgeaman, the Rev. E. Y. Cotiton (Rector of Ticking iall), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Diss branch secretary), Megsrs. E. Whiting. E. G. Benmetit and G. E. G. Banlinn (members of the committee).
The Rev. A. T. Nixseaman wris clected an honorary member and Mr. WF. Whiting a ringing zomber.
Mr. Duffield proposed a, hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his fine address and for the use of the bells, also to the orgenist and the large number of Suffolk ringers who were present.
The Rector, in reply, thanked the meubers for electing him an honorary member and said be hoped now to restart the Prockdish compsay of ringers.
It was decided to hold the next meating at Banham on Saturday, Ootober 14th.

## THE CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

## WTNDOW PLACED TN ST. GEORGE'S, BOLTON

A committee mepting of the Lancashire Association was held at Leyland Parish Clurel on July 22nd. The occasion was also the monthly meeting of the Preston Branch. The Tingers were welcomed by the Ficar of Leylanf and eatertained to tea.
The president (the Rev. A. Scott) presided at the committee meeting, when the arrmagements for the araual meeting at Blackpool on Saturdav, Septemher 30th, were discussed. A service at which it is hoped the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will preach, will be held in St. Jolin's Clurch at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m, and the meeting at 6 nim.
The annual dinner is to be leeld at Eiverpool on Saturday, October 7
Heep concern and regret were expressed that no account of the dedication of the Elsee Memorial Window had appeared in "The Ringing World." This window is a memorial to the memory of the late Canon F. J. Fisee, for 46 vearg president of the association and a member of the Central Council from its iuception.

It. mas dedicated on June 10th by the Rev. A. Scott in the presener a representative congregation.
The window is on the north side of St., George's Cliturch, Bolton. where Canon Elsee was Fiear, and depicts the Abbot of Ababrothacl: dedicating the Inchcape Bell. Ringers from every part of the country subscrihed tomards the erention of this memorial.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS

SUCOESS OF BEXLEY'S EIRST OUTING
'TIu ringers of St. Mary's, Bexley, went throagit their ows county of Kent for their first anmual outing. They first made for Mardeu, ras Wrotham, where three quarters of an hour was spent in ringing and looking over the church. The jaurney contimued through ideat Kentish scenery to Tenterden, where on arrival the company were delighted to have tho opportumity of hoaring the tune played on the bells by the clook apparatis after striking the hour of twelve, after which this glorious peal were made good use of in various methads and the ringers were delighted to meet guch old ringing friends, Mesers. C. Tribe and K. Fdwards, of the local band. Mr Frank Mitchell, of St. Mary's band, learned to ring at TenLerden under Mr. Tribe, so it wes a very happy reunion after 20 years. ffer lunch the party went on to Appledore, where they were welcomed by the Vicar. Both learacys and experts had a good time with this handy ring, while the non-ringing fricnds enjosed themselves looking over the very interesting church. The next stage was to New Romuey with its grand old church and splendid peal of bells. Here naturally the ringers were condent to remain in the tower and get $2 s$ much ripging as possible. Here they enjoyed the compury of Mr. H, S. Humphrey, of the local band. There was a littie guessing going on When the 'father of the company realised that he had met this gentleman comewhere before, but where? After a littie menta] struggle it proved to be at Woolwich, where they had seen a good deal of each other, for Mr. Hoskins, of course, lails from Greenwiel The non-rimging section of the party in search of orone proceeded to walk to Litulestore-on-Sea, but, alas, those Kentish niles were too much for some. Others bravely went on and enjoyed a ehart time by the sea. One gentleman came prepared for the possibiliky of a swim, when he bad and enjayed. One lady on her return journey somehow got the ronds mixed up and was late for ters. Howover, all ended mell. Getting such on wime to the fast tower the party arrived at Mersharn, where owing to the long draugis of rope not many were fery happy for time, but nearly all bad a pull Here everyone enjoyed tho company of the verger, whose itatimate mowledge of the chnrch made an inspection af the building extremels interesting, and the best thanks of the company gre extended to him. The homeward joumey was made wia Ashford and Maidstone. Thanks are extonded to the neumbents and ringers of the seperal churches for their help in making St. Mary's first ringers' outing an outstending success. The methods Ting during hhe day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Pob, K
for the beginners.

## MAJOR' OUT'NG IN ESSEX.

As might be imagined, Major methods were predominant during the day's outing on July 29tris of a party of Suffolk ringer from Leiston, Ufford and Woodoridge, although, strangely enough, Stedinan Caters at Saffron Walden was probably the best touch of the day.

The smooth rumning peal of eight at Hatield Brond Osk (tenor 20 cwi , ) went well to an assmrment of methods, including Cuntiradge and Bristol. Stansted was the next stop, and a swurm of bees along the church path meant procecling witit eaution, but witkout casualties. The well-furnished ringing chanber contains many records of past performances, The lelthanded ring (tenor 13 cwt .) were a libite dificult to get used to, but London, Bristol and Superlative were successiuly brought round.
After lunck the wonderful churcher nt Thaxted and Saffon Waiden were visited; both of these noble buildings are worth a visit apart from the ringing. At Thaxted the bells were very quiet inside, athough outside the reverse was the case. The tenor of about ton Fent very well, but oge or two of the others were a little tricky to ring. Rounds was all that could be menaged on the wwelve at Siffron Falden, but Treble Bob Roçal and Stedman Caters were enjoyed. A course of Bristal on tho grand back octave was not so successful and a postrmortem failed to reveal the cause of failure.
The last call was at St. Mary's, Redwinter, where a nice littie peal of eight, with a tenor of doubtful meight, were spoilt by rumblings from above, making it difficuli to hear the bells. a concluding course of London and three leads of Bristol brought the day's ringing to a close, abthongla one or two beariges. had to we oiled en route for home, which was reached about midnight.

## LONG DAY

A serenteen-hour outing was enjored by the ringers of St. Tarnabas ${ }^{\circ}$ Great Tey Essex, on Joly 29th. i party of 35 startad at $7.30 \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~mm}$. and did not reach home again until 12.30 a.ms. They firs rang at St. Mary's. Farlow, and then went on to St. Michelts, St. Ahans. They had lunch at Luton and afterwards rang for a wedding it the Parish Church. It is reported that here two of thef own party mearly got married, but further details are lacking. From Latori the journer was continued to Bedford, where they rang at Si. Peter's and had tea before going on to ring at Bromliam, where the church is prettily situated in s park. The ringers desire to thank all whn helped towards the successfal day, mud especially the ringers who met helped townrds the succersful
them at the various towers.

## YOUTHS' HALF-DAT EXCURSION

Willesborough and District Youtls set forth on their nintil annual half-day rum on July 29th. At Wayborme the Recior welcomed thent and good use wha made of the bells for 50 minutes. Northiam twas reached a bit on the late side, but Mr. Kemp had everything ready and 50 minutes' good ringing was enjoyed before setting off for Brede, where Mr. Apps received the party. These bells are another fine lot athd were soon going to varinus methods spliced and unspliced. gt Sedlescombe everything wes ready for tea; so were the Youths. Then back up the lill to tho charch, the Rector giving a hearty welcome. With this handy littie six another eajoyablo hour was spent before going on to Hawlhurat, where the bells are quite all right but there was nothing ta telephone to father ahout with regard to the ringing. A hali-hour's spin bronght, the party to Woodchurch, with six decent balls in need of hanger and boll rope maker. However, a few short touches wera brought round. At 9.40 the party were back at the starting place, the Fox still ruming. Glorions weativer, a 70 miles run through delightful scenery, good tea, six towers, bells all in good going order with esception of the last lot, methods ranging from rounds to Camhrige, and al! im 9t hours, is mot too bad for Xauths from 16 to well nigh 80. They wish to thank the incumbents towerkeepera and all who helped to give thom such an elljoyable time.

## SAFFRON WALDEA SOCIETY IN SUIFFOLK

The Saffron Walden Society's annual outing took place on Monday, Tuly 3rd, in fine weather. At Loing Melford the vistors were met by Mr. H. Richoid, a very old Iriend of time society. On the bells were rutig touches of London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples. Arter a look round this leanaiful church the party proceeded to Lavenham, where they were meb by Mr. Stedman Symonds. The bells were soon going to London Surprise, aifter which Cambridge, Supherlative and Sitedman Triples were rung. A hot lunch was served at the Swan Hotel, which poesesses a peal of handbells, on which plain caurses of Graudsire Triples and Caters were rung. After taking a look roand some of the old houses of Lapenham of much antiquarian interest, the party moved on to Sudbury, where Mr. H. Herbert was waiting for them. The firgh pull was at. St. Peter's, the methods being London Surprise and Stedman Triples. Then on to St. Gregory's, , here Londeu Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. It had been insched also to ring at All Saine bis hefore they could riag, they decided to go on to Fadleigh. On this fine peal of eight Loadon, Combridge, Superlative and Stedman Triples were rung
Ths last calling place was Ipswich, where several of the local band were waiting to meet them. Here was rung a course of Cambridge Roval, luaf a course of Cambridge Marimus and a touch of Stedman Ginques. Home wis reached et $11.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The हociety would like to thank the incumbents for the use of the belfe aud the local ringers who met them and thus helped to make the day such a success.

## WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD RTNGIRS COMBINE

The ringers of Woodford and Wanstead (Essex) had an excursion into Suffolk for their annual outing. It was anmisy trip and they were able to rins for morning service at Hadleigl sud for evenigg servies at Rañwinter. In butween they rang ot Hintlesham efter morning service, had dinner at Fadleigh and fisited Monks Fleimb.
The Fingers attended service after ringing at Radwinter, and the Vient (the Rev. C. Gore) gave an ingeiring address. The sermon dealt in the main with the use of the bells, ana the vital part played by tbe ringers in calling together the people for divine worship. Parisl Hall by the Vicar and his staft of helpers. When juctice had berr ${ }^{2} \mathrm{coll}$ and truly done to the full tea set before them, the captain, Mr. C. Morss, presented the driver of the coach with a silver cigaretta case, the gift of the United Guild of Wanstead and Woodford Ringers, for the care and consideration lue has always shown them.
Mr. J. Chalk, Master of the Sauth-West District of the Essex Association, thanled the Vicnr and his helpers, alsa Mr. Feank Cornes Who ably arranged the outing' Mr. S. Webl, Mr. C. Morss and Mr. T. Crampion were also mentioned. After fo few tuzes on the handletis the journey homewards wis made wia Thaxted. Dmemow, Ghelnasford and Brentwood, Woodford being reached at $11.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## A LONG DAY IN HERTPORDSEIRE

Hertfordshire towers were the objective of the Felminghm (Suffolk) ringers on the occasion of their annual outing, and helieving in an early start, they were on the way beforo 6 a.m. Tlie first stop for ringing was at Bengeo and then they went on to Hatfield, where they wete welcomed lw Mr. A. Limrence. At North Nimms they were greeted by Mr. W. Nasli and rang before going on to Watford, where they were met wy Mr. S. H. Hoare, and then had lunch at the King's Head Hatel. Afterwards they rang at Bushey and Watford. nnd witb the help of Mr. Cashmore and other Buptey friends who had met them, four of the visitors had their first touch of Spliced Surprise. The homewara journey was made through Fppine Forest, and Helmingham was not reached untis niter midnight. The ringitg during the day included the four standard Surprise methods, Stedrano Triples and Caters and Treble Ten. The pertey wonld like to thante all the meumbents for the use of the hells, also all who met them sud had the Jells ready. and last, but not least, Mr. S. H. Honre.

## A SURREY HIGH SPOT

SUCOEEGFUL METTING AT FANMORE.
A meeting at Ranmore Common, one of the high spots of Surrey, always seems a bit of a gamble for the organisers, the chief attractions a foe peal of eight in a lovely church, anvid betutiful sur-roundings-being offset by the long climb to get there from the railway or bus, with a steep climb to the badly jit end badly ventilated beffry, for those inclined to ringing, while this year was added a very threatening sky for those who prefer to enjoy the scenery and listen,

In spite of all this a good meeting was eujoged on Satarday week, when the Norin-West District of the Surrey Association and the Leatherlicad District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their usual joint meeting there. Among the wisitors was Mr. Walter Charman fram Sussex. one of the district masters, and Mr. J. Corbett, hon tressurer of the Gutdford Diocesan Guild, with others from Bagshot and, later in the day, Mr. C. Edwards from Cheshire, a past Master of the Hercford Association and remembered in Surrey by some of the 'old 'uns' for his pre-war activities around Farnham.

Finging commenced soon after 3.30 , and Mr. A. Harman, the Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District, being on holiday, the full duties fell to Mr. Dan Cwoper.
A breale was made af; 5 oclocis, when the Rector, the Rev. N. G Davies, after first weleoming the visitorg to Ranmore, and homing they would enjoy their wisit, conducted a short service with a short address.

Tea was providedl at the Post Office, to which 39 ringers and friends did full justice. As usurl on this occasion there was no business to transact, hut Mr. Cooper reminded members of fortheoming meetings and proposed heary votes of thanks to the Rector far the use of tae bells and for taking the service, also to Mr. A. F. Smith (district secretary of the Guildford Guild) for making the necessary arrangenemts
Ringing was then resumed until about 8.30, a variety of methods fram Teiples to Bristol Sarprise, with rounds, meeting everyone requiremente It is hoped that all enjoyed themselves and made a resolve to come again next sear

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS

KINGETON-ON-THAMES-At All Saints on Sundiy, July 16th a quarter-peal of Bob Major ( 1,280 changes): E. Parker 1, E. W Brown \& C. C. Raynor 3, w. A. Peck 4, H. W. Barret 5, G. C. Gondman 6, F. G. Andrews 7. F. F. Hawthorne (conductor) 8 . First quarter-peal of Major For rinters of treble and 2nd. The latter was on a visit from Sonaerleyton, Sufiolk
NEW ALRFSFORD, H\&NTS-At St. John the Baptist's Cburch on July $9 t h$, for erening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples E. MeCutcheon (first quarter-peal) 1, IH. Shaw 2, E. Lane 3, A Tremeer 4, W. Wearrimg (first quarber-peal of Triples 'inside') 5, H Newnham (condactor) 6. L. Tremeer 7, W. Smith (first quarter-peat of Triples) 8.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## IN THE PTAF DESTRICT,

St Peter"e, Nottigeham, ringers paid a visit to the Peak District 07. Saturday, July lst, the party of ringers and friends numbering 25 The wenther was glorious and the routa lay through some of the loveliest countryside in lingland. The first, stop for ringing was at Dore, which was reached via Matleck, Dacley Dale, Ohatsworth Park and Baslow. At Datley Dale, where a slop was made for a snack, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on landbels. A pony in an adjoining fiefri seened greatly impressed by the music, for it kept pushing its head over the fence as if interested. At Dore the handy ring of eight (tenor $11 \frac{1}{3}$ art.) was raised in peal, and several tonches of Grandsire. Stedman and a course of Cambridge rump. At Hatlersage, the burial place of Little Jolns, one of Robin Hoon's famous band, a sumptoous lunch was served at the George Hotel, Then the drive was resumed Cbrough Glossop, Hayfield, Chapel-en-leFrith, Buxtan, Newhaven and on to Ashbourne for tea. Handhells were again frought into use and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung in the courtward of the Gremm Man, much to the delight of visitore at the hatol. Later on, at Wirksporth. on another good peal of eight, the visitors znng touches of Grandsire, Stedman. Kent and course of Dobhle Norwich. Incidentally they rang for evensong and then after the service Nottingham was eventally reached at 10 p.m. The Ringing Waster (Mr. H. R. Cabbin) and all the ringers wish to express their sincere thanks to the ircumhents of Dore and Wirksworth for granting permission to ring, and also the captains of these towers for mecting the party and having everything in readiness.

## NOTICES.

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ABBOTT'S ANN, NEAR ANDOVER, HANTS. Ring of 5. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 recast and the peal rehung with modern fittings by Gillett and Johnston. Belis will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 7 p.m., on Aug. 11th.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. -The ring of 6 bells rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Wigan and Liverpool Branches.-Joint meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August $12 t h$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. S. Cadwallender, 103, Church Rd., Rainford, near St. Helens. -S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs,

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern District.-Hitchin, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m., just rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Make this best meeting of year. All welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by service.-R. T. Newman, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Sonaing Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence ( 6 bells) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All welcome.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.-]. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., $5 \uparrow$, Newlands Road, Darlington.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea -C. A. Bassett, 3, Peodrill. Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome. Please come. C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Beils (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Schools. Doncaster to Huddersfield and vice versa, Bus No. 14, passes through. All are welcome. - D. Snitls, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -There will be ringing for evensong as St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Aug. I $3^{\text {th }}$, at 5.30 p.m. -G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for practice during August: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 1 5th; St. Magnus the Martyr, 17 th and 3 ist ; Southwark Carhedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th. *Business meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester

Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Flixton, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 . Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting is to be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Aug, igth. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms.-Dorothy E. Beansish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-Ideal spot. An historic village and eight beautiful bells for the summer meeting of the above district at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m., and usual tea arrangements. Open to all ringers and friends. - J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec. Overseal, Burton-on-Trent

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUlLD. - The Chertsey and Leatherhead districts are holding a joint meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Aug. 19tl, when everybody will be welcome. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 , with tea at 6, in the Church Room. Please notify Mr W. James, 18 , Freelands Road, Cobham, for teas by the roth.-A. H. Smith and F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROLTGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Dingley (5) on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Catering difficult, so please send your names. Brampton Ash (6) after tea. - H. Baxter, 2 I, Charles Street, Rothwell, Kettering.

MIDIAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Stoney Stanton on Aug. rgth. Usual times. Names to me by Friday, Aug. 18 th, for tea, please. Also please note that on Aug. azrd there will be a bye-meeting at Broughton Astley. An extra attraction will be the local Wakes. Ringing at Lssual times. The Rector will arrange tea on the lawn, if fine, otherwise in the Rectory. Price will be 'a bob a nob. Come and have a crack at Mr. Bird's Doubles while the lady friend has a crack at the nuts. Badges will be on sale. Names to Mr. Bird or to W. A. Wood, Local Sec., Fosseway, Croft, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Rutland Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Empingham on Saturday, Aug. 1gth. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea.-S. Towell, 2-. West Road, Oakham, Rutland.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5.15 , at the Tower Café. Half rail fares, maximum is. 6d., allowed to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Chesterfield District.-The first meeting of the re-formed district will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Will all members and local friends please note and attend to show appreciation of the new Rector's cordial invitation? Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. P. Jervis, Stead Street, Eckington.-S. Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.

DLIRHAN AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Western District.-A meeting of the above district will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, Aug. roth. The bells ( 8 ) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea cannot be guaranteed uniess ringers notify Mr. H. Tyson, 9, Crescent, Tanfield Lea, Newcastle-on-Tyne, of their requirements as soon as possible.-J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Draycott (bells 6) on Saturday, Aug. 19th, from 3 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. W. Shelley, The Wentlow ' Tean, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Wednescay, 16th? -Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 55, Whitehouse Road, Cross Heatl, Newcastle, Staffs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wirral Branch.A meeting will be held at Eastham (bells 6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. No service. Please let me know if you intend to be pre-sent.-Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District. The rext meeting will be beld at Ingatestone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, please. - H. W. Shađrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelnasford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Aug. 26 th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at $4 \cdot 30$. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, stating how many will require tea. Business meering afterwards. - Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston and Fylde Branches.-The joint meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. to $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Bells (10). All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

DEVONSHIRE GLIILD.-East Devon Branch.-A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Beils (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 , followed by meeting. All ringers welcome-John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2nd, at Aldenham (S bells). Herts Association.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Preliminary Notice.-The eighth annual dinner will be held at the Star Hotel, Foalgate Street, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at 6 p.m. A large room has been reserved and ample seating accommodation is available. Garage on premises. This is the first dinner of the season; book the date and so help justify the optimism of the committee. Tickets (3s. each) shortly available, and obtainable from branch officers, Dinner Committee, etc.-J. D. Johason, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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But there are other ringing tours, not invoiving peals, which also make a pleasant holiday. One, organised by Bristol United Ringing Guilds, is in progress this week in the west. Those who are sharing in it are making daily coach tours and interspersing sightseeing with ringing at a number of churches. It is the kind of tour which can be taken at ease, and which would probably appeal to the majority of ringers if they could make an oportunity to join it. Another tour, with a deliberate avoidance of peals, concluded last week, when a party of youthful enthusiasts completed ten days awheel in Devon and adjoining counties. It was carried out by a section of the ringing community who have been humorously dubbed the National Union of Tower Snatchers, and to ring in 66 towers in the space of ten days certainly shows their keen interest in adding fresh rings of bells to their lists. They 'collect ' towers, in the same way that peal ringers do, but, as their call can be of the briefest character, they have the advantage of being able to add considerably to their daily " bag ' on such excursions. Then there is the holiday which strikes a happy medium, such as that in Somerset last week, which is not entirely devoted to peals and which satisfies the desires and ambitions of the one-peal-a-day ringer.
Whatever kind of tour is indulged in, however, there is much to be said in commendation. Touring in either manner helps to increase interest in the art of ringing and give a spur to enthusiasm. Whether it be a strenuous two-peals-a-day programme, a leisurely coach tour, or a combined ringing and cycling expedition, which means, probably, the output of equally as much physical energy as the peal ringers exert, it is good to know there are men and women sufficiently keen to engage in this
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Alfrid H. Pulling... ...Troble| $\ddagger$ William M. Stone ... ... $\quad$. George H. Cross ... .... 2 † William E. Cerater ... 8
 Edward T. Gripris ... 4 Mes. C. J. Matterws .... E Thomas Beyan ... ... ... 6 Composed by C. W. Robrres. Conducted by Grorge H, Cross. * First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMTNSTER, WORCESTEHEHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICIS ASSOCLATION (Nortarran Brance.)
On Salurday, August 5, 1939, in Three Hows and Seocm Minutes,
At Iny Caurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES; Tenar 24童cwt.
Percival Ricgards ... ...Treble Cibarlag Woonbory ... ... 6
Clipford Smidmore ... 2 Fredrrica Handeey ... ... 7
Joym Bass ... ... ... ... 3 Tromas HzMmikg Jobn Pagett ... ... ... 4 Bernard Asbfond ... ... 9 "J. William Smitr ar ... 5 Robbry Matyhews ... ...Teroy Composed by G. Havward. Conducted by Tbomas Hemming.

* First peal of Caters. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung in homour of the Queen's birtiday

NORWICH.
THE NORWIOH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Thre Howrs and Thirty-Eight Minutes
Ay ter Cagace of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF WINTOH RDERT EOE ROYAL, 5000 CHANEE8;
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 5 Jb. in C .
Cecil V. Ebgerson ... ...Trablí Rosseli W. Curson ... ... 6
Nolan Golden ... ... ... 2 Eric G. Benneiz... ... ... 7
Gborge Maybrs ... ... ... 3 Cgarles W. Loomb ... ... 8
Miss Marie R, Cross ... 4 Brrtir J. Howcein ... ... 9
Ernest Weiting... ... ... 5 Rev. C. Elliot Wigg .atghor
Composed and Conducted by Nozan Golden.
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RAMSGATE, KENT.
THE KEN ${ }^{2}$ COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Howrs and Twenfy-Five Minntas,
At ter Cborce of St. Lawrence. Tbangr,
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CATER8, 5079 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.
Donis G. Dobsie ... ...Treble | †JAmes S. Wgrs ... ... ... 6
Alfred H. Puling... ... 2 Aribur J. W. Hogees ... 7 Ernesi J. Dobbir ... ... 3 Horace Weitebead ... 8 George A. Naylor ... ... 4 Stakley B. Dobbie ... ... 9 "Jorn E. Spice ... ... ... 3 | Walter H. Dobsiz ... ...Tenor Composed by Gabriel Lindorr. Conducted by Alfred H. Puzing * First peal is the neethod and first peal of Caters. + First peal in the method and first peal on ten bells.

## BELL ROPES

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## DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRantham

OXFORD
THE LONDON OOUNTY ASSOCLATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, Avgust 7, 1939, in Thre Howsand Fourteen Minutes, At tee Tower of Magdalen Collzge
a PEAL OF StEdMAN CATERS, bo30 ChanGes; Tenor 20 cwrt in E .
Georgr Martin... ...Trebie
Thomas H. Taffender Clarbnce H. Dobsib. Normar H. Manhing... R. Thomas Newman ...

## Composed by J. Cartzer,

* First peal on ten belle.

2 Rgv. Rbginald Rooty ... Harry Wingrove
. 6

## ERISTOL

HE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ARSOGLATION Ow Tuesdey, Augus 8, 1939, in Theer Howf and Twenty-Five Minwhs, At tab Cherce of St. Stbpben-ter-Maryyr,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERE, sGOY OHANDES; Tenor 21 cwt.
Mre. R. J. Wilejing ... ...Tvebie William Kniget... ... ... 6 Trebile WILE Alprid E. Regves ... ... 2 Wieliam H. Taomas ... ..

 Composed and Conducted by John A. Burford.
Rung in celebration of the wedding of Mr. Cecil Mogford and Miss S. E. Drake.

> BEDDINGTON, SUTREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, Augws: 12, 1939, in Three Howrs and Sixteen Minutat; Ar ter Chorch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRIBE ROYAL, BOLD GHANGES; Tenor $18 \mathrm{cwt}, 1 \mathrm{gr}, 20 \mathrm{lb}$.

Herbert E. Addsley
Edwis Barnett ... .
...Tyebla Edwin A. Barnety tromas G. Banmister
T.Frank E. Darsy .. .. 6 Harsy Hoverd ... ... ... Ernegt C. S. Turnbr ... 3
Pbilip A. Corby.... ...
Composed by H. Datims,
Frbderica W. Housdem. Cbarlee H. Kippin 9 Composed by H. Daime, Conducted by Ermbst C. S. Turner

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDRHIRE.
TEE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Satuvaday, A mgust 5, 7939, in Three Hows At the Cefrch of Sy. Pbier.
A PEAL OF KENT TRE日LE BOB MAJOR, sO2L CHANOES; Tanor 12 l ewt.
Wizliam h. Symonds
-Adsim t. Wingate ...
Walter Tayloz Rev. E. G. Bemson Composed by J. Troxp.

... 2 Jobe J. Wsby ..a* ...
... 3 Erargi F. Salcaons ... Conducted by Artudr Pritcuard.

* First peal of Treble Boh Major.
barton-on-humber, lincs.
THE LINOOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Nortgrrn Branct.)
On Saturday, Augws S, 1939, in Twa Haurs and Fifty-Nind Minutes,
At thi Ceuper of St. Peter,
A peal of double horwich court bob major, 5186 changes; Tenor io cwt. I qr. 2 lb .
 Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Jack Baay. ${ }^{*}$ First peal in the method. + First peal in the method 'inside. ${ }^{4}$ Rusg to commemorate the 1,270 h annfrersary of the dedication of the old part of this charch.

EASEBOURNE.-Oa Thureday, August 3 rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Stringer 1, F. S. Wison 2, W. J. Etherington (conductor) 3, F. A. Asiby 4, C. S. West 5, S. G. Orcbard 6. This was the first guarter-peal by the local band and was specially rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. ${ }^{\text {special. }}$

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday. Aygust 5, 1939, in Two Howfs and Fifis-One Minuls, At the Choreb or St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANEESI

 Tenor 15 ewt. Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Bexnexz. First peal of Surprise on the belle.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Sunday, August 6, 1939, in Thres Hoxqs and Eight Minutm, At the Church of St. Miceabl,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE BURPRI8E MAJOR, EOES GHAMAEI; Tenor al cwt.
Altred h. Polling... ...Tveble
Doris G. Dobile ......t. 3 Calter h. Dosbie ... ... 5
 Prany Bennety ... ... 4 Harry Parbis ... ... ...Tenor Composed by G. Lindory. Conducted by Frank Benamit.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRB ABSOCLATION.
(Liverpool Branch.)
On Sunday, Awgust 6, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fiffy-Fiw Minutes, At ter Cevrce of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF stedman triples, goud Chances

Thuretans' Fodr-part.
Tenor II Cwt.
Joun W, Gardner ...
Jayse Robingon
Thomas Robissom

- Abtiftr Maddoce
$\begin{array}{ccc}\ldots . . . \text { Treble } \\ \ldots . & \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots . & \ldots & 3 \\ \cdots & \ldots & 4 \\ \text { Condected }\end{array}$
 Condected by H. Ludsin.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the centenary of the church. CHILHAM, KENT.
'THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Awgust 7, 1939, in Thue Hours and Two Minutas,
At the Cherch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHAMGES; Tenor 183 $\mathrm{cht}_{\text {, }}$
Stafrord H. Green ...Treble | Frank Benneti ... ... ... 5 Edwin A. Barnett ... .... 2 Frgderick White -Ggoffriy V. Morpey ... 3 Hagry:Parees ... ... ... 7 - Artbur S. Boar ... ... 4 PrilipA, Corby ... .... ....Temen Composed by A. Kmigris (No. ro8). Conducted by F. A. Coriy. ${ }^{*}$ First peal of 'New' Cambridge. Mr. S. H. Green's 200th towerbell pesl. The conductor's 100th peal.


## MALPAS, CEESHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRB ASSOOLATION.
On Monday. Augutt 7, 1939, in Thre Hows and Nime Minwtes,
At the Church of St. Oswaid,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 50BE CHANBE8;
Tenor 15 cwh 3 qr. 6 lb .
Riceard J. Wfarrilow ...Tedio Eric E. Sprabs ... ... ... $j$
 Tbomas Paice ... ... ... 3 Edward V. Rodenadrst ... Fridrbicer Pricr... ... ... 4 Aribur E. Prglbr ... ...temot Composed by A. J. Pisman. Conducted by Artbur Pritciard. MTNEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCTATION,
On Monday, Angwst 7, 7939, in Thres Howrs and Three Minwhs, Ai tab Chorce or St. Michabl.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGEB; Dexier's Varlation of Tefrstans' (2nd observation).

Tenor 22 cwt .
James Hont ... ... ...Trebie Frederace \} Boeley ... g
Abtadr H. Rged … .... 2 Jobn Pogsczy .... .... ...

Lhomard S. Mason ... .... 4 Jace Roy ... ... ... .... 7 Tenar

* First peal of Stedman and belong to locel band.

MYTZOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monddy, Akgust 7, 1939, in Three Howrs and Thre Minutes, At tere Chusce of St. Micrazl,

## A PEAL OF AIREDALE SURPRIGE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGE :

## Tenor 14星 cwt . in F



Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslir W. G. Morres

* First peal in the method.

BOREFAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Thres Howy and Five Minntcs, At teg Cegrce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCE Tenor 134 cwt.
-Ceristoparr F. Jaggard Tyeble Jogn M. Gaypord ... ... 5 Hirzel Edwards ... Gringam $\quad . . . \quad 3 \quad$ EWalter G. Doreing Crry Warn ... ... ... 4 Arthor H. Evergit... ...Tamb Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by A. H. Evrrbit.

* First peal in the method. Firat peal in the method as conductor. ORAYFORD, KENTY.
THE RENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Augnst 8, 1939, in Twa Hours and Fifty-Four Minwtes, Ait the Chorch of St. Paflinds,
A PEAL GF YORKBHIRE 8URPRI8E HAdOR, 5056 PHANGES; Tecor 124 cwt .
 Composed by E. W. Tirier. Conducted by C. T. Cozes. GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GULD.
On Tussday, August 8, 7939, in Thye Fowes and Fow Minules, At the Cathedral Ceurce of ter Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, E040 CHANPES!

Hols's Original.
-Laurence H. Hazeldine Treble
†Prier F. Dayu... ... ... 2
Alpard H. Polifing...
Ctarles by Denyer 3 C. Ernest Smiti ...* ... 7
Cabrles W. Denyer ... 4 Frederice W. Rogers ...Tmo Condected by A, H. Pulling.

* First peal. + First peal on eight. ROOK, WOROESTERSHIRE.
PHE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCLATION. On Twesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Thyee Minutes,

Ax fbe Cborge of SS. Prtrramp Paul,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLEE, 6040 GHAMGE8!
J. J. Parker's Six-pari (No. i3 C.C.C.). Tenor $12 \mathrm{cwt}$.3 qr .26 lb . in F.

- Ermest Hall .a. ... ...Treble William Ranford | Grorgr E. Large | $\cdots$ | $\ldots . .$. | 2 | Harry Price | ... | .- | .. | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Erany Lawrence ... ... 3 Charles Came ... ... ... 7 Cgarlgs H, Woodrerry... 4 Alyred W. Glazzard ...Teny Condacted by Grorge E. Large.

HILGAY, NORFOLK
THE ELY DIOCBSAN ASSOCLATION.
On Twestay, August 8. 1939, in Three Fiowrs and One Minzfe,
At teg Cherce of All Sainis.
A PEAL OF GUPERLATIVE 8URPRI8E MAJOR, 5088 CHANEEB; Tenor 17 owt.
-Thomas Busa
...Treble | Ceator Cousiss .
FreD Wicmore o.. 2 ARTuOR G Bason
Ciarl Rob ...... 2 Aritur G. Bason ... ... 6
Charles Robingon ..... .3 3 Rowald Bollen ... $\quad . .$.
Composed by N. J. Pisstow. Conducted by F. Warrisgion.
First peal of Surprise Major. Rung in hoaour of the goldeu wed-
ding of Archdeacon G. R. and Mrs. Ward, of Fitgay.
ADGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOLATION
On Wedmesday, Augusi 9, 1939, in Three Howrs and Fowr Mimmtes,

## At Cerist Ceurch,

## A PEAL OF GAMBRIDEE 8URPRISE MAJOR, $50 B 6$ CHANEEEI Tenor 108 owt.

James Marse ... ... ...Trable GEGRGR R. Newton .** ... 5
Joan Brown ... ... .... 2 tSelwys H. Drardon $\quad . .6$

- Wilfred Core ... ... ... 3 Tbomas S. Horridge ... 7
- Wilgiam H. Dzacon ... 4 Josbpg Ridyard... .... ...Texay Composed by C. Middleion. Conducted by Josepe Ridyard.
${ }^{*}$ First peal on eight belle. + First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprisa on the bells.


## BRTDGERULE, DEVON,

THE DEVONSHIRE GUULD
On Hednesday, Augest 9. 1939, in Thye Fowrs ard Six Mimutes. Ay ife Parish Ceqreg of Sx, Bridget,

## A PEAL OF CRAND8IRE TRIPLES, BOHO CHANDEDI

Holz's Ten-part.
William J. Serars
Ronald Hill
Frederick Sangwin
A. William Mybrs

Tenor $10 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$.

Conducted by Thouas G. Myars.
T. G. Myer's $100 t$ peal.

LOUGEBOROUGH, LEICESTERSATRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursiay, Augusi 10. 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, At tab Bell Fodedry

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, b056 CHANGE8!

 Temor 64 cirt.
Harold J. Poole
Colin Haraison ... $. . . \quad . . . \quad 3$ Fredebick H. Dextrr ... 7
Harold G. Jemney ... .*. 4 C. Fergoson Howitt...
Composed by C. Middieion, Conducted by Arnold Becnron.
ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARIIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMTNGHAM.
On Saturday, Angust 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Six Minntes. At tee Cedrce of St, Barnabas.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANEED।

Heywood's Transrosition of Tiorstans' Fodr-part. Tenor 151 cwt.
Robert H. Robinson... ...Treble | Morris J. Morris ..* ... 5 Willam C. Dowdimg ... $\quad$ Gegore F. Garrisona. ... 6 Ggorge F. Swane $\quad . .$. Allan Sgort ... ........... John Gilsoh... Condacted by Grorge F. Swann.
Rung as a complimegt to Ms. end Mrs. J. Preston on the 40 th anuiversery of their wedding.

## J. A. <br> TROLLOPE'S <br> 'COLLEGE YOUTHS'

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CHRISTLETON, CHESHTRE.
THE CHESTER DIOGESAN GOILD.
On Saturday, August 12, 7939, in Three Hokys and Three Minutes, At the Cefrch of St. James,

## a peal of gpliced kent oxford and cranth treble bob

MAJOR, 5072 GHANCES;
Tegor 12 cwt .

| Wilitam E. Fletcbir | ...Treble | Jamgs Swindley ... | ... |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fred Hariman ... ... | 2 | Ralph G. Edwards | ... |  |  |
| Jobn Brat |  | Frank Varty |  |  |  |
| Join W. G | 4 | Percy S |  |  |  |

Conducted by Percy Swindley.
First peal to be rugg in these three Treble Bob variations,

## BRXLEY, KENT

THE KENT COUNTT ASSOCIATION.
On Salkrday, Aurust 12, 1939, in Tuo Hours and Forty-Five Minkles,
At the Cadrch of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOB majOR, БOEs CHANGES!

Tenor $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$, in A.

 * First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bellas.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## adlesley, coventry

THE WABTICKSHIRE GOILD.
On Thursday, August 3. 7939, in Tuロ Hours and Thirly-Nine Minutes, At tee Cetrce of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8, Tenor 124 cwt .
Frank W. Prerens ... ...Tyble "Jobn Taylor ... ... ... 4 Hubzri G. Sommers ... ... 2 William A. Stote ... ... 5 Jobe W. Taylor... ... .. 3 Grorge Gardnzr ... ...Temoy Conducted by Frank W. Prrrens.

* First Surprise peal on an inside "beli. Rung ns a birthday compliment to George Gardner:

> BARNSLEY, YORKS

THE YOHESHIRE ASEOOLATION.
(Barngley and Digirict Society.)
On Sathyday, Augest 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, At the Papige Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES!

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk. Sandal Londou Scholare' Pleasure, Kingston and Kent. Tenor 14 ewt. Grorgr Lord ... ... ...Trebia Willig Grben Roland Hill ... ... ... 2 Ernest Brookrg ... .... Artber Pantger ... ... 3 Daniel Smite ... ... ... 5 Artaor Gill Conducted by Dasizi Smitr
Ring with the bells hnlf-muffled to the menory of Mr. C. D. Potter. DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, A ugust 5, 1939, in Ttra Hours and Twenty-Seuen Minules, At tee Churce of thi Holy Teinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLE8, 5049 CHANGES। Forts-two extents, ten calings.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approz.)
N. Gnods ... ... ... ...Treble

C. Knigat ... ... ... ... 3 E. Fletcher .... ... ....Temar

Conducted by C. Knigar.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a last tribute to the oldest church menaber of Drayton Parslow, the late Mrs. Gyma,


## QUARTER-PEALS.

For marning serviee. at All Saints, Kingstou-on-Thames, a quarterpeal of Bob Major ( 1,264 clanges) : Y. Howes 1, C. Raynor 2 , H. G Andrews 3, W. Massey 4, G. C. Goodman 5. F. G. Woodiss 6, H. W Barrett 7, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Majot by ringers of 1,2 and 3 .
As a weicome to the new Rector of Halewood, Liverpoo? (the Rev, F. H. Milward), after the service of induction, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. W. Gardmer 1, J. Robinson 2. T. Robinson 3, A. Maddock 4, H. Ludkin (condactor) 5, J. Robinson 6, W. Robinson i, W. Maddock 8 .

## NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Nine Minwtes. At tei Pairai Chuncz,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLE8, 5040 CHAMOE:
Forky-two siz-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt . (appros.).
Edgar Quicre ... ... ...Treble | Cyril J. Sievemb ... ... 4 Jobm Sommbrbaybs ... ... 2 Cladde W. J. Tarr ... .... 5


## Conducted by Edgar Quicre.

* First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the belis. MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Satwrday, Augnst S. 1939, in Twa Howrs and Fifly Minutes, At ter Cborch or Si. Gotrlac,


## A PEAL OF HINOR, EOHO CHAMDESI

Being seven $720^{\prime}$ s in eight mothods: (1) London and Wells Sutprise; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Bouble Court; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (E) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Court Bob. Tencr 16 owt.
Frbd Brigetman ... ...Trebbla William Oldman ... ... 4
Caarles Woods ... .... .... 2 Artior I. Holmes .... ... 5
Horace M. Day ... ... ... 3 Harry Girbard ... ... ...Temoy Conducted by H. M. Day.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Horace Staford and Miss Adeline Yates.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCRSAN GUILD.
Ow Monday, A ugust 7, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Minwles,
At ter Cberce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 8 PLICED SURPRISE MIHOR, 5040 EHANGES :
Being seven 700's in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells; (2) Carnbridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourn: (3) Durham, York, Surflect and Beverley; (4) Rossendaje; (5) Liqhitfoct; (6) York; (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt.
Fred Brigetman
.Treble William Oldman
Tenor 12 cwt.
Charles Woods
... 2 Horace M. Day...
... ... $5^{5}$
William H. Waldron ... 3 Harry Gibeard ... ... ...Temay Condacted by H. M. Day.

* First Surprise peal.


## WELLINGTON, HERTEORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Monday, Augwst 7, 1939, in Thire Howrs.
At the Churce of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 8040 GHANGES।
Being seven 7Bo's called differentiy.
Tenor 17 cwt .

 Conducted by E. F. Salmons.

* Firat peal of Minor. WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifiy-Five Minutes At taz Parisa Ceurce,


## A PEAL OF MINOR, BOAO CHANGESI

Being reo eack of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt .
Arthir Griawood ... ...Tyeble Garnham A. Blaxcell ... 4 Kgite W. Weitigll ... ... 2 Urian W. Wildney ... ... 5 Harry D. Listbr ... ... 3 | Edward E. Davby ... ...Temoy Conducted by Urean W. Wildagy. WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS,
THE PETERBORODGH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Tusday, Auguss 8, 1939, in Three Hows and Twenty-T tod $\mathbf{M}$ inutes. At tee Cedrce of St. Mary-tee-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 50GO CHANGE8,
Being four exteats of Canterbury Pleasure, sir of April Day, 12 of Plasin Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 18 cwt in E.
-William Griggs ... ...Tveblo
Domald L. Cockimgs
Max Lajgbton ... ... ... 3 Rrswin Bayes ... ... ...Thtioy
Conducted by D. L. Cocrings

* Firsot peal.

FORNGETT ET. PETER, NORFOLK THE NORWICE DIOCESAN ASSOOIATION On Thuysday, 4 wgus 10, 1939, in Two Howrs ard Fifly-Nime Minuth,

## At tar Chdrch of SS. Petrr and Patl,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE8, BO40 CHAKGE8।

Comprising four extents each of Stedman, New Bob, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, April Dar and Plain Bob and 18 at Grandeire
Sydney Feiny

| ...Treble | [Miss Edma Brdpord ... 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $5{ }^{\text {a }}$..* ${ }^{\text {an* }} 2$ | *albert C. Warnes... ... 4 |
| Nolan Golden | ... ...Tenor | Nolan Golden ... ... ...Temor Couducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal of Doubles in seren metheds. + First peal of Doubles. KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE the hereford diocesan guild.
On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in 7 wo Hours amd Fifty Minstes. At tee Cherch of Si. Micharl and All Angrls,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DDUBLES, B040 CHANQES!
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.
Tenor 10 cm .

- Wilfred F. Mometon ... 3 Ausin T, Wingate ... .... Tsmot Conducted by E, F. Salmons
* First peal of Doubles.


## \#ARPFORD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GULLD
On Thursday, Angwst 10, 1939, in Two Howrs and Forby-Hive Minuth, At the Churce or St. Grbgory,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5048 CHANOES;

Soven 720's called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt in $A$ - Reginald A. Tebd Bryan Pidgeon ...
...Tveble
Cearles R. Lilegy ...

$$
\cdots \quad 2
$$ - Jobn L. Glanville ..

Conducted by Cearles R. Lilley.

* First peal of Bob Minor


## RUSEALL, STAFIS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. Con Thwsday, Augast 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fovty-Thee Minutes, At the Ceurch of St, Micharl

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES

Being three 240's (Morris' arrangement) and thirty-sis 180's (10 callings).
Ronald Stockall $\qquad$ . Tveble Harry V. Pardow
Jobm H. D. Radcliffe Barnabas G. Key

*.. Frbderice J. Kendrice | … |
| :---: |
|  |
|  |
|  | -Charles J. Turner.

...Ten Tenor



## MR. ALEERT WALKEA

## PEAL NOTES.

BIRMINGHAM RINGER REACHES 500 PEALS.
Mr. Albert Welker, of Birmingham, has discovered that he only needs fifteen bundred more peals to complete his two thoussnd. Since roturning home from bis restless 'rest cure' at Surfeet, he has found that the peal of stedman Cinques, which ho called at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, was his five hundredth peal, of which no ferer than 326 have been on twelve bells.


This is a remarkable re cord. Over 100 of the gies ls an twelve have beet on handbells and the rest ruug is 37 towera. Mr. Walker also lolds anather anique distinction. He is the only ringer who has called a peal on fourteen bells. When the Birming: ham band after the war were at the height of their handbell ringing lame, they raug a peal of Stedman Sextuples and Mr Mather aglled it from 3-4 He luas also faken part in two non-condueted peals of Stedman Cinques on landbells and a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus on tower belis.

Mr. Wablaer begau lais ringing career at Tauntom, where he rang his lirst peal in 1896. His first peal 85 conductor was at SSt. Martin's Birminghom in 1904, and be has now conducted 201 peals on eight to 14 bells. of inis 353 tower-bell peals, 159 have been rumg at St. Martin's Church, Birminglam, while bis handbell peals number 147.

Soveral correspondents heve pointed out that the peal of Canzridge at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, on Bamk Holider, was not the first peal of Surprise Maximes on the bells. As a matter of fact, the statement (it was not the conductor who sent it) was willuirath before the report appeared, but just too late to prevent its being printed.
The late Mr. Wilism Pye called a peal of Superlative Mazimus on the bells on 4 ugust Bank Holiday, 1998 , so the peal Iast week was the first of Cambridge Maximus on the bells.

THREE TREBLE BOB MAJOR VARIATIONS IN A PEAL.
For the frst time a peal in three varietions of Treble Bob-Oxford, Kont and Granta-has been ring. This was at Christleton, Gueshire, last Saturday, and was conducted by Mr. Percy Swindley. The composition wres by Mr. James Morgan, of Pulford.
Granta Treble Bob gets rid of the tenors from the slow work. These bells da not dndge with the treble on the front. Instead, ther come from 3-4, lead a whole pull and go away to $3-4$ egain, the treble making 2nd's over each in turn, and feading w wole pult in between,
Not all of those who rang in the peal of Ioris Surprise Maximus at Tpswich agree that the mathod is "very eass " or "onty one degree in adyance of "treble Bob," These were not our opinions, we merely printed the comment of a correspondent. But then opinisns often do differ on questions of this sort. What ane man thinks simple, asother looks upon as difecule or catchy, We underatand York is tricky otider loots upon as aimcrit of catchy.
The fortieth mniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston of Erdington, Birmingham, was celebrated on Saturday by a pea of Stedman Triples at St. Barabas' Church.

Mr. Freston is Rigging Master and secretary of Erdington lower, but he was unfortumately umable to take parti in the peal, owing to indisposition. Fo was, however, able to join the ringers afterwards, and all were entertained to tea at the Ficarage by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Power. Mr. B. H. Rohinson, who made up the band, belongs to Portsmouth, and was on holiday in Birmingham.
The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Beddington on Safurday was rung after two or three unsnccessfal starts for Double Norwich Caters. The trouble about the Caters was thet too mady men came with the intention of rimging the tenor.

Tho yourg rinears ehared in a peal of Grandsire Triplas at the Cathedral, Guidford, on Auguat 8th. Lawrence Haceldine, aged only 14, rang his first peal, and Peter Dary, of Bramley. aged 18, scored his frst peal on eight bells, his onlr provious peal having been one of Bob Minor.

A peal of Minot in eighe methods, which included a 720 of Spliced London and Wells Surptige and a 720 of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, was cung at Karket Deeping, Lincolnshire, on August 5tb. for the weitidig of Mr. Horace Stafford and Miss Adeline Yates, which took piace the same afternonn.

Mr. Harry Gibbard las now rung cecin bell at Market Deeping Church to a peal.
Five of the six ringers who took part in this pesl participated on Bank Holiday in a peal in 14 Surprige Minor methods four of the 720 s being spiticed) at Rippirgale.
"lae band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Bexley, Kent, on Saturday, wisls to associate witl: it Mr. Percy J. Spice, who stood in an unsuccessful attempt on the previous Monday, When, after ringing 1 heur and 80 minutes, two bells changed over. The age of the conductor of the peal. Alan Fall, is 16 years 5 mouths, sind he is one of the yourgsters of the neur band being taught by the leader, Mr. H. A. Holdean

Mr. Cecil Mogford, a member of the band at St. Stephen's, Bristol, was married on August 8th to Mis S. E. Drake, and his colleagus ratug a peal of Stelanan Caters in honour of the event.

## A GOOD SNART.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, made n good start on his second fifteen hundred during the holidayb-Cambridge Major on Saturday, Suporlative on Sanday and New Cambridge on Monday. Next week he witl be busy in Lancashire.
At Hadlow, where he calted tho first peal in a Surprise method, the bells cemnot be saje to be one of the beft rings of eight in Kent as the gentleman who was responsible for the tuaing of the two trebles seems to have ignored the fact that they ought to be in tume with the back six.

The golden wedding of Archdemcon and Mrs. Ward, of Filger. Norfolk, Was celebrnted on August 8 th with a peal of Superiative Surprise Major at the Parish Clurels. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bullen.

On August Bank Foliday a band met af Clurist Church Cathedral, Oxford, for a peal of Stedman Ginques, bat on arrival at 11 e.m. were informed that a memorial ervice had been arranged for 2 o'ciock, and this, trith otber services, prevented a peal attempt. The Master of the Onford Society and the Master of the London County Association interviewed the authorities in residence at Magdalen Coliege, sad after conferences permission was obkined and a peal of Stedman Caters was the result, Messrs. R. A. Post and H. Spencer standing out. The Rev. R. Rnuth, Rentor of Beaconsfield, Bucks, took part, Siace he has been a ringer it has been one of his great wishes to ring a peal at lis callege. After the peal he ontertained the band to tea, pnd this apportunity crme uneryectedly.

Messes. A. J. Wyatt and James Hunt, of Taunton, rang their one bundredth peal together on Bank Holidny, at Minehead, Somerset. They bave been ringing togetler for 20 years.
The cormpoition of the peal of Stedmen which was rung was an adeptation by Mr. Hunt of Deater's Variation of Thurstans' FourPart, making the second the observation bell. It is an excellent peal, which, among other adventages, brings 6-7 behind together in a fourbob set at the end of each quarter.

A peal in sever Minor methods was rung at Wetherden, \$uffolk, on Bank Holiday, the first peal on the bells sizce 1912.
Mr. Stafford Green sought to establish a new personal record on Bank Holiday by ringing the freble to two peals in a day. All was well for the first one at Cbiluam, but the second-Oxford Treble Teu at Canterbury Cathedral - had to be abondoned after 2 hours 5 minutes good ringing, owing to the obstinacy of one of the bells.

The Chilhan peal was Mr. Green's 200 th on tower bells, and at the same time Mr. P. A. Corby, the conductor, reached his century. It Whs also the first peal on the bells since they were reltung.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Barnsley, Forks, on August 5th, to the memory of the late Mr. C. D. Potter, president of whe Barnsley and District Association. It was intended to ring Msjor, but the bana met a man shorts so g peal of Minor wes substituted, with the tenor covering, to enable all those pretant to take part. Nope of them had ruag a peal o! Minor with a covering bell before.
SUNDAY SERVIOE BAND OELEBRATE CHUROH GENTENARY.
The centenary of St. Nicholas' Chureh, at Halewood, Lancashire, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples on Sunday, August 6th. Facept the couductor, Mr. Herbert Ludkin, all the band are Sunday gervice ringers at Halemood.

A Yorkshire band scored a couple of peals of Surprise Major on Bant Holiday. Aircdale Surprise had been rang for the first time two days before at Northowram; they quickly put another one on the book at Mytholmrovd and went afterwards to Heptonstall, where they rang a peal of Cambridge. The peal at Mytholmoyd was 1fr, George Fobinson's 100th peal

A hand of Roynl Cumberland Fouths, including two ladies, visited Christchurch Priozy Church on Saturday and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. There were two first peals on twelve bells and three first peals of Stedman Cinques in the achievement.
The thanks of the company are extended to the local leader, Mr George Preston, for making the local arrangements, and they also acknowledge the kindmess of Mr. Drewitt, a College Youtl, who provided refreshment of a very welcome kind for some of the thirsty ones afterwards
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In tha will, proved last waek, of the Rev, Henry S. Travers, of Great Cheverell, Dovizes, he directed that bis funeral should be of the very simplest and inexpensive, brigint and cheerful, with no mourning.
He slso directed that, if be should die nearby, he should be buried in his old parisli of Erlestoke and a peal of belle, not muffled, to be ruag directy $\quad$ fiter the funeral, and the ringers to be paid 52 for the game.'
Erlestoke, according to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild's last Report, here peal of sis, with tenor of 9 cwt , in bad ringiog condition
The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midend Counties association at Broughton Astley is to be held on August 28th and not the 23 rd as mentioned in otr notice columns last week.
the Rev, A. G. G. Thurlow has taken up lis appontment as Precentor of Norwich Catbedral. His address is yow The Hermitage, Bishopgate Norwich
The dato of the ainner of the Saciety for the Archdeaconry of Stafford has been fixed for Saturday, Norember 18th. It will be held at the Molineux Hotel, Wolvarhempton.

## PEAL RINGING TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

SIXTEEN ATTEATPTS ARRANGED.
The peal ringing tour which starts in Lencashire to-day, by the party organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, have the following programme urranged, headguarters being at the Fictoria Hotel. It will be sean there ars to be 16 peal attempts in the aine days.
Friday, \&ugust 18th Garston (8), St. Michuel'a, 121 ext. Saturday, August 19th Skturday, August 19th Sulday, Ausust 20th

Bebington (8), St. Andrew's, 9 cwt . Cliester Cathedral (10), 33 ewt. Newchurch (8), St. Peter's, 14 ewt. Service ringing at Ent. Nicholas ${ }^{7}$ (12) and St, Franess 女avjer's (8).
Halewood (8), St. Sicholas', 21 cwt . Liverpol (12), St. Nicholes', $39 \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{s}} \mathrm{cwt}$. Aftarnoon visit to mew Cathedral tower Tarleton (8), Eioly Trinity, 13 cwt. Woolton (81. St. Peter's, 20 cwt . Poolstock (8), St. James", 25 cwt Wigan ( 10 ), All Saints', $29 \mathrm{cwt}$. Prescot (8), St. Mrary's, 14 cwt Stt. Helens (10), St. Helen's. 25 cwt Ormskirk (8), 58. Peter and Paul, 25 ewt. Aughton (8). Christ Church, 16 cwt . Runcorn, Ajl Saints', 15 cwt . Liscard (8), St. Mary'e, 16 cwt,

## A GREAT IEICESTER CITIZEN.

BEATH OF SIR FTEDERICK OLIFER
Leicester has lost one of its most distinguished publie men by the death, bt the age of 71 yeare, of Col. Sir Frederiel Oliver, High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 1934, who for more than 40 years lad played an active part in nearly overy phase of the city's public life. In adriition to political activitios. Sir Frederick had been chairman of the Leiceatershire County Cricket Club, president of the Leicester Rugby Glub for many years; he held the high office of Grand Master of the Leinestershire Province in Freomasonsy; he was a tormer Comminding Officer of the 4th Battalion, the Leicestershire Regiment; a. lay chnon of the Leicester Cathedral Chapter; and deputy chairman of Leicester Royal Infirmary.
If was through his efforts thit the tenor of tite new peal of belle at Leicester Cathedral wes given by the Freemasons of the city and named by royal permission. When the bells were opened on Coronation Day, Sir Frederick was the first to "ring " this Bell.
There was a great demonstration of sympathy and regret at the funcral on Friday last. The Cathodral was filied with mournera representing the civic life of the city, its commerce and industry, the defence forces and Freemasonry. Outside crowds numbering several thousands assembled to watch the cortege pass.
After the Bervice the Cathedral ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes), with the bells half-mutled, in 59 minutes ; F. E. Dexter 1, J. O. Lancashire 2, J. H. Spinfield 3, 甘. W. Perikins 4. H. G. Jenney 5, P. L, Harrison 6, C. F. Howitt 7. A. J. Farris 8, A Brunton 9, T. Taylor 10.

## A GOLDEN WEDDING

At Cawtliorre, Yorks, on Monday, August 7th, t date touch of Minor was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lilse, who were married at All Saints', Cawthorne, on August Benk Holiday, 1889. The 1,939 changes, rung in 1 hour 6 minutes, comprised 720 Plain Bob, 600 of Oxford, 600 of Kent and 19 of Original Minor. The ringers were L. W. Carbutt 1, R. Hill 2. H. Rusby 3, E. Pirooked 4, C. Robinson 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6 .

## A BROKEN ROPE

On Sunday, August 13th, members of Devon Guild paid a visit to Whitstone to abtempt a peal of Bob Minor, but in the third 720 it came to an abrupt end owing to the 5th rope breaking: J. Deem 1 , H. G. Lewis 2, O. F. Lilley (conductor) 3, A. Lovering 4, B. Pidgeon 5, A. Patrick Cennon B, The attempt was arranged for Mr. A. P. Canoon, who wanted to add another tenor to his fist

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

## BRED AND DRYNKE FOR THE PRJEST, CLERXE AND RLNGERS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sirs-In his interesting letter, Mr. Trollope gives play to his imagination, znd helps us to visualise what happeued in old days, but we must not take what he writes too literally. For instance, William Walpole, in 1539, leaves money or land for the payment of one clerke. Mr. Trollope speaks of several, and adds deacon and suif-deacon. Now it is most unlikely that it would be usual to have a High Mass of this chatacter at the death of an ordianry person, and certainly not every year afterwards on his anniversary. Nor because candles and ringers are both mentioned in wills, are we to suppose that fbey are comparable. It is true that 1 am a ringer, but $I$ should preier not to be chased with a candle, or even with a was taper, by permission of Mr. Trollope! Nor do I think that people in preReformation times would thank diferently, even if they were ringers. No parisls cierk would think nowadays of 'picking out a few lusty young fellows from the parish and sending them up iato the tower anuct more essily of old that it was possible to do so thea?
Ong Sunday afternoon, we wera sitting on a seat in Dinard, Brittany, and across the road we saw the parish clerk open 1 he west door of the church from the jnside. We tien watchen him pull the tenor bell nearly up, when he left it to fall slowly by itself, while lie went off to see to what had to be done. This was an casy and simple way of letting the bell sound, but it requires a considerable amount of practice to acquire sufficient skill to do this without injaring oneself ar other people. It is probable that this is the way bells have always been rung from earliest times; and when several bells were added they would be jangled together in a similar mancer, but one ringer for each bell.
Nr. Trollope says that "probably the bells were properly rung in rounds.' Tlis is so ualikely that we may even zay it wis impossible. To-day rounds and call changes are rung only by those who cannot ring correct changes; no doubt this was always so. That is to say they are a mere corraption of change ringing; therefore, that art mast have come first. No one rang rauds or call-changes till after change rieging wos attempted.

## HALESWORTH BLND'g LONG FXISTENCE

When change ringivg was well established, and there were several rings of bells in a town, a company* or society of ringers would be formed, and they would be responsible for the ringing in a certain number of towers. The only such societios now existing are the College Youths and the Cumberlands. It is fairly certain that no guch society ever existed at Falesworth, for there was never more than the one ring of bells in the place. But there is now a baud of ringers there, and it is known that there has been one there every year for over 200 years; for they have each year partaken of the bred and drynke ${ }^{2}$ left by william Walpole in 1539 .

There is not absolute proof that they have done so every year since 1539. but it is most probable that they have, the still existing tradition being that if they did not the legacy would be lost. The land Ieit by William Walpole (or bought with his money) is zow merged with other charity lands. It was, however, recognised by the Charity Commissioners in their inquiry in the forties or the last century. Their actual words can be read in their report, by anyone who has access to a good library. If they were satisfed, I think we, too, may be satigied that the Falesworth band have made good their cham to have beer in existence when William Walpole made his will in 1539. I dio not sitppose that env band or society can attempt to make anything like such a claim os this.
There are two matters which do not secm quite so certain as Mr. Trollope supposes. He writes, It was the usual thing to send them beer and bread, which they consumed it the belfry." Now Mr. Trollope would not make such a statement unless be had what he thinks is clear proof. I should, however, much like to see it, as I cannot imagine either statement to be correct.
Agnin io writes, In some cases the ribging at an obit seems to have lasted off and on all the day.' Last June I was again in Brititany, and one day the church bell or bells seemed to be going, off and on, all morning. I was staving near the Church of St, Enogat and at lengtly, hearing both bells at two o'elock, I went to investigate. I
was in time to see the coffin being borne up to the chancel, where Was in time to see tho coftin hoing borme up to the chancel, where simging the foneral masie, and there were quite a number of us outside who could not get in. A few days later came the sad news of many Breton sailors drowned in the loss of a cubmarine. Again the church bells were going of and on all morning. But this time there was no ringing in the afterncon.
Now all this ringing was either before Requiens or at the consecration in the service. Is there any reason fo suppose that the bells were rung for any otlier purposes, before change ringing was started? (Perhaps they would ring also for "placebo' in the late afternoon hafore, and for the Dirge that night.) But it was after the Reformation had reduced the number of services that people hegan to look about for other uses for the befls, and lit, on the practice of changes. Now as to the written changes at Halesworth. When these were trangriben by Mr. George gynonds, and appeared in your colvmas last year, they were no doubt recognised as being the same as are
printed at the beginuing of Steduan's "Tintinnalogia," where they are called 'The Plain Cbanges on Four Bells.". In this, the treble is the only bell to hunt, which it does in the ordinary way through tue ather bells, which lie stilit ; except when the treble is twice behind or at lead, wheu the farthest pair change places. As these two bells are at the extremo end, away from the treble, the book says that this cliange must be calleil an "Extreme.

It will be noticed that I have just written 'This Book' and not Stedman," for I still cannot bring myself to believe that the same man wrote the first 42 pages (in the weprimt) and also the rest of the book ;the 'Seven score," etc, on page 83, is evidently misplaced: it woukd scem to follow on from page 40 ).
At any rate, for one who has mastered the latter part of the book, the firstu forty pages are not only superaeded and out of date, they are absolutely misleading and a bincrance.

EARLY SEVETTEFNTH CENTUEY CHANGES.
It, is, therefore, pretty certain that anyone who took 'the trouble to copy out fhese Plain Chamges cannot have hard of the elanges given in the latter part of Tintimalogia." Now the book is dnted 1668, and is a record of methods rung by the differeat companies mentioned, obviously covering a period of years. It would seem, then, that anyone who would carefully write down these Plain Clallges would do zo not earlier than the first quarter, shall we say, of the seventeenth century. This agrees, too, with the "sixty yeais" maentioned on the first page of the book.
How let us Ece what the writing itself tells, us. Wo find it on the fyleaf of a manuscript book, about a foot high with narrow pages, written by one Thomas Fella, who was elected churchwarden in 1611. This Thomas Fella was an artist, and lis handwriting is the most beautiful and the clearest that I lave ever seen. Evidently he was pions man (of sorta), for on the first page he transeribes a prayer; which ends with a violent denunciation of-tobacoo. On the gext page is drawn, and well drawn, a symbolical tree; then follow extracts from wills and other documents, the fourth page being filled with an orramental drawing of an typright wreath, which occupies the centre of the page, as a panel, all the rest being filled with basketwark orvamont, learing but a marrow outside marcin. He makes a good deal of having logun the book in 1611, and the last date seems to be 1627. O-er three-quarters of the book consists of blatk pages, mo one having dared to follow such beantiful hatudwiting. The only other writing is that, when you open the front cover, on the left-hand page is written in the midile near the top the date 1691. And on the rimht page (the fiy leaf) are written out these plain changes. The date is written in \& fine, somewhat elaborate clerkly luad, not a bite like the body of tho bools, so that it was evidently not inserted by Thomas Fella. Again the ohanges are well written in th third hand The style is somewhat primitive, of a very simple kind, looking almost as thougla of a previous ceatury. Perhaps by one accustomed to carye or mould figures in an antique style
This hears out My. Lambert's suggestion, that they were written out by Jolm or William Brent, of Norwich, who were recastigg Halesworth hells in 1621. It will be noticed that the date is not written as if it belonged to the figures. One can only attribute it to them by saying that there seems no other yeason for its being there. The regular prosition of the figures of the cluanges are such as would be written by a man tho was used to careful piacing, as a bell founder would be. These figures are not written by a man accustomed to writing in books. Such a man would have begun ou the lefthand side of the page: but these fagures begin on the right and occupy most of the right hand part of the page.
We cannot be certain that the date 162 c vefers to the time when those fgures were written ; but we are certain that they were written within a few years of that date. Nor can we be certain that they were written by a Brent: although it is quite likely that they were. But we can be certain that thet are tho oldest changes pricked for ringing in existence. The scranti on the jamb of the door to the belfir stairs at Buxhall may be nearly as old, but there are only two and a half rows, not enough to ideatify the methad or for them to be used for teaching purposes.

HETEBERT DRAKE.

## BISHOPSTOKE RINGER'S DEATH.

## CNSTITUMENTAL IN INCREASING PEAL TO EIGHT

Ons of the most respected and esteemed residents of Bishopstoke, Hants, has paseed away in the person of Mr. Charles Aylifte, mho bad beeu a ringer at the Parish Churel for 29 years.
Mr. Arliffe commenced to ring when a ring of five bells was placed in the tower in 1910, and was the last member of the band that was formed at that time. He was chiefly instrumental in gettimg the hells increased to eight in 1900.
Mr. Ayliffe had taken pazt in several peals for the Dionesan Guild, of which he had been a memher for the whole of his ringing career. The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week. Mr. G. Wialiams (Master) represemted the Winchester and Portsmonth Diocesau Guild, and members were present from Pishopstoke and North Stoneham. A large number of people were present tespifring to the regard in Which Mr. Arlifie was held.

Immediately after the fumeral a touch of Grandsire TripIes wan rung ipon the church bells, which were fully muffled, with the exreption of the tenor, which was open at, hand.
Mr. Ayliffe leaves two daugiters and two sons, one of whom, Mr Ennest J. Ayliffe, is a ringer at Haslemere, Surrey.

## CHURCH BELLS IN WAR TIME. <br> ARTILLERYMEN'S 'LOOT' FROM CAPTURED CITIES.

## By J. Armigez Tholzope.

The Society, of Royat Cumberland Youths have taken as their platron caint William Duke of Cumberland, the younger son of Kirg George If, and round him and his supposed connection with the society a number of legends grew up in the course of years. He was said to bave been deliglited with the welcome the ringers gave limi on the bells of Shoreditul, when be returned to London in 1746 after tha batile of Culloden, and to have personally thanked thens. He was saici to have been himselt a ringer and to have given the two bells to St. Leonard's when the ring was increased to ten. His portrait, a presentation from himself to the societr, was said to have huag in the vestibule of the church and later to have been removed to St. Mertig's-in-the-Fiedds.
It is the fact that the society be-idey honouts his memory by putting his prortrait on its membership certificate, and the Master wears, as his official badge, a medallion struck in his lonour. But personally the Duke had no dealings with the society and probably was mot even aware of jts existence. The oulv convection between him and church When the Highland anny under Prince Charles Edward Stumet retreated to Scotland after its unguceesful invasion of Eugland in 1745 , a small garrison was leit in Carligie, which surrendernd. in Deember to the royal army under the command of the Duke of Cumberiand. Tlue ciky was treated as if it had been an enemy town, the mayor, town clerk and other prominent citizens were arrested, the Cathedral was used as a prison lor confining captured rebels and a
denand was made by a Major Balfour, in the Dukes name for the demanal was nade by a Major Balfour, in the Duke"s name, for the nnturally "was a surprise upon the members of the Cluapter and wery ill-relished by them.
Some of the clergy waited on the DuFe to desire his protection. The pointed out that the bells were the property of the Dean end Clapler. who all along had been loyat to King George, aud that, even if the town liad offended, the citizens lat no righis in them.

The Duke received them coldy and refused to interfere. Fe told them, ins effect, that he thoughe the claim was a pood one, but, of course. the Chapter woud not agree to it. Prebendary Wilson wrote to Dr. Waugh, the Chancellor of the Diocese, who was in London, aEking for his advice and help. 'A moderato composition,' be wrote, would, I befieve, pacify the rlaimant, but I'mi firmly resolvod at prasent and so are my two brethren nat to ndmit to any, And he goes on to express his opinion that "if the major talses them down, whicln he still threatens, I doubt rot that the Lard Chief Juthtice would ollige him to replace thens.
The firm stand by the Catheral clergy had the desired effect, and in the end Major Balfour left the town without pressing the thing further
It seems a vory cartious incident and a preposterous demand which no law or custom could justify. Wilson was undonbtedly right when he gaid that, if the bells had heen taken down, the Law Conrts would have ordored them to be replaced. But it was not an ordinary case of looting enemy property in a captured fowa.
For centuries there was a strong tradition in the English army that, whenever any town was captured, the officer who commanded the arillery had a right to all the church bells in the place as his personal perquisite.

## WHEN BRESTOL FELL TO THE ROYAL TROOPS.

An alnosf exactly parallel incident happened during the Civil War hetween Charles I. and the Parliament. In 1643 Bristol was anptured by the royal army under Prince Rupert, and, as at Carlisle, a demand was sent to the town anthorities for the charch bells. The only eccount we have of the incident is in the letter of protest, a copy of which was preserved by Tlsomas Hearne in fis Diary. It runs as followe :-

To the Rt Honbl our very rood Lord the Lord Percies these present at. Court

## Rt Honbl

Tipon receipt of Four Lordship's Ietters, by which you make Clame to the Bells of this Cittie as Geaeral of his Majesties Artillery, We doe humbly conceive that $\begin{aligned} \\ \text { fi any guch Forfeitare were incur'd las }\end{aligned}$ is pretended), yet by Agreament on his Majesties Parte when his Forces entred it was in Effect condiscended into that, there slould noe Adrantage be thereof taken, but that all things should continue as formerlie without Prejudice to any Inbabitant. And the Bells of eacin Chureh being (as your Lordslip well knowes) the proper Goods of the Parianioners are not at our Disposal, neither lave we to doe with them. All wh we kumblie submit to your Lrps better Tudgement and taking our Leaves doe rest

Your Honors most lumbly at Comnadmt. Bristol this xxist of Nov 1643.'

Irr this case, as in the other. no actual confiscation seems to have taken place, but it is quite clear that the officers of the army quite honestly believed that the claim was justified by the rules of warfare.
In the Britisla Museunt there is an ancient manuscript which throws sonte light on the matter. It is in a folio containing a number of manuscripts in various handwritings and. of rarious dates from the
time of Henty FIII, to Charles II. This paper is neither signed nor dated and I am not sufficiently skilled in old caligraphy to give it a precise date, but I should put it about 1600 . It is liended 'These be the Authorities and Powers that the Provoste Marshall and has Lieftenant lave in the Jurisdiction of the Artillerie.

Among the items which follow is the following: "As a towne is wonge (whether) it is by assalb, per force, subtile practice or by aric other manner given up, be it towne, castell, pyle, church, or bastile or fortresse, thie chief master of the artillerie or his liefteosnt shall ordayne that the master gunners and their companje slall heve the best bell within that place so wonne or the Churehwardens slaall appoynt or compound with the great master of the Artillerie and his counsell. And that to be reported by the Provoste of the Artillerie and given knowledge to the Lords and Rulers of that place soe wonne with the comons of the game what thet the Master of the Artillerie bis counsell and mr. qumpers and their companie lasve determined and ordensed by a convenable and reasonable eatimeion to see and knowe if the lordes and commons will hold the ordinance and appoyntment made.'
What authority there was behind this statement I do not know, but I find much the same thitu in a later listory of the Frenci Army: "Le grand inalte a encore ung privilege. C'est que quand une ville ou fortresse a laisse tirer le caron, Jes cloches des églises, ' etc.
In ad̃ition to the two instances I lave mentioned, there are several enges where this rather curious claim was made. At Tong, in Shrapshime, there 18 an entry in the parish acoounts for the year 1649 durirlg the Civil Far: Paid to the cananeere (cannower) for redeeming of the little bell, 6-0.

## BELLS FROA CHERBOURG

Thurteen Tears after the affair at Carlisle an Eaglish army captured Cherbourg, and among the hooky brouglit home were six bells taken from the churches of the town, five of them serviceable and one broken. They were placed in the Tower of London, and Colonel Desagulier, who commanded the artiliery during the attack on Cherbourg. laring made frequent application to be paid their value as his personal right, William Pitt, then Secretary of State, directed that the Board of Ordnance should engrire into the maiter. The Board renorted that they liad nover lenrd that the right af the commanding officer to the bells taken from enemies lad ever been disputed, lrut whether the Colonel was ever paid is doubtful, for no record of sny such payment could afterwards be found.

The bells remained in the Tower and I was rather curious ag to what eveutaally became of them. I discovered quite by accident. Wher I mas mritiag my' Stedman, one of my tasks was to find out what had become of the board which recorded the first peal of Sted man Caters at St. Joht's, Forsleydown. So I made a pigriniage to that somewhat renote and inaccessible place. Ou my way I walked along 'Tower Wharf and my attention was attracted by two wery handsome bronze guns. Stopping to examine them, I read the notice. "This gun was made at Woolwicl from ordnance takea at Cherbourg, 1758." So that is what becrme of the laells. "Ordnance taken at. Cherbourg " reads better than 'Bells loated from Franch churclıes.
When Quebec was captured fram the French a Colonel Williamson took the bells down from the cathedral and sent them home to a ladr named Jane Williamson, probably lis wife. Slie offered them to some important pemon unammed, possibly William Piti, for her jetter is ansong the Chatlisw papers. What became of them is unknown, but one, I think, is now in the tower of the Clurel of All Hallows, Totberham.

A Colonel Paterson was said to have received 8300 in lieu of the bells of Guadelope, when the juland was captared from the Franch. hut when tho isfand was captured the second time and a Colonel Burtan made a similar claim it was refused.
But the tradition still surrived. In the great war with Napoteon Genoa was occupied by an English force and, after the army had returned to England, Colonel Lemoine was rentinded of this supposen ancient right. Fie went back to Genoa, and, making enguirjes, found that the town contained supwards of ninety churches, each with an average of five bells, which, according to the price given lrim by the man who had cast most of them, were worth two hundred and thirty thousand lire Genoese. It was a fortune worth trying for, and go, partly to uphold an established privilege, but majnly, as he admitted, on hif onn account, tie tried to see if there was any chance of geting that anount from the Treasury, Almost meediess to say lis attempt. was not succeskful.
Some bells seem to have been hrought back as loot from Geros, for on one of the hells at Lirersedge in Yorkshire is the inscription, - Thess eight jells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with lorss ordnance taken at Genos.' This was the last time on which this ciaim whs officially mede. but not the last time that an English army looted the church bella in an enemy country
At Windsor Castle there is a celehrated bell taken durimg the Crimean War from a church af, Sebastopol and presented by the army to Queen Victoria. It is tolled it the fuseral of a sovereign.
Qneen Elizaheth took 8 very different view of the proprietr of footing charch bells, for 'hearing that Sir John Skelton, for want of other prev, had brought a Bell from the sacking of Calles (Cadiz), sha was highly offended and sait "By God's death slie would make lim carry it Fack thither."

## THE TOUR OF THE N.U.T.S.

crcling and renging in the west countey. Sixty-Six Towers Visitad.
For the third year in succession, a tour has been held for members of the N.U.T.S. (National Union of Tower Snatehers), who ebjoy combining the fine exercises of ringing and cycling. In spite of the difficulty of wouldoloe participants in getting their holidays rogether, teu eventually managed to do so, and a most enjoyable expedition, covering tea days, resulted. The absence of the past gecratary, the Gravd Mug, and others who lad previously blared in the excursions, was much regretted, but it was encouraging to have fresh young blood in the party, the average ade of which was $22, y$ years, and also to have the Ladieg' Guild section augmented to three.
Castle Cary, Somerset, was chosen as the meeting place, and by noon on Salmedey. July 29tin, the widely scattered members, representing ten towers in six counties, lund assembled and gew friendships had begun. During the day the towers of Cestle Cary (8), North Cadbury (6), Yeovi (10), Sherborme Abbey (8), Bradfora Abbas (6). Thorpiord (6) and Fetmingter (6) were visited, and ringing was so much enjoyed at the earlier of these that we were half an hour late leaving Sherborne, but this time was made up by the end of the day. A strang head wind and heay rain somewhat detracted from the beauty of the ten hilly miles hetween Yetminster and the night"s

Axminster ( 8 ! and Ottery St. Mary (8), all of which were well worth a visit, partioularly, we thought, Whitchureh and Axminster. The bells at both these churches are in the key of $D$ and have e glorious tone, although both require handling to ring well. The visat to Ottery St. Mary was extendea long past scinedule to allow plenty of time to see the magnificent cathedral-like church, and the day ended at the hostel twa miles awny, where once again tea and biscuits formed our supper.

Tuendyy was to prove our worst day for weather, for whilst climbing the 1 in 4 lill out of Sidmoath aiter ringing there, a terrife storm set, in and continued for a comple of hours. However, we were onls about a quarter of an hour lete at Lititclnan, and soon the delightifu] litile peal of eight, tenor $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cw} \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{a}}$, was responding to several methods. A real N.U.T.S. touch, consisting of two leads of Treble Bob, was tried here and found to work. It consists of alteraate leads of Oxford and Kent with bobs, and proved very useivl subseguently whon time was ghort. A fiae luncli followed the einging, arranged by Mrs. Gatiter, wife of the foreman rimger, and when we that the road again we felt fit for asything. Happilw the rain was now over, and after a ring os the good eight at Witlycombe Faleigh, Woodbury (B) was visited. Here, as in other towna in flie district, were found records of peals rung by the Guild of Exeter Cyclists about 40 years ago, but the go of the bells is now such that two shayt touches sufficed for the 1939 cyclists.


This picture shows the cycling N.U.T.S. on Dartmouth forry, Left to right: K. C. Davis (Blagdan, Somersef), R Darvill (Prittlewell, Essex), W. Hurt (Twyford, Berks], E. Beech (Wrayshury, Gucks), D. Brack (Suabury, Middle sex), E. Hartley (Willesden, Middlesex), Miss E. Hedtord (Uxbridge, Middlesex), H. Smith (Molksham, Witss), Miss A. Look (Ditcheat, Samerset), Miss B. Look (Ditcheat). Tha photo was taken by Mr. M. Malville (Caventry), who was with the party during part of the week
yuarters at Cerne Abbas Fouth Hostel, but it takes a lot to make the N.U.T.S. downbegrted. After \& quiekly served supper. at which the teapot (sic) worked overtime, we corted the wet from the dry and toddled off to hed. Incidentally the lostel had once been a workhouse, so we probably did not look out of place.
Sunday morning was btill young when we all trooped off to an early Celebration at Cerne Abbas (where the bells unfortunatelr are unringable) hefore having breakfast and ruming down into Dorchester (St. Peter's, 81 to ring for Matins. An hour later, in glorious eumshime, we were having luncla at Upwey, were permission was readily granted to try the pleasant peal of six. The aftermoon was spent cyrling (and walling ) along the besutifu] coast road to Burvon Bradstack, where a spare four was occupied by a dip in a wery boisterous sea hefore ringing on the delightfol peal of six st tho Parish Clurch. After tea a ouarter-peal (Already recorded) was rumg for evensong at Bridport, whilg Symondsbury (6) was gnatched by the "overfow." Lition Cneney (6) was the !ast tower of the day. and after the boat had been launched by Edne to celebrate her 400 k , tower, wr forned in at the bostel mearby.
On Monday the weather continued to look promising, and the programme went of jite clochwork. Towers visited were Bradpole (8), Reaminster (8), Whitchurch Canonicornm (8), Lome Regis (8),

Alphington, will a beatiful ring of eight recently restored, was the next port of tall, and Dunsford (6) concludee the dny's ringing. Here, at at several other towers, we taystified the local ringers with aur - Sefentific, for ho now we were in the arce where call-cinage ringing holds sway. We appeared to create a gaod impression, and we were not, on the whole, ashamed of our performance, especially considering that as a rule in thess towers the ropes heve a single tain end of ten up to a yard too long for the normal ringer,

The general opinion beld in these parks seems to be that "Scientife" beato call-charises when it is well done, kut they are roluctant to start jt for fear of breaking up the bands which are so proficient at their local art, particularly in rising and falling in pesl. Many clange ringers would do prell to liear the perfection of striking of these bands and to observe the keemmss with which they atrive tor a high plate in their competitious. Their Sunday ringing, on the whole, is also well looker after, as testifed by several of the clergy we met.

Wednesilay was to prove very eventful, for the peals visited throughout the day were exceptional. Aiter a climb to over Boft., there was a ram down to Moretonhampstead, where we fonmd a glorious peal of eight, wence 15 cwt. The usual three-quarters of an hour was alowed here before the next climb to 1,200 ft and the subsequent drop to the (Continued on next page.)

## THE N.U.T.S. TOUR

## (Contimued from previous page.

charming village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor, now unfortunately fast becoming a peepshow. However, the grand church tower holds alovely peal of six in excellent condition, and good use was made of them before adjourning for lunch. The feelings expressed by the local conEtabulary when we banded over a dog which had insistently followed us over the $8 \frac{1}{2}$ miles from Moretonhampstead are best left out. As if We could help it wlien the little chap took a particular liking to us!
Buckland-im-the-Moor, in what must be some of the most beautiful country in England, was the next tower visited, and the grand littie peal of eight, tenor 7 cwts, was one of the best we had struck for anything like the waght. Ashburton (8) was next wisited, then Buckfat Abbey, but unfortunataly permission to ring had not been forthcoming, so after being joined by Mr. Aubrey Bennett for tea, visits were made to Buckfastieigh (9), Dartington (6) and Totnes (8). The latter in particular are a. glorious peal, and we nearly got ourselves into trouble again by ringing severat bells up together, which was calculated to bring out the fire brigade. Only the fact that wo had started by ringiag the tenor and seventh singly eaved us, apparently.
Thursday, after a night at the Dartington Hostel, was to prove a busy day and visits were in many cases cut down to half an bour. Towers risited were South Brent (6), Ugborough (8), Lodidiswell (6), Aveton Gifford (8), Glurehstow (6), Kingsbridge (8), West Alvington (6), Malboraugh (6), Galmpton (6). Most of these we found in excellent condition, but the most outstanding was Ugborongh, our most westerly point which boasted a peal in E fat minor, with a tenor of 24 cwt. We found the most musical arrangement was to ring the front five and back thres as two separate peals, which, as such, were good, and they were lowered in this way. To finish the day we went for 8 spin to Hope Cove before adjourning to Salcombe Hostel. The weather bad bean grand, and bed was welcome, as were the Zam Buck and 'Buck-you-up-oh' tablets, to prepare the travellere for another digy of raising and falling in peal.
Next morming we commenced badly by being half-hour late in starting, and somehow the bead wind, hills and occasional showers seemed determined not to let us make it up. Towers visited were Easf Portlemonth (6), Stokenham (6), St. Saviour's, Dartmouth (8 very fine eight), Brixham (8), Churston Ferrers (6), Paigaton (8) and St. Mary's Chureh, Torquay (8). The route covered can be well recommended, being very beautiful though somewhat hilly.
After a night spent at Sheldon we found a blank in our progranme, due to a report that the tower of St, James', Teigamouth (8), was unsafe, so a wisit was paid to Bishopsteignton, where permission to ring on the good peal of six was rendily granted. After risits to St, Michal's, East Teignmouth (8), Kenton (6) and Exminster (6), the party was made very welcome in the Exeter area, St. Thomas (8), Clyst Honiton (8) with a fine tea arranged for us, St. Sinwell's (30) and Heavitree (8) being the places visited. Of these, special mention should be made of Hearitree, with ith truly magnificent peal in perfect going order, untouehed since they were installed 40 years ago.

Our second Sunday was to prova amother busy day, for after attendiing the $8 \mathrm{dLm}$. . Celebration at Countess Weir, we rang at Broadelyst ( 8 grand eight), Burlescombe (6), Wellington (8), Wilton (8), Drayton (8) and Butieigh (6) before adjourning to Street Hostel. Sixty-two and a lialf milles were covered and we arrived aliead of schedule overpwhere! The day coucluded with a celebration of Dennis' 500 L h tower over bottles of lemonade and 'pop' in the bostel common-room. Bank Holiday, the last day of the tour, was to prove one of the best, for the weather and bells were as rood as could be wished tor. Visits were paid to Glastonbury St. John's (8), West Pennard (6), Evercreech (8), Ditcheat (a magnificent 8) and Bruton (6). At tiae fist-named place at about $3.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. the party 8 plit up to find their rarious ways home. It wes felt that the programme had gone of very well, 66 towers in 10 days with 400 miles of hilly country is sot too bad, especially when it is remembered that we were expected to rase and lower in peal practically everywhers. As in previous jears, a different member of the party was put in sole charge each day, and the scheme worbed very well, giving all would-be conductors a chance.
We sheuld lite to take this opportwnity of heartily thanking associathion officials, towerkeepers and netmbents, whose co-operation made this memorable tour possible.
R. DARFILL.

## KING EDWARD VII.'s CORONATION COMMEMORATED.

At Willeaden, on August $9 \mathrm{Ath}_{+}$n third of a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major ( 1,686 charges) was moge in 57 minutes by E. Lankester 1, J. A. Trollope 2, G. M. Kilbu 3. J, H. Botham 4, Mrs. Botham 5, A. Cutler 6, H. Kilby 7, E. O. S. Turner (conductor) 8. Rung on the anviversary of the Coronation of King Edward VII.
This anniversary is commemorated every year at willesden in wecordance with a beguest made before the war by an admirer of Edward VIT.

## APARTMENTS.

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## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## THE LATE PRESIDEST.

Tributes to the memory of the late president of the Barnsley end District Society (Mr. O. D. Potter) were paid at a meeting beld on Saturday at Darfield, and it was decided to hold a special memorial service at Barnsley on September 9th.

Aboat 20 members were present from Arksef, Doncaster, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Earlsheaton, Folkirk, Meltham, Sandal, Wath and the local company. Tea was served in tha Church Schools and was very mach enjoped by all.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. Drown) presided at the business meeting and at the outset referred to the great loss the society had auffered by the death of the president, Mr. C. D. Potter.
This was supported by Mr. G. Clark (Arksey) who said he had known the late ifr. Potter for over 30 years and knew that he spent his happiest moments among ringers. The loss to ringers in the Barnsley District, he said, was very great,

Those present then stood in silence as a token of respect.
It was decided to hold a special memorial service at Barnsley on Saturday, Septamber 9th, and all ringers are invited to attend.
Seven new members were elected, A. F. Carter, L. Manchester, E. Whitelev, O. Byram and F. Webster (Meltham), W. Walker and T. Duffin (Ossett) and G. W. Pickles (Horbury).

Mr. Clark moved and Mr. Gill seconded a rote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for the splendidi tea provided, and to the local company for all they had done.

The Vicar suitably replied. He said he was pleased to welcome the society once more to Darfield, and he offered the ringers a hearty melcome.
The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening, the methods being Grandsire Doubles, amd Winor Erom Plain Bob to London Surprise

## PEAL NOTES.

## (Continued from page 587 .) NOTYHER ROYAL METHOD

Winton Court Bob Royal was rung, it is believed, for the first time on Bank Holiday, when Mr. Nolan Golden called a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. His composition, in 34 courses, in two equal parts, contains the 24 course-ends with 6587, 5687 , 6.578 and 567890 s, and is probably the firsf peal of Plain Royal to be rung with these qualities.
Mr. Thomas Myers, of Plymotuth, rang his ome zundredith pea] on August Sth at Bridgerule, Devon, where ne called a peal of Grandsire Triples. He has rung peals on all numbers from six to twelve bells and the methods include Gravdsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Rob and Cambridge Sarprise. Mr. Myers has conducted 40 out of his ceatury.
Rock, Worcestershire, is truly rural, being literally miles from anywhere, Its serenity aever appears to be dislurbed by motor-coch and only seldom by the motoriag tourist. Rock possesges a fine church and tower, aud, to crowa all, a beautiful peal of sight, eugroented in 1913 by Taylor 's by the addition of two trebles, while at that same time three of the old six were recast.

Members of the Worceatershire Association wsited the village on August 8th and rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but they consider themselves lucky in accomplishing the peal, as the secoud rope broke while the bell was being lowered.
An amusing incident occursed just before half-way, when the ringer of the 4 th, in attempting to dislodge some chewing gum from his top denture, let gum and denture fall to the fleor. By a wonderfal piece of timing he retrieved the denture, puttiag it back to where it be longed, while be had his bell in place within a whole pull. The sitters of the band might have changed to something else, though, if they bad 'busted ' up, but doubtiess the sight of a grinaing denture on the floor would lave been most disturbing!

Misg Edna Bedford, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, and Mz. Sydney Flint, of Sefton, Lanes, took part in a five-bell peal in seven Doubles methof at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk, on August loth. Norwich ringers made up the rest of the band and it was the first penl in more than four mothods on the bells.
We are extremely glad to see the return to peal ringiag of Mr. Harold J. Poole, who took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprige Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry, with his wife and some of hiz Leicester friends, on August 10th. Inspector Poole is sow on the road to complete resorery, after his rather long brealidows, and the news of his reform to his wonted activity will be received with great pleasure by a host of ringerv.

Incidentally the peal at Loughborough was Mr. C. Ferguson Howitt's fiftieth for the Midand Counties $A$ ssomation.
The band who reng a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Rusball, Staffe, on August, 10th, included five of the local Sunday $\begin{gathered}\text { errice ringers; }\end{gathered}$ the other was the conductor.

## NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Micjael's, Flixton, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 . Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Mernbers and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting is to be heid at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Aug. rgth. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms.-Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-Ideal spot. An historic village and eight beautiful bells for the summer meeting of the above district at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m., and usual tea arrangements. Open to all ringers and friends. - J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - The Chertsey and Leatherhead districts are holding a joint meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Aug. 19th, when everybody will be welcome. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea at 6 , in the Church Room.-A. H. Smith and $F$. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Stoney Stanton on Aug. 1gth. Usual times. Names to me by Friday, Aug. 18 th, for tea, please. Also please note that on Aug. 26th there will be a by-meeting at Broughton Astley. An extra attraction will be the local Wakes. " Ringing at usual times. The Rector will arrange tea on the lawn, if fine, otherwise in the Rectory. Price will be ' a bob a nob.' Come and have a crack at Mr. Bird's Doubles while the lady friend has a crack at the nuts. Badges will be on sale. Names to Mr. H. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley, or to W. A. Wood, Local Sec., Fosseway, Croft, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Rutland Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Empingham on Saturday, Aug. 1gth. Bells (6) avaitable 3 p.m. Notify for tea.-S. Towell, 2\%, West Road, Oakliam, Rutland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Chesterfield District. The first meeting of the re-formed district will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Aug. 1gth. Will all members and local friends please note and attend to show appreciation of the new Rector's cordial invitation? Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. P. Jervis, Stead Street, Eckington.-S. Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 797, Sheffeld Road, Chesterfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Western District.-A meeting of the above district will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, Aug. 1gth. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless ringers notify Mr . H. Tyson, 9, Crescent, Tanfeid Lea, Newcastle-on-Tyne, of their requirements as soon as possible.-J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.The beautiful peal of ten bells in Wrington tower will be available for practice on Saturday, August 19 th, from 5 o'clock.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting. A nice ring, recently rehung, tenor $7 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.-F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for practice during August: Southwark Cathedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th ; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th; St. Magnes', 31st. PBusiness meeting afterwards. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wirral Branch.A meeting will be held at Easthan (belis 6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open at $30^{\prime}$ clock. Tea at $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. No service. Please let me know if you intend to be pre-sent.-Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, Soutt Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Soutli-Eastern District. The next meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Aug. 26 th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. zzrd, please. - H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston and Fylde Branches.-The joint meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Aug, 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Bells (io). All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-East Devon Branch.-A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 , followed by meeting. All ringers welcome-John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.
A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guifd (Chertsey District), the Middlesex County Association (South and West District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 5.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. J. R. James (Vicar of Staines). Tea, followed by meeting, in the Church Rooms at 5.45 p.m., 1s. each. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Frisby, Church Street, Staines, by August 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary ${ }^{\dagger}$ s, Staines, from 3 p.m. ; Egham, from 3 p.m. ; Wravsbury, from 3 p.m. (interva! from 6.30 to 7 p.m.). St. Peter's bells will also probably be available. All ringers and friends welcome.-F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Middlesex County Assoriation), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild) and F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), District Hon. Secs.
GLOLTCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch. - The monthly meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing continued at 6.15 p.m. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, Augrust 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Axbridge Deanery.-The next monthly practice meeting will be held at Uphill ( 6 bells) on Saturday, August 26th, at 6.30 p.m.-E. J. Avery, Practice Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea provided free. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Aaron not later than Wednesday, August 23rd.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch,-The next meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Satarday, August 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 , followed by tea and short business meeting. Permission has been given for a conducted tour round the noted gardens.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District. The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage. (Postcards will greatly help arrangements.) 238 bus from St. Albans to Welham Green stops at Park Gates.-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next meeting will be held jointly with the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Tenterden on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.-P. Page, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3.Peter Crook, Hon, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-East Farleigh and hops are well known throughout Kent. A welcome awaits all ringers there on Saturday, August 26th, the occasion being a by-meeting of Maidstone District. Usual arrangements, etc. Names for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, August 23rd, please.-R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

HAWKHURST \& DISTRICT GUILD.-A joint meeting with the Romney Marsh and District Guild will be held at Teaterden on Saturday, August 26 th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 p.m. Everyhody very welcome.-J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., i Woodbury Road, Hawlhurst, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Meeting at Moreton Corbet, August 26th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but tea can only be provided if notice is sent to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Pranch.-A special meeting will be held at Harpole (5 hells), on Saturday, August 26th. Usual arrangements. -W. C. Moore, 5, Williams Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

CALLING ALL RINGERS.-What about a trip to Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August '26th? WHAT'S ON? Why, the monthly meeting of the Lougliborough District, M.C.A. WHERE IS IT? Why, it is the wellknown health resort of the Charnwood Forest. Beautiful scenery and a fine peal of six bells. Tea arranged if you drop a card to Mr. G. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough. Other arrangements as usual.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OE DEVONSHIRE RINGERS-North-East Branch.-A by-meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, August 26th, to represent an opening day for the recently rehung peal of bells (8), from 3.30. Short service 4.30 . Tea will be provided. Any reguiring tea or conveyance from Tiverton to Huntsham, please notify me as soon as possible.-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at Hatfield. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who will require it. A good peal of bells-come and use them. - E. Cooper, Hon. Sec, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD and SURREV ASSOCIATION.A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cricketers, Epsom Common, at 5.30. Service at 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Monday, August 28th. All ringers welcome.-I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch (Lincoln District) and LEastern Branch.-A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horncastle on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Monday, August 28th ?-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eastern Branch, Park House, 90 , Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcone.--J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCLATION.-North-Wesi and SouthWest Divisions.-A joint meeting will be held at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Beils (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.-W. Wheeler and J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.Southern District.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, August 29th, certain.-E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District. A meeting wil! be held at St. Mary, Hendon, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notices for tea (Is. per head) to be sent to me by Tuesday, 29th. Methods for special attention, Double Court, Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods wil! be rung as required. -T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

ALDENHAM.-Saturday, September 2nd. Changes of all description at your disposal.-Herts Association.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-Exeter Branch.-A meeting will be held at Christow, on September 2nd. Service 4.30 . Tea at $5,1 \mathrm{~s}$, each. Trusham and Ashton will also be visited. Motor coach leaves Paul Street Park 2.45. Seats, 1s. Bd. to members, non-members 3s. Please notify me by Aug. 26th.-W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury District. - A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following at i/ per head. Names for tea, please, to :-Mr. W. C. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Thursday, August 3rst.-B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-A special memorial service for ringers will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, September 9th, as a tribute to the late president, Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley. Please reserve the date, as all ringers are cordially invited to join in. Further particulars later,-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.-The above society will hold a dinner at the Molineux Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 18 th, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets 3s. Bd. Further announcement later.

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The fact that in the last three successive weeks we have been able to record that three ringers have reached an individual total of five hundred peals each is, we think, a sign of the times and one more indication of the growth of peal ringing. It is quite true that a considerable number of ringers have passed this total; perhaps nearly fifty in all, but that, within a few days, three more should top their fifth century is not a little sigaificant. Peal ringing which reaches to these limits is no mere flash in the pan. Such a total means years of persistent effort, and if it is, by comparison, a lesser landmark in a man's ringing career than the four fgure totals, it is, nevertheless, an achievement in which a ringer may justifably take pride.

There are very few of the men who have rung five hundred peals who have given less than forty years' service to ringirg, and in going over the names hat come to mind one reafises that they are among those who have not only filled their part as Sunday service ringers, but are among the most loyal and diligent in pertorming their duty to the Church. In this respect they are an example to many who, looking upon peal ringing as, often, a selfish bobly, are themselves lax and sometimes indifferent to the demands of service ringing. The enthusiasm which has prompted the tong and consistent devotion to peal ringing has led to an equally consistent devotion to the other object of chured bell ringing.

But these big peal totals represent something else besides the enthusiasm of the individuals. They mark the increasing facilities for the art, both in the rings of bells that can be used for the purpose and in means of access to them; they mark, too, the spread of method ringing and, we think, a greater general knowledge of the art in these days compared with a generation ago. And this is going rapidly on. There are young men to-day coming up hand over fist with their peal records and doing things in three or four years which took their grandfathers a lifetime. Some of these members of the new generation are racing towards their five hundredth peal. We hope, as they do so, they will remember that much of their success is due to those who have gone before, to the encouragement they have received and the facilities that have been made for them.

In a somewhat similar connection a few weeks ago we mentioned that a peal, in the early days of some of the older men amongst us, was a real triumph. A success was hard earned, and we rather doubt whether in the welter of peals rung to-day quite the same satisfaction is to be obtained as was the case in a peal rung forty or (Continued on page 538.$)$

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fifty years ago. Numerical progress was much slower then for the individual. The prowess of the younger generation in peal ringing is, of course, a matter of congratulation ; it betokens well for the future, but it is not out of place to remember the struggles of the past. Compare, for instance, the sixty or more peals rung last year by more than one of the younger generation, or the three hundred rung by a young man barely twenty, with the lifelong work of some bygone ringers. James Barlam, probably the greatest peal ringer of his day, took forty-nine years to ring in peals; Henry Haley, one of London's leading ringers in the middle of last century, was forty-three years ringing $18 z$ peals, while the great Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, was fifty-four years in scoring about a hundred and fifty peais. Times have changed and vastly so, but we sometimes wonder whether we give all the credit that is due to the men who, in the past, laid the foundations upon which the successes of to-day are built.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Saturday, Angwst 19, 1939. in Three Honys and Forty-Sewen Minmtes,
At the Cathadral Cebrce of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF STEDHAN CINQUES, 5280 CHANGEAI
Tenor 25 cwt .
Alfred H. Pulling ... ...Teable |raderice H. Dexier ... 7 Harold J. Poole .... ... 2 Haroed G. Jenney .... .... 8 Mas, H, J. Poole ... ... 3 John H. B. Hesse ... ... 9 Harry Broggeton ... ... 4 C. Fergason Howity ... io Harey G. Wayne ... ... 5 Arnold Brdmion ... ... II William J. Robingon... ... 6 Jobn T. Grant .... ... ...Temat Composed by F. H. Dexres. Conducted by A. Bronron.
400 th peal by Fred H. Deater.

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Ow Saturduy, August 19. 1939, in Thyee Hows and Twenty-Two Minates, At the Cburce of St. Tromas
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Gilbert T. Gozst ... ...Troble| Harold Subck ... ... ... 6
John Goodmak ... ... ... 2 Henry Hobball ......
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THE SUFFOLK GOLD．
On Safurday，Augwe 12，1939，in Thye Howrs and One Jinute， At tee Cberce of SS．Perer and Padl，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 5089 CHANGE8； Tenor $I_{7} \mathrm{cwt}$ ．
Fredrrica C，Gonion
－Ernest A．Head Erngst Whiting Stanley W．Copling
Composed by T．B．Worsley
Condracted by C．W．Loome．
＊First peal in the method．A birthday complimont to E．A．Head CREDITON，DEVON
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD．
On Saturday，August 12，1939，in Thred Howrs and Twenty－Three Minutes At rer Coleggiate Cherce of ter Holy Cross，
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR，SOMO CHANGEE； Tenor 27 cwt ．in D ．
William H．Howe
Jobr Arbory ．．．
．．．．．．Treble
Cearles R．Lilley
Jambs E．Lilley ．．．
Composed by J．Cariar． ．．．Treille ．．． 2 ．．． 3 Tlae first pea！of Major on the bells
OLDHAM，LANCASHIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION．
On Salurday，August 12，1939，in Thece Hows and Fowy Minmes，
At the Chorce of St．Thomas，Moorside，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 6088 CHANEES； Tenor 18 cwt．
Stzparn L．Parry
．Treble
Harold Hamer ．．．
$\ldots T$
Fpank Reynolds
Joan Mandowcrory，jon．．．
Composed by C．K．Lewis．
3 Selwyn H．Dearden ．．． 5
Lewis．Conducted by F，Reynorme
＊First peal in the method．First peal in the metlod as conductor Rung on the occasion of tha wedding of Mr．Fred Pollit． WRITMLE，ESSEX．
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION．
On Satwrday，August 12，1939，is Thyed Howrs and Fourteex Minuter， At ine Chorca or All Saints，
A PEAL DF SUPERLATIVE SURPRI8E MAJOR， 5058 CHANCES：
Tenor 181 cwt ．
－Ceristoperr Jaggara
－Norman F．Grisifam Thomas Lincoln －Jogen M．Gaypord
．．．Tveble

Composea by C．J．Sedgley
＊First peal in the mefhad．

> RIPPONDEN, YORKS.

TEE LANCASEIRE ASSOCIATION
On Swnday，August 13，1939，in Two Howrs and Fifly－Two Minutes， At tae Caurce of St．Bartholomew，
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES，5040 CHANGE8।
Heywood＇s Transposition of Tborstans Fodr－part． Tenor 10t ewt．


[^42]FRAMCNGHAM，SUFFOLR． THE SUFFOLK GUILD．
On Monday，Augwst 14，1939，in Theet Hows，
At the Cadrch of St．Micharl，
A PEAL OF KENT TRE日LE BOB MAJOR， 120 CHANRE8； Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ ．in F ．


| Alfred H．Watson | ... | ... | 2 | Harry Hall | ... | ... | .. | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dabsy M．Andrews | ... | $\ldots *$ | 3 | Urban W．Wildnay | ... | .. | 7 |  |

 Composed by A．Knigers．Conducted by Symvia R．E．Bowyzr A birthday peal for C．W．Widney and his 100th peal．

## BROMLEY，KENT．

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION．
On Monday，Awgwit 14，1939，in Two Howrs and Foyty－T wo Minutes， Ax tag Cefore of St．Lore，
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8，B070 CHANEE8； Parker＇a Twrive－part．

Tenor 15 cwt，
Jogn E．Lyddiard ．．．．．．Tyeble
＊Harold S．Blacerzu
Min 3 James Bennex－．．
Miss Hilda Oazshety.- .3 Edhend Moditer 3 ．．．．．． 7
Frederica E．Pitman ．．． 4 Jim Horrigll ．．．．．．．．．Temoy Conducted by J．Bennett．
＊First peal in the method．Quickest peal on the bells．Specinily arranged as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th an the ove of the 40th anniversary of his wedding day．

> ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE DSSEX ASSOCIATION．
On Twesdoy，Angust 15，1939，in Two Howrs and Fifly－Sevm Minntes，
Ax tee Cadrce or St．Edward，
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRIBE MAJOR， 5056 CHAMCES； Tenor 15 cwt ．
Ernest ］．Butcer ．．．．．．．Treble Frederick W．Hósden ．．． 5 Mrs．F．W．Housden．．．．．． 2 Egngst W．Yye ．．．．＋．．．． 6
Gborge R．Pye ．．． Charles T，Coles $\quad . .$.

Composed by C．J．Sedeley． Conducted by J．Bennetz．
OLD WINDSOR，BERKSHIRE．
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD．
On Twesday，Angust 15，1939，in Three Howrs and Ona Minwte， Ax the Celurce of St．Peter．
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR，$\delta 056$ CHANGEDI Tenor if cwt． 2 zु． 21 lb.

| Willam Hencey | ．．．．Treble | Cornelits Cearge ．．． |
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| Williay H，Fussele．．． | ．．． 2 | －Walter W．Phipfs ．．． |
| William Welling | 3 | Norman V．Harding ．．． 7 |
| James A．Glass ．．．．－ | ． 4 | William Biramgeam ．．．Tembt |
| Composed by Cornelia | Charge． | Conducted by Wm．Birmimgeam |

＊First peal of Major．
BGUNTEORPE，LINOS．
THE LTNCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Twesduy，August 75，1939，in Two Hows and Fifty－Seoth Minutes， At tht Churct of St．John－tbe－Evangeist，
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR，s056 CHANGEOI Tenor I8告 cwl．
Fred Lacey．．．．．．．．．．．．．Treble｜Peicip Barnes ．．．．in ．．． 5

| Mrs．J．Bray | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 2 | Grorge W．Moody ．．． | ... | 6 |
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Frang Lord．．．

＊First peal of Surprise Major． ROBIN HOOD＇S BAY，YORXSHIRE． THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION．
On FVednesdoy，Angusi 70．1939，in 7 hres Fours and Six Mimules， At the Churce of St．Stepegn，Fylingsdale，
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR， 5088 CHANCEE！ Tenor In解 cut．in $G$ ．

[^43]BUSHEY, HENTS
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
0m Thursday, Augnst 17, 1939, in Two Hows and Foriy-Five Mfinntes, At yeg Catree of St. James,
A PERL OF SPLICED LONDOM, BRIBTOL, SUPERLATIVE \& GARBAIDCE BURPRISE MAJDR, 5056 CHANEES

Tenor 13 cwt .
Francis A. Smitr
Henry Hodeetts Stepabn H. Hoark Cearles T Coles Cole .... 4
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1.664 Bristol antid 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THEE NORWICH DIOCESAX ASSOCIATION
On Tharadoy, Auguse 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Souen Minutes, At 2ee Cgorch of St. Margarat,
A PEAL OF KENT TRE日LE BOB MAJOR, 502s CHAREES; Tenor $\mathrm{I}^{\text {星 } \mathrm{cw}} \mathrm{c}$.

 Miss Katelern Lewis ... 3 Riceard W. R. Coatrs ... 7 Misg Dorotgy Constance 4 C. Frangrice Saybr......Tomoy Composed by N. J. Pitstow, Conducted by E. R. Gontr. * First peal. + First peal of Trable Bob "inside."

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MTDLAND COTNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 17, 1939, in Two Howys and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Churci of St. Thomas,
A PEAL DF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14 owt.
Jogn E, Clager .... Era Marseal $\left.\begin{array}{cc}\ldots . . T r s b l e \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . . . & 3\end{array} \right\rvert\,$ Walter P. Waltabbad ...
Ernest Morgis Alfred Baleard W. Artetr Riddington.. William Bottrill ** .... 7 Composed by Cidoleton Condard R. Waitregad ...Teno * First peal in the mpthod.

CLIFTE-AT-B00, KENT.
THE KENT CODNTY ASSOGIATLON. On Saturday, Angust 19, 1938, in Three Howys and Ond Minute, At ther Chitrcy of St. Hexim.
A PEAL OF YORK8HIRE BURPRIBE MAJOR, E152 CMANGES
Tenor IS cwt.
Herseri A. Holder ...
TTrable
James Bennett.
Mre. F. W. Hodsder...* Harry Hoverd ... 3 Composed by E. A. Barmert. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Edwin A, Barngit } & . . . & . . . & 5 \\ \text { Frzdericy W. Hocsden } & . . . & 6 \\ \text { Hrrbrt E. Addsley } & \ldots & 7 \\ \text { Pairip A. Corby ... } & . . . & . . . T \text { Thay }\end{array}$ Condacted by P. A, Corby. Is.
HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WOIRGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICYS ASSOCIATION. (Western Brance.)
On Sclutdoy, Aucust 19, 1939, in Three Howrs,
At tef Cefrca of Sf. Mary-teg-Virgin,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOE TRIPLE8, 5040 CHANCE8;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13 C.C.C.).

Tenor 12 cwt . I qr. 15 tb. in G .
Grorgr E. Largr ... ...Tpoble Raymond C. Saybrs .... ... $^{\text {G }} 5$
Ernest Wilson ... ... .... 2 Ernast F. Cobbraley ... 6
Dennis R. Saybus ... ** 3 Reginald Woodyatt... .** 7
Horace Hodgr .... .... .... 4 Erederice G. Yatbs ... ...Totor
Conducted by Grorge E. Large

BOCFING, ESSET
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Angwit 19, 1939, in Thred Howrs and Ten Mixules, At the Deanbry Chorce,
A PEAL OF BRISTDL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANEES; Tenor 181 cwt.
H. Whetrr Smita .... ...Tydita Frank Claydon ... ... .... 5 Miss Hicda G. Snowden ... 2 Ronald Sockeing .4. ... 6
 Composed by T. Hafgr. Conducted by C. W. Woollzy.
First pesl in the method as conductor.
GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hows and Eighteen Minctes; Ax the Cherce of St. Migearl,
A PEAL OF RRANDBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 OHAMPEBI
Parker's Twecviphart (7th observalion). Tenor 22 cwt. oqr. iolb. in D.
 Wilciam J. Cross ... ... 3 Percy Newton ... .... ... 7


* Pirst peal 'inside.'

HOLLENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUTFOLK GULLD.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)
On Saturday, August 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minules, At the Cedreg of All Saints.
A PEAL DF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor Iy cwt. in F.
Cearlgs A. Catcepole ...íroble Charles J. Sbdgley ... 5
Hobart E. Smstr ... ... 2 Frani L. Fisger ... ... 6
Grozge A. Fleming ... ... 3 "Philip C. Bicgnrll... ... 7
 Composed by James Hons. Conducted by Charibs J. Sedgi ey. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method oul the balls. MITCFAM, SURPEY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION,
On Salurday, Augwi 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight winutos At tee Churce of SS. Petar and Pade,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGE8 1

Heywodd's Transposition of Tedrstans' Fodr-part. Tenor 16 cmb .

 Prrcy E. Joners ... ... ... 4 Charles W. R, Grimwood...Tenay Conducted by Edgar Hancock.
Rugg as a farewell peal to W. H. Joiner.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GOSBERTON. LINCS
THE ELY DIOCDSAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Augwst 3, 1939, in Tat Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At tae Cegreg of SS. Prier and Patl,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5OED CHAMGE8;
Beivg 780 each of Double Court, Double Oxtord. St. Clement's, Siugle Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt in E.
Edward Barker... .... ...Treble $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}\text { Warlace Codgins } & \ldots \\ \text {.... } & 4\end{array}\right.$


Concucted by Tony Prier.

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GREAT BTROMIEY, FSSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursary, Augus: 10. 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

> At tag Chorch of St. Grorge,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one exteat each of London, York, Cambridge and Norwich Surpise, Double Cont, Keit Trebie Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 ewt. in E.


## Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

## GLASTON, RUTLAND

THE PETERBOROUGII DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satkrday, -ittgust 12. 1939, in Two Hours und Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
 Conducted by G. Pegperday. PPRLETHORPE, NOHTS.
THE: NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sattrday, dught 12, 1939, in Tivo Hours and Forly Minutes, At tee Ceqreb on St. Joyn-the-Evangelist, A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Boing 720 eachs of Court Boh, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise,
St. Clement's, Ksm aud Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

- Frrderick Flint ... ...Ireble FArthor E. Cbilton... ... 4

Harold Denman ... ... 3 Hergert T. roore ... ... That
Conducted by H. T. Roore.
* First peal in seven mothods. Rung as a 21st birthday complineut to Miss Alice Chilton.

GNAITE, YORESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturiay, Augnst 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, At tae Chorch of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent ench of Cambridge Eurpuise, Double Oxford Bobl St. Clement's Bob, Plain Beb, Oxford Trebie Bols aud two extents of Kent Treble Bob. $\quad$ Tenor 12 cwt . in F sharp. *Ebsler Woodbead ... ...Tyebla Mre. E. Bradeey ... ... 4 . Robert H, Vigor ... ... 2 Horace S. Morley ... Fred Terry ... ... ... 3 Edmard Bradley ... ...Temor Conalucted by E. Bradley.

* First peal of Minor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOGESAN GUTLD.
On Saturday, Augus! 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fify-Seven Minutes. At the Chirbce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-senyes, ten callings. Tenor 11 cut.
W. Henry Young ... ...Treble |Tracey H. Young ... ... 4
 Conducted by T. H. Young.
Rang hali-mufled as a tolen of the rery deepest respect to the late Alfred T. Eitsou.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATE AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Ow Sunday, August 13, 7939, in Thyee Hours and Five Minutes,
At tee Cedrce of All Sainis,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGE8:

## Forty-two six-scores in ten callings.

Tenoy 214 cut ,
Francis C. Mogrord... ...Treble
Ronald W. Treastre ... 2 Williab Wbeb...
Leomard S. Colbs ... ... 3 Edemard Gill $\quad$...

## Conducted by F. C. Moegord

Rung as a weiding peal for the condnctor fud Miss. Susan Ellen Drake, of ther, South Wales, who wre marvied at this church on August 7th:

GREAT DODDENGTON, NORTHANES
On Thursday, Avgust 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes. At the Cherch of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 040 CHANGE8;
Ten different 120 's and 16 variations of A. J. Pitmau's $240^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$. Tenor $6 \frac{1}{2}$ ewt.
*Mise Eva Scarr ... ...Tyeble "Cbarles W. Partridge ... 3
Artedr Rerder ... ... 2 Grorge Brafield ... ... 4
William G. Callis ... ...Temor
Conducted by William G. Calets.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESBEX ASSOCIATION.
On Satwriay, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Cagrce of St. Joan,

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 GHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720 's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Boh and one of Flain Boh.

Conacted by J. C. Jenwings.
First peal in four methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BUTTON-ONSTATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hows and Twenty-Five Minuts. At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, 51F2 CHANGES;
 Jack Bray ... ... ... ... 3-4 | Phllip Barnes ... .... ... $7-8$ Composed by I. Reeves (adapted). Conducted by Walter Ayre BERTON-ONSTATHER, LINCS, THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUIID.
Dn Wranesday, Augnat 16, 1939, in 7 too Hours and $T$ tulve Mingtes, At Terntwood,

## A PEAL OF LITTEE BOB HAJOR, GOIO CHANCES

Mrs. J. Bray ... ... ... I-2
Frank Lord
3-4 - Waltrrayre
Composed by W. Royte. Conducted by Walter Ayrb.

* 100tla peal ' in land' as conductor.

BURTON-ON STATHER, LNCS.
THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fviday, August 78, 1939, in Twio Hows and Nineteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelye-pari (7til observation).
Mrs, J. Bray ... ... ... i-2 Jacr Bray
Walter Ayre ... ... ... 3 - 4 Ernest Britians
Conducted by J. Bray.

WEDDING OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS.
BRIDE A MEMBER OF WALGRAVE LADIES' BAND
Both church beliringers, Mr, Herbert Joluy Simons, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joln Sinaons, of Moulton, and Miss Jessie Evolyn Malden, fifth daugluer of Mr. and Mrs. Charies Walden, of Wold Road, Walgrave, were married at Walgrave Church ou July 29th.

The bride is a memher of the women's bellinging team at Walgrave, and the bridegroom a ringer at St. Edmulud's Churel, Northanipton, and at Moulton Churcll. Tlıe Lride is also is menbey of the clooir and the Girls' Friendly Society at Walgrave.
The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Segger (Rector)
Given away hy her father, tho bride wore a rose pink cloque gown with a pink bulle veil, held in place by a henddress of mether-of-peaxl leaves, She carried a bouquet of pink tea roses.
Miss Nellie Walden (sister of the bride), Miss Lily Simons (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Yera Addington (friend of the bride) were the bridesmnids. Mr, Robert Mottram acted as best man.
As the Walgrave ringers wore husf, either in connection with the ceremony or in the sullssequent festivities, a term fram the Northempton Brancls of the Peterborough Diocesat Guild came to do the honours on the bells. Ther were Messrs. Joe Dean, Tont Teblutt, George Valentide, George Freeman aud Tom Law.

A HOLIDAY 'BAG.
PORTISIEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WLELS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. O\# Satur day, August 5, 1939, in Three Howrs, At thi Cemper of St. Petie,

## A PEAL OF DEUBLE HERWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHAMEE8;

## Tenor 16 cwt .

| Edith K. Fletcair ... ...Treble | Stipage H. Wood ... ... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Norat G. Wieliams... ... 2 | Chitstopbir R. Walier ... |
| Christoprer W. Woolley 3 | Grorge W. Fletcrer |
| Ernest J. Taylor | Josbrit T. Dykr |
| Composition C | dlection No. 40. |

* 50th peal.


## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 7. 7939, in I hree Howys and Thiwty-Two Minutes, Ait the Abrey Church or St. Mary,

## A PEAL DF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGEB,

Heywood's Tramspogition of Thorstans' Four-part. Tenor 46 cwt. o gr. 5 lb .
 Conducted by Edita K. Fletcabr.

* 500th peal.


## YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Thursday, August 10. 1939, in Three Howes and Thiriy-Two Mirutes,

At ter Ceurch of St. Johm-tbe-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANDES!
Tenor 40 cwt 2 qr .23 lb.


Composed by J. E. Groves, Conducted by Hzribry Knight.

## Hastbelet Praz.

> YEOVLL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION. On Thursday, August 10, 1039, in Two Howrs and Eighteen Minwtes.

At the Threb Chooger Hoter.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Edith K. Flbicabr ... ... 1-z $\mid$ Caristopebr W. Woolley Frane W. Pbrrens ... ... 3 -4 Josbpb T. Dyex ... ... ... 7 7Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
Witnessed by the other members of the party.
BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUIID.
On Friday, August 11, 1939, in Three Hows and Eightech Hinwtes, At ter Cborce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDEE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

## Tenar 25 cwt



## 'NORTHCHURCH ' IS ' LESSNESS.'

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I am informed that the method rung as 'Northchurch Surprise ' on February $11 t \hbar$ last was in fact, 'Lessness Suryrise,' firbt rung at Erith on February 22nd, 1967.
The footnote should, therefore, read 'First peal in the method on the bells. by all the hand sud by the assaciation. ${ }^{\text {a }}$
H. a. CASHMORE.

Wetford.

## PEAL NOTES.

## MR. HERBERT KNIGHT REACHES FIVE HUNDRED PEALS.

Another well-hnown ringee has scored his five hundredth peal. By a coincidence, Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolver hampton, hon. secretary for more than thirty years of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford reached this total on the same day as his old ringing iriend, Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. Mr. Knight raug lis five humdredth peal at Sherborne Abbey on August Benk Holidas, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples rung curing a boliday ringing week in Somerset and Dorset.


## MR. HER日ERT KNIGHT.

 first to io so in the was the On October 12th, 1907, with his eyes bandaged. lis conducted Thuratans' ane-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Luke's Churek, Wolverhampton. 3ir. Knight has conducted peals of Stedmen from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. He laas also rugg peals of Cambridge Surprise from kinor to Maximus.searing a double.
Another interesting 'double' may shortly materialise. Both Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middleaex Association, and Mr. James Bennett are paring one thousnad peals. They are within the last two or three, with Mr. Coles about olle ahead. It is not a race, but a question of fitting in the peals so that they mav ring their 1,000th together. Their most recent successes are recorded in our pea! columns this week.
The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at South Wigston, Leicestershire, on August 17th, was specially arranged for Mr. William Bottrill, who was paying a flying visit to his home town.
Mr. George E. Large rang his fiftieth peal as conductor for the Worcestershire Assaciation on Saturday at Hanbury, 1t was also hie fiftieth peal with Mr. R. Woodyatt. Oxford Bob Triples was rugg after an abortive attempt for Mr. John Carter's method, Darlaston Bob Triples, which just would not go.
The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Cliffe-at-Hoo, Kent, on Saturday, the first in the method on the bells, was rung to a new Somposition be E. A. Barnett:-

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| 3546 | $A$ (four courses) |  |



The first peal of Double Norwioh on the bells at Hollesley, Suffolk, was rung on Satarday, It was the first attempt for a pers in the methad by Philp Bicknell.
Mr. William H. Joimer, after 32 years" cannection with Mitcham, Surrey, is leaving the district. Last Saturday a farewell peal of Stedman Triples was rung at SS . Peter and Paul's Church, in which Ir. Joiner took patt with some of his old friezds.

The bolls of Coalbrookdalo, Salop, were rung half-muffled to a peal of Grendsire Caters on Alagrast 10t5 as a tribute to the memory of both Mr. John Overton, the Bridgnarth reteran, and Mr. Edward Howell, who was for 50 years a sidesman af Coalbookdale Church. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Framlingham, Sufotk on August 14th, was arranged for the birthday of Mr. Urban Wildney of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, and was also his one humdredth peal. His peals have been rung in 40 towers with 154 ringers.
Miss Sylvie Bowyer, the conductor of the peal, is the first lady to call a peal at Framlingham.

## A THNQUE COBPOSITION.

Mr. Fred H. Dexter, of Leicester, rang lis 400th peal on Saturday and "dished up" something unique in the way of a compasition of Stedman Gitapes (called by Arnold Bruntoy) for the occasion.
Three Guildfordinns were in the peal, and Mr. Alfred Pulling had the great pleasure of again ringing a peal with Mrs. H. J. Poole, their last together having been rung 19 years ago

Mr. Fred Dexter's composition of 5,280 is as follows :-

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Three times repeated. First course of first part only opens with Bob 1 In the last course of the peal add S10 S13 Bob 22.

Mr. Alfred T. Kitson, eptly described as one of Nature's gentlemen, who whs for 50 years $A$ ringer at Allensmore, Herefordshire, has recently passed away. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung halfmuffled on tho beils of lisg Parish Church on Aggast i2th as a last tribute of deep respect to his memory.

The 5,056 of Bob Major et OTd Windsor on August 15th was a peal by Mr. Comelius Charge, which le composed in the Queen's Street, Hockland, Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in 1930 . It had not been ruag before and it was fitting that the composer shorld take part in it on bis return to the mother country.
The composition is one of those four-part peals with two Befores and ons Middle in each part. Mr. Charge composed one on similir limes in 1901-a long sap.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, who has made a welcome return to peal ringing after his long enforced absence, scored bis 1,150th peal on this occasion. As a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Alice Chilton, sister of one of the ringers, e peal in seven Minoz methods was rung at Perlethorpe, Notts, on August 12tit.

## THE 'SRICE" OF FALGRES.

A peal of Cambridge Major at Scunthorpe and three peals cn handbelif at Burton-on-Stather were part of Mr. Walter Ayres M holiday last week in Lincolnskire. In the course of them lie rang his 100th peal in hand as conductor and lis 175th peal for the Lincoln Diocerszn Guild.
A frayed rope put "paid' to Littile Bob Major at Barton on the 10th, a shift course occurred in the same method on Sundey, and an extra bob in 8 t. Clement's on Monday added "spice " to the week.
A peal of Spliced Surprite in four methods at Bushey on August 17th was Measrs, H. G. Cashmore and E. Jenninas' 50th peal together-
Three ringers scored their first peal, one of them, Miss Eva Scarr, st the first attempt, at Great Doddington, Northants, on August 17th, It was also Mr. W. G. Callis' first peal as conductor. Great Doddingtor Ohurch has five bells, and Grandsire Doubles, in six-scores ard Pitman's 240 's were rung.
The first peal of Major on the bells at Crediton, Devon, where the tenor is 23 ewt., was rung on August 12th. Change ringing at Crediton is no easy matter, the ropes are wide apart and four of them lang in a straight lige. The peal was arranged for Mr. A, P. Cannon, and the band were indebted to Mr. J. E. Lilley, who, having come to bear the peal, was pressed into service owing to one of the selected loand not arriving in time. Local ringers who heard the peal congratulated the band on the excellent stiriong.

## A KENT ASSOCIATION JUBILEE

THE FLRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRTPLES,
A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Crayford on August 17th on the 50th nnmiversary of the firgt in the method for the Kent Countr Associatios, at the same tower, but was unfortunately lost. The ringars were T. Groambridge, sea. 1, H. Gibbs 2. D. M. Slinp 3, A. S. Richarda 4, I. E. Audsley 5, G. V. Murphy 6, E, Bartett 7, H. A. Halden 8.

The ringer nf the second, Mr. Farry Gibbs, who now livel at Brede, Sussex. rang the tenor to the original peal, which wes his first. Mr. Challis Winney fs the only other survipnr of the band.
The Kent Association had been established nine years before this first peal of Stedmen Triples was rung for it. It. was oalled by the late Mr. F. G. Newmam.

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## BeLFRY GOSSIP.

After being closed about two months for restoration, the tower of Sb. Thomas: Cburch, Keresley, Coventry, is open agaia for the usual Sunday service ringing and practice on Honday eveninge. Bell founders have been invited to tender for a mew treble to womplete the peal of six, the ringers having already ruised about 840 towards the cost.
The first inme Folt's Original was ever called by one of the ringers taking part. in the peal was on August 2and, 1752 , at St, Micheel-atCoslany, Nornich. Exactly two months lafer the same baud rang it at St. Giles', Norwich, the conductor on both occasions being William Dixon
Henry Hubbard, who afterwards went to live in Leeds and who was the author of one of the ringing text books published aboot the middle of last century, was born at Norwich on Aingusti 25th, 1807.
Another Norwich anniversery which ocours next week is that of the first true peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rumg at St. Peter Mancrofi on August 26th, 3718.
Bemjamin Annablecatled tho first pest on the thells at St. George's, Southrark, a peal of Bob Mijor, on August, 27th, 1750.

## HALESWORTH BEELS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir -Hsving been asked to correct my reference to the casting of some of these bells, may I amplify my former letter f
William Brend (not Breit) and John, hiss son, were casting bells at Norwich earls in the sevendi century. Raven's list dates from 1802 to 1649. In I61I they cast the Halesworth serenth. This was the yenr in which Thomas Fclla was elected churchwarden ardi shatted lis book. He must have had something to do with them, and one of them magy have writien these changes in the book lefore nyrthing else was tharein inscribed: this would account for the figures being on the first page. In 1624 they cast the tenor; the date is win the bell, so that Raven, who en page 114 gives anothar date, cannot bo correct. In 1627 they cast the neth.
In 162i, the date written iuside Fella's boak, they were at work at Bramfield vearby, casting the two trebles, epparenty in plage of a cracked tenor. They may have come over to Aalenworth and wriften out thess finges and staried the ringers, flime a well-gatahlighed band. in ringing then; this pionecr wark leading, as it so orten does, to the new orders being given to them, as I have already ralated.

HEEBERT DRAEE.

## MIDEAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION <br> GEFITED GETESTERFTRLD DISTRICP.

A meeting of the recived Chesterfield District of tha Midand Counties Association war held at Eckington on Saturday and was מiost successful from every point of vew, memisers being present from many towers, including Shefield Cathedral Preston, Eeclesfield, Handsworth, Clowne, Staveley, Chesterfield, Old Whittington uma local campany. The presence of a number of "opt-county' memlers was greatly appreciatod and added to the nuccess of the meeting.
A shorts service was held by the Rertor (the Rev. A. O. Nugee), assisted by lis earate (the Rev. Eobinson). Alter an address of walcome by the Rector, the whole wompray adjourned to the Chureh Eall for a splendidly served tea, followed by a business meatirg. The Rev. A. C. Nugee presided, supported by the district chairman, Mr. $W^{*}$. Palmer.
A very interesting discenssion tonk place with regard to the adrisa-
 the wear, and after Mr. George Lewis (Ecclesfield) had made seweral A letter publinhet in The Ringing Wrorld ' by the Vicar of ChestarAeld a fow weeks ago with regarid to Chesterlield bell was discussed, and Wr. S. Palmuer (Sheffield) grve his recolloctions of the matter as dealt. witls he the Cartral Council. Mr. Pralmer slaited that the likelihood of the balls being put in going order in two ar three years' time was ratlee more farourable than had been appareat for some time.
It. was sgreed that, whilst the cistrict could not at the moment make iny move, the Ficar of Chesterficld could look to tile district for support in any future action which might be tasen.

At lis own request, the Rector of Eckington was riected an hon. member, and twn now ringing members were elected, viz. Mesars. D. Culling and W. Marrioti, hath of Old Whittington.

Votes of thanks were accorden to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for proriding a splendid tea.
The next meeting was artanged to be held ${ }^{2}$. Glowne on Saturdey, October 21st.
After the megting was declared cioged, many memberg ncrepted the Rector's invitation to look round the garden and grounds "nd to try his handhells, whilst others returned to tho belfry ior furfher ringing
Thle ringing during the day raried from rounds (seversl having their first pull on eight and eajoying it! to Cambridge via Boh Minor, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Superiative.
The hells were lowered in peal at the end of a splendid day, which gare the newly reformed Clesterfield District o thoroughly geod Eend-of.

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS

MR. TROLLOPE QDOTES AUTHORITIES

## To the Editar

Dear Sir, -I am ailraid I cammot accept Mr. Drake's corrections and perhaps you will allow me to say a word or two about some of the more interesting paituts he raises.
Mr. Drake donbts my statement that "in gome cares at an obijt the ringing secms to bave lasted aff and on all the alay " and that "it was the bsumf thing to send the ringers hread and beer, which tioey consumed in the belfry. 1 formed niy conclusiong from quite a numher of statements und hivts in contemporaty wrilings and churelz accounts. Here are one or two typical instavees:-
Bishop Grandisom, of Exeber, tried to etop long ringing on the grounds thet in did no good to the dead, it annoyed the living and jt Wore out the fittings of the bells:
Murtin Bucer, a leurned foraigner, who lived for same years nt Gembridge atsd died there in I551, in a book on the Chureh of Einglaud. refers to the custon still kept up by superstitions men and foolisit boys that thryy zhe ringers beer and me to drints' and says that "it is egaingt nll ceasoul to ring all the day wime and all the night too
Ia the clurclwardeng* accoutsts of SL. Mary-at-Hill, London, there is a record of paymont to a woman for carrying bear to the riagers. The number of ringers juge, bating from the seventeenth centurg, have relrexhment in the belfy, and I know of uothing to ranke me believe that the sustom iz the fifteenth and sixtenth centuries was byy difercus. or that religious and soher-minded men eifbes before the Reformation or after saur anything amiss in the practice.
Mr. Dralie nsts whether there is any reason to suppose tinat before
 than hefore requiems, at the Consecration, for Dirige and for Placeho.
The apswer nmplatically is 'Yes." There was plenty of ringing for seculay parposes, and even, I have good reason to believe, for "plensurw, le, as a spart. for addition the bells were rung hecauke souls it purgatory. Hence all the ringing at olfits and funerals and ringilag or tolling, bul ordinury winging. H Hence, too, tho bells were muge nil sight on All Eallows' Eve 'for all erystys solis."
In tha Iftomate Rolls in the Public Record Offece, utnder the date
 for velehrating diune servieu and pealing the wells in the churvhes of Londor. All lur the soul ul the same queun ' (Joan, che King's sister, Atucher cusforn dume to benefit the duad was the turnimg of many
 candl: ou the cofis of an muburied persoth.
My. Dinke ohjects to my elassing together the ringing of bells and
 prara!ti. lath, I subpect, were really survimbls of pagan heliefs and Christianity lad never really overcome nor assunilated. The two customs werg soupied togetier by Jolw Wyelif sritirg in
 lafi property to the parisin of St. Dunistan b-1u-the-Tast, on rondilion that an ohint ur maniversgy for him alla his two wives should be kept honest?y an it oneht to ine done, salembily by zote, by the Priests and Claths of the said Church with wax to be had and epent about the
eame. risting of Delle aud ail ather thinge that belong to the same.
The numiver of ministers sho astisted at thege requems raried, of courst. accordiag to the size of the eadowanert, hut there was ma lack of them Quite or lsrge mumer of men in prient's orders got theit They mera enlled alanting priusts.
Mr. Drake's shatetuent ham an one rhat rounds or call-clayget till after chnmge riming was atiempted is tontrary to fact and Eeason. Chenge ringing whas not introduced until the suventeenth centary, but long nefore that beds in Engand were zug in s regular oud orderiz
manimer, and the promsruous clashing, which is still done on the Continent, would mol have been tolerafed herc. Shakespeare's wellknow'I comparisos of a disordered mind to 'sweet belle jangled. showe gutite clourly that the average thatre-going Iondoner knem the difference betweon good stribisy and bad.

Th abould not he necessary to remind Mr. Drake that what he saw in Brithan in the iwentieth centurr is no evidence of what went an in England in the fifteenlin and sixteenth centuries.
$\mathbf{I}$, is not listerically $\ddagger$ rue that "when change ringing was well established and there were several rimg of bells in a town, a company or sonietw of ringers would be formen and thet would be responsible for tile rimging in a remani oumber of towers."
It is probahly trie to sat that no socieky was ever resporsible for the ringing in any fower. It least I have never foumd one that was, nor ans indination of suel athing. The responsitaility, bach in preReformation times nad after, down to fairly recent times, rested with
the parish clett, and he employed whom ho would. The ringerg were never at ant time part of the ordinary organisation of a parisht, nor do the parish authorities (ciergy and charchwardens) seem ever to bave had direct relations with them Most of the ringing societies Fang for their orm pleasure and amusement and did not exist for the purpose of deing any church or parachial ringing
Of course, there were a lot of supposed rigits and vested interests which grew up in the courge of years, and the purisll clerk was usualig in toucu with a particular baud, of whom ho hitasetf probably was one. It is futile of Mr. Drake to speculate as to whet a parish clexik would do mowadnys, because nowadays there are yo purish flephs and have not been for a good many gears.

I do not quite see what object Mr. Drake can have in trying to make out that the 'Tintimalogia' is something difierent from what it professes to he. The book was priuted and publighed in 1668 es the work of an anonymous writer who called himself a Lover of that Arl.' He set out to explain the whole of ringing as it was practised in bis day. and he brilliantly succerded. The writing is of a very high literary quality which is maintamed throughozt, and why Mr. Drake ghould lald that there were two writure because the first laglf deals with Plain Changes and tho second half with Cross Peals passes the wit of man to haderstand
Actually we koow from contemparary warces that the book was Writied by Richard Duekworth, and Oxtord Unversity man,

1 know no more about the Ealesworib ondowment than has beens mede public property, but I shonll be very mueh satprised indend if anyone benefts to-dny from the moner leit in 1539 by William Wallpale All such bequesto were seqnestrated ly Act, of Parliament in 1547, and there is 1 he rdditional question whether lue netually did leave aby monev for the beneft of future generations. Acrording to Executats to lestow at my burial day among the priests, clerks, noos poople, and the ringers, with their fired and drins to value 20/8.' To provide gifts to be distribusted on tha day of the fumeral and to endew Fingers permanemtly are two quite difierent llitags. It may be that some other and later bequest has been confused will this one.
J. ARMGER TROLLOPF.

## BRISTOL RINGER MARRIED

## CONDELCTS HIS OWX WITDDING PEAL

Al. Publow, Somersut, on Augug Bank Holiday, Ne, Frarcis Cecil Mogford, of Pensford, a member of the hund of SLL Stepliense, Bristol, aut also oi Publow, was married to Miss Susan Ellen Drale, of Aher, Sonlh Wales
Tho ceremony was performed bJ the licw. Fi. Wh. Thomas, of fiengrove, and the hride, wha was giten ataly by ley father, more a two-piece euit of कlue Treach crepe nad carried sy bouçuct of white
 wore ettired its blow erepede-chise and their bouquets wore of pink sweef. peas. Tho begr man was Mr. Lerlie Coles and the groomando Mr. Leonardi Coles and Mr. Keg Mogford.
The bells ravg rat mertily as the insppy momple lefi the whareh and
 lividegroont. Thas mauy weddine prowende includeat an eight-thy striking cloct from the ficar aud ringers of Puinan, and a carving col. from the sometty fat St. Steplen's, Bristol.
A wedding neal of Stedman Crers mas rumg at Sl. Stephetry on the following day, atia the oridegroom himsths ronduched anolher peat in celebration of the ocrasion af Publow on Surday, August I3th. In this peal, which was of Grandsire Doubles, the best mans and ord of the Whe circle to peals ins this tower.

## HOLIDAY MEETING AT RETFORD.

##  AESOCIATION IOIN FORCFN

Bant: Holidny was the occasian of the first joint meeting of the Wheffeld District Society and the North Notis gesmociation at Retford. Nearle 50 ringers were prosent and the bells of Finst Retiond 110, Wesf Refford i61 and Ordsall (6) wre kept going during the afternoon and everiag. The strikivg was of e farly good standard and most of tho touckes were euccessifully brought round.
Atter tew in the lall adjoinigg East Retiond Church, The Fian (the Rev. D. James) welcomed the ringers to Retford. He regretted that he kuew liftle alrout their art, albhough. he explained somewhat humorousif, that was being remedicat. He was certain that those present who knew all ahout it would enjoy themselves
$\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{F}} \mathrm{C}$. Haynes, president of the Stheffield Sociely, ptoposed votes of thanks to the warious clergy for the use of tiac lhello to those who had arrangel the meeting and ta the ladies who had preparad tea.
It may he mentioned in passiug that the catering armangements stood up well to the extra pressure of gumbera, which conld not he anicipated
Mr. R. Towler extended a welcome from the Nortin Notts Assucintion to the sisiting societr. He loped that an come future occasion the visit conld the veturbed in a joint meeting at Sheffield.
Finging contmued after tea until aboat 8.30. When the company broke up after a very exjoyable day.

## NORWICH.

## ITS BELLS AND RINGERS IN EARLY TIMES bY J. ARMGER TROLLOPE.

Although during the seventeenth century we have not a singie reference to any change ringing or to any ringing society in Norwich, we cannot doubs that the city was one of the earliest places where the art was proctised and where it was developed most rapidiy. For, when the curtain does rise on the scene, we find a company of ringers inferior to none in the country and superior to any outcide the Metropolitan area.
From early times Norwich had many bells. The city was larger than any other in England (Bristol had a larger population, but not, I believe, so great an urea) except London, aud when, at the close of the fifteenth century, Norfols became the manufacturing district of England and a wave of prosperity overtook Norwich, most of its 40 parish churches were rebuile in the then faskionable Perpendicular style. Naturzlly they vary constuerably in size and quality. Some are small; for the sites were restricted and the parishes comparatively


ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH.
poor. But many are large and splendid, and St. Peter Mancroft is one of the finest parish churches in the world. So far as we car judge not one of the London parish churches equalled it and it has few superiors in other towns.
There Was bell founding in the city from early times. The first known founder Fas I man Wilellmus de Norwheo, who cast the bell It Hellesdon towards the end of the fourteenth century, and be was followed by John Sutton, Thomes Potter, Richard Baxter and the Mraziers. It was becoming the fashion to increase the number of bells in parish churches and these men were kept busy. There are still about a score of pre-Reformation bells in the city.
At the end of the sixtenenth and the heginning of the seventeenth centuries the Norwich foundry was owned by the Brend faraily. Their hells are to be found all over Fast Anglia, proof of the popularity of ringing as a sport.
It was no doubt for the sake of ringing that so many of the bells in the Norwich steeples were cast or recast. At St. Mary, Cosiany, in the reign of Edward FI, there were four bells. In 1640 the tenor was takern down and recast into two trebles to make a ring of five. In 1682 the process wes repeated and the tenor of the fire was recast into two bell. to make a ring of six. I rang on thase bells several times 45 years ago, but about that time the church becane dilapidated and the bells were taken down from the tower. They are now. I believe, hagg dead in a modern cherch in the suburbe.

## THE ADVENTURES OF ST. ANDREW'S TENOR

At St. Andrew's there was an early ring of five. When the neighbouring Dominicaa priory was dissolved and its great charch sold to the citizens to be a civic hall the parisbioners of Sit. Andrew's bought the larger of the two bells from the steeple (the other was used as the market bell in the cattle market) and hung it in their Parislı Church to be the tenor of the ring there, but probably it did not accord very well with the others. It weighed about 263 ewt, and when william Brend recast it he reduced the weight to 27 cwt., but it now proved as much too light as before is had proved too heavy. So on the 16th day of April, 1634, it wes дew cast agair by him and made bigger, and then weighed 25 cwt. "But then proving somembat too bigg to accord with the rest of the bells \& otherwise defective in the casting it was first skivied and then afterwards some part of the head, viz., the upper part of the mayne Connell brake of, by which skiving If breaking of thirty six pounds of the weiglt of mettal was taken away and then it wayed 24c. 2qr. 31 b . unto which was added, when it was cost the third tyme 7lb. of pewter being 18 Decemb. 1635 by John Brend \& now it wayes according ta our own waight, being waigh in Cluristmas Hollidajs 1635 here at our Church $23 c .1 \mathrm{gr} .101 \mathrm{~h}$. \& thers remeyne in Metal which was sold to Jom Brend lc. lar. for 54-12-0.'
The rix ath St. Andrew's were for long the heaviest ring in Norwich. In 1704 the big bell was again broken up, the old fifth, which weigh about 16 cwt., became the terior, and three smaller bells were added to make a ring of eight.
The octave was in 1825 further increased by two bells to make a ring of ten. They were the gift of Thomas Hurry, one of the Norwich ringers and a cerpenter and bell hanger by frade. The tale goes that he ordered the bells from Whitechapel hoping to be paid by the parish, but he was disapponied in his nopes and bad to make the best of a bad job.

## A CURIOUS BELL FRAME,

An interesting thing about St. Andrew's tower is that all through these alterations the same frame has been retained. There is still the frame in which the original five bells hung, dating from the early sixteenth century. It is set diagonally in the bell clamoer and as the ring was augmented other frames were built on the top of it, Hurry's twa trables being at the top of a sort of pyramid. One result is that the ropes fell in a very irregular circle, the order being $5,4,6,9,8,1,3,2,7,10$; and another was thet the bells were very difficult to ring. I believe I was one of the basd that rang the last changes in the tower. That was over 40 years ago and nove there are neither ropes nor wheels on the bells.
The five at the Cathedral are tuned in the minor seale and the quarter and hour chimes on them are very effective. The bells hang in the central tower and, until the midde of the last century, could be rung. The ringing floor, however, was taken away to open out the lantern and the bells are chimed (if ever they are chined aow) from the triforium.
There never was a parish church in Norwich in the sense that St. Martin's is the parish church of Birmingham, and St. Nicholas' ib the parish churcil of Liperpool, but St, Peter, Mancroft, stands in the market place, its parish contains the Guiddall, and in a very great measure it was looked upon as the municpal church. St. Peter's bells were the ones that were rung on official occarions, they were regarded much as if they were the property of the city and the Mayor gave orders for the ringing and patd the ringers without consulting the church authorities.

As early as the middle of the fourteenth century there were fye bells in the steeple and night and morning the curfew was rung. In 1602 a treble was added and in 2672 the octave was completed. In the British Maseum is an 18th century manuscript A Account of the Parish Charch of St. Peler of Mancroft in the City of Norwich.' It gives a transcript of all the monumenes in the church and a copy of the inscriptions on the bells. Three of them, the fifth, sisth and serenth dated from before the Reformation. The tenor, which weighed $23 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt., was crst jo 1618.

Altogether the city contatned in 1700 one ring of eight, five of six, tweive of five, and 14 of three bells. St, Andisew's were made eight in I704, St. Michael's, Coslavy, in 1726, and St, Giles' in 1738 .
(To be contimued.)

## QUARTER-PEALS.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.-On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service at St. Stephen's Church, Fylingdales, Robin Hood's Eaty, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. W. Welourn (first quarter-peal) 1. J. Alexander 2. Miss Olize L. Ashbrook (London) S, A. V. Coabes (conductar) (Whitby) 4, G. F. Alexander 5, M. Cooper 6, E. Thompson 7, R. K. Mowforth (Bristol) 8 .
BECKENHAM, KENT.-For evening service on August 6th, a quarter-pal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Hosking 1. Mrs. J. E. Devis 2, Miss S. Rawlings first attempt for a quarter of Surprise) 3, W. H. Hewett 4, J. E, Davis 5, A. J. W. Hughes (firat attempt for a quarler of Surprise "onside") 6, W. J. Rawlings (firat quarter of Cawbridge Major) 7, P. A. Corby (comductar) 8.

## BELLS OF A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE <br> RESTORATION AT ABBOT'S ANK

In the little village of Abhot's Ann, 耳aupshire, the five bells langing in the church tower have been restured to use again. The three treble bells, oze dated 1729 and the other two 1807 , bave been recast, the remainder tuned and che peal rehung in now fittinge in a strengthened fratic. The work las been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johmston in a very satisiactory manner, the three rerast bells making at genod splice with the old fourth and tenor, the latter, in F sharp, weighing की ewt, 3 qr. 6 lb .
The dil inscriptions have been reproduced ou tlee recast bells, with the addition of "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Groydon, 1939.' It is probable that the foumder at the recasting of the whole ring in 1607 was Jolun Wallig, of Salisbury, who Had a considerable business between 1578 and 1624. The old ioscriptions are:-
1.-Fear God honovr the King. 1729. I
8.-Hope well I w. 1607.
3. -Lowe God I W. I607.
4. Fobert Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit. 1764
4. -Robert Wells, Aldbourne, Fee

THE REDEDICATION
The restored bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at a special service on Priday week. There was a crowded congregation, among those present being Mr. C. F. Johnston and the following representing the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Willianos (Mnster), the Rev. F. S. H. Marle (hon. gecretary of the Andover District), Mr. O. Smart (Distrjet Ringing Mester), Mr J. Halloway (District Representative on the Committee), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. W. T. Tucker (Eastleigh), etc. The
service was conducted by the Rector (the Rew. H. E. W. Steedman). service was conducted by the Rector (the Rew. H. E. W. Steedman).
In lis address the Bishop satd Hampshire had a wonderful traditiou of bellringing and he hoped it would long continue. In no other country in the world would they find bells rang in the same kind of way and with the same native skill as in England. Many, when they went overseas, carried with them the memory of English belis.
Spenking of the Abbot's Ann bells in particular, he said they lhad behind them a wonderful history and it wes not the firs time they lad been rededicated. In 1607 they were recast and no one knew how old the motal in them was. Here important still, bellis expressed the thankspiving and prayers of the people of the parish for many years Bells had their influence on architecture, history and religion. Sometimes they actinally made history. Still more did they play their
part in workhip. They were installed, to call people to the worship of part ins worship. They were installed, to call people to the worship of
God. When they felt incliued to stay et home on Sunday, let them think of the call of the belle, 'Come to church, come to church.' Tha bells were God's roice calling to the people. Bells belped people Who were ill or infirm and could not go to church.
Bells could be a healthy force in a parish, and while he rejoiced with them tirnt, their bells were to ring out, he could not help remerabering that there were places in the diocese in which there were not only no bells but no churches to which people could be called, as in the districts round Sonthampton, where there were ponulationg From 10,000 to 20,000 without a chorch

After the service various methods were rugg on the bells
Our summary of the Fishop's address is given by the courtesy of the 'Hampslire Chronicle."

## A VISIT TO WORCESTERSHIRE

Talgarth ringens had their ninth panual outing on Angust Bank Holiday end were accompanied by friends and reletives. Starting at g a.m., they picked up Mr. J. P. Hvett at Hay and then went on to Eardisland, one of the prettiest villages in the county of Hereford, where they were met by Mesgrg. L. Evass, W, Preece and B. Elismore, who joined the party. After ringing rounds for the learners and tauches of Grandsirs Doubles, Steaman Doubles and Bob Minor, the party made for the old-fashioned village of Cleobury Mordimer, with its leaning spire. The bells are a good ring of six wanting more use, but despite this they go well, with rather big and clumsy ropes. After the ringing the Vicar thanked the wisitors for coming and expressed the hope that the local band would take up change ringing. The next stop was Kidderminster, where the party partook of lunch before ringing at St. Mary's Church, where thes were met and welcomed by Mr. Woodberry, sen., and later joined by Messre. O. H. Woodberry, W. Ghort, J. Bass and B. Ashford. Some of the wisitors had the pleasure of ringing on twelve belis for the first time, while the nonringing members of the party had the pleasure of watehing two pretty weidings which toak place during ringing. The jouraey was then continned to Ombersley, where, after humting and dodigizg for ahook half an hour in search of the kety of the tower, it was foand with one of the ringers, who had mistaken the time of arrival and had gotze home. During the rimging the Ficar came ap the tower
and gave the ringers a heazty welcome. Tho last tower of the tour and gave the ringers a heazty welcome. The last tower of the tour for tea and sight-seeing around the Spa tili 9.15 p.m. Honle was reached about midnight after a most pleasant day's trip. The methods rung included rounds for those who nad not passed their test, Grandsiro Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Miner, Grandsire Triples and Caters. The ringers wish to express their most grateful thenks to all the Ficars for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for meeting them and faving everything ready.

## DIARY OF A WEEK'S HOLIDAY.

## PEALS IN SOMERSET AND DORSET

The Friday and Saturday before August Bank Holiday found many wending their way to Bristol for a boliday with a little ringing. Those who made the trip included Canon G. F. Coleridge, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Walker, Miss N, Williams, Miss L. K. Bowling, Mersrs. A. A, Hughes, J. Th. Dyke, E. J. Taylor, C. W. Woolley, A. Lawrence, S. H. Green and son Jolm, H. Koight, B. White, $\mathcal{F}$, W. Perrens and MIr, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. At Bristol the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood. Here are extracts from the diary of one of the party:
SATCRDAY.-Two peal attempts, Portishead and St. Mary Redclifie. The first came bome; the latter was unsuccessful, through a call which was something different.
SUNDAY.-Service ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe and Clifton. Departure for the Three Cloughs, Yeovil, headguarters for the rest of the week. For evensong, four of the party in a quarter-peal of Stednan Caters at Yeoril Parish Church, with the "atom' on the tenor. The remninder, known as the rabbits, to Preston Plucknett for Combridge Minor ( 720 , Plain Bob and Stedman Doubjes. If is ramoured that the ringing was good, sththough the sailles were somewhat elusive

MONDsY,- Yetminster and Thornford in the morning, with a pent of Stedman Triples at Sherborne Abbey in the afternoon. Sll the band were pewcomers to tho bower. Here, for the first time, two members of the party took the wrong turning and were lucky to be in the peal.
TCESDAY.-North Perrott and Bradpole, where the Canon was able to ring Stedman Triples after a lapse of six Jears. Lunch at the Greyhound, Bridport, where Mr. Northover joived the party. Peal attempt at Bridport, unsuccesfiul. Tea at Greyhound as guests of Mr. Sorthover, to whom the party fendered many thanks.

WEDNESBAY. - Early service, with Canon Coloridge celebrating. Ringing at Crewkerme and Chard, and a wisit to Forde Abbey. Peal attermpt at Ilmineter, with Mr. A. Hunt slanding in-a bad bend Thioh kept bent. abd many fell of their perches.
mHURSDAE.-Hardington Mandeville and West Coker. Peal of Stainan Caters at Yeovil and Iandbell peal of Bob Major at headquarters.
FRIDAY.-\$outh Perrott (where four members of the aldershot thand were faund on a non-ringing bycling holiday, complete with (tog') and Corscombe. Peal of Cambridge Major at Beamaster. Visit from Mayor of Yeavil in the evening.
SATURDAY. Whitchurch Canonicorum in the morning. Peal attempt at East Coker with three members of Yeovil band standing in. Filucky, so rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich.
SUNDAT. Service ringing at Sherborne by the remanats of the parts together with the Sherborne band and several Yeovil ringers, some of whom cycled, so they said, but there is a doubt about itThes certainly turned up complete with bicycles.
The party tender gratefnl thanks to all who assisted in making the holiday enjoyable, the incumbents of the warious churches for their welcome and facilities given, to all towerkeepers for their services, fo the Mayor of Yeavil for his interest in the party's doings, and to the members of the Feovil band for their many kindnesses.
NOTE.-Many items in the diary have been completely cut out by the Censor.

## A THANKOFFERING

On Sunday, August 20th, et the Church of the Holy Rood, Buckland Newtou, Dorset, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. Osmond 1, Mrs. G. Rendell 2, C. H. Smart 3. E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Rendell 5, W. Goaney 6. Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration to health of the conductor's wife after her severe illness and to celebrate the baptism of Margaret Clizabeth Jean, daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of the late Rev. E. S. Fivld, Ficar of Backland Nowton 1907-1936.

## VISITORS AT DROITWICH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Dodiderhill, Droitwich, Worcestershire, before evening service on August 6th, whs arranged for Mr. E Matthews, of Gloucester, who was in Droitwich ior the brine treatment. The querter-peal was rung by A. G. Thomas 1 , C. R. Smith 2, D. Potter 3, A. R. Moseley 4, W, H. Raxter 5, E Matthews (conductor) 6, T. H. Young 7, G. Evans 8. Mr. Potter, from Bromsgrove, arrived onezpectedily in the tower while seven of the band were maiting in the belfry. When the last of the local men arrived one of the others stood out to enable Jr. Potter to ring.

RADHEA, KENT. - Arranged for P. Fisher, who is serving in the Roval Navy and belongs to Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bo' Major (1,264 changes) was rung at St. Margareb's, for evensong, on sugust 20th: ${ }^{*}$ R Edwaris 1, *Kathleen L. Cheal 2, Joar Naylor (firgt quarterpeal of Major 'inside') 3, P. Fisher 4, F. J. Chea! 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (eonüactor) 7, W. L. Rayner 8. * First quarter-pent of Major.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## TOUR IN THE MARSHT゙

Meminers und frieads of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Welle, making up a party of 30, had their annual day's tour on August Banlk Holiday. Lebring an 8 a.m., they called first at staplehurst. Here a peal ot eight, with a tenor of 2ly cwu. in Fatat, was put to use in Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and rounds for the learmers, and iome to "go' perfectly. Tlie next stop was not actually on the programue, bat with Mr. A. J. Battin 'up in frout with the ariver, somehow or other the party found thenseives at Tevterder, not outsthe the church, sad to relate, but outside a placo called The Cellars. However, $s$ little refreshment, and a course or two on the handbells fitad the party for the rum to the border of Romuey Marsh, the yreat exparse of rich pastures, with its numerous charches and Jegends of tbe "wool ruaners," where the stories of Doctore Syn ware unfolded At Appledore, once a seaport becked by the Daner, hut now bigh and dry, there is a most interesting church, with a tower haring n Norman base, provided with a liandy ring of eight, taber $12 \mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{y}} \mathrm{cwt}$. rung from the ground foor. Keut Treble Bob Hajor, Grandsire Steaman and rounds were ably "knocked off


## BROOKLAND'S OUAINT THREE-TIER TOWER.

Aphiedpre was lufic on finte, no oue getting lost as is usua! at othes tumes af the day, because the next stop meant lunch. The Ship, New Bomacy. was the sceme of the operation. What an operation The parcy is noted for its fine trenchermen, but no ons expected guite such a goorl show. Staples Rpparently had learnt a thing or two since he went to reside at Rotherffeld. However, this is Jot the place to give secrets away, and after cverything edible lad been disposed of and the manager had clused down for the day (the loucle was ad lib), the boatiful Churcin of St. Nicholas, with its srent Norman tower, zeft squarr and 100f, high, was wigited. The visitors were met dy their old friend, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, the local captain. The eight bells tenor 19] cwt. geomed to know Stedinam by heart. Unfortumately, the ringers didn't, and what appeared !ikely to prove a lovely toucl sibll needs a bit ous the end. The rounds went atl right, so did the Double Norwich, after which the whole party also went. On $\pi$ hand? ring of eight at Ludd. with a tenor of it emt.. housed in a fino Perpendiculny 和wer lzeft, high, they nut over some yery goon striking Prookland. "Fes. we sre going to ripg there," thes told their friends. So they did-l20 Grandsire Doubles. The tenor wrong wat mp. no floor tetween the bells and ringers, one candle, no wiadows and exerylyodr crowdine round the donrwey made this verr simple However, they nearlr all had a ring and promonnced it worth while The fre hells hang in in stracture entirely of woad, buitt awas from the church, and lwaking like three giant candle sisuffers one upon Ile other. The fifteenth century spw the building of this siceple, also (Contivned in nest colnun!)

## ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

## GUIDE TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES

The following are tihe inmes and adtresses of the secrataries of tho pringipal assocnations of magers. Whe tist will be aseful in matiy Kays but its publicatiou is chiefy in order to facilitato the scheme for keeping ringers, who rempe irom one area to amotlier, in touch with riuging and bringing them into contact wilh the tower nearest to their mow pace of resideme. Whan a ringer goes to live in the area of anotlier association, the local secretary should forward iniz new address, either timough his own general secretary, who will pass it on, or direct to the secretary of the stasociation to which the memuer has gone, sud, thraugll lim, the ringets in the town to which the member hes removed will be able to tunt up the newromer-if he มeeds it

Another purpose of this list is to enable ringers to know where they nay obtain information ahout towers in any distriat they propose to

Any correations to the subjained list should be forwarded for nublicainon:-
Ancient Society of College Yotthe: Mr. A. B. Pecle, Branksome, 1 Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey
Barnsley and District Society : Mr. L. Smith, Rock Coltages, Flafton, rear Barmeler
Batiz and Weils Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.
Bedfordshire Association : Mr. F. J. Plumaler, Plantation Road, Laighton Buzzard.
Crmbridge University Guild: Miv. M. B. Shaw. Peterhosse, Cambridge Chester Diecesan Guild: Rev. M. E. Ridgwaj, Tarvir Vionrage, Ohester.
Cteveland ana Norlh Yorks Auspciation: Mr. J. Reed, 67, Hedest Sireat, Guishorough, York
Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 4, Kirklants, Cockermonti, Cumberlana
Devon Guild: 3rr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Feavitree, Exeler
Donenster and District Society Mr. E. Cooper, 1, Grosveror Crescents, Arkseq, Doncaster, Yorits, Mr, F, Slueppard, 17, Grange Road, Didiley
Durham and Fewenstle Dincesnt Association: MT, T. Part. 23. Oak lands Terrace, Darlington.
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## RINGERS OUTINGE.

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the asting af one of the bells. Tine rest were cast in 1685. Inside the churdi (cedicated to St, sumabline) are matar ingeregtine ceathres nlle of the best heing the narly Yermsn rout made of leas with rovartonble ormamentation
Five for tea. Indd, Iy mame aud natme, nearly outdid the other food storing champion, buk yot quite, and old Alec came up a goon third. There raust be somethias shout the air down that way, os inn fle some of the 'boys' had feted the dar before, to nalte stire of gatifig their money'r worth. A "Will Fay ' act by the capiain, and hil were readr for the return joumbey, for that meant more cats, etc. Inter on. Tolvenden was the last atop, Eor ringing anywns. The darb brown, fourteenth century tower contains a fine ring of cight, which were soon made good use of to the tusie of Rob Major, Grandsire, Stedman gird last, but not lenst roumas. Good rounds. Gond stiking fad bean the order of the any. Fverybody mexs betoreland whom worked perfectly and much lime was saved. besides the ringers being placed in their best positione, fore and aft snd in the mudle, and evergbody having the chamee to bear the bells outside the chureh
On the way home there was a 'pult up' at the Bult, at Siswinghurst for the beneft of the body building hand, and then hack to the Wells." As usual the day wog conadered the 'best ever, especially by Mr, and Mrs. Wr. Latter, wito once again were able to join the party, and, as Mr. Latear loas heen e member of St. Peter's band for more than 40 years, he should hams something about it.

## EKETER RLNGERS TISTT BARNSTAPLE

St. Sidwell's, Freter, rimgors weat morth to Bamsiaple for their annual outing: the ten menhers being accompanied ho the Rector (the Rer. H. Lanyon Owem. Leaviag Exeter ahout noon, ther rang It the two good peals of eight at Chulmleigh and Bidthord and then sent on to Thmstrek, whise there is a beaubiful clurcla, canłaining ancient memoriale, heralds, ind a time glass on the pulpit io inform the preacleer when to finish his sermon. The thanks of tho party bre due to the caretaker for his fecid explanation. Going on to Barnstaple, the members sal down to dinuer at Bromleys Cale. They pext visited Barnstaple Parsill Churelh, where they set the hells going or 30 mirsutes. The methode rung were Grandsire and Stedman. Leaving for home, the excureionists utade a call at the Fartescue Hotel for Mr. Drake's supper. Here two catreet of Grandsire Triples were
 son. Exeter was reached at $11 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{m}$. nfter a rer enjoyeble day.

## ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES

(Continued from previous column.)
East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. Eı日 land, Welwyr, The Common, Soutls Normancon, Derbyshire.
East Grinstean and District Guild: Mr. B. Seunders, 18 , New Road, Ridgowood, Uckfield, Sussex.
Ely Diacesan Associntion : DIiss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trampingtou, Cembridge.
Essex Association: Mr. L. J. Chark, 36 , Lymmouth Avenve, Chelnasiord. Glouecter and Hristol Association: Mr. E. Guise, 4 Ga, Taulard's Close, Bristol 2.
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Gaildford, Surrey.
Haifas and Districe Association: Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Enlifas Road, Hightown, Liversedge, Forks.
Hawkburst and Distzict Guild: Mr. J. G. Powell, 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkharst, Kent.
Fereford Diveosan Guild: Rev. E. G. Beason, Burghill Rectory Herefordshire.
Fertford Coumtw Association : Mr. G. W. Garmal, DuFeld, St. Aloans. Huddersfield and Districh Association: Mr. F. Linfont, 2, Turnpike Street, Elland, Yorks.
[rish Agsociation: Mr. G. Lindolf, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dubliz. Kent County Association: ${ }^{2}$ r. F..... Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Graverend.
Ladies' Guild: Mra. G. W. Mletcher, 45, Walsingliam Road, Enfield. TAncashire Assomation: Mr. W. H. Shuher, 106, Babk Street, Claytor, Manchoster.
Leeds and Distrint Society : Mr. F. Loithouse, 8, Wortley Road, Dipper Armley, Leeds.
Lincoln Dincesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankrey, Lincoln.
Landaff and Monnoutin Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryn Yiew, Kewport, Mon.
London County Msponation: Mr. T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.
Middlesex County Assaciation: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vineent Road, E. 4. Midland Caunties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street Leicester.
National Police Guild: Insp. H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.
North Nott: Association: Mr. R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford, Notts.
North Staftordshire Association: Mr. A. Thompsoa, 55, Whitehouse Road. Cruss Heati, Newchstle, Stafis.
Worth Wales Assoniation: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cunlife Walk, Gardey Wilage. Wrexham, North Wries.
Norwich Diocesan Assocjation: Mr. Nolan Golden, Winton, 20, Brahazon Roan, Norwiah.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibhert, 69. Yark Road, Reading. Oxford Saciehy: Mr. V. Bennett, 30. Line Walk, Headington, Oxford. Oxford Unipersity Saciety: Mr. M. A. C. Frewer, Merton College, Oxford.
Peak District Society : Mr. B. L. Warburtou, i2, Causeway Fead Road, Dore, mear sheffield.
Peterbarongh Dincesan Guild : Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Ketitering:
Romney Marsh snd District Guild: Mr. P. Page, 110, Canterbury Rond, Kennimgton, Ashford, Kent.
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birminglam: NTt. T. H. Reeves, 136. Newton Road, Sparkhil, Birmingham.

Salikbury Diocesan Gaild: Rew. F. L-. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory. Gillingham, Darset.
Scottisla Association: Mr. C. R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Cressent, Edinhurght.
Sheffeld Disiriet, Societw: Mr. M, E. Wilean, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Slueftipld 7.
Shropshire Association: Mr. W. A. Farmer, 70, Onkfield Road, Shrewsbury.
Seciety of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Arenue, Sutton, Suricy.
Sowety for the Arrhdeamonry of stafford : Mr. H. Knight, 15, Ragby Street. Wolderlampton.
Society of sherwood Foutlis: Jiss 1. Thompson, 52, Lace Streets Dunlcirle, Nottingham.
Suftolk Ginild : Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk, Surrey Association: Mr. E. G. Talbot, 53 , Birchwood Avenue, Walliugton, surrey.
Susex County Associstion: Mr. 5. F. Armstrong, 70, Follingbury Park Avenue, Brighton.
Swansea and Brecon Gaild: Mr, D. G. Willams, Floral Bank, Tan-wLan Road, 太wansea.
Trura Diocesan Guild: Ret. W. H. R. Trewhella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Trura.
Warwickshire fiuild: Mre, D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gipsy Lane, Numeaton.
Winchester anỉ Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.
Worcestrshire Assomation: Mr. J. D. Fohneon, Anbrns, Cheltenham Road. Sedgeherrow. Evesham.
Yorkshire Arsocistion: Mr. L. G. W. Morris, Heaton, 65, Lilyeroft Rosd, Bradford.

## NOTICES.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), the Middiesex County Association (South and West District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 5.55 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. J. R. James (Vicar of Staines). Tea in the Church Rooms at 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m. Egham, from 3 p.m. ; Wravsbury, from 3 p.m. (interval from 6.30 to $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.) . St. Peter's bells will also probably be available. All ringers and friends welcome.-F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Middlesex County Association), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild) and F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), District Hon. Secs.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District. The next meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) ayailable 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Fryerning bells available after tea.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston and Fylde Branches.-The joint meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. to $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Bells (ro). All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 26 th. Belss ( 6 ) available 3 p.m. Tea provided free. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Menbers and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec.
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. AIbans District.-The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage. (Postcards will greatly help arrangements.) 238 bus from St. Albans to Welham Green stops at Park Gates.-Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3.Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.
KENT COLNTY ASSOCIATION.-East Farleigh and hops are well known throughout Kent. A welcome awaits all ringers there on Saturday, August 26th, the occasion being a by-mecting of Maidstone District. Usual arrangements, etc.-R, G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, lghtham.
SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Meeting at Moreton Corbet, August 26th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but tea can only be provided if notice is sent to IV. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

CALLING ALL RINGERS. - What about a trip to Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August 26th? WHAT'S ON? Why, the monthly meeting of the Loughborough District, M.C.A. WHERE IS IT? Why, it is the wellknown health resort of the Charnwood Forest. Beautiful scenery and a fine peal of six bells. Tea arranged if you drop a card to Mr. G. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough. Other arrangements as usual.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ST. ALGUSTINE'S CHURCH, SCISSETT. Dedication by the Vicar on Aug. 26th at 2.45 p.m. of bass bell, for future chime of eight, on which will strike the hours. Clock to be restarted by Mr. Charles Buckley, donor. Work has been done by Gillett and Johnston.
DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at Hatfield. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who will require it. A good peal of bells-come and use them. - E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). - Meetings for practice during August: *St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th; St. Magnus', 31 Ist. ${ }^{*}$ Business meeting afterwards.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
LADIES' GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'ciock. Tea at the Cricketers, Epsom Common, at 5.30. Service at 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Monday, August 28th. All ringers welcome-I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOLTHS. - There will be a practice at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, Aug. 3 Ist, at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers welcome-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch (Lincoln District) and Eastern Branch.-A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horncastle on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) availabie from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church Hatl at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Monday, August 28th?-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eastern Branch, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcome-J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury District. - A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September and. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea following at i/- per head. Names for tea, please, to:-Mr. W. C. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Thursday, August $3^{15 t}$-B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Whitminster on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus fron Commercial Road at $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Card for tea not later than Aug. 28th will much oblige.-W. H. Harris, Branch See., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Cflos.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.Southern District-Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to foliow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, August 29th, certain.-E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-West and SouthWest Divisions.-A joint meeting will be held at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.mr. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.-W. Wheefer and J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Secs.

PASTON CHURCH, NORFOLK.-New treble bell, to complete ring of six, and new electric clock, by Gillett and Johnston, to be dedicated September 2nd, 4 p.m., by Rev. J. F. Williams, Rector of South Walsham. Ringers are invited. Vicar kindly providing tea, and asks prior notification of the numbers attending.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A meeting will be held at St. Mary, Hendon, on Saturday, Septermber 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notices for tea (1s. per head) to be sent to me by Tuesday, 29th. Methods for special attention, Double Court, Bob Minor and Lonton Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Cluurch on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. \}. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, by Aug. 2gth (so that provision can be made) -M. F. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3:30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send in good time those requiring tea. Make it a good meeting. - Waiter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District. -The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers assured of a hearty welcone. Methods to suit all.-W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83 , Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Miclael's Church, Aughton, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. ; after tea, at Christ Church, Aughton.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

THERE'S METHOD IN OLR CALLING.' Aldenham, Herts, Saturday, Sept. and. Bells open at $3 \cdot 30$. Tea at Social Club s.30. Buses from Bushey and Radiett stop at church. Excellent service. Send your names for tea to C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City $4^{27}$ o.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at Hurst ( 8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Ringing from 6 p.m. All welcome. - W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 , for which advise. W. C. West, Hon. Sec., $5^{8}+$, Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUJLD. - Guilsborough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford ( 6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those reguiring tea.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wednesday Afternoon Guild. - The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Houghton-leSpring on Sept. 6th. Bells (8) avaifable at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.-Margaret A. P. Bertie, $I_{7}$, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

LADIES' GUILD.-Fastern District. - A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Sept. gth. Betls available at 3 p.m.-Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Canon Whytehead. Tea at Waller's Restaurant at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Sept. $5^{\text {th }}$. Gentlemen very cordiatly invited.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

MIDLAND COLNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-Tlie next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Names for tea must be sent by Thursday, Sept. 7 th, to me. Now for the Minor methods? All are welcome.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. - Mr. Ronald H. Bullen has removed from Edmonton to 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs.

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This article is written at a moment when the international crisis is such that no one can forecast what the next few hours may bring forth. The whole situation is filled with uncertainty for the future. While everyone is hoping against hope that peace may be saved, there are few who, at heart, can feel genuinely optimistic in the present ontlook. Would that it could be otherwisc. If war comes, with all its tragedy, everything will go into the melting pot and all private interests will have to be sunk in the common weal. One thing, however, is certain, the whole forces of a united country will lue harnessed to prosecute the struggle to a successful conclusion. Sacrifices will be demanded of everyone, and they will not be asked for in vain. Our cherished ideals, our individual mode of life, to say nothing of those lesser amenities which help to make the sum of human happiness and contentment, may all be swallowed up in the vortex, but the determination to go on to the bitier end, if need be, will remain.
Not unnaturally the thoughts of many of our readers will turn to what may happen in regard to ringing should war break out. Inevitably it must suffer badly and for a variety of reasons, but chiefly by the demand upon the man power of the country and the overriding claims upon the services of all. As in the last war, those ringers who are left will find great difficulty in carrying on, but, if the worst comes to the worst, they should make a supreme effort to keep the nucleus of a band in existence in every tower and to see that the bells are rung on every possible occasion for the Sunday services. More than ever, in times of stress, do people turn to the Church for spiritual help and consolation, and the church bells ringing for service will carry a message of greater significance than usual to all who hear them. Those who are left in the towers, therefore, should not altow the depletion of strength to discourage their ringing. They should try to bring in and train, as far as opportunity allows, new material. It is here that the services of wornen might well be encouraged. The ladies proved their worth in the belfry in the last war and would do so again, with the further encouragement that they already have a well established place in the Exercise.
One of the other handicaps that is almost certain to be imposed-it was necessary last time and is likely to be immensely more necessary if there is another conflict -is the complete silencing of church belis during hours of darkness. Like the lighting restrictions, the silencing of bells after dark was found a necessary, precaution; it may, we think, be safely anticipated again if the emer-
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gency arises. This, however, should not be a bar to training new personnel; it will make it more difficult, but practice with lashed bells can do quite a lot in the preliminary stages of training and every opportunity can be seized to make the best use of the bells at times when open ringing can be indulged in. Let everything passible be done, if the worst befall, to keep out art alive, and, although it may suffer severe shock like other of the minor pleasures of life, there will then be better prospect of revival when happier times conte again.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

WHITBY, YORKSEIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday. Angust 26, 19.39, is Three Hows and Nine Minutes, At ter Chonch of St. Mary, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 GHANGES; Tenor 18 amt. in E.
Horacz S. Morley ... ...Tybbla Roland Pare ... ... ... 6
Tgomas H. Taprender
William J. Grice ... ... 3 Adam Deas ... ... ... ... 8
Cbristopabr Hetgerington 4 William H. Barber ...
David Vincent ... ... ... 5 Ronald H. Dovb ... ...Tenot
Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Tbomas H. Taffendrr.
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ET. DENYS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUDD,
On Wednesday, Avgwal 10, 1939, in Three Howrs and Six Mimutes.
At the Church of St, Denys,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variacion of Middelezox's.
Tenor ro cwt. (approx.).
A. Patrick Cannon ... ...Trebla Frank B. Luyein ... ... 5

Herbert H. Alexander ... 2 Thomas G. Mybrs ... ... 6 Marir R. Cxoss ... ... ... 3 -A Wieliam Mybrs ... ... 7 Rev. C. Elliot Wige ... 4 alan R, Pine ... .... ....Tenor Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells, recently augmented to eigit.

| UFFORD, SUFFOLK. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| THE SUFFOLK GULD. |  |  |  |
| On Monday, Augns: 21, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Nine Minutes, |  |  |  |
| Tenor ij cwt. i qr. 8 fb. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Cbarlis E. Fisber | ...T Treble | Grorge Waterman |  |
| Urban W. Wildney | ... 1 | Sylvia R. E. Bowybr |  |
| Lewis H. Bywaters | ... 3 | Frank L. Fiseze |  |
| Grorge A. Fleming | +.. | Pbilip C. Bicenell | ...Tamop |
| Composed by H, Da |  | Conducted by Fran | S日E |

## DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 24. 1939, in Thyee Howrs and Eight Minutes, At ieg Ceurce of St. Mary,
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Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by L. W. Wiffen.

[^44]NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOGIATION. On Thursday, August 24, 7939, in Three Hows. At the Chorce of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLE8, EO40 CHANCES;
Parkar's Twelqg-part.
Franz Saarpe ...
...Treble
-Groprery Wh. Hatr Cybil V, Tabrrner ... William Sanders ...

Tenor 12 cwt .

Coaducted by B. G. Key.

- First neal of Grandsire Triples.


## ENDERBY, LEICESTERSEIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
Ow Thwyday, August 24, 1939, in Two Hours amd Farty-Two Minutes, Ai tre Parise Cerorci of St. Jonn-Tbr-Baptist, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES;

Temor II cwt. 2 gr II lb.
Edward R. Waiterbad ...Trabla Lgonard F. Whiserifain... 5 Walter P. Whitegead ... 2
 Composed and Conducted by Ernesi Morris.

> SUNDERLAND, DUREAM.

THE DTRREAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AESOCIATION. Ow Thursdav, 4 ugusi 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-7 wo Mixulss, Ay ife Cborce of St. Ignatios-the-Marty\%,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 GHANGES;
Teqrgtans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt ,


 Conducted by D. Viserne.
Rung to celebrate the 50th suniversary of the dedication of this church.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFEORD.
On Satreduy, August 26, 1939, in Thyad Howf and Seven Minhtes, At the Ceurch of St. Benedict.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, GOtB CHANGE8;

Tenor 10 cwl. 12 lb.


* First peal of Major and firt in the method. + First peal of Major on a. 'bob' bell.

HARTEFETRRY, HORCESTERSEIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCEATION. (Northern Brance.)
On Saluyday, Awewst 26, 1939, in Thret Hiowry,
At tag Cadrca of St. Jauss,

## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLE8, BO4O CHANRESI

Parkrr's Twelve-part ( 7 th observation). Tenor 30 cwt.
*C. F. Bligsatt .+4 ... ...Treble Bernard Lawion ... ... 5
Clipford Sxinmore ... .... 2 Joan Llovd .... ....
Cearles H. Woodarray 3 Alprzd W. Glazzard ... 7
4Wicliam Turner jum. ... a IEdward Amias ... ... ...Temar
Conducted by C. Spidmorr

* First peal amay from tenor. + First peas of Triples "inside." : Firshipenl ont eight bells. Arrangee ns a farewell to Camon H. D. Noel Paterson, reliving Rector of Hartlcbury.

BUSEEY, HERTS.
THE BEBTFORD COUNYT ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hows and Forty-One Minhtr, At ter Cedrce of St. Jabes.
A PEAL OF BPLICED 8TEDMAN AND ERIN TAIPLE8, 3040 CHANEE8;
J. W. Parker's No.

Tenor 13 cwt .
Frederick W. Brinklow ...Tyeble
Sxrpeen H. Hoare ... ... 2
Francis Kire ...
Hardld G. Casbmore .... 4
... 4 Erangis A.Smith ... ...Térop Conducted by F. G. Casamore.
The first peal of Spliced Stedman and Erin Triples. Tla peal conaisted of 3,960 Stedman and 1,080 Erin with 300 chamges of mothod. Rung for the coming of age of Miss Jessie K. Rootes and Mjas Lily Coles.

> WOODERIDGE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLE GUILD.
On Saturday, Augws 26, 1939, in Three Houps and Eighteen Minnter;
At the Churge of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH BOURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANEES; Tenor 254 cwt.
A. Staneey Woodard

Frane L. Fisagr

$\ldots$| $\ldots$ Trable | Urban W. Wildingy |
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| $\ldots 4$ | 2 |



Composed by j. Hons.
Conducted by Lewis F. Bywarers,

* Firat peal in the method.

LLANGIBBT, HONMOUTESEITRE.
THE LLANDATF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 20, 1939, in Three Hows and Eight Minuth, At the Cabrch of St. Cybi。
A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANRE8;
Parker's Six-part.
Tenor $\mathrm{I}_{4}$ cwt.
Miss Gwyneta M. Swirg...Tyebhe
Joun W. Jones Sidney Bampord ... $\quad . .5$
Larsle Baingam.
William Powell
Conducted by Rosart Smith.

* First peal aud lirst altempt.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERROROUGE DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Suturday, Augusi 26, 1939, in Thren Howrs and Eleven Minutes,
At tere Cburch of St. Pritiz,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANEE8;
Tenor 23 cwt .8 lb . in E Elat.

Wileiam Welliwg .... ... 3 Bernard J. Saddington ... 6
Grorgr Mayers ... .... ... 3 Harry Wingrovi ... ... 7
Wieliam Henlyy ... ... 4 Tony Price ... ... ... ...Temar Composed by C. Midderton, Copducted by Harry Wingrove.
First penl in the metand on the bells.
HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE FSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, $A$ ugust 26, 1939, in Two Hotus and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
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## AYLESFORD KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At ter Cherci of St. Petzi,
A PEAL OF BOB MADOR, $\operatorname{GO8}$ CHANGES; Tenor $14 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.

| Herbert A. Holden | ...Treble | $\dagger$ Herbrery G. Andrrws |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mary I. Rawlings | ... | Walter H. Dobbie ... |
| Doris G. Doasie |  | Benjamin F. Barer |
| Alam G. Hall |  | Pbilip A. Co |
| Composed by G. Ha |  | Co |

of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. M. Kippir.
EASTWOOD, BOTHEREAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
(Samefield and District Socibty.)
On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Twio Fours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, At fus Cafrch of St. Stepaen,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 123 cwt .


Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Jons E. Turley.
*First peal. $\dagger$ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Suturday, Augnat 25, 1939, in Thyes Howys and Three Minktra, As ibe Ceurch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor $19 \frac{1}{4}$ cwt.
Saglpord Sparrow ... ...Trebit Keith W. Whittril ... ... 5 Grorge Whiting ... .... $z$ Garnham A. Blaxcble ....
 Artbur Grimwood ... ... 4 Harry D. Listbr .... ....Temot Composed by C. Midnerion. Conducted by H. D. Lisief. A birthanay compliment to K. W. Whittell.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

MARPLE, CHESEIRE.
THE GHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 27, 7939, in Two Hours and Tuenty-Three Misutes, Aiter Cefrce of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.
Tenor size 14 in D.
"J. Antbony Bracmont ... 1-2 Jocielym B. Gardirer ... $3-4$
Ivan B, Gardimar … ... e-b
Conducted by J B. Gardiner.

* First peal 'in hand' and in the method. First peal as conductor. SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX association.
On Wedresday, August 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Ternty-Thece Minutes, At zo, West Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 508 CHANEES;



## SIX BELL PEALS.

ST. MEWAN, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Twesday, $A$ wgust 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minwes. Ait tee Chorce of St. Mewan,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;

Being a 780 each of Cambridge Surprise, Osford Treble Bob, Kent Trable Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cmt 3 qr .7 lb .
-Sydaey o'Sbadgenessy ...Tyeble |Rev. C. Elliot Wigg
Marie R. Cross ... ... 2 A. Patrice Cannon ... ... 4 Herbert H. Alexapder... 3 Alan R. Pink ... ... ...Texdy Conducted by Alan R. Ping.

* First peal in seyen methods. First peal on the bells and frst peal in seven methods for the Guild and in che Duchy of Cornwell.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHRE.
THE WOROESTERSEIIE AND DISTRIOIS ASSOCIATION.
(Westbrn Brance)
On Satuyday, August 79, 1939, in Two Hours axa Fiffy-Five Minutes,
At tar Ceurce of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, GOAD CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cm .
Edward Maund ... ... ...Treble Sidney T. Holt ... ... ... 4
Frark Lawrbnce .... ... 2 Cbarles Camm ... ... ... 5
Robert G. Knowzes ... ... 3 Tbomas W. Lewis ... ...Tenor Conducted by Stosey T. Holx.

NOTIINGEAM.
THE MDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATHON
On Monday, A A gwsi 21, 1939, in T tuo Hours and T wentr-Evght Hinufes,
At tee Cedrce of St. Mary-tae-Virgin.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Seven 720's, each called differently Tenor 10 ckt .3 gr .24 fb.
-Leslie Holland ... ...Treble Harold Brown ... $_{\text {... }}$... 4
 Conducted by Ralpe Narborodgh.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the coths birtheney of the Vicar of St. Mary's, the Ri. Rev. Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C. patshull stafes.
THE SOCLETY FOR THE ARUHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. Un Friduy, Angwt 25, 1939, in Two Haws and Fifty-Thyee Minutes, At ter Cadres of St. Mary,


## A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.
Mrs. R. Wilclam Barber...Tyeble! Madrice
M. Wir Madice G. Turser... ... 4
 Conducted by B. G. Key.

* First peal of Minor.
BURWASH, SGSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
THF EAST GRINSTRAD AND DISTRICF GUILD.
On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Howrs and Fifit Mfimuths.

> Aithe Cbitce of St. Bartholompw.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 780 each of Double Court, Double Oxiord, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Trebly Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob-

Tenor $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
Albert Rbler ... ... ...Treble Abtbit F. Lewry ... ... 4

- George Beeney
$\begin{array}{cc}\cdots \cdots & . . . \\ \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots \\ \text { Connter }\end{array}$
Frank H. Hicrs ... .... ....
William A. Kitcbenside ...Teno Condocted by Albzri Relpe.
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## A PEAL OF GRAND8IRE DOUBLES, BOH CHAHPE8;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings,
Tenor $25 \frac{3}{4}$ cwt
 Conducted by Edward G. Coward.

> - First peal.

WLSTASTON, CEESHIRE.
THE GHESTER DIOCESAN GUHD.
On Sunday, August 27, 1939, in Two Hows and Thiviy-Five Mfinuts, At the Certch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGE8;
Being four 720's of Plain Bob and thres 720 e of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cmt .6 lb .

## KEnmete Thomasson

 ...I Febla Walter Alcman...Eric Clarif ... Riceard T. Holding... .... 3 A Abraz Crawley... Conducted by A. Crawczy.
Rulg in honour of the wedding of Miss D. Folding and Mr. R. Roscoe, which took place the previous day at St. John's, Crewe.

## A PEAL RINGING WEEK. LITERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOOIATION.
On Friday, August 18, 1939, is Two Howrs and Fi/fy-Five Minvite,
At ter Cetren of St, Micearl, Garston,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJDR, 5098 CHANGES; Teror 12t cwt.
Jamas $H$. Sheperrd ...
Georgr R. Pys .... Georger. Pye ...
..Treble Frank Bennety ...
Gabriel Lindoff
Grorge Martim .nn .... ...
Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Frank Benneta. BEBINGTON, OHESHCRE.
FHE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUTLD.
On Satwyay, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fibhy-Hive Minutes, Aztar Churce of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, E152 GHAHPE8। Temer 9 cm t.

Composed by Ernesi Pye. Conducted by Georgr R. Newton,
CEESJER, CHEBETRE.
THE CHESTLR DIOCESAN GUTD.
On Satirday, A ngust 19, 1939, in Threo Hours and Thirty-T wo Minutes,
At the Caierdral Crurce of St. Werbirge.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, EOsO CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt .
James H. Sefpegrid ...
Mrs. R. Riceardson $\ldots$
...Treble $\mid$ Grorge R, Newton .n. ... 6
Gabrial Lindoff ... ... 3 Frederick Whitr ... ...
Frabi Varty .... ... *... 4 Repgrt Ricbardson ... ... 9
Grorge Martin .... ... ... 5 James C. E. Simpson ... ....Tenor
Composed by F. Drncen Conducted by Prank Banaetr.
First peal of Surprise Ropas of the bells.
NEWOHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Studay, Augwst 20, 1939, in Two Howrs ana Fifiy-Sewen Minutes, AI the PaEise Churci.
A PEAL OF YORK8HIRE SURPRISE HAAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12t cwt.


H\&LEWOOD, IANCASHURE
THE LANCASHERE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Awgust 21, 1939, in Two Howrs ard Fifly-Fony Minstes, At tre Caurce of St. Nicmolas,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, EOEG EHANPFO| Tenor 11 cwt .
James H. Sazpgerd ... ...Tthble Ggorge R. Newton .... ... 5
George Martin ... ... .... 2 Gabrigl Lindorp $\quad$...
Frank Benneti ... .... ... 3 Roprrt Ricgardson ... .... 7 Frane Varty ... ... - 4 Frbderick Wbitr an ...Tenoy Composed by C. Middrezon. Conducted by Grorger R. Nzwton. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## ITVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Monday, August 31, 1939, in Three Howrs and Ihirty-Soven Minutes, At teg Ceurce of St. Nicholas;
A PEAL OF BOE MAXIHUS, 6016 CHANGEB! Tenor $39 \% \mathrm{cwt}$.

-Georgr R. Newton... ... 2 Frederick Weitr ...
-Grorge Wilifams ... ... 3 Ropert Richardson ... 9
-Gabrirl Lindoff ... ... 4 "James H. Sarparrd... ... 10
-Ghorgr Martin ... ... 5 \#Franz Variy ... ... .... II

| Grarge Marin Bbneti | $\ldots$ | .... | 5 | 6 | James C.E. Simpson |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| E.... Tenof |  |  |  |  |  |

Composed by ]. A. Trollope. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson,

* Firat peal of Bob Maximus.

WIGAN, LANCASEIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 23, 1939, in Three Howrs and Twenty Mimultas,
At the Chorce of St. James, Poolstocr,
A PEAL OF GUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, BO88 CHANGE8;
Tenor 25 cwt, in D.


| James H. Sbbpgerd | ... | ... | 2 | Ropgrt Richardson ... | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| George R. Nawton | 6 |  |  |  |  |


Composed by N. J. Pirstow, Conducted by Grorge Wilhams.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.
WIGAN, LANGASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, August 23, 1939, in 7hre Howrs and Thivey-Six Mimwtes,
Ay the Cburca of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORHICH GOURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCE8; Tenor 29 cwt .
 Composed and Conducted by Frane Benneix.

* First peal of Double Nowich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal by the association and in the county, and frst peal of Royal on the bells.


## AUGETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 25, 1939, in Thyee Howts and Ihirtom Hinules, At Carist Cevrch,
A PEAL DF LONDON SURPRISE HASOR, 5152 CHANGE8; Tenar I 4 cwt. 12 lb .
James H. Shepyerd ... ...Tyebls Gabrial Lindoff ... ... 5
 Frederice Weitr ... ... 3 -Frank Varty ... ... .... 7 Frank Bennett ... ... ... 4 . 4 James C. E. Simpson... .... Thnor Composed by G. Lindorf. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson, * 100th peal. First peal of Loudon of the bells.

## A PETERBOROUGH GUILD PEAL,

The peal of Drubles rung at Great Doddirgton, Northanas, on August 17th, and recorded in aur last issue, was rung for the Peterborougla Diocesan Guilur.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, Angust 26, 1933, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Chorch of All Saints,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRIBE MASOR, BOO4 CHANGE8; Tenor 15 cwt .
Grorgr Williams
Treble

## Gabribl Lindoff <br> James C. E. Simpson <br> Gborge R. Newion

... ${ }^{2}$
Franr Bennett
5
$+\quad 6$

Composed by C. W. Roherts. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

## LISCARD, CHESHTRE.

THE CHESTER DTOCESAN GULLD.
On Satwrday, Awgusi 26, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Six Minwles,
At teri Catech of Sx. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE BURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES

## Tenor 16 cwt .

| Erang Varty ... | ...Tebbid | Frane Bennetr ... ... | ... 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fredericr White | ... ... | James H. Shrparrd ... | ... 6 |
| Grorger. Newion | ... 3 | James C. E. Simpson ... | 7 |
| Grorgr Martin |  | Ralpy G. Edwards |  |

## Composed by J. W. Waserroor. Couducted by Frank Bennety.

First peal of Superlative on the bella.

## PEALS IN CORNWALL.

## MN ENJOYABLE VISIT

Ringers visiting Cornwall last week joined in a daily peal attempt on four days. The atternts wers mide in the evenings, thus leaving the days for bathing, sight seeing, ote. This enjoyable form of uniting peal ringing with other lof idey pleasures is to be, cammerided. Some of the parity, led by the irrepressible 'gun,' also grabled 'a few now towers on one of the days.
Of the four peals attempted, the first two were successful-a peal in seven Minor methods att St. Mewn-the first by the Truro Diocesan Guild and the first in Cornwall-and the first pesl on the belle at St. Denys, where the ring was recently augmented to eight.
A "scientific ", peal has to be really good in Cornwall to impress the local ringers, who are, generally, not very favourable to change ringing and are keen critics.
The two peals rung tast week were very favourably commented on by those outside, some of whom listened from stard to finish.
An attempt for a peal of Minor at St. Winnow was abandosed about half-way through owipg to the poor 'go' of two of the bells. It would be hard to find a prettier situation for a ehurch then this. It is right on the bank of the Fowey River, which is tidal at this point, and hass thick woods coming down on either side. One of the land was heard to remark that he would like to end his deys there, The Vicar gave the ringers a warm welcome, and totd them to come again uost year and ring all day.
Double Norwich Major af Probus was lost after $2 \%$ hours through a shift course. Probus las a fine peal of bells in Cornwall's grandest tower.
Those who took part in the tour felt they had dono a little spado work, as well as having spent a good holiday-

5,040 SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES.
PARKER'S NO. 1
231456 3. 4 5. 6. 7. 12. 13. These sixes are rung


Stedman is always starled with a quick sir. The composition was rung at Bushey, Herts, on August 28th.

SWANSEA.-After a peal attempt, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. A. Hoare 1, J. T. Williams 2, D. G. Brown 3, G. W. Morris 4, E. J. Morris 5, E. Stiteh 6, T. M. Roderick (firet of Stednan as conductor) 7, A. E. Bacon 8. It was the first quarder-peal of Stedman by ringers of $\dot{2}, \overline{3}$ and 8 . The peal had been arranged for Mr. D. G. Erown, of Penge.

## PEAL NOTES.

## SPLICED PEALS.

There are two spliced peals recorded this week of special intereat. At Bushey, Herts, Mr, Harold Cashmore called the first peal of Spliced Stedmen and Erin Triples: There were no less than 300 clhanges of method, and the peal contained 3,960 of Stedman and 1,080 Erin. The composition will be found elsewhere.

At Bollington, Cherhire, a peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rupg. The courses were called O.O.K.K.K.K.O., and the composition consisted of 2,880 changes of Oxford and 2,304 of Kent, with 36 changes of method. It was całled by Mr. C. K. Lewis.
Tho peals at Ufford and Woodbridge, Suftolk, last week were arranged for Mr. Lewis H. Bywatera, of Bedfordshire, and that at Woodbridge was his first peal of Double Norwich, which he conducted. A peal of Grandsire Triplas at Netlyerseale, Derbyshire on Augut 24th, was arranged for Messrs. Frank Sliarpe and G. W. Hair, of the local Sunday service campany. It was their first peal of Grandsirs Triples. Mr, R. W. Barber, of Norwich, who was in the district on holiday, kindly assisted at short notice. It was his first peal of Grandsirs Triples alsa, and completed luis sequence in the method from Doubles to Cinques.
Ois the following day both Mr. aud Mrs. Barber tooly part in a peal of Bob Minor at Patshull, Staffs.
A peal of Minor was rung at. Wistaston, Cheshire, on Sunday, in honour of the wedding of Miss $\mathbf{D}$. Holding and 基r. R. Roscoe, which took place on the preceding day at St. John's Church, Crewe. Miss Holding is the daughter of Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, one of the Cheshire Guild's foremost ringers. Fo took part in his daughtor's wedding peal.
The first peal of Stedman Caters in the northeast of Yorkshire was rung on Sattrday last at the jet town of Whithy. It lappened to be also tho 4 thth anniversary of the first peal on 10 bolis rung by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Cauon H. D. Noel Paferson is retiring next month afier nineteon years as Rector of Harklebury, Worcestershire, and a farewell peal was rung at his church on Saturday. It was also made ibe quarterly peal of the Northern Branch of the association. TEREF SONS' FIRST PEAL.
Mr. Thomas White, of Bruton, Somerset, had the pleasure of taking parl in the first peal rung by his three sons, Wilfred, Ermest and Harold, on Saturdny in their home tower. It was n peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. E. G. Coward.. It zis scldom indeed that three brothers all ring their first peal logether, aud more rare still for their father to take part in it.
The Leicester Thursday P.G.'s wero happy to include that fine old stalwart' from Birmingham, Mr. Jemes Gcorge, in the band that rang a peai of Boh Mnjor at Enderby on August 24th. As will be recalled, the Thursdayites rang a thanksgiving peal upon lis recovery from illness, and as a birthday compliment when he attained the age of 86 . Indeed, on Thursday he rang lis bell beautifully throughoot the pen], fully descrving iho congratalations showered upon him at the conelusion. The remeinder of the bend are indebted to Mr. John E. Clarke and Mr. Len Whitehead for standing in the atterapt, at the last moment, and tender their siacere thanks to them. Thanks to a local ringer who steppedi into a breach and rang the tenor, the peal of Grandsiro Triples at Llangibby was made possible on Saturday. Owing to the crisis, Mr. W. Heath, of Cardiff, was unalbo to make the journey, heving been recalled from aniual leave by the Ghief of Police. The peal was arranged specially to honour the Rev. John P. Stephens, on lis uppointment to his first Rectorehip. A previous attempt fniled on the day of his induction to Llangibhy parish on April 11th. The tenor man scored his first penl at the firat attempt.
3r. A. F. Lewry ragg his 75th peal on Saturday when tis took part in seven Minor methods at Burwash on Saturdey.
A peal of Steaman Triples at Sunderland on August 24 th mas rung to colobrate the golden jubilee of the dedication of tine Church of St. Tgatius-the-Martyr. There were two "visitors" in the peal, Mr. David Vincont, of Hale, Cheshire. wloo was on holiday at whitley, ant took the opportumity of wisiting his olf friends at Sunderland, and Mr. T. H: Reeves, of St. Sartin's, Birminglam.
Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Nottingham, rang a peal of Bob Mivor on the front six at their own phurch on Aupust 21 st in honour of the 60th birtluday of their Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot

## DEATH OF A BELL DONOR.

On Monday, Aurust 2lat, there was laid to rest in St. James' Churchyard, Devizes, Mr. Whalter Rose, who worshipped at this chorch when his health permitted. He, with his hrother, the late Mr. William Rose, were donors of the treble hell in St. James ${ }^{2}$ tower in Aptil, 1909, in memory of their father, Mr. John Giyde Rose.
In the crening, after the fumeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles ( 1,260 changes) was rung hali-muftled: R. W. Bridges 1, $G$. Winter 2, S. Hillier 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (condactor) 5, T. Weeks $B$.

Tho inscription on the bell given by Mr. W, and Mr. J. G. Fose is, A.D. III. D. Dec. A.D. 1900 . D.D. FiL, Wohn Glyde Rose, O.B., Rose, A.D. 1909 E.W. VII. Rege. J. Tuylor, Loughborough."

## THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE．

## RESULTS OF NINE DAYg＇PEAL RINGING．

The vine days＇peal－ringing tour in Lancashire and Cheshire，which ended last Saturday，produced eleven successe in sixteen attampts． An excellent start was made with fivo peals of the reel，then came the first of the failures，when on Tuesday morning a peal of Bristal Surprise Major had to be given up at Tarleton，owing to the bad ＂go＂of the temor，after fifty minutes．It proved a bad day．In tha afternoon a peal of London Surprise was lost at Woolton．

Thursday，too，ended in a＇blank．＇In tho morning，at Preacot，\＆ band sang Fight through a peal of Yorkshire Major，but had a bad trip in the lest lead and a half and decided not to record jt．In the afternoor $\mathrm{et} \mathrm{St}_{\mathrm{t}}$ ，Felens they were just settling down to Yorkshire Royal，when the Chief Constable and the postmaster came up in the tower and asked that the betls should be stopped．The Post Office is just sunder the fower，and the bells interfered with bearing on the telephones．
After a thisd consectitive loss，on Fridey marsing，when London Surprise at Ormakirk＂wont west＊after two and a quarter hours＇ beautiful ringing，the rest of the programme was carried out＂ac－ cerding to plan．？
The result of the tour was not quite so good，in point of tine mum－ ber of peals rung by the party，as in some of their previous years ${ }^{3}$ ex－ cursions，but on this occesion they were rather handicapped by asek of nambers．
Messrs．George Martin and Frank Varty took part in all the suc－ eesses，Mr．Frank Bennett，whe organised the tour，and Mr．Fred White in all but ons．Five perls wers conducted by Mr．Bonnett， three by Mr．J．C．E．Simpsan，two by Mr，G．R．Nowton，and one by Mr．G．Witliams．It is not unintereating to observe that the cam－ poser was different in erery peal．

Among the notable points in the tour were the first peal of Sur－ prige Royal at Chester Catheriral，the first peal of Double Norwicin Royal in Lancasbire，and by the Lancashire Association，rumg at Wigan，and five other＇first in the method on the bells．＂Geven of the band got a＂star＇for their first peal of Bob Maximus，rung at St．Nicholas＇，Liverpool，and six for their first peal of Double Nof－ wich Royal．Mr，Frank Varty rang his one lundredth peal at the end of the week，and lie and Mr．R．G．Edwards hath＇completed the circle＂at Liscard．

## FOUR－PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR

THE FAMILY LIKENESE．
Peals of 5,056 of Bob Major in four perts are mumerous，and bo－ tween some of them there is great similarity．Some are composed with only the necessary two Befores in each part，some bave the addition of a Middle．
The reference last week to Mr．Cornelius Charge＇s peai，composed in New Zealand in 1936 and rung for the firse fime at Old Windsor on August 15th last，lias brought a letter from M1．H．J．Tucker， reminding ringers of lis well－known four－part peal，with two Befores and a Middle in each part，which he composed in 1889 ，and which was frst rung at Bishop＇s Stortford in 1902，conducted by the late Mr．W． Watts．In Mr．Tucker＇s peal the Befores are in differont courses，in Mr．Charge＇s they came togetber．Here ase some of the peals with similar characteristies．First Pritcbard＇a popular peal，without Middles，and then some others which contain Middles：－

J．R．PRITCHARD， 1887.
W．B．M．H． 23456

| － | 1 | 3 | 23564 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 二 | 1 | 3 | 23645 |
| － |  | 3 | 26435 |
|  |  | 3 | 32465 |

C．H．MARTIN， 1890.
W．B．M．H． 23456

| － | 3 | 52436 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| － | $2-$ | 3 | 35426 |
| - | 3 | 36245 |  |
| 2 | 32465 |  |  |

C．CHARGE， 1901.
W．B．M．H． 23456

| － | - | 1 | 64235 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 二 |  | 2 | 62345 |
| 二 |  | 3 | 46355 |
| 二 | 2 |  | 24365 |
| - |  | 3 | 34536 |

H．J．TUCKER， 1888 ．
W．B．M．H． 23456

| － | 1 | 3 | 23564 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 二 | 1 | 3 | 23645 |  |
| － |  | - | 2 | 25634 |
| 3 | 32654 |  |  |  |

J．E．BURTON， 1894.
W．B．M．H． 23456


C．CHARGE， 1936.
w．B．M．H． 23456


All these have，of course，to be three times repeated，with a single in each half to reverse 2－3．

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths will be held this year (D.V.) at the Canon Street Hotel, on Nov. 4th
The peal-ringing tour in Bedfordshire and Northants, which was to have begun to-morrow, has been abandoned, most of those who wera to have taken part having had their holiday lenve cancelled.

We regret to say that last Saturday Mr. Tore Groombridge, sen. of Chislehurst, met with an accident. He was knocked down by a pedal cyclist and rather badly hurt. He was taken to Farmborough (Kent) Hospital snd detained. He had just left home for a peal attempt at Lewisham when the accident happened. His injuries were to the face and left eye and the jateat information is that his condition is satisfactory. Subject to the resulte ascertained by an X-ray examination, it is possible he may be returned home before the end of this week, as the hospital is being clearad as rapidly as passible owing to the crisis. If any of his friends wish to write to him, therefore, they should address their letters to 35 , Albany Road, Chislehurat. If, by ehance, he is still in hospital, the letters will be forwarded.
Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, the hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, hes shortly to undergo his six months military training as a member of the militia. Duriag his absence, Mr. 8. F. Palmer, of Sheffeld, will discherge the secretshisl duties.
By a typist's error, the time of the peal of Stedman Caters, at Yeovil on August loth, was geat in for publication as 3 hours 32 minutes-precisely the same as that of the Sherborme peal of Stedman Triples, The actual time at Yeovil wes 3 hours 18 minutes, which wis not had going for a ring of ten with a tenor of $40 \frac{\mathrm{~cm}}{\mathrm{ct}}$.
Yesterday was the anoiversary of three inferesting eventa. On August 3lat, 1912, the longest peal on landbells was rung. A band started at Guildford for 22,222 of Stedman Caters, but when the hour got towards midnight, and they had been ringing nearly nine hourg, the conductor decided to cut is bit off the end, and the bells were brought round at 19,738 . They had been ringing 9 hours 32 minutes. The ringers were Arthur Shepherd I-2, Alired Pulliag (conductor) 3-4, William Shepherd 5 6, James Hunt 7-8, Frank Blondell 9-13.
The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung on August 31st, 1880, condected by Mr. F. E. Dawe-that was 53 years ago, and he is atill with us. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Edinburgh Cathedral.
The other August 31 st event of note was in 1923, when members of the Royal Gumberland Yautis, on their way to the West of England for an outing, rang the first peal in e railway train.

## A DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE YOUTH.

250th ANNIVERSAFY OF THE DEATH OF SIR HENRY TULSE,
Yesterday was the 250th anniversary of the denth of Sir Benry Tulse, the only member of the Ancient Society of College Youths who was Lord Mayor of London and Master of the societr it the same year, riz., 1684,
One of the ways in which the College Youtlis celebrated tieir tercentenary was by restoring the tombstane of this diatingrished Master, where it now rests in a jittle courtyard opening of Limg Street, a aarrow thoroughfare between Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets in the heart of the city.
Sir Heary Tulse was a benefactor of the parish of St. Dionis, Backchurch. When the church was rebuilt after the fire of 1668 , he gave a marble font and marble steps leading to it, and when he died in 1889 , ke was buried inside the church in his own vault. When the building was puled down, the font was removed to St. Dionis', Parsons Greer, and the stone slab which had covered the grave was tramsferied to the courtyard which marks the site of the old churchyard.
The inscription on the tomb. which was re-cut in 1936, is:-
In a Favit under-neath
this Stone Lyes Buryed the Body
of Ser Heviry Tvlse, who Departed
this Life the 31at day of
August, 1689
The College Youths, it their tercentenary, added a bronze plate berring the following:-

Sir Hear Tuise wis a Benefactor of the Charch of st Dionis, Backcharch, formerly adjoining. He was also Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor of this Clty.

In his memory this tombstone was restored November, 1937, by the Aacieat Boxiety of College Youths (during the 300 h year of the Societr's foundation). He was Master of the Society durinf his Mayoralty in 1684.

## ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

There are two corrections to the lint we published last week. Tha secretary of Cambridge University Guild is Mr. R. H. Richens Selwyn College, Cambridge.

There was a 'transposition' in the address of Mr. Leeslie Morris, secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He lives at 65, Lilycrolt Road, Heaton, Bradford.

## THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

## AN ANCIENT SOCIETY. BI J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. (Continuad from page 546.)

As I have eaid, we have no account of any ringing eociety in Norwich during the seventeenth century and we do not know when the Society of Norwich Sciolars was founded. Ita origins probably go back to the sisteeuth century, but it does not seem to have been a formally organised society with master and stewards and a cade of rules, as were the Society of Cheapside Schollera, the Society of College Youtlas and the Society of Esquire Youths. There must, of course, have been some orgenisation, and there was bound to have been something like a souial club. The name Norwich Scholars was prodably never formally adopted, but was applied to the ringers by people in flie sanie way that riagers in all parts of the country were usually called 'scholars' ar 'youths.
in any of their public meetings, he shall for his first offeree gay sigpence, and for the second be struck out of the book.
If any person belonging to the purge fell ill and desired relief he bad to sead by a member of the saciety to tbe officers to acquaint. them with his condition, and reven days after notice they were to pay lim nins shillings, then soven shillings a week for two months and after that four shillings a week. On the death of mny member forty shillings were granted for his barini.
The stook of money was not to be reduced below ten pounds, and so long as six members remaired in the socieby the purse was not to be broken.
The usual fines and penalties Fere provided for the usual offencesrefusal to take office, quarreling, difobeying orders, cheating aud the like.
The whole company was under an obligation to attend the funeral of a deceased member, timely notice having been given, Thoge who were absent were fined sixpence and those who were present had each to spend threepence for hits own, drinking.


THE FINE OLD CHURCH OF ST. PETEA MANCROFT, NORWICH.

It. was not until the Year 1716 that the Norwich ringers organised themselves into a formal saciety, and then it was as a "purse club" or benefit society. Although tue title Norwich Scholars was already in ose, it was not applied to the new society.

On December 22nd, 1716 , articles were ' made and agreed wato by the Society of Ringers in the City of Norwich for the ordering of a stack or purse for the relief of such persons as shall be therein concerned and shall stand in need of the same.'

Evary candidate for admission had to be capable of ringing five courses of Grandsire Triples. He paid an entrance fee of two shillings and thenceforth two shilliggs a quarter until he had paid ten shilinge in all, and then he was entitled to he a full parser. After that his aubscription wes one shilling a quarter. No one over 30 years of age was admitted as a member.

The number of fail purgerg was not to exceed five and forty, bat as unlimited number of members could be admitted who were entritled to partial benefite.

The oficers were a Headman, a Purser (also called the Treasurer), two Supharisors and two Feast Makers. The Headnang had power to fix the time and place of the guarteriy mectings, and the Feast Maleers, with the consent of the Feadman, to mbke arrangements for the annual dinmer, which was to be held on every Whitsun Monday, and for which everyone had to pey one shilling and sixpence. And if any person beloagiag to this Society dath prirately and fraudulently तitipase of any beer which doth properly belong to the whole Company

## CONTROL OF STEEPLES.

The eociety tried to contral the whole of the ringing at all the city churches. There were at the time many ringers in Norwich, and they appear to have been organised into differert "steeple compsnies." A rule was passed that 'when thers be a vacancy in any Steeple Company of Ringers in this Gity, either by death or otherwise, the said Steeple Company shall be obliged to choose a person to supply any such vacancy who is at that time a member of the Ringers' Purse in this City and the person chosen out of one company into another doth thereby discharge himself of his former Company by accepting the same, for no man shall hold two Steeple Companies. And another fule said that " if any member or members of this Society shall practice Fith, aid, or assist any person or persons to take away any Steeple ar Steeples from this purse to the dotriment of the eame lie or they shall be expelled the purse for so doing.

We must not, however, suppobe that the society was lite one of our modern territorial associations, a federation of bands belonging to and practisiag at separste charches. The explanation of the system will probably be found in a tradition which lasted down to my time betweer forty and ffty years sgo. The peid ringing and tlie benefits accruing at the various churches (mostly from Chnismas boses) were Eupposed to be shared abcording to a recognised scheme. The twelve sentor members raug at St. Peter's, Mancroft, the five junior members at 3t. Peter's, Permountergate. and other bands han other churches. The same band might ring at more than one church.
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## THE NORWICH SCHOLARS

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Except at Mancroft the 'benefit' band did not hald ayy gractice at a tower or ring there except during the month before Christmas. There were many more ringers and many more belfries available in 1720 than there were in 1893 , and probnbly there was a certain amount of sectional practice ringing, but there never was a band specially belonging to st. Gileg" or St. Miles', unless it were sn opposition band.

There was the same exclusive spirit in Norwich that we find in London and elsewhere aud the same quarrels and schisms. One of the rules reads: " If any person or persons belonging to this society shall at any time ar place aid or assist any particular company of ringers, or shall agree to make a separate company smong themselves in the City of Normich to the detriment or disdvantage of the gaid society or purso of riegers, he or they shall be expelled out of the said society for so doing

This purse cluh eupplied the organisation of the Norwich Scholars for many yearg, though, as I have said, it did not use that name. In the days when there was no geueral insurance and no great benefit societies hike tile Oddfellows and the Foresters it was an excellent thing and supplied a real want. It prospered during the eighteenth century and about 1750 a rule was made that the purse should not be reduced helow $£ 100$, any doficiency being made up by a levy of 1 s . 6 d . per quarter on the members for so long as it was gecessary.
But like most similar institutions, it lad its evil days as well as its good, and it would be diffeult to prove a continuous unbroken existance. More than once in the nineteentir century, when the member. ship got stiall, the members succumbed to the temptation to break the purse and slare out the funds.
Abaut the year 1870 members were admitted who were not ringers and the purse club was run as a separate organibation from the St. Peter's company. Finally in the early days of the present century the connection between the Mancroft belfry and the old campany of ringers was completely severed and not many years later the purse club came to a quiet and inglorious end.

## PROPERTY DISPERSED.

During the course of the years a certain amount of property was acquired by the club. It consisted of a parchment roll with the rules set out in fult, a number of pawter flagons and mugs, a quantity of token money, sereral framed records of peals, a set of handbells in a leather trunk made by Wiliam Porter, the composer of Double Norwich Court Bob and the tenor ringer to the first peal of Stedman Triples, and copies of the Clavis and Shipway's and L'Estrange's books. There was also at one timo a peal book, but that was lost in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The parchmezt roll was alienated at about the same time, but was bought by Walter Rye, the Norfols antiguary, as far from the city as Exeter. Fe afterwards gave it to the chmrch and it is now in the sacristy there.

When the purse club was finally broten up the property was divided among the members and is now jrretrievably dispersed and lost

Another piece of property which may not have belomged to the purse elub, but to the St. Peter's, Mancroft, heliry, was the ringers' jug. It holds 17 guarts and was the gift of John Dersler in 1749 . Dersley was a poter and Sheriff of Norwich in 1759 and Mayor in 1764. The jug was always filled on Old Year's Night with ' hot-pot,' a concoction and leading parishioners in the beliry. The constomed by the ringers and leading parishioners in the beliry. The custom lasted until 1880 .
This jug, top, was at one rime lost, but was recovered in 1846 at a anle by Robert Fitel, a well-known chemist in the city, and given lack by birn to the ringers. For long it was kept inside the tenor box and now is in the church sacristy.
Thin reputation of Norwich bells and ringers stood very high at the begining of the eighteenth century. In 1723 a writer declared that the tower of St. Peter Mancroft contained 'eight bells as perhaps hnve not their fellows considering their musical notes and the persons by whom they are rung who may challenge (without vanity) any eight men in England, for ringing is proctised no where else for number of changes and truth of ringing.
The great interest taken by the citigens in the art, even when they were not themselves rinders. is shown by the frequent references to it in the pages of the 'Norwicl Gazette.' Norwich men liked to know what. was being done by ringers in other parts of Fngland as well as at home.

## A CURIOUS EPISODE.

I have no space to tell now the story of the early Norwich peals, which are among the most interesting in the annals of change ringing. You will find some of the tale in my book on 'Stedman.'
In 1736 the ring at St. Peter's was increased to ter and shorky aftervards a record peal of 12,600 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung on them, but twelve years before that a rather curious episode occurred.
The Norwich ringers being so goon and so famous, to was natural that many people including no donbt the ringers themselves, would wish to have the old octave augmented to ten so that the performancea in London by the College Youths and the London Scholars could be equalled and surpassed. So in 1724 a scheme was set on foot to add two trebles, and on July 25 th in that year the bells were actually lung in the tower. But. the order was given by someone without sufficient authority and hefore the money to pay for them had been (Continued in next column.)

## BIRMINGHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

AN EVENING \&HONG THE BIRDS AND TISHES.
A party of Birmingham ringers, their wives and friends, representative of St, Martin's, tho Cathedral, King's Norton acdi Selly Oak, with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, of Coventry, spent a very pleasant evening on Saturday, August 19th, as the quests of Mr. and Mrs, F B. Fates, of The Clock House, Hopwood, situated on the Redditch road, approximately ten miles from the city. The Clock House, $x 8$ its name impliea, is a veritable storehouse inside and outside of ancient and modern clocks, whose bells and gongs remind those staying in the house of ' the writching hour of milnight '-and other kours as well.

Mr. Yates, a member of St, Martin's Guild and a service ringer at the Cathedral, conducted the party raund the beautiful gardens, with their endess wariety of flowers, with water fountains and cascades charmingly set, spacious lawn, and vegetabla garden, with fowlholses, and a large aviary containing canaries, budgarigars, parrobs, and, last but not least, some beautiful white tumbler pigeons who did their 'stuff ' for the benefi of the thirty guests, who roaned a will, witil it was time to attack a sumptous repast kindly provided in the gardens. The host end hostess were heartily tlaanked by Mr. Alhert Walker for their generous hospitality and their unfating in tereat in bells and bellringers. The "toast " was drunk with musical homours, and Mr. Yates replied in his own fuimitable and charming Apologies for absence were received and read by Mr. Fates from Messrs. A. Padion Smith, F. E. Haynes, E. T. Allaway and T. H. Reaves. Tho last-named sent telegraphic greetings from Neweastle-on-Tyne.
The lhost then conducted the party to a large sheet of water a mile away from Clock House. Here, in the Club Room, wore raany fine specimens of fish caught in theso waters, among them being a arge pike approxirottely 3elb. in weight, caught by Mr. Fules himself, who evidently is a mean fisherman. On returning to Clock House, more refreshments were provided, and landbells were enjoyed on the lawn in tumes and changes. At ten a'clock the party broke ap with many expreasions of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Yates for a very delightful evening.

## VISTT TO WORCESTER.

On Sunday afternon, another excursion was snade by road, in which Mr. Yates joined, to Worcmeter Cathedral, pausing on the way to take tea at Windvridge, mear Worcester, the charming resideace of Mar. and Mrs. E. Percy Thomas. Fere, again, the beautiful gar dens and orchands wers admired. Baskets were provided, and nll were allowed to pick as much fruit as they wished. Needless to say, everyone took advantege of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' kitd ofier.
Tea on the lawn and af 'chin wag,' in which the parrot took a conspiccous part, brought time for cinging.
Mr. Thomas, whose keen interest in bells and beflringers is so well known, accompanied the party to the Cathedrnl, whore they were met by Messrs. S. T. Foit, G. E. Large, G. Finton and G. Lewis, snd the grand twelve were kept going until the service began at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
On the relurm journey to Birmingham, the pariy were again invited to Windyridge for further refreshrnent and another "chn wag ${ }^{3}$ (in whick the parrot again joined).
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were heartily thanked for their kindness and hospitality, and home was reached at $10.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## SHROPGHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## FNJOTABJ, BEEETING AT MORETON CORBET

The Shropshire Association enjoyed a visit to Moreton Corbet on Saturday last. This has been a favourite venue for many years, and the reception accorded by the new incumbent suggested that the vory pleasant relations will be contimued. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. -. Still), and tea was prepared by his household staff.
Members were late in arriving, but twenty-four were present for tea, and further arrivals swelled the fotal afterwards. Some excellent ringing was heard, methods up to Surprise Minor being rung.
During the evesing a party went to Stanton and enjoyed ringing on the bells there.
A feature was a touch of London Minor rung at Moreton Corbet by a mixed band, the atriking being of competition staudard.

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collected. Subscriptions did not come in as was hoped, the parish authoritiea repudiated any liability, and on September 14th the bells were taken down again. Norwicli had to wait twelve years longer before tit had a ring of ten bells.
It seems a rather curious tale, but it is not so iacredible es it appears. Something vers similar happened a century later nt St. Andrew's, as I have already mentioned. In the eighteenth ventury parish westries undertook to ikeep the bells in repair and to repiace cracked or broken ones, hut the provision of new bells was generally left to men wha were j口terested in the art of change ringing and wanted them for that purpare. The vestry sanctioned the scheme, but accepted no responsilvility for it, and as a rule took a lond to cover any damage that might he done or any charges that might fall on the parish.

## RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL

SOME HINTS ON HOW TO DO IT
Serera! requests have reached us recently for some hints on raising and falling bells in peal. The adrantage of this manner of starting and fiaishing ringing, particularly if it is done well, is, of course, fairly olvious. For one thing, the public apprecmate it better thans an indiscriminate jangling of bclls by ones and twos, while it is also excellents practice in striking. Indeed, in the West of England, where there are ruany bands who do no scientific,' as they term change ringing, the accurate striking of the beils in raising and falling is looked upoll as of as great importance as the round singing, and it forms part of their competitions
This practice of raising and falling in peal goes back to the days before change ringing was known. At that lime stays or sliders had not bees invented to hold the bells when they were up and not being rung. The consequence was that each time before ringing conld take place the bells had to be raised, and had to bo lowered again before the ringers could leave the ropes.
With the introduction of stays and sliders, the need for raising the bells in peal became less necessary, and the praclice is an unknown art in many places now. Sometimes, after some excellent ringing, bells are let down in a jabgle, thus spoiling the effect of the previous -efforts. Often Sunday service ringing is spoilt by the same mathod of lowering the bells. Raiging and falling in peal is by no means a general thing, and yet if well? done it car be really effective : indeed, the accurate lowering of bells in peal makes a heautiful finish to any rimging, and ringers should not neglect to efequire profeiency in it.
But raising and falling in peal needs practice; just as any other form of ringing requires practice. Tha secret of lowering bells accurately in peal is keeping control over the bells all the way down. This does not mean, of course, that a bell half-way down can be "held ' as can a bell' which is being rung full up; but it is possible to handle the bell in such an way that it can be 'felt ' all the way down, so that a very slight check on the rope will serve to pat it a little closer, or a slight pull will keep it a shade wider. There is no place for 'sloppy' ringing when tho bells are running down, any more than in change ringing.
The bells, of course, begin at the usual 'rounds' pace, and then gradually close in to a quicker compass as they fall. The trebleraan must keap his bell at the 'opposite stroke' to the tenor as long as his bell is "sallying' -that is, as long as a handstroke can be distinguished from a bnckstroke.
The heavier the balls the slower the fall must inevilably be, but one of the most imporiant things to remember is that the bells should keep ' coming down,' not get partly down and stay there, or start getting up agnin. The fall of the treble should be steady and continuous, nad accommodated to the apeed at which the tenor comes domm. A good deal, therefore, fepends upon the speed set by the renor ringer, and every man must ube his ears so that tha striking is smooth and the ever-lessening intervals between the hells nre as regular as, althougls fatter than, good round ringing with the bells going full circle.

## FARS ARE MCEORTANT.

The reed for using one's ears is all important. A bell too fost or too slou for the others will soon turn a fall into a jangle. If a ringer finds he is breaking the compass by being too wide he must check his bell, bat at the next stroke he will probsbly find ho must give it a little 'pulls' otherwise in the following stroke he will be too low, and possibly hitling the bell in front. If he is too close he must, of course, pull his bell a trifle until he gets beck to the right interval; but pulling or checking should not be done to excess. The ideal is, naturally. to koep the bell in its right: place all the time.
In rajsing in peal the process required is a steady pull at every stroke. In the old days a rise was pot considered perfect, unless all the bells spoke fith the second stroke. One seldom hears that now. The treble and then the other bells are swung so as to strike at a short interval after each other, the henvier bells gradually joining in. The treble is then swung higher and higher, while the others strike at such intervals that the whale of them sound before the next blow of the treble. The intervals are gradually widened out, until eventually the bells are up and uader foll command.

It is equally as important to keep the helis going higher and bigher with each putl, in raisirg, as it is to keep them running down when falling: indeed, the ringers will find their task involves additional hard work if they do not keep the bells going up. If two bells are clashing. more, waight must he put on the heavier one, if it is his fault, to "lift" it away from the other, but it may then be zecessary to check a littlo, otherwise at the aext blow the gap may be too wife. On the other hand, if the clashine is due to a wide blow, then the bell beneath must be browght a little closer.
The trebleman must pay careful attention to his work. A great deal depends upon him, and he must endratour to keep the "rise" going at a regular rate of progression, otherwise he may throw the whole of the bells into a heap. Raising the trehle veeds practice, and the best way to pot it is to lash the clappers of the treble and fenor bells; then Jef the tenorman gradually pull his bell up, white the trehleman keeps his bell exactly at the opposite stroke.
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## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS. <br> OLD RNG IN MASSIVE CAMPANTLE.

A mecting of the Western Dirision of the Sussex Association was held at Chichester on Saturday, August 19th, when fuenty members and visitors attended from Arundel, Brightart, Billiagshurst, Chiches ter, Coleman's Eatch, Feene, Hartifid, Portsea, Peterstield and Shoreliana.

At rhe busiuess meeting, which was fich in the belfry, s vote of thanks was proposed to the Dean of Chichester fol the use of the bells of the Cathedral. Methods rung duriug the aftermoon and eveaitg were Stodnan, Bob Major, Cambridge, Double Nomwich, Superjative and London

Ghichester Cathedral has a massive campanile, with a huge ringing cluamber, one of the largest in the country. Its bells are a mired lot of noor ional quality, but some of them hate an anliquarian interest. For instance, the fifth and sixilh aro believed to have bean cast hy William Purdue, who cast a number of bells in Suspex in 1665 and 1666 , and may have had a temporary foundry at Chichester. The fiftl is ingeribed Deus Dei Deo amtia anno domini 1665,' and Lhe sixth, "Dominve providebit anno dumini 1665 . W.P."
The two oldest belliz, however, aro the 3 rd "Gevo thankes to Gad, 1585. J. W, " and the 74 tr , Ba mecke and loly to herr the word of God. I.WV. 1587." I.M, was, presumably, Johл Wailis, a holl foumder of Salisbury ab tisat period.
The fourtil was cast at the Cherksey Foundry of William Eldridge, 'Grilielines Eldridge me fecit 1674.' Richard phelps, of Loodon, cas the tenor, inseribed 'Soli Deo Gloria, in 1706, and trom the same foundry camo tho two trebles which, in 1729, completed the octawe.

## FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. W. WHEELDON.

On Friday. August 25th, a very intaresting function took place int the schoolroom ne Bucknall, Staffs, in the sliape of a prasentation of as wallet to Mr. William Wheeldon in recognition of his 50 ycars' nervice as a rirger at St. Mary's Clsurch. Amongst those present an the gathering wera four tingers, all of whom lad over 50 yoars' gervice to their eredit. This was considered to bo unique in like riaging bistory of North Staffordshire. Thair patmes aro Mr. S. Churton (Stokel, Mr. J. E., Wheeldon (Norton), Mr, H. Carnwell (Kingsley) and Mr. W, Wheeldors (Bucknall).
The mroceedings wexe opened hy the singing of a bymn, after which the Reatou (the Row. J. C. Gardiner) spoke of the sterling wrortly of Mr. Whemldon ws leader of the tingers of Aucknall, and of lis hearty co-operation in olfuer splzeres of activily in the Cluren. He said il gave him very great pleasure to make time prosentation. as the wallet ropresented the apprecintion not only of the Churels officials bat also of the prarishioners in genetal, who had shbecribed to the gift.
Mr. Wheedon feelingiy thankw tho Rector, those present and atl Tho had $n$ bbscribed to the presentation. Ile cssured them that he was verty prout to feel that his services to the Charch were apprecinted. He thauk mid own ringers for their lopalty both to the Chureli and himself. Mr. Wheeldon also paid a warm tribute to hia wife, who had so wholeherrtedly supported and enconraged him in the ayl he loved so well.

## 2 lst BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL

On Thursiay, Avgust 24th, mt St. Tohm-the-Bapist. Leytonstona, *. quarter-peai of Cambridge Surprise Mhjor (1,280 changes) was specially arranged and rung in honour of Miss Gwendohine Kippin's 21st birthelay, which occurred on that dry. Miss Kippin and her sister (Mrs F. W. Fousden\} botin took part: E. D. Smith 1, A.
Frior 2. Miss G. Kippin 3, Mrs, F, W. Housden 4, F. W. Housdm 品


## TEN-YEAR-OLD'S ACHIEVEMENT

Not vet eleven years old, Cysil TuMler, of Muekleton, Glos, has rung rhe treble to a quarter-peal of Crandsire Doubles, conductea by his father. His performance whs a great achievemont, for he geruck his bell well throughout. The quarter-peal was rung on Sunday. Auguse 13 tha, firr the dediention festival at St. Lawrence's Church: $G$. Tumey (frst quarter-peal) $I_{1}$ G。Bubb (first quarler-peal "inside') 2. L. Kiachin 3, F. Tufley (covductor) 4, F. Kinchin 5, W. Brown 8.

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It would be far better for the public if more ringers would raise and lomer lheir hells in peal. It would also give a far more effective begioning and end to the clange ringing. If details could he cathercl, we believe it would he found thnt rajsing and falling in pesl is done Tiy a grealer percentage of call change rimgers that by those who prectise bejentilic change ringing. Yet it ought not to be so. Raising and falling in peal takes very little, if any, zonger than pullag the bells up or letting them down singly, while the effect is infintely better. But it requires practice, and such practice sloould also improve the standard of striking in the change rixging of the bend whicls adopls it.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## AMONG GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

The eighth annual outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Fodboume Cheney, wo were accompanied by is few ringing friends, took place in delfghtul weather on Saturday, August 19th, whea s programme of visits to Gloucestershire towers was duly carried out. The excur sion, however was preceded by sending one of their colleagues on his matrimonia journey by the usual rounds, Queens, and fring, finisbing with $\&$ touch of Grandsire. This over, a delayed start was made, owing to the non-asrival of one of the party. South Cerney was the first objective, and a wery nice toned peal of bells was met with. Rounds, Rob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in. after which Maisey Hampton was visited, and again some good striking was in evidence in touches of Stedman and Bob Minor. Bibury became the next point of interest, but, alas, for all the trouble the secretary had taken, no arrangements had been made locally for their visit. The key of the belfry could not be found. A search party was sent out to locate the Vicarage, only to find the Vicar out. Further search to find the sexton resulted in the discovery that he, too, was absent. The desired information as to where the elusive key could be found was, however, given by Mrs. 'Sexton.' This obviously shortened the allotted rimging time allowed, as provision for tea had beea made at this beauty spot. The spread, prepared by Hostess Osborne, was served on the lawn sloping to the river Coln. Afterwards some had a look round this chpriming village, others indulged in feeding the trout, while the remainder arne several touches of Grendsire, Stedman and Bob Minor on bandbells to an assembly of mystified visitors who had gathered round
Going on to Coln St. Aldwyn, a ligint peal of eight was met with, and here the advanced section fraternity were able to give of their best, with touches of Cambridge. Bob Major and Stedman. Here, also, a voluntary organist, was discovered, and an impromptu choir was formed which made time pass all too quickly for botll ringers and singers, A local ringer areceded the party to Hatherop as a guide. This proved very fortunate, as difficulty would certainly have been experienced in locating the church, which was discovered immediately behind the castle. The light ring of sir whs soon gaing to warious methods of Doubles br the smaller fry. The church itself is very interesting, and much more time than was allowed was necesary to view, with admiration, the many beautiful subjects displayed therein. The sinking sun was n reminder that another move bad to be made to the last objective-Fairford. This church is too far famed to need any description. Foreman Hope was in attendance to meet the visitors, and had everything in jeadiness. There was some excellent ringing on this lovely peal of eight, a. Well-struck touch of Stedman being especially noted, together with touclies of Double Norwich and Bob Major. Standing among the choir stalls to ring did not embarrass or deter the members from giving of their best. Possibly it may lave been the 'heauties' of this fair place that attracted the younger element. for it was discovered, after the bells bad been raised, that only the 'old 'uns,' together with a few of the ocal band, were left to man the ropes.
Home was reached shortly before 11 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The party take the opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various towers for the use of the bells and the towerkeepers and others for making arrangements which added to the success of the day.

## ALFRESCO MEALS

The ringers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset; visited Devon for their anmual outing. They started at 7 a.m. and breakfasted on the roadside and then proceeded in stages to Chudleiglt, Bover Tracey, Kingrteignton and Highweek. at each of which places tilney rang. Lunch was also an alfreaco affair, and those who enjoyed the excursion cen testify to the efficiency of the commissariat department. Tlie successful arrangements were made by Mr. Clifford Parkman, who was sircerely thanked for his efforts.

## HATFTELD COLLEGE TOUTHS

After a lapse of over ten yeurs, a retival of the Fatfield beliningery outing took place on Saturdar, July 29tls, when a dozen members embarked upon a tour, which proved a great suecess and fitl of pleasure. The clerk of the weatiler seemed to be fasourably disposed and changed the dismal atmosphere to a bright sunny afiernoon for the party's departure to Baldock, where the first stop was made for a 'pull' on a heavier peal than that of Hatfield's tower, and noisier tow, hat touches of Stedman und Grandsire were successfully accoms plished, while the probationers had their opportunity as well. The ride to Royston was most cheerfinI, for the sum was doing its best to makg up for its absence in the last. few weeks. Royston has a very light peal, the tenor being abtut $12 \mathrm{cwt}$. and after Baldock's 28 cwt. was a little strange, but some wery good ringing was enjores. The party then went on to Barkwar, the home town Df one of the band, At fea the ringers had the pleasure of the mompany of the Rector At fea the ringers had the pleasure of the company of the Rector
(the Rev. M. P. Gr. Leonard) and the Revs. Thonas and Smith, who had motored from Hatfield to join the party, and their presence was greatly appreciated. The Guild secrebary expressed the hope that the outing poald again become au annual function and that everyone wonld endeavour to assist in the accomplishment of the peal the

Rector wanted in 1940, to commemorate the foundation of the Parisk Church.

Bartwav lias a very fine peal of bells and some good ringiog on them was oasily the best of the day, Stedman, Graudsire, Plain Bob all being rung with feal enjosment, Hertford was the next and last call, but the party did not arrive tilt the shades of evenigg and some rain had fallen, but the bells of St. Andrew's bad to get into their swing again, a peal having been attempted by snother band in the afternoon The ringing was not ton good at this ten-bell tower, but with the help of some local ringers the pull was enjoyable. The outing was thorouglny enjoyed and all expressed appreciation that the day had been so successfutly arranged and carried out.

## LONDON RTNGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, Awust 19th, through the mindness of the Rev. P. D. Ellis, acting Rector of St. Botolph's, Bithopsgate, the serviee ringers of that church had their annual. They made a coach trip with ideal weather prevajling. Great Bardfield, Essex, was reached at $10 \mathrm{am} . \mathrm{m}$, and touclues of Grandsire, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise were rung on the bells at the Churels of St. Mary-the-Tirgin. At Clare, Suffolk, Stedman and Double Norwich were brouglis round, after which they went on to Lavenham, reaching the Swan Fotel in time for a most enjofable lunch. Afterwards, on the famous bells, Stedman, Double Norwich and Spliced Surprise were successful, the latter, the Fisitors were informed, being the first spliced touch on them. Then eastwards to Hadleigh, where Stedman and Superlative were rung on the grand peal at St. Mary's Clurch. A hasty departure had, how aper, to be made, in order to reach Halstead, Essex, by 5 o'clock. In St. Andrew's Hall, the very niee tea was much appreciated. In the tower, Bob Major. Yorkshire and London were rung, but the attempted spliced would not came round-the only failure of the day. The ringers take this opportunity of tendering the Rev. P. D. Ellis thetr grateful and sincere thanks for providing for sueb a day, also the various incumbents for permission to ring Messrs, gtedman, Sy* monds and Claude Snowdor for their eo-operation, and, last but not least, the 'engineers,' Mr. ayd Mrs. I. E. Da,pis, for arranging an exceptionally syleudid day out.

## ANOTHER DEVON TOUR

On Alkgast Bank Foliday, eighteen members of tie Devan Guild spent a very enjovable day iu visiting Plvmiree, Kentisbeare, Uffculme, Culmstock, Milverton and Ashbrittle, and at these churches rang touches of Boh Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Deubles, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Boh Major. They were acconzpanied by a visitor from Slieffield (Mr. Dickens) and were pleasen to meet Mr. G. H. Myers and his son from Plynouth at Milverton, where an excellent touch of Stedman Triples was tapped off. It is 27 Fears since Mr. C. R. Lillep, who organnsed the outing, conducted the frost peal of Stedman Triples there. The partr spent al lovely day armid fine scenery and mucls enjoyed the ringing. They express their best thanks a Mr. C. Tarr for arrangements at Miverton and to the jncumbente of the other churches.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SUCCESSITLL JOLNT MEETLNG AT SLX-BELL TOWER.
It was a real "joint" meeting at Coblam on Saturday, August 19th, when two districts of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met. The bells (a landy peal of six) were going early in the afternoon, the local band ringing them for a wedding, but visitors began to arrive soon after 3 o'cloek, although later it became a bit of a job to get them to forsake their grassy seats under the shade of the yews, just outside the beliry door.

The Guild's service was conducted by the curate, the Rer. G. N. Nicklin, with choir and organist, the Rector, the Rev. J. du W. Brunton, giving a short original address
Tea was rather late, owing to the caterers having beer busy with the wedding reception, and it was therefore all the more welcome to over 40 ringers and friends who sat down, presided over by the Rector, but they failed to clear the board.
Tluere was no business to be transacted, so, after a hearty vote of thayks to all who had helped make the meeting a success, a return whs made to the tower, where ringers from West Grinstead, Susex, on their outing, joined in the ringing and added Norwich Surprise to The list of methods rung, which ranged from Grandsira Doubles to London, by very mixed bands composed of ringers from Addlestone, Banstear, Chertsey, Cobham, South Groydon, Epsom (Christ Churelh), Ewell, Faslemere, Herslam, Kingston, Leatherhead, Morton, Newdgate, Putney, Steppey, Uxbridge, and Wiaysbary. Mr. E. M. Atkins gate, Putney, steprey, Exbridge, and wraysbary.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch (Lincoln District) and Eastern Branch.-A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horncastle on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eastern Branch, Park House, 99, Norfolk Strcet, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcome.-J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury District. - A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September and. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following at is. per head.-B. J. Luck, 20 , Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Whitminster on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus Erom Commercial Road at 2.45 p.m.-W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.Southern District.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting to follow. - E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2 I, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-West and SouthWest Divisions.-A joint meeting will be heid at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.-W. Wheeler and J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Secs.

PASTON CHURCH, NORFOLK. -New treble bell, to complete ring of six, and new electric clock, by Gillett and Johnston, to be dedicated September 2nd, 4 p.m., by Rev. J. F. Williams, Rector of South Walsham. Ringers are invited. Vicar kindly providing tea, and asks prior notification of the numbers attending.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A meeting will be heid at St. Mary, Hendon, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Methods for special attention, Double Court, Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as re-quired.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Minms, Hatfield, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Aughton, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. ; after tea, at Christ Churcl, Aughton.-S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, - The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.-M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send in good time those requiring tea. Make it a good meeting. - Walter Seaf, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next meeting will be heid at St. Peter"s, Belper, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers assured of a hearty weloome. Methods to suit all.-W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GEILD.-Devizes Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tca at 5 , for which advise. -W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 58. Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford ( 6 bells) on Satutday, Sept. 2nd. L'sual ar-rangements.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Wednesday Afternoon Guild. - The next meeting will be heid at St. Michael's, Houghton-leSpring on Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.-Margaret A. P. Bertie, 17 , Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District. - A neeeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m.-Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Canon Whytehead. Tea at Wafler's Restaurant at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Sept. 5th. Gentlemen very cordially invited.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., $3^{2}$, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (6) available at p.m. Tea 4.45 , followed by meeting. Names for tea must be sent by Thursday, Sept. 7 th, to me. Now for the Minor methods? Ali are welcome- J . W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Treat.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Macclesfield Branch.-A ringing meeting has been arranged at Christ Charch, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea to please advise me by Wednesday, Sept. 6th.-Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-A meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea (is.) in the Church House. Please make a point of coming and of sending a notification for tea to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Upper High Street, Epsom.-A. H. Smith.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Hunts Branch. -A meeting will be theld at Winwick on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. - H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.rn. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. . Biggleswade District-A meeting will be held at Roxion on Saurday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25 , Tempsford Road, Sandy,

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Ikhester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Sept. gth. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea. -F . Farrant, Martock.

ONFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Cenisal Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (6) available from $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.-F. Gibbatd, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Strcet, Winslow, Bucks.

LADIES GUILD.-Western District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday; Sept. gtli. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at School 4.30. Bus 88 from Centre 2 p.m. and every 30 minutes. Will all requiring tea hindly send me a card?-N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Belis (6) available at 3 p.m.-N. M. Newby; Sec., Furness and Lake District.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GEILD.-A combined meettng of the Wirral Branch and Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. $9^{\text {thb }}$. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meet ing afterwards. Please let me know if you intend to be present. - Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., Wirral Branch, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-A special memorial service will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th, in memory of the late President (Mr. C. D. Potter). Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service + p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by a social evening and ringing. Those requiring teas please notify me by Sept. 7 th. All are welcome.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. Lovely Aslzdown Forest and a nice motern eight (tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Come and enjoy both at Fairwarp, Sept. 9th. Ringers, friends and p.c.'s for tea very welcome. Note, next Wednesday meeting, East Grinstead, Sept. 20th.C. A. Bassett, Sec., 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. - Next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Leonard, Middjeton, on Saturday, Sept. gth. All wel-come.-J. Kay, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.Swindon Branch.-Quarterly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On 'Bristol' bus route,-W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon Road, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIA-TION.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Sept. 6th.-J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting is at Blyth (bells 6), on Saturday, Sept. 9th. I hope there will be a good attendance, including "learners." P.c. for tea essential betore Thursday, Sept. 7th. - R. Towler, Hon. Sec.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. - Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice, but meetings will be held at headquarters an Tuesdays, Sept. r2th and 26th, at 8.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., $\mathbf{r}_{1}$ Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division. - A meeting of this division will be held at Great Yeldhan on Saturday, Sept. I6th. Beils (6) available from 2.30 p.ir. Service at +30 p.m., followed by tea at the Waggon and Horses. Business meeting to follow. Sible Hedinghan bells (8) and Castle Hedingham (6) will be available after tea. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, Sept. I 3 th.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. Annual meeting and Six Bell Contest at Thorahiil on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Entrance fee 7 s .6 d . and numbers for tea (is. 6d, each) to reach me Sept, gth. - Fred Hođgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m1. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. irth.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-A meeting at Frensham on Saturday, Sept. I6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 . Tea and business 5- $\mathrm{I}_{5}$ at the Marindin Institute. All welcome.-C. W: Denyer, 120 , Ash Road, Aldershot.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 16th, when the bells of the Cathedral (ro) will be available from 2 p.m. A brief service will take place at 4 p.m. Tea (Is. 3 d.) will be served at the Black Bull Hotel at 5 p.m., and members requiring same MUST notify Mr. F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon, not later than the first post on Thursday, Sept. J4th. The general meeting will be held on the same premises immediately afterwards.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65 , Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.
DAGENHAM, ESSEX. - The ring of 6 bells augmented to eight by J. Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, Sept. x6th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. - A. C. Chaplin, Steeple Keeper.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Divi-sion.-A meeting will be held at Chiddingly on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.-A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13 , Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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The decision to make the bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, into a ring of twelve came as a surprise to many people, but it must be a source of gratification to the members of the Ltandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association that they are to have a ring of this number in their area. Peals of twelve have increased very rapidly in recent years, more rapidly in fact than the twelve-bell batuds. Twelve-bell ringing has not increased at the same pace as the new rings of twelve, and, as a correspondent points out in a letter printed elsewhere, there are very few places at which all the twelve bells are rung regularly and rung well. There are, of course, a great many really good twelve-bell ringers in the country, but they are not all in the twelvebell companies. Always, of course, augmentations are followed with good intentions as to setting up a band, but there are comparatively few places where a twelve-bell company has materialised and been maintained. It is, of course, no easy matter to build up a band of this description, and in looking down the list of twelve-bell towers which we print in this issue, it will be realised that, in a large majority of them, the twelve are only rung on exceptional occasions, and that, in not a few, there is practically no ringing at all.

Without particularising in any way, it can quite honestly be said that there are a number of peals of twelve which have not justified their existence in so far as they have been a help to change ringing. An occasional peal, while providing an opportunity for a twelve-bell practice, is not the entire justification for the existence of a ring of twelve. The increase of a peal of bells to this number may be a matter of satisfaction to the ringers at the time, but unless the weight really warrants it, the extra number does not necessarily add dignity. When, in addition, they are neglected as a complete peal, then, it must be admitted, the expenditure is largely wasted.

Many churches have enthusiastically enlarged their peals to twelve only to find it a matter of extreme difficulty and sometimes an impossibility to increase their band accordingly. Twelve-bell ringing is not easy for everybody; there is a different technique in it to ringing on other numbers which some find hard to acquire and for that reason they do not readily take to it. That makes it all the harder to build up a twelve-bell company, but it is really a matter of regret that for the most part twelve-bell ringing is seldom heard regularly. It may be that some of the lack of interest in twelve-bell ringing is because ringers imagine there is little variety to be had in it. As a matter of fact, among the plain
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methods there is very considerable scope, if only they were taken up. We hope in Newport, which is now to join the goodly company of twelve-bell towers, the new acquisition will be made the most of and that not only will the ringers have a ring of twelve on which occasionally to practise, but that the full peal will be regularly heard.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHFND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE RSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Twesday, $A$ wgst 29, 1939, in Threa Howrs and Thirtetw Hixules. As the Parish Ceurch, Pextileweil,
A PEAL OF BOB MASOR, 5024 OHANGE8;
Cyril Smite Gordon Bacon .... ... ... 3 Frang B. Lofrim .... ... $\quad .$. William Peray ... $. . . \quad . . . \quad 3 \quad$ Albert E. Norte 3 ... $\quad$... 7 Roy Brown ... ... .... ... 4 Rgginald W. Darviel ...Tenor

Composed by J, W. Barkrr. Conducted by F. B. Lofin.
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HANDSWORTH, SHEEFIELD.
TEEE YORKSEIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Wednesday, August 30, 1939, is Two Howrs and Fifity Minutes,
Ax tee Cegrca of St. Mary,
A PEAL DF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 owt, in $E$ sherp.


* First peal in the mothod.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

HAPPLSBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWIOH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Satcyday, August 26, 1939, in Two Howys and Farty-Fowr Minstes,
At ter Cborca of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, EDOHO CHANGES!
Being ons extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St, Clement'a, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Trable Bob, Kent Trebla Bois and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt (epprox.).
Herbert C. Reed .** **Trable Ariedr Howbs ... ... *.. 4
Jack N. Pumpaby ... ... 2 Walter C, Medier ... ... 5
EdWard Howes... .... ... 3 Walter Ayre ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by Waligr Ayre.

* First peal in seven methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWIOH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATLON.
On Sunday, Awgust 27, 1939, in Tew Hawrs and Forly Mimwids, At tae Carrce of St. Mary,
A PEAL DF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent exch of Oxford and Keat Treble Bob, College Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Sorprise and Plain Bob. Walter Ayre ... ... ...Tyebli George Bajlery... ... ... 4 -Jace N. Pempagy ... ... 2 -Williab H. French ... ${ }^{5}$ -Eric Dorrant ".. ... ... 3 Eonducted by Wazter Ayre.

* First peal in eight methods.

OQLWIGE, STAFFS,
THE SOCIETY FOR THE AHUHDEACONET OF STAFFORD.
Un Monday, $A$ ugast 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Forly.Two Minutes.
Ar the Chorce of St. Miceagl and All Angels,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5B40 CHANEEA,
Being seven extents, different callinge. Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr .10 lb .

- Frane Hebly ... ... ...TTyeble Barnabag G. Key ... ... 4
†jobn WarriLow $\quad . .$.
Howard Howzll ....... 3 tRicbard J. Warrilow ...Tena Conducted by R. J. Warricow.
* First peal. † First peai of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.


## PEALS OF TWELVE BELLS

NEWPORT WחL MAEE TEIE 59th.
The decision to increase the bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, to a ring of twelve, is a reminder of tho rapid growth of peals of this number, particularly since the war.
Less than thirty yans ago there were only 34 rings of twelve (one of then in Australia), now there are 58.
Yorl Minster was the first tower in which a peal of twelve was installed, but York has not had this number continuously. A long period intervened when there was only a peal of ter.
St, Bride's Ghurch, Fleet Street, London, has had a ring of twelve for the longest consecutive period, two trebles having been added to the then existing ten by Ruditiall in 1719.

In the list of peals of hells given in Shipway'a "Art of Ringing' there were thirteen rings of twelve. These were in tha following Lowers: St. Bride's; Christ Churcl, Spitalfields; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Leonard's, Shorediteh; St. Martin's-in-the-Fiolds ; St. Michael's, Gornhill, and St, Saviour's, Southwark, Londod; Birmingham, Gambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Nowwich and Sizrewsbury.
Of these Spitaifulds sfterwards disappeared in a fire which destroyed the tower and bells. St. Peter', St. Albaus, is another tawer which once lad a peal of twelve. These were subsequently reduced to the original ten.

It is not uninteresting to note that in Shipway's list of churchos with peals of ten bells (IB16) eighteen aro now among the twelvebell towers. They were St. Mary-le-Bow, London; Ashton-ander-Lyne, Aston, Denterbury, Exefer, Halifax, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester ( Bt , Margaret'年 Oxford, Painswick, Eeading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Wakefteld, Worcester, Yarmouth and York.
The following is the present list of rings of twelve:

## LONDON.

Tenor,
St. Peui's Cathedral
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside
St. Bride's, Fleet Street
St. Michael's, Cornhili
St. Giles', Cripplegate
St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark
St. Martin's-in-the-Fisldis
St, Leonard's, Shoraditeh

## THE PROVINCES.

AsLon-under-Lyne, Lancasbire, St. Michael end All Angels
Aston, Birmingham, SS. Peter and Yaul's
Birchiggton, Kent, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park
Birminglem, St, Martin's
Bristol, St, Mary Redclife
Buckiast Abbey, Devon
Cambridge, St. Mary-the-Great
Canterbury, Carist Churcin Cathadral
Ohelmaford, Essex, St. Mary's Cathedral
Cbeltenham, Glos, St. Mary's
Christchurch, Hants, Priory Church of Holy Trinity
Cirencester, Glos, St. Joln's
Croydon, Eurrey, St. Johm-the-Baptisto
Exeter, Devon, St. Peter's Cathedra!
Halifax, Yorks, St. Johm's
Etgb Wycombe, Bucks, All Saints
Ipswich, Suffolk, St, Mary-le-Tower
Kidderminter, Woras, St. Mary end All Saints'
Leeds, Yoris, St, Peter's
Loictester Catbedral
Leicester, St. Margaret's
Lincoln Cathedral
Liverpool, St. Nicholas'
Maccleafield, St. Mjchael and All Angels
Manchester Town Hall
Newcestle-on-Tyne, St. Nicbolas, Caihedral
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft
Oldham, Lancs, St- Mary's
Oxford, Cbrist Church Cethedral
Painswick, Glos, St. Mary's
Pasding, Berks, St. Laurenca's
Saffron Walden, Essex, St. Mary's
St. Albans, Herts, St. Peter's Cathedral
Sheffeld, Yorks, St. Peter's Gathedral
Shrewabury, Slirophire, St. Chad's
Sarfeet, Lines, St. Larrence's
Taunton, Somerset, St. Mary's
Tewkesbury, Glos, St. Mary-the-Virgin
Trowbridge, Wilts, St. James'
Wakefield, All Saints' Cathedral
Walsall, Stafts, St. Matthew's


Waltharn Abbey, Essex, St. Laurence's
West Bromwich, Staffe, Clyrist Cburch
Wincheater, St. Swithiv's Cathedral

Wolverhampton, StaEs, St. Peler's
Worcester, St. Mary's Cathedral
Yarmouth, Norfolk, St. Nicholas'

TEELAND.
Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral
ADSTRALIA.
Melbourne, St. Paul's Catheãral

## ARE RINGS OF 'IWELVE A MINTAKE? To the Reditor.

Sir, I see by your jssue of Augast 18th that anothar ring of bells is to be increased to twelve. No doubt it is a very mice thing to have a peal of twelve bells and I fully appluud the energy of the people wlio talke tha trouble to get these bels. Fut, when all is said and done, rings of bwelve belis are a mistake, bath from the point of unsic and also from the poant of the art of ringing. There are, I suppose, half a dozen twelve-bell towers where fhere are banda which ripg all the bellg regularly and ring them well. But it the majority of twelve-bell towers, when all hells are rung, the striking is far inferior to what the same men would do on cight or ten belis. How many twelve-boll rings are there whero bae can conat, all the twelve when they are being ruag in tha usual way? How many towars are there where the twelse bells sound better to an ordinary non-ringing listener than the teu or eren the oight? Even when the etriking is good the rapid rate at which the bells must be strucir and the long drewn aut rhythm are too much for the ordinary musical est. And, as I just now said, the striking is almost always inferior.
I havs heard twelve-bell rimging by a band supposed, and with renson, to be first class. They apperred quite satisfied with the striking, but I don't think that they would nave been satizfied with the sama quality of atriking on eight bells.
I think 1 remember someone saying iu your paper that the back gight at York Miaster are e bigger musical success than tho twelve. I have nover heard those bells, but I can well believe it,
Another thing, if the twelve belfg are to be rung something like as they should be, you must have a band which rirgs them regularly week by weelk and stieks to one method. It is usually Stedman Cincues, which no doubt is a very good methad, but I ean hardly imagine anyone whe wanls to go through life week after weck ringing Stedman Ginques and noithing else, I am told that the Ipswicly mem ring a fair number of methads and ring them well, but one swallow does not maike a sumnuer.

MOBTERY RFXK.

## FOUR ASSOCIATIONQ MEET.

## JOTNT MEETING A'T STATNES.

In spite of the international situation, a succersful joint meeting of the Midalesex Country Association (Nouth and West District), the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berls and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) was held at St. Mary's, Stsines, on Saturday, August 26th.
The Rev. J. R. James, Ticar of St. Mary's, conducted a short service in the afternoon, in the canrse of which ho stressed the necessity for prayer and gave the mentbers a cordial welcome to Staines.

Tea was served to 40 members and friends in the Church Room. The vice-president of the Middlesex Assoclation (Mr. J. A. Trollope) expressed the meeting's appreciation of the Ficar's weicome and his uttendance at tea. He hoped that war would be averted and that members would soon meet agaiz in happier circumstances. On behaif of the Micdeser Association he welcomed menders of the visiting

Mr. A. D. Barker, Oxiord Diocesan Guild, replied on hehalf of the wisitors, and on lis propasition a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the gervice and milowing the use of the hells, to the erganist, to the incumbents af Egham, Wraysbury and St. Peter's, Staines, far the use of their bells, to the local towerteepers and to MT. W. H. Frisby and bis helpers for serving an excellent tea, Grover also replied on behalf of the Guilaford Diocesan Mr.

Aprogles for ahsence were received from Mr. J. E. L. Cockoy, district gecretary. Mídeleses Association, and from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who was desmaned on pubtic duties.
Mr. Trollope roferred to the loses sustained by the association by the death of Mr. W, F. Ellinglam, of Heston, and the memberg stood in silerce as a tribate to his memory.
The assistant eecrefart (MIr. W. G. Wilson) nnmounced the dates of fortheoming meetings Ruislip. September 23rd: Hillingdon, October 7th: and Kingstan (a joint meeting), October 28th.

Members were present from Banstead, Baddington. Chertsey, Cookham, Groydon, Enling Egham, Epsom, Farnhmm Royal, Guidford, Isloworth, Ein Bstoc, $^{\text {I }}$ Iver, Lertonstome, Ruislip, Slough, Stepney, Stoke Foges, Twickenham and Went Grinstead, and good ringing practice was olutained during the fiftermonn and evening at the fwo Slaines towers and at Fgham und Wrayshury.

## A LONDON CONTEST,

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS IN 1784 .

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

The Southwark Diocesan Gazette, for last May contains an interesting and well informed article on church bells. The writer, among many other things, refers to the silent bells of South London and mentions a ringing contest which took place at St. John's, Horsleydown, when that ring of ten was opened on January 19th, 1784.

The editor of the 'Gazette,' Canon T. P. Stevens, has most kindly and generously sent me the original newspaper cutting from which the account was taken. It had evidently been cut out of a contemporary newspaper and pasted in a scrap book, a not unusual custom at the time. There is no indication of the name of the paper, but the date is written in ink-January 23 rd, ${ }^{1} 784$. The account is most interesting as throwing light on the relations between the College Youths and the Cumberlands at the time, and also as giving an idea of what the opening of a new ring of bells was like in the eighteenth century.

In the year $17^{8} 4$ the art of change ringing was in a very flourishing condition in London. There were three leading companies, each of which was superior and more sicilful than any provincial company except the Norwich Scholars. The three companies were the Society of College Youths, the ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Cumberland Youths.

The first and last of these companies were in the middle of the historical contest for the record lengths of Treble Bob on ten and twelve bells. The College Youths, by ringing $1 \mathrm{r}, 080$ changes at Shoreditch in 1777, held the ten-bell record. In the same year they had rung 6000 changes of Maximus at Southwark, but the twelve-bell record had passed to the Cumberlands through the peal of 6240 changes rung in 1778 by their Norwich nembers in that city.

Both companies were now preparing to attack the other's record, and two months after the Horsleydown bells were opened the College Youths secured the record for Maximus by ringing 7008 changes at Southwark and the Cumberlands secured the record for Royal, by ringing their famous peal of 12,000 changes at Shoreditch.

And meanwhile the keen rivalry between the two societies was shown by attempts to beat each other's performances on the heavy ring of ten at St. Giles ${ }^{3}$, Cripplegate.

The third company, the ancient Society of College Youths, were enjoying the last few years of activity and brilliancy before final extinction in 1788 . Their leaders were the three men whose names appear in the title page of the Clavis, William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore; and they included several of the best ringers of the day, among then being Chistopher Wells, who was the first man to discover that peals of Treble Bob can have repetitions without the falseness showing at the lead ends.

This company had just rung the first peal of Surprise Major ever accomplished, and two months after the Horsleydown opening they were in a contest with the other and younger Society of College Youths to see who coulc ring the first peal of "real' Double Bob Maximus with two Bobs in a lead. The 'junior ' company rang 5160 changes at St. Bride's, and two days later the ancient

Society beat their record by ringing 6048 changes at Southwark.

This brief account will show how keen the competition was among ringers at the time.

In $2_{7} 83$ a new ring of eight was rung at St. Botolpli's, Bishopsgate. The opening was on February 7 th, and on that day each of the three companies rang a peal. The College Youths star1ed with 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob. John Povey conducted and the society's best men stood in the band. The Cumberlands then followed with a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by George Gross and was said to have been composed by him, but evidently was a transposition of Holt's TenPart. Nine nen were needed for this peal, not because the tenor was going badly, but because the tenorman was not up to his job. The ancient Society of College Youths finished the day's ringing with 5216 changes of Treble Bob. No conductor is mentioned, but probably it was John Reeves.

We have no account of this opening, and all we know is from the peat books and the peal board which sixty years ago hung in the belfry, but has since been chopped up for fire wood. There may be some account buried in the files of contemporary newspapers, but none has yet come to light.

Whether there was any formal competition, or whether each of the three companies was invited to ring we cannot say. But we can be reasonably sure that there was no dedication service in the church, and that no money prizes were offered for competition, but the band judged to have rung the best probably were awarded gold laced hats, and the day ended with a dinner.

Just a year after this opening, the bells at Horsleydown were opened and the following is the contemporary account:

Mondry last being kept he the Anniversary of ber Majesty's uativity, a grand opening of tha nem Peal of ton bells erectad at the parish Church of St. Jobn, Eersleydown, took place when a Society of gentlemen, who are lovers of the art of ringing, in honour of the obcasion gave ten gold laced hats and a dinner to be roug for by different ringers. About ten o'clock a set of young pentlemen ascended the steeple, in order to gratafy a number of impatient hearera (who were by that time assembled) with a specimen of their whparalled abilities in that art, and so proved in the end: for before they had reached 4,000 changes, all those so lately described platoons, diwsions, sub-divisions, grand divisions, \&c. were again repeated with large additions, and greater energy than ever, so thet they wera oblyged to quit the stepple througli private doors in order to avoid that loud reception which was preprred for thew by the auditors, and which they so justly deserved! After this the Sociefy of Cumberiand Youths ascended the steeple and amidst the acclamations of upwards of 10,600 spectators rang the first peal compleat consisting of 5,399 Grandeire Cators in 3 hours and 58 minutes; but notwithstanding they had won the bats by a great majority of changes azd fineness of striking the hefore mertioned young gentiemer, contuary to all order, were admitted to a second trial, with a view, as it is supposed, to retrieve their lost honour mad transmit to posterity a striking testimony of their supperior abilities and indefatigable perseweranee, but how great was ihe disappointment when this second attempt proved far inferior to the first and becsme the oljeect of contemptinand ridicule! And although they had been worsfed by a considerable odids, yet fortunately for them they had chose for their umpire a squinting opster man who, being so much infatuated with the glory of his pose as to lonse lise best sense, via., that of thinking and judging riglnt, and who it is believed was h-d for the occasion gave it in favour of the select performers, inecause they rang College Fornbook: and the gentlewen who gave the loats confiding in the superiosity of Jis judgment, the supposed victors were, contrary to equity and good conscience, crowned with the latrels they had so egregiously lost and admitted to partake of the amoers proriked for the occasion."

From the peal books we know that the Cumberlands rang the first peal on the bells, 5399 changes of Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by George Gross; and that the College Youths rang on the same day 5040 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, conducted by John

Povey. Both bands consisted of the most skilful ringers the societies possessed.

If we can believe the writer of the newspaper report what happened was that the College Youths lad the first attempt and rang under 4000 changes, but failed so badly that they had to slink out of the steeple by a private door, in order to escape the jeers of the listening crowd. Then the Cumberlands rang their peal 'amidst the acclamations of upwards of 10,000 spectators, ' but instead of the prize being given to them, the College Youths were allowed a second attempt. This ringing was worse than their first attempt and ' became an object of contempt and ridicule '; nevertheless, owing to the fact that the umpire was incompetent and had been bribed the College Youths were awarded the victory and received the hats and the dinner.

It is a pretty little tale, but not convincing as it stands. The writer, whoever he was, was certainly not impartial. Either he had a strong personal bias in favour of the Cumberlands, or (as is perhaps more likely) simply wrote down what they told him. They evidently took their defeat very badly and the incident does not show that the relations between the two companies were those of 'friendly rivalry.'

It is noticeable that the details of the Cumberlands' peal (the number of changes and the time taken) are given correctly, but the reader is led to suppose that the College Youths did not ring a peal at ail.

The writer affects the ironical and sarcastic style which was largely used by newspapers of the time. The College Youths are referred to as young gentlemen (in italics) and the quotation about transmitting ' to posterity a striking testimony of their superior abilities "is a sar-
castic reference to a College Youths' peal board, possibly the one then lately erected in Shoreditch tower.

It is an old dodge and not a very sportsmanlike one to blame the judge when the match is lost and to bint that the umpire was unfair and had been bribed. We notice that the charge is not definitely made; he is said to have been "b-d." It was a common way of making an accusation and, at the same time, trying to avoid any unpleasant consequences, which might take the form of legal proceedings or, more likely, of a horse whip.

If the College Youths were allowed a second trial after they had failed the first time, it certainly does not seem quite fair, especially as they were awarded the prize. But I think it is quite possible that the band which rang the first time and failed was the ancient Society of College Youths and not the same band as that which rang the peal of Treble Bob. The reporter certainly drew on his imagination for some of the details. We cannot believe that even in the eighteenth century 10,000 people assembled to hear church bells rung, and if 50 great a crowd, or even a much lesser crowd, had assembled round the church it is difficult to see how the first band could have 'quit the steeple through private doors.' Neither can we suppose that the College Youths of that time rang so badly that they were afraid to face hostile demonstrations from the assembled spectators. And, after all, the 'Society of gentlemen,' "the lovers of the art of ringing,' agreed with the umpire's verdict and gave the hats and the dinner to the College Youths.

We are sometimes told about preserving the old traditions of the great London societies, and we are told that the relationship between them was one of healthy and friendly rivalry. Incidents like the above throw some light on what the relationship really was.

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## BELERY GOSSIP.

With reference to the statement made in our Iast issue that the peal at Bollington was the first peal of Spliced Treble Boh Major for f.he Chester Diocesan Guili, we are informed that the first nctually was rung on May 8 Lh , 1923, at St. Elisaboth's, Reddish, conducted by the late James Fernley.
Mr Stafiord Green writes that all arrangements for Masouic puals are cancetled until happier times.
A ringing tour had been arranged to start to-morrow and a good belection of Yorkshire towers had vecu secured, including wa believe, Sheffiold Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Bradford Perish Church and Selby Abbey. Unfortunately it has bad to be cancelled.
On Eaturday last a meeting of the North and West Distriot of the Middlesex asoociation had becn arranged at Headon Parish Church. At the last minute the Vicar felt compelled to cancel it, but actually no more than three or four members turned up.
Sixteen years ago to-day the firs twelve-hell peal in Hampshire was rung on the belis of Winchester Cathedral, which had just before been augmented by the addition of two trebles as a war nuemorial.
On September 10th, 1741, John Forster, who had rung in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever achieved, called a peal of Gathrine's Triples on the bells which Theodore Eccleston had lately given to the Parislı Clurch at Coddenham in SuFolk. Gathine's Triples fs, of course, the peal of Grandsire Triples which John Garthon, of Norwich, had composed and which was rung in that city in 178.

September 12 th is tha $95 t 11$ anniversary af the birth of Charles Henry Hatterslay for so many years one of the best hnows ringers, Fliose name is still femiliar to even the jounger wembers of the Finercise as a composer. He died on October 15th, 1915.

## IF THE WORST BEFALL

## To the Editor.

Sir-Siuce jou wrote your leading articla war has starled, but we are nat yet going to think that the worst has actazliy befallen. We shall have to curtail our ringing without a dauht, and a good many ringers will bo eerving their country as they did in the last whr. But wo must do our best, each in our own way, to kecp the Exercise alive and to make sure that when peace and victory come again, as they will come, our art will again fourisl.
I would suggest that some of the meetings slonuld not be cancelled, but should be held as social gatherings even if the church bells cannot be rung. And handbell ringing is an art that will pay to cuitivate. Personaly I got guite a lot of comforts and satisfaction when I was in the trenches by working out pealg and methods and writing controversial letters to "The Ringing World," and I recommond the same thing to sny ringer who may find himselt somewhere in-wherever he may be.

## KENT SCHOOL'S PLAN.

## HOW A SUCORSSION OF RINGERS IS SECURED.

## To the Editor.

Deim Sir, -I read with intercst your article of August 11th, entitlen 'Importance of New Conductors, in which you discuss the problem of passing ringing from one generation to tire next. I thought you might be interested in the unique siluation which we have here touching upon that subject.
The comparatively new belts of Kent School, an American college preparatory institution, were frst ring in 1932 by Kent boys, under
 Attwater returned to England in 1935, a guarter-peal of Grandsire Triples had been accomplished. Since 1955 s sixtt form studeal has yearly been appointed chairman and conductor of bellringing. His duty, with the aid of the other sixth form ringera, is not only to see thet there is good ringing during his year, but to see that the underFormers are sufficiently skilled to carry on the following sear, after ho las graduated. So, you see, we meet the problem of nev ringers and new conductors not every generation, but every year.

We lave been rowarded with reasonable, but modest, success in this mothod of carrying on ringing, and our prospects look brighter each year, although for five years fixth formers oave been our only mu structors, and no one has inherited tle ability to ring. At present. our schievements are confined to the extent of Grandsire Doubles and shart touches of Grandsire Tripies. Our practice periods are before 'chapel ${ }^{3}$ each evening from 6 to 6.15 p.m. We are tha only band in the Dnited States to ring fexcepting the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays) daily.

CHARLTE GRANGFR, Chairman for 1946.
Kent Scbool, Kent, Conn., U.S.A.

## STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At their first attempt students at the Theological College, Lichfield, rang a quarter-peal of Doubles in six methods on Sundey. The mathods were one 120 each of Wyachendon Place Bok, Reverse Canterbury Pleasura Bob, St. Simon's Bob, April Day. Plain Bob and 5 d 120 's of Grandsire, and the ringers were Richard A. C. Brodribb 1-2. Malcolm C. C. Melville (conductor) 34 , Michsel M. K. Warren 5.6. Wrncliendon is St. Simon's with place making in $1-2$ and 3.4. Bath Wrichendon and Canterbury heve a Grandsire Bob except that the bells in $4-5$ lie still instead of dodging.

## SERVICE RINGING IN WAR TIME.

We have received several inquiries asking whether beils should now be rung for Sunday services.

Pending an official ruling by the civil or ecclesiastical authorities we suggest that bells should continue to be rung for church services, except in populous districts, where the ringing might make it difficult to hear any air rajd warning.

During the last wat all ringing, even the chiming of clock bells, was stopped by authority after sumset. Up to the time of writing, no similar regulation appears to have been issued and it is likely that the particulas reasons for that order do not now exist.

## MEETINGS CANCELLED.

'The following meetings have been cancelled owing to the state of war:-
TO-MORROW.

Ladies' Guild at Lowestoft.
Ely Diocesan Guild at Winwick.
Guildford Diocesan Guild at Epsom.
Lancashire Association at Hawkshead.

## SEPTEMBER 16th.

Yorkshire Association General Meeting at Ripon.
Halifax and District Association at Thornhill.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Hursley. Yorkshire Association at Whiston.
Sussex County Association at Chiddingly.
Essex Association at Great Yeldham.

## FOUR-PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR

## To the Editor

Doar Sir,-1 may perbaps point out that there is another plan on whick four-part peals of Bob Major can be produced. They are based on the ordinary two-part tencourse touch. In any two of these courses a bob lefore must be calied, provided that one will produce a $6-4$ or a $6-5$ nad thie other a $6-2$ or a $6-3$. Then call three Homes in each of the courses and after the thired Home $W$ and $M$ to bring tho bells back to the original touch.

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You wil! then get a four-part peal, 5,056 changes,
with thr sixtli the extent Wrong and wenty times Right. Reverse it end you will have a peal with tho sixth the extent Right and twenty Eimes Wrong.

23456 Wron M R
23456 W B M R


Another rarietion is to use the alternative ten-course bloek, which is celled 2 W. R. 3 W. R. Most, if not all, of the peals produced on this plan have been puhlished nud rung at verious times and as the work of various composers. I am not, of course, making any claim myself to any of them.
J. A. TROLLOPE.

## SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I am not going to challenge the right of the Bushey hand to have rung a spliced peal, but, after all, mixed Erin and Stedman is only Stedman rung as tine late Rev. H. Law James used to tall us it ouglit to be rung; that is, with tha quick six acting an a bob. Only he wanted it to he ruog without anv ordinary bobs, in addition. Th would be jnteresting to hnow if a 5,040 is possible on that plan. Perhaps some of our leading composers wila enlighten us on the matter.
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## ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

## THE REV. H. DRAEE'S REPLY TO MR. TROLLOPE

## To the zditor.

Dear Sir,-Unlike Mr. Trollope, i am giad to be ablo to accept his orrections, and hope 1 may du so with a good grate.
For instance, he writes that nowadays there are ao parisis cierks, and lawe not been for a good many years. I mu quite suro lie means sombthing by these enigmatic statements, but I fear I cannot tell what it is. At the present time every parish with which I hove ever been connected las stifl its elerk, Furtharmore, he prescutly refers to Mr. F. C. Lambert, who, as lie must know, is the energetic and larned parish clerk of Halesworth,
So far from my "doulating his statement" of riuging lesting on and off all day, 1 mentioned having heard the same thing, in Brittany, twice this June. As Mr. Trollope Enys, this is no evidence of what went on in Engtand. It is, however, interestigg to know of what is done with bells, where there is no change ringing
Wiat 1 do not merely doubt, but deny aljsolutely, is that there wes round ringing, or call changes, before bells were rung with complate wheels. It could mot be done, and no one wanted to do it. Nor would anyone want to have bells properly hung (as we should put it) merely to ring rounds or call changes. No one had guch unmasical ears in those days. If Mr. Trollope wants us to helieve that this kind of ringing is not a corruption of clange ringing, he must produce same very convincing proof.
Mr. Trollope persists in coupling together ringers and candles, becanse as he says both are mentianed tagether in some wilfs. He alag saye that this ringing was "for pleasure, i.e., as a sport." Were candles then a plensare or a sport?
What I refuse to believe js thet tho ringing mantioned in wille was either of these things. As we do not know what sort of ringing it was that Bishop Grandison or Martin Bucar were fulminnting against, we cannat use their words on one side or the other; it is most wnlikely that they were apeaking of the same thing. In any cose, very similar words are used to-day by thoze who dislike muan ringing for services or for peals.
It wauld have expressed my meaning better if $I$ had merely said tiat where thero were severu] towers a society would be formed and would ring at certain towerg. I bliould not beve used the word resporsible."
It js frue that. there have been, and ales still are, drunken ringers. Once ahout Glristmas I rang (or tried to rimg) with a band, of whem all the others seened more or less drunk. But this was at the end of the last conturt. Yet I have never seen beer brought inside the helfry; it is possible that on some occasions this may have been done; but I cannot believe that it was ever the custons. It is most unlikely thet food was ever taken there. The ringers' iugs, which Mr. Trollope mentions, are really evidence of this. Would lie ever have liked to carry up one of these, with only a small mmant of liquor in it, to the ringing chamber, at the top of a narrow winding staircase? Yet he calmly auggests that 'foolish boys' did this! Tlie folly euggesteri by Martin Bucer was liardly this. Moreover, he would hardly have Written of "supertitious men "if he lade been thinking of ringing as either fo" pleasure or as a sport.
When Mr. Trollope refers to 'sweet uells jnagledt' lie imagines Slakespoare wed 'jengled' in the same way that a modern change ringer would. This, of courne, is impossible. They knew then, as well as we do now, when a hell or other instrunsent was out of tune, and knew as little as most people know to-dey how they are tuned. This (bells being out of tune) we cannot doubt is what he mas referging to. The ather meaning, besides iseing impossible does not even answer its purpose. I have heard bad strikers called by many hard anmes by modern ringers, luut I de not think it would occur to anyone to call them mad!

## THE HALESWORTH LEGACY

## To the Rditor.

Denr Sir, The Rev, Herbert Dralte stated definitely that the Halesworth ringers lave enjoyed for many years an anuual dinner, provided by money left by William Walpole in 1539 and confirmed to them by the Cliarity Commissioners. According to Mr. Tyollope, the origiaal iegacy was only for money to he given on the actual funeral day. Those of us who are interested inf the firfory of the old ringing sorieties would be glad if Mr. Drake would give us further particulars, for, if he is correct, the Halesworth legacy is certainly the oldeath endowment of ringing in Englard.
A. BLACK.

## WEDDING BELES AT ICKLETON.

At Ickleton Parish Church, Cambs, on Saturday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandaire Triples wns Tung by A. J. Smonthy (first quarter-neal) 1, P Webh (conductor) 2, L. Iilley 3, A. Fleet 4, R. Clements 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Fitton 7. A. G. Lilley B. This was rung as a wredding compliment to Mriss A. M. Welch daughter of Mrso Weleh and the late Mr. T. Welch, of Ickleton Albey) and Mr. D. L. Nichols, of Fulboum. Tha late Mr. Welch held the office of churchwarden for several yeafs and aivays supported the ringers. He was the first to give ESO 0 for the restoration of the church bells a Yew years ago.

## A NINE DAYS' TOUR

## THE ACIIVITRES ROUND LIVERPOOL

As recorded in our last issue, the peal ringing tour in Lancnshire and Cheshire, which concluded at Liscard on Saburday week, resulted in 11 peals being rung in 16 attempts made in nine days, which was perlaps not quite up to the average of former years. Although they had some failures, however, the party had some good ringing and spent a most enjoyable week. They regretted that Mr. W. H. Fussell, bheir caphain of previous years, could not join them, but fiey were ull pleased to know ho was enjoying good health efter his serious operation a few months ago. Another setback was the absence of Mr. Harry Parkes, whose business would not allow him to mreak away. They not only missed hine for hig sbility tos a "back-ender,' but also for the services of his car, which was ao kelpful last year at Wolver hampton.
Headquarters for the week were the Victoria Hotel at Liverpool The majority of the party arrived on Priday evening, when the firat peal of the tour was rung et Garston, which is now part of Liverpool. Cambridge was the method rung. Naturally those who set out on a peal ringing tour always like to score the first peal, and this was looked on as an angury of success for the remainder of the week.


ST. NICHOLAS, LIVERPOOL
where the peal of thaximus was rung.
On Satuvelay morting they visited Bebington, where they were met by Mr. E. Breeze, who had everything reedy for the party. Here a peal of Superlative was tapped off, and then, after lunch, the rimgers made their way to Chester, a peal at the Cathedral being the olsjective They were met by several Chester ringers. Mr. J. Swindley pifoled them to the tower, wliere, after raising the bells, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was brought raund. this being the first peal of Sinftrize Royal on the bells.

On Sunday morning some of the party joined in the service ringing at Sit. Nicholas', Liverpool, and afterwards they paid a visit to the Landing Stage, where interest centred in the departure of the Welsh and Manx boats.
After an earls lunch they made their way to Newchurch, where they ware met by Mr. J. Leatherbarow (one of tha band who rang in the 17.824 Oxford Treble Boh Major) and his colleagues, who gave the party a cordial welcome. They also had the pleasure of meeting here Mr. T. B. Waraley, the composer of the 17,824, who was accompanied
by his wife and daugbter. Quite a good peal of Yorishire Surprise was rung. Tea at the Harrow In was afterwards much enjoyed. On the return howe the ringers called at the R.C. towor of St, Francis Xavier's, where courses of several Swrprise methods wera rung, the method not rung being a new one aamed Liverpool, although a course was attempted.
On Monday the company sustained a very severe loss by the departure for home of their good friend and stalwart of many previous tours, Mr. George R. Pye. He was not at all himself in the Garston peal on l'riday night and did not feel equal to standing in either of the peals on Saturday or Sunday, and to the intense regret of all concerned he felt he must return home. Alt sincerely hope lie will make an early recosery and be able to resunce his work in the belfry with the same zeal and entlusiasm as in the past.

## VISIT TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

The peal on Monday norning was at Halewood, a light ring of eight by Taylor, After scoriug Cambridge herc and lunch at headquarters, the aliternoon was devoted to a visit to the new Catledral tower
The Dean of Liverpool received the party in his restry and showed them on paper what wa wero later to see in iron and stone. They had the privilcge of escending to the tower in the lift, which is in the open and ascends aud descends alongside the Cathedral wall. The Dean sent the first half of the party up in charge of a not too efficiment ableudant, who was creatly relieved when tho correct landing place was foumd. Howover, all evontually reached the top, where the Dean explained everything that he could. One could not here give a rietailed account of the visit. Suffice it to say everyoue whs greatly interested ill and impressed with winat they saw, and the Dean (Dr. F. W. Dwelly) was warmly thenked for his kindness.
After tos a viait was paid to St. Nicholas' tower, where the only welve-bell peal of the week was rung. This was Plain Bob Maximus and there were stars for one or two of the notables in the lognd, chief among these being tho veterar Master of the Winchester Guild.
The party were on the road in good time on Tuesday morning, when a visit was paid to Tarleton. They were received by the Vicar, who expressed his wishes for their success. After a second start, for Bristol, and when the bells had been going about 35 minutes, the tenor-man appealed to the conductor to stop, awing to the heavy go of the bell. An inspection of the bell's hearings proved to us that they had not been lubricated. The Vicar liad forgotten to notify the toweriseeper of the visit. There was no tine for a further attempt, so the party returned to Liverpool for luseh, after which they went to Woolton, which is also now part of the city. Here there is a good peal of eight hy Taylor, with a tellor a ton in weight, but ratzer noisy in the cinging chamber, Loudon Siuprise was attempted, but after more than an hour's ringing a bad trip oceurred which could not he corrected. Tho Rector (tive Rev. F. B. Hadow) gave some of the party a cordial Welcome to the tower, as aiso did Mr. E. L. Humpluriss, the local leader

Wednesday wns $n$ very busy day. They had to get an carly start at Poolstock, as they were dite at Wigan in the early afternoon. The parly were cordially welcomed at Poolstock by the Rev. Dr. Welton and Mr. Sydney Forshaw. The former addressed a few words of welcome and drew attention to his inscribed handkerchief, on which every member of the band left his mutograph as well as a piece of silper. This ther learned was put into a fund for the upkepp of the bells. A peal of Superlative was completed on this grand ring. The veteran of 88 conducted the peal from the treble, and the tenor was rung with marked ability by a light-weiglnt, 60 years his junior. In the afterncon the tourists were met at Wigan tower by the local imder, Mr. J. Majors, and also by two of the local veterans, Messrs. Hall and Shaw, both of whorn linve unwards of 50 years' service as ringers at the Parish Churcin. At the chureh the visitors were successful in ringing the firet meal of Double Norwich Roysl in the county, gs well as the first of Royal ons the bells.

## SOME BAD LUCK

Tharsday saw the departare of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid, and they were not only personally missed, but thoir anm also. Withoul its assistance in the early part of the week the darly cond not lave carried out the programme. The first tower of the dey was Prescot, where an early start was made. They werp met by Mr. A. E. Reeves, the local feader, and several of bis colleagues, hut the visitors had extremely hard luck, for after three hours finwless ringing they lost a peal of Yorkshise Surprise in the last lead. All went well until the boh 'Before' in the last course had been called; one or two then lost their heads and their places, the bells atruck round as stand was called by the coaductor. In ans other part of the peal the blemisk would not hare been so had, but oerurring at the end there was insalficient time to recover. Some regretted having to lose the peal, but on 8 pote being taken over lunch it, was decided bp five sotes to three not to count it as a peal. The iti-huch on Thuraday was mot ended. The party went on to St. Helens Parish Church, and were just seltling down to Yorkshire Surprise Royal whetl a jeremptory Frock at the tower door compelled them to stop ringing. They were confronted with the Chief of Police and the costmaster, who informed the ringers of the difficults. owing to the hells, they ware having in the Post Ofice with their telephone and telegraph massages, which werp exteptionally heav aming to the international crisis. Althongh the Ficar of Sit. Helens had given his (Costinued in nest columu.)

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.


#### Abstract

KINTSWINFORD BAND FLECTED MEMBERS. The quarterly meeting of the Dudloy and District Guild was leeld ath St. Mary's Churels, Kiugswinford, on Saturday, August 26th, in beautiful summer weather. This church contains a peal of eight bells, which were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'elock and werg kept goidg in various rachods until the usual service was held, conducted by the Lev. J. H. 'Thompsou (Vicar'), who also gave a very interestitig uddrecs. At the close of the service an adjournment was made io the Church Hall, where a substantial teu was in readiness, and it was regretted that more members were not present to partake of the good thingz provided. The sulisequent business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Kjogswinford and his paribl. The following names were ratificd as memhers of this Guild, hnving been propozed previously in the belfry before commeveing for a peal : Messrs. d. W. Smith, Bernard Ashford and Frea Benvett. The Rev. J. H. Thompson, Viear of Kingswinford, was elected an honorary member. It was proposed by Mr. J. Gopdman and secouded by Mr. H. Hill that the members of the Kingswinforit band be elected as members of the Guild, zad this was cartied with acclamation. Ilye Yicar thanked the members for the howour they had conferred ous him and said it was a pleasure to become a member. It was propesed that the quarterly peal be altempted at Kingswinford, the necessary arrangements being left with the Rirging Master, It was also proposed that the next meeting of the Guild be held at Weduesbury, suloject to the utual permission being obtained. F'ailing that the secretary was asked to try Penenett. Mr. Harold Sbuck reported that he hoped to have all the peals enterod in tho peal book rendy for the annual meeting Mr. H. Sheppard (the hon, secretary) proposed and Mr. Farley seconded a vote of Lhaths to the Vicar of Kingswinford for kindly giving pemission to hold the meeting at his church, also for the use of the tower and belle, for conducting the service and for presiding at the meating. Tlunk's were also accorded to the ladies who so kilidly gave their time in preparing and serving the tea and tooking after the comfort of the members; to the organist for the musical part of the service, and to Mr . Leonard Lownes for making the uecessary arrangements.


## A. NINE DAYS' TOUR.

(Contivued from previous column.)
permission for the peal, the band felt they could do no other than to refrain from further ringing.
On Friday morning a pasi of Loudon Surprise at Ormskirk was the first on the programme. Mr. Pilkingtan, ine lotal leader, mot the party and everything was in order for a prompt start. Some excellent, Loadon was rung for 2 hours 10 minutes when two people insisted on doing tha wrong work and "Stand" was called slartly after. Very soon after this disaster the party were in an adjacent hotel consoling themselves bs well ts was possible and also drinking the jolly good liealth of their old friend Mr. W. H. Fussell. They all regretied very muclz his ubsence, bul much appreciated his kind thought and generosity

The Friday evening tower was Clrist Church, Aughton. Tlle bells have quita recently been retuned and rehung and an excellent jola made of them. Messrs. W. Gibbons and J. Lunham gave the visitore a kindly weloome. The peal that was lost at Ormsicirk was stored here, which put the ringers on much better terns with themselves.

On Saturday morning at Runcorn, which is just inside the Cheshire boundary, they were met by Mr. Allman, scin., who saw everything was in readiness. Here a peal of Yorkskire, which was the first Surprise peal on the belis, was rung, and 'Goodbye' was said to Mr. George Willians, who has such amazing energy for his years.
Returning to Liverpool for luwh, the party afterwards crossed over the Mersey to Liscard, where they luad the satisfaction of ringing the first peal of Superlative in the tower where Mr. J. C. E. Simpsor received his early tuition. After the peal Mr. Sheplnerd left in guest of yet another tower; Mr. Lindof departed on the night train for Dublin. Mr. F. Benvett and Mr. F. White left for London ans Sunday moraing. Thus ended a sirenuous but very enjoyable week. Those who took part would like to thank all who contribuled in any way towards the success of the programme, particularly the clergy and church authorities, the towerkeepers and lacal ringers, whoge kindness and hel? was much appreciated.
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-The meeting at Hawkshead, arranged for to-norrow (Sept. 9th), has been cancelled.-N. M. Newby, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-The meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom, to-morrow (Sept. 9th) will be cancelled owing to present cir-cumstances.-A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District, - Will members please note that the quarterly meeting arranged to be held at Hursley on Sept. 16th, has been cancelled? WV. G. Goodehile, Hon. Dis. Sec., I39, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

LADIES' GUlLD.-Eastern District. - The meeting at Lowestoft to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. gth, has been cancelled.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., $3^{2}$, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

MIDLAND COLNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept, gth. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 , followed by meeting. Now lor the Minor methods? All are welcome.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Macclesfield Branch - A ringing meeting has been arranged at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.rn. Tea 5 p.m. -Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfeld.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. A good conspany is requested. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Ilchester Deanery Branch.-A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Sept. gth. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.-F. Farrant, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdaie Branch. - Next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, Sept. gth. All wel-come-J. Kay, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Central Bucks Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. - F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LADIES GUILD.-Western District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at School 4.30 . Bus 88 from Centre 2 p.m. and every 30 minutes. Will all requiring tea kindly send me a card?-N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-A combined meeting of the Wirral Branch and Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. gth. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know if you intend to be present. - Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., Wirral Branch, 30 , South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-A special memorial service will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th, in memory of the late President (Mr. C. D. Potter). Bells (8) ready at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by a social evening and ringing. All are welcome.-D. Smith, Hon. See., Rock Cottages, Shäfton, near Barnsley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. Lovely Ashdown Forest and a nice modern eight (tenor ${ }^{\left.15 \frac{1}{2}\right) \text {. Come and enjoy both at Fairwarp, Sept. gth }}$ Ringers, friends and p.c.'s for tea very welcome. Note, next Wednesday meeting, East Grinstead, Sept. zoth.C. A. Bassett, Sec., 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. ASSOCIATION.Swindon Branch.-Quarterly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Sept. gth. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On' 'Bristol' bus route.-W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon Road, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIA-TION.-The quarterly meeting will be feld at Pleasley on Saturday, Sept. gth. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.-J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.-The next meeting is at Blyth (bells 6), on Saturday, Sept. gth. I hope there will be a good attendance, including ' learners.' -R. Towler, Hon. Sec.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS -Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice, but meetings will be held at headquarters on Tuesdays, Sept. 12th and 26th, at 8.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., i, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-The meeting at Chiddingly, arranged for Sept. a6th, has been can-celled.-A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, - Northern Division. - The meeting at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, is cancelled.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The general meeting at Ripon Cathedral, arranged for Sept. 16th, is can-celled.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.-Contest and meeting at Thornhill on Sept. 16th is cancelled, owing to the international situation. - Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern Division. -Owing to this country being in a state of war, the meeting, as advertised to take place at Whiston on Sept. 16thr, is cancelled.-George Lewis, Vice-President; Sidney F. Palmer, Acting Sec.
DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 36th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. irth.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-A meeting at Frensham on Saturday, Sept. I6th. Bells (6) from $3 \mathrm{p.m}$. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 at the Marindin Institute. All welcome.-C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Sept. 16th. Ringing (bells 8) 3 p.m. Tea al 5 p.m. Please send names by Sept. 14th. - H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District. - Circumstances permitting, the next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea $m u s l$ notify me not later than Sept. I4th. Come along and make a good meeting.-W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Southern District.-If circumstances permit, it is hoped to hold a meeting on Saturday week, Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Penge ( 2.45 onwards) and St. George's, Beckenham (from 6 p.m. until dark). Intending visitors should watch the previous day's 'Ringing World.' As the district secretary has been called up, matters concerning the district should be referred to P. A. Corby, 81, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.
MarchingTon, uttoxeter, staffs. - The ring of four bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafiord on Tuesday, Sept. 26th. Time of service later.

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 cast in England.The outbreak of war has had a startling effect on church bellringing. Ringers nearly everywhere have ceased their activities, at any rate temporarily. There had previously been an undercurrent of leeling that as soon as war came there were likely to be devastating air attacks upon this country, and the widespread precautions that were taken in recent months lent justification to the idea. It wats only natural, therefore, that among the safeguards against being taken unawares, there shoud be a cessation of church bellringing, for in populous places there may be areas where air-raid warning signals would not be heard if they were sounded when bells were ringing. Local considerations in such places thus demand that the bells shall, for the present, remain silent.

But the first days of war have not developed as was generally anticipated, whatever the future may hold. The public are taking a calmer view, and now it can be realised that the public safety will not be endangered everywhere by ringing. In what are officially regarded as "safe" areas there seems no reason why ringing for service should not take place, and there are some towers, even, where other ringing, during the hours of daylight, might take place. This view is supported by the fact that an Order in Council, suppressing the use of various noises, specially exempts church bells. Obviously the authorities do not consider that the ringing of church bells constitutes any danger, and now that the first shock of knowing that the country is at war is passing, it may be hoped that at churches beyond the "danger ' zones the bells may again be rung on Sundays, wherever there is a team to man them.

Local conditions may, perforce, change with the development of hostilities, but, outside the vulnerable points, the further one goes westward, with a greater eomparative safety from air attack, the less reason is there for the complete silence of betls. Most, if not all, ringers, will feel that the times are too serious to indulge in merely pleasure ringing, but ringing for Sunday service is on an entirely different plane. In this connection bells have their part to play; and they are much more likely to carry home their message in these times of trouble than in the happy-go-lucky days of peace. There is often evidence that bells, reminding the people of higher things, are a source of solace; if that be so in peace time, there can be no doubt that in the days of stress and strain be-
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fore us, their message will touch a deeper chord, and they may at the same time serve to bring a message of cheer.
One of the essential points in a campaign is to keep the people cheerful; for that reason, the broadcast programmes contain a goodly proportion of light entertainment; for that reason, too, the authorities have authorised the opening of cituernas is all but the evacuated areas. The bells can add their quota to the general cheerfulness, and this side of the question should not be lost sight of by Church authorities when considering what should happen to the bells. The exemption accorded to church bells under the recent Orcler gives strength to this contention, and, therefore, not only should the bells be used, wherever there are no local obstacles, for service ringing, best also on other suitable occasions.

Ringing after dark, of course, presents a different problem. The dilliculty of complying with the lighting restrictions will make it impossible almost everywhere for any ringing to take place after sunset, but, as the churches themselves have to comply with the regulations, services will have to be heid at earlier hours, and service ringing will therefore still be possible.

There are thus two grounds upon which ringing in many towers can justifiably be continued. With no official ban upon the bells, their ringing before service, not only as a call to devotion, but as a reminder to the public, will give them a use and significance which the seriousness of the times demands. In addition, the cheery notes of the bellis will help to keep up the spirits of those who may feel depressed. The sound of bells ringing merrily often acts as a tonic upon a weary soul. So let it not be thought that everywhere and under all conditions the bells of our churches should remain silent throughout the war. .They must, of course, be used with discretion, and, obviously, there are certain areas where, for the present, it might constitute a danger to the public. No one would suggest for a moment that bells should be heard in such places, but there are scores of towns and hundreds of villages where ringing for service can with safety take place, and not only with safety, but also with justification.

A letter in another column intimates that in Loughborough, for instance, it has been decided that service ringing shall continue on the very grounds which we have here set out, and various associations have already provisionally decided, in view of the deliberate exemption of churçh bells from the Order suppressing noises, to continue to hold their meeting's wherever possible. It was not unnatural that, in the first stage of the war, meetings should be abandoned, but there seems to be no reason why, in a modified form perhaps, meetings should not take place. The tower bellringing would have to be curtailed, so that there shall be no infringement of the lighting restrictions, but there are other things in connection with meetings besides the church bellringing. Not least is the maintenance of social contacts between ringers. Under the present conditions, too, a great deal might be done in instilling instruction by giving talks on ringing, and by practice on handbells. Meetings, despite war conditions, can be made well worth while and, even with restricted tower bell practice, can be turned to good and useful account. There is no reason why, in the greater part of England, ringing should not be resumed in a modified way, and in those areas where conditions permit, we would say, 'Carry on!'

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

## EARLI RINGING PRAOTIGES.

## To the Editor

Dear \$ir,-I aum teupted not to write further on this subject, but to leave your readers to study Mr. Drake's letters and mine and to doew their owir conclusjons something-
Mr. Drake donies absolutely that ' there was round ringing or call changes before bells were rang with complete wheels. It could not we dons and nobody wanted to do it-
1t is riather a pity that he shoutd write so dogmatically about a matter witls whicl he is very little acquainted. There is a good dea of evidence on the subject and it is all clean against him. Not only round ringing mad Plain Changes, but also neethods like Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, New Doubles, and the 780 of Plain Bob Minor reve practised before full wheels were fitted to bells.
Here are the dates. Up to aboub tife firgt quarter of the seventeentl century bells werc uswally lung with half-wheels. Round about 1610 the sixes were invented, und, after that, change ringing izegan to be practised. At the samo time thrce-quarter wheals began to be fitted, so that the bells could be rung higher or aty a greater compess, as the plirase was.

These alterations, of course, were spread over a number of yeass, huppening in some places long hefore they did in others. But here ure some typical examples from St. Edmund's, Salisbury
1680 . Pd to Nichalms Perrio for

6an. Pd to Nichalas Perric for making a wheele for ye five a clock
lyell and to bring the rest of the bell wheels to more compas xaxuis. Gave Kingsonn of Cisherton in erneste to phorme the nolage a sethige of our bells in order for to be rung 1 1630 Pd will
1606 . Pd Willm Batten juyner for a thre $q$ 'ter bell wheel wa.
and for ather tlings ixs.
Bols Douhles was lirst rung about 1640 and Grandsire Doubles and the 720 of IPain Bob Minor oboul 1650 ; and, by the time the "Tinlin届logia' was pablislted in 1668 , cliange riuging was definitely established. The author of that book, Fichard Duckworth, whose practical experience of rimgiug was at Oxford and in country villages, gives sonte direotions for bell langing. The wheel lee refers to is the ©hree-quarter wheel. Ho does not actually say so, but what be says would be seaningless if it referted to a. whole wheel. When Fabian Stedman wrote the 'Camparialogia' in 1677 he was able to mention some important improvements in beli langing, and chief among them was the introduction of the whole wheel.

This, again, was an inprovement, which was spread over a number of years and naturally occurred in places like London before it did In lie country viliages. The earliest date I know of is the Church of St. Ohristopher, Stocks, in the City of Londan, where the bells were hung with full wheels mm 1647
the chief jesult of this improvement was that it enabled changes to the rung ita hulf pulls instead of in whole pults as was generally the case wit] the threequarter whee
Change ringing zequires that the bella shauld be rung up 知 a "setpult, 'hut with round ringing the bells need not be swung much more than frame high and for that the old half wheel was quite efficient.

Round ringing was tused in England as early as the fifteenth centary (Mr. Drake has dragged in call changes. I said nothing alout call changes and I believe they, were never at any time rung by round ringers. In Cornwall, for instance, to-day if they ars rung at all they are a comparatively modern innovation.)
If we want a conclusive proof that English bells were rung in orderly rounds, we shall find it in the fact that they were cast and tuned in the musical scale, Bometimes in the major scale, but more often in the minor scale. Ualess the belle were intended to be rung wish to d, wond have been useless to tuue them thus. I do no wish to dogmatise upon a matter on which complete informetion is wo a musical scale unless they are used in carillons.
Mr. Drake notwithatanding, when Shakespeare makes Ophelia compare Hamlet's disordered mind to 'sweet bells jangled he was using the word in exactiy the same sense that any ove of us would arse it now, and the simile is nood pootry and good sense and would have been underslood by any of the hearers.
I do not 'persig in coupling together ringers and candes because both are memtioned in some wills." I said thet the burning of mandles and the ringing of hells were two eustoms olserved at funerals and ohitg and that the objeet of both was similar. It was the people of I did time who coupled them together as I showed by quotations. All Iaid not way done with the sidea of bencfiting the dead in some way or other. Mr. Drake is probably right when he says ' we do not know what sort of ringing Bishop Grandison and Martin Bucer were fulminating against," if by "we ${ }^{1}$ he means himself. But if he means that I and other peaple do not know he is wrong. And if he thinks that Bucer's objections to ringing were similar to those "used to-dey hy people who dislize much ringing for services or for peals it in pretty evident that be does not know mucle about Martin Bucer or the controvergisl theological writers of the sixteenth centary.
Bucer objected to the ringing because in was superstifious as did many other people of the time. There is no suggestion that he saw (Continued in next column.)

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## DORCHFSTER BRANCH AT BERE RDGIS

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salishury Piocesan Guild was licld at Here Regis on August 26th, and, despite the crisis, which made the outlook far from promising, over 50 members and friends aitended. The bells were utilised from 3 p.nn.
The Rentor (the Rev. R. C. Herring) offioiated at the gervice and gave an address. He offered up spacial prayers for pace and stressent the hope God would spare then from the horrors of wer. He called attention to the fact that the treble bell of their peal was given by a church benefactor as a thanksiving for peace only 20 years ego, at the end of the Great War. The Rector offered the Guild a very warm wecome.
Following the service tite memburs and friends adjourned to the W.I. Institute, where they were kindly invited to tea by the Bere Regis band. Sulsequently a short meeting was held, presided over by the clairmun, the Rev A. W, Markby supported by the Master (the Rev. It. H. Gundry), the Rov. R. P. Farrow (vice-chairman), the Rev. R. O. Herring and the hon, secretary (Mr. C. E. Jemings), Miss S . Osmond (Dpwey) was eleched a ringing member and Mr. E. G Burt (St. Leonard's) an gssociate momber.

It was resolyed to hold two practices at Abbotsbury in September and Mniden Newtou in Ortober, hut both of these have since been caucelled.
A learty welcome was given to the viaitors, and a specia! vote of hanks accorded to the Bere Regis hand for their invitation and the kospitality oxbended to the Guild during the afternoon. The Rector was almo thanked for his kindness in taking the service and giving sucta an execllent address.
Ju reply, the Rev. R. C. Herring again welcomed the Guild and sain besides their ringing they were going to be conducted round the gardeas and culfivated watercress beds, which were the largest in Fingland and where all the local ringers were employed.

The Chairman referred with pleasure to the fine gathering, especially as they had met with the war clouts hanging over them. the majority of the members then visiled the gardens, while others relarfed to the tower for furtler practine. In lovely weather the tour of the grounds was greatly enjoyed. One item is worth mentioning. Tlie visitors were shown speciully cultivated apples of every description in one plantation which consisted of 35,000 trees. The rimging gardeners in particular were delighted. Thanks were given to Messre. Bedford for their great kindness

Riuging was continued until 8.10 p.m., when the bells were lowered, as it was thought, owing to the crisis, this was late enough to rine It is hoped and prayed that it may not be long before these hells and all the peals in the conntry will again riag out that inspiren peace message of Tennysons:-

Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Clurist that is to be
The following towers were represented at the meoting: Bera Regis, Bradford Peverell, Dotcliester, Fast Lulworth, Strattom, Syritimg, Wyke Regis, Bowington, the Wimborne Branch by Hampreston, Feris dowin, LvtcheE Matravers, and welcome qigitors from North Cadbury. Somerseb, and Prittlewell, Jissex

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anflhing amiss in beer and ale being carried to the ringers or in thoir drinking it in the helfry. His complaint was that it encouragen them to keep on with this superstitious ringing.

The fact that Mr. Drake has never seen beer brought inside a belfry proves nothing at all as to what happened in the sixteenth. seventeenth and eighteentli centurjes, empecially as wa bave the precise statement thet such was the custom made by a man who had mo partacular reasan for telling is lie ehout the matter. And, if the ringers jugs were not used for carrying beer, what dons Mr. Drake suppose thez wero used for? Keeping fowers in? There was no reason why they ghould not be used for heer. I have known country towers remote from tha willage, where the ringers brought their beer in a gallan jar and I fail to see that there is anything morally wrone about the act. I have myself with my own hands talien into s belfry the madera equivatemb of "bred and ale, to wit, sandwiches and" bottled beer. and would do so fagein if the particular circumstances which thent existed were to recur.
J. ARMIGER TROLEOPE.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

HOW TO BUIID UP TOUCHES.
In these days, when nobody quite knows what is going to happen, and where next we may have to he, there is a very natural terdency to do nothing, to let things slide, to wait and see. That means that most of us are put out of our usual routine, and we feel that there is only one thing which really matters to all of us, and that is to win the war as quickly as possible. Then we can think of getting back to our old habits.

It is, of course, right and proper and, up to a point, essential that we should think like this, but we shall find in a few weeks' time that it is necessary to think of other things besides the war. Otherwise we shall ail go 'scatty,' as we used to say in 1914. For this reason we strongly advise ringers not to drop their ringing. So long as it is possible to keep the church bells going, we ought to ring, partly for our own sakes and partly (don't forget this) for the sake of many people to whom the church bells bring a message of hope and comfort.

But if, which must happen in many cases, the actual ringing is stopped, we can still get a lot of interest out of the many problems which the art presents, and we can study with pencil and paper a good many things which will be very useful when peace comes.

For instance, there are heaps of things which a man can learn about conducting, and perhaps it may help if we give a lead.

When the beginner first tries his hand at conducting, he usually picks a set touch, learns what his bell is doing when he should call the bobs, and calls accordingly. For instance, if his band rings Grandsire Triples, he usually, as his first attempt, sings the seventh and calls himself into the hunt and out again at the next lead. Then, for his second touch, he will call himself Before and a bob the next lead.

Each of these touches will go three times and give 168 changes. They are excellent touches and very useful, but our young conductor will want something not quite so commonplace. Of course, he can find many touches in the text books, and his older and more experienced companions will be able to tell him of others. But he can get a lot of pleasure and interest by making up his touches himself as he is ringing.

To do that he must know one or two wrinkles. Now is the time to take pencil and paper and see how they work.

The first thing to remember is that if you call any number of bobs in any positions and continue to repeat the calling, the bells are sure to come round. If no Singles are called, the bells will come round by repeating the calling once, twice, or four times. The same thing will happen if two or an even number of Singles are called in the first part of the touch. But it an odd number of Singles are called, the touch will come round with one, three or five repetitions.

Now put this to the test. Take your pencil and paper and write out a touch, imagining you are in the tower
and using the bell you are ringing as the observation belf. When you have finished the calling of your first part, and your own bell has come into its home position, you will get your part-end.

On paper, you can, of course, easily see what your part-end is, and when you are ringing you will be able, with practice, to see it, too. If you have called no Singles, and all the other bells except yourself are out of their home positions, the full touch will be a five-part touch. If two bells besides yourself are in their home positions, the touch will be a three-part touch. Study your figures carefully and see why this must be.

There is another and more interesting way of making up touches. We said that the simplest are the two in which the seventh is called into the hunt and out again; and Before with a double, that is, with a bob at the following lead. Now, both these touches keep the sixth and seventh together, and when the part-end turns up they are in their home positions. In the first the fifth is also at home at the part-end. In the other, the fourth is at home.

A third touch which lieeps the sixth and seventh together and brings them home at the part-ends, is the touch in which the seventh is called Before with a Single, that is, the lead in which it will make long thirds. There are two variations of this touch, one in which no aher calls are made except the Singles, the other in which the seventh is called at Home, that is, in $6-7$ up, as well as Before. And there is the touch in which the seventl is called Home only.

It is quite easy when you are ringing to make up touches by using combinations of courses called as above. You can mix them up as you please and, if you have anything like luck, the beils will come round somewhere about when you want them to. Here, again, experiment with pencil and paper and see what happens. You will notice that calling the seventh Before with a Single and Home, repeated once or twice, will almost always bring the fifth home. Also, that calling the seventh Before (with a bob) and a Double once or twice, will bring the fifth Home from any position unless it is coursing in front of the sixth. When you have got the fifth at home you can easily get the bells round by calling the seventh In and Out, or Home. But you must notice whether the bells are in or out of course, for if they are out of course you will need a Single.

All this may seem very crude stuff, but if the beginner will take the trouble to experiment in this way with pencil and paper, he will learn more about the art of calling short touches than he could learn by calling dozens of set touches by rote in the towe?.

| 5267 | Serenth Refore S. and Home |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Seventh Home |
| 523467 | Seventh Before with a Double |
| 234567 | Seventh Refore S. and H |
| 267 | Seventh Before with a Do |
| 543267 | Seventh Home |
| 432567 | Seventh Pefore S. and H |
| 234567 | Seven约 Home witha Sir |

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## RESTORATION OF HUNTSHAM BELLS.

## DEVON RINGFRS MEET AT TROYTE'S FOMF.

The ring of eight at Huntsham, Devon, has been restored by Mesars, John Trylor ana Co., who have tuned the bells and relnugg them ins a new iron frame witl the latest type of flttings. The work was rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at a special service on Friday, August 4th.
A special meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devonshire Guild wits held on August 26th to celebrate the restoratian. About 40 memihers attended, while visitors from West Somerset were present, and everyone was greatly pleased with the improvement effected.

The ringers present attended service, conducted by the Rector (ihe Rev. C. E. Lane), wlo, in a short address, described what had been done to the clock and beils and promised that more would be done in time. The Rector went on to say that he thought the work of the bellringers was usually overlpoked in comparison with that of the organigt and choir. He added that he lad been told that a cam panologist was one who left the chureh after ringing, whereas a bellringer would stay to the service.
A tea was provided at Huntrham Gourt the Rev. F. Carter, chairman of the branch, the Rector, Col. G. Acland, and Mr. Troyte, and the remainder of the members heing present.
Subrequently those not fetively employed in the tower, hy kind permission, visited the extensive gardens attached to Huntsham Court The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, two fady ringers taking part.
The musical efect of the improved bells, says a visitor, is particu. larly noticeable on the higher ground above the church,
"FATHER" OF MODERN TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONA.
Huntsham Court was the home of Colonel C. A. W. Troyte, who did a great deal for change riuging in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. He bad been attracted by the round ringing customary in Devon for a long time and was introduced to clange ringirg by John Faylor, the lell founder, who east a new treble for lini to incrase the ring at Huntshan from flve to six bells. He got five of the old ringers to join him and be recorded afterwards wish great satisfaction that after six months' hard work they were able to ring thei" first 'peal' of Grandsire Doubles.
His diffeulty, and that of many more who were in like case with him was that he did not know how to set ahout learning change ringing, and the experience he evenkunlly gained induced him to write a handbook on the subject, which bas proved of immense value to many lumareds of beginners, and to-day is still sold, several editions laving been fscued.

Colonel Troyte never hac any opportuaty of becoming an exper ringer as we should now understand the term, and the records of the "peais" rang at Huntaham, which liang on the walls of the lyelfry, refer to sucla things as Grandsire Doubles and Plain and Treble Bob Minor. For instance, on December 16th, 1871, a 720 of Kent Troble Rob wes rung, which the editor of 'Church Bells ' especially commended as a marlt of great progress in the art in Deron. Colone Troyte rang the tenor and called the bobs, and his brother, J. E. Troyte, rang the fourtl.

Colonel Troyte diat tale part in one performance which is of more than ordinary hiatoricgl interest, This was a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Six-Part), rung at Appleton on Saturday, March 10th, 1877 by a band all of whom were university men. F. A. Mine rang the secord, G. H. Plillott the fifth F. E. Tolbinson (who condacted) rang the sixth and Troyte the seventh.

Troyte was a Cambridge man, his college being Trinity Hall. All the rest were Oxford men
Colonal Troyte did another service to the Exercige by being one of the founders of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, of whicls he was the first president. This was the earliest of those territorial associstions, the establishmeat of which has done so much for the Exercise and the art of change ringing. Thus Colonel Troyte may be regarded as the "father of the modern ringing organisations.

## CHARLES MDDLETON.

COMPOSER'S ANNIVTERSARY
Charles Middleton, the composer of the familier peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886, and was buried at Norwich Cemetery on the 20th. The obituary notice in the contempory Bell News states that he was horn et Margham in the year 1815 and commenced ringing in April, 1834, and on December 146h, 1837, be Fang 越 Maskham Church in a geal of seven different methods containing 720 changes in each of the following: London Surprise, Cambridgo Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Rol, Double Court Bob, Sterlman's Slow Conrse; and on Janvary 9th, 1838. He took part in a 5,440 of Oxford Treble Bob at Aylsham. In 1839 he left Marsham and came to reside in Norwich, and in January, 1843. he was elected a member of the Norwich Scholars and took part in ringing the following peals: 5.040 Stedman Triples, 5,120 Kent Trehle Eob Major, 5,600 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7,126 Stedman Cinquen, 5,120 Oxiord Treble Bob Major, 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,040 Stedmen Triples, 5,440 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his last pent was 5,001 of Sterman Caters at St. Peter's."
The fact that lie was the composer of the peal of Cambridge, which has piven him a place nmong the fow men who will alway be remem. bered by future generations, is not mentioned.

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## CHURCH BELLS IN WARTIME. <br> THEIR USE NOT INTERFERED WITH

Among the many Orders in Council, issued since the war began is one controlling noise. It bans the sounding of sirens, hooters, whistles, rattles, bells, horns, gongs or similar instruments, unless used for the purpose of airraid or gas warnings.

The Order, however, specially exempts church bells, and, although they are not mentioned in the Order, lamous putbic bells, such as Big Ben, will, it is understood, come under the same category as church bells.

Neither does the Order apply to the use of the various instruments mentioned by railwaymen on duty, ships' crews, Crown servants, policemen, special constables or firemen. It also exempts the normal use of motor horns and bicycle bells.

There is no reason, therefore, why church bells should not be rung for Sunday services, except in special cases where ringing might interfere with the hearing of airraid warning signals, or the watch kept by listening posts.

In Guildford, Surrey, for instance, hoth peals of bells, the eight at Holy Trinity Cathedral and the ten at S. Nicolas', have been silenced at the request of the Chief Constable, who is under the impression they might interfere with the sound of the sirens, or possibly give a false impression to some people. The ecclesiastical authorities have acceded to the Chief Constable's request.

This is the first time that church bells in Guildford have been silenced. Throughout the Great War, they summoned people to church services, but were not rung after sunset.

## RINGING CAN BE RESUMED.

The ringing of churcls bells in London has practically ceased. This, of course, is not surprising, in view of the capital's liability to air attack. Even St. Paul's Catheciral bells are silenced-the first time, we believe, since they were pist up just over sixty years ago. Even during the last war they were rung for service on Sundays.

The exemption of church bells from the Order suppressing various noises makes it clear, however, that they may be used for service ringing, and indeed, for any normal purpose. With this official sanction, there is no reason why, subject to the exigencies of local conditions, the ringing of bells, which seems to have ceased with surprising suddenness on the declaration of war, can be resumed within reasonable limits.

Service ringing, especially, can be reinstated, and wherever possible this should be done. It should also be possible to hold meetings in some places, for, although it may not be in the interest of public safety to ring bells in the vulnerable areas, there are many districts where ringing assemblies should be possible, for, even if the hours of tower bellringing are necessarily curtailed, there are other means of usefully employing the time.

The demands of war service will, of course, deplete nearly all the towers, and those who are left will be faced with the task of filling the gaps, if ringing is to be maintained. It will not be easy, but it is one of the things that ought not to be neglected.
'The Ringing World ' hopes to be able to provide interesting material to help in the teaching of recruits. In
the meantime, it is possible that many towers will be losing their regular conductors, and others will be called upon to step into the leader's shoes. This week we give the first of a series of articles, entilled 'With pencil and paper,' which we hope will encourage home study among young ringers.
The present conditions tend to make the publication of all newspapers more dificult. May we ask our readers to send us all the news possible, and send it at the earliest moment?

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

A number of associations are reviewing the possibility of continuing their meetings and already two or three have dectided to gro on with their arrangements. These meetings are advertised in our notice columns.

The following meetings, however, have been cancelled :-

## TO-MORROW

Lincoln Diocesan Ciuild, Northern Branch, at Ulceby.
Midland Counties Association, Leicester District, at Ashby Folville.

## SEP'IEMBER 23rd.

Lancashire Association and Chester Gitild joint meeting at Bowdon.
Lancashire Association at Horwich.
Midland Counties Association, Loughborough District.
Norwich Diocesan Association at Giarveston.
SEPTEMBER 30th.
Aidland Counties Association at Newark.
Oxford Diocesan Guild at Aston.
OCTOBER 7th.
Batti and Wells Diocesan Association at Dunster.
DINNERS.
Worcestershire Association on Sept. 30th.
Chester Diocesan Guild, at Stockport.

## LOUGHBOROUGH'S EXAMPLE. To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Your leading articie in the issure of "The Ringing World ' datead September 1st is very timely, and it may be of interest to some of your reanders to know that we inteud to carry on the regular ringing of the peal at Luugtlluorough Parish Chureb, especially as the Home Office approve the ringing of churclit bells. As suggested by our Rector, it is provable that the sound of churdi bolls all over the country will it is provable that the sound of churoh bolks ail over the country will
be of greater vaiue now than in timee of peanee in cheering and uyFifting our people.
In case there are any hands of zingers who are in douht ns to what course to adopt, I venture to endorse your oppinion that they will he serving the best interests of everyone if they could, whenever their numbers permiti, carry on as usual.

COLIN HARRISON.
The Rell Fonndry, Loughborough.

## THE HALESWORTH LEGACY.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-In reply to Mr. Black, the present position in that Mr. F. C. Lamhert says that he has evinence that the Walpole feast for the ringers dates back for oyer two lundred yenrs. That, moreover, rectain evidence was given to the Charity Commissioners (I expert atihe inquiry a hurdred years agol, which they accepted, tlant the field (now merged with others) was Walpole's legacy. Fe, thevefore, believes that his body of ringers has an unbroken existence since before Walpole's day.
Mr. Trollope believes that the legacy was antirely spent in one year. That tho body of ringers lias had a broten existence. And that some other legacy has acguired Walpole's name. These three statements are more or less likely, but cannot at present be proved. On the other hand. all may vitimntely be disproved. I think we may, so far, say that Halesworth Churcla has $n$ body of rimgers which luas undoubtedty the oldest history of any, and that this history probably proves that khey were in existruee in 1539.

Ufford Rectory.
HFiRBERT DRAKE.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL.

Included in the greater work on belis and bell ringing, which Mr. ل. Armiger Trollope has complated, is the history of many of the peals of bells in London. The article which follows is the first of a series which Mr. Trollope is contributing to our columns, and which we are sure will be read with great interest.
The Church of St. Sepulchre in the Bailey was built in the carly part of the twelfth century, probably on the site of an earlier Saxon church, and was rebuilt in the early Perpendicular period. It had some connection with the priory of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, which owned the patronage, and when the priory was dissolved in 1537 its ring of six bells 'in a tune' were sold to St. Sepulchre's.

The inventory and " accompt of -_ Churchwardens of the psyche churche of Saynt Sepulchre w'out Newgate London from the ffeast of Saynt Myhill Tharchangell in the fyrst yere of the rayne of our Sovraigne lorde kynge Edward the Sixt by grace of god Kyng of England, france and lreland Defe of the faythe \& of the Church of England \& also of I[reland] in yearthe the supreme head unto the feaste of saynte m[ichael] Tharchayngell in the third yere of the rayne Sovereyn Lord kyng Edward the Syxte," states that there were 'In the steple of the saide churche " Item one greate bell callyd Baynarde Castell that servythe the clocke and syxe other belles in one ryng and one santes bell."'

These six were a beavy ring, and it was on thern that we have the first recorded ringing with the names of the performers. On the 28 th of November, 1631 , a band consisting of men, all of whom had held the office of General in the Society of Cheapside Scholiers, rang the beils. The treble was rung single-handed, two men were put to each of the second and third, four to each of the fourth and fifth, and five to the tenor. What was rung is not stated, but almost certainly it was raising, round ringing and ceasing in peal.

St. Sepulchre's was badly dannaged by the Great Fire of 1666 , but was not destroyed, and the parish set about the work of restoration with commendable promptitude. Some of the bells, but not all, had been melted, and on October 30 th the vestry ordered ' that Edward Webster, founder, of Whitecross Street, clear and cleanse the belf thetal melted in the fire, and upon delivery of the same to Mr. Carter so cleared Mr. Carter to pay him after the rate of 14 s . for every cwt. of bell metal.' Neither Webster nor Carter is known as a bell founder. Carter may have been a relative of the William Carter, who some years previously owned the Whitechapel foundiry.

The order was not carried out, and in the following December it was ordered and agreed by the vestry that the churchwardens ${ }^{\text {r }}$ do forthwith cause all pieces of broken metal to be taken up and weighed with the metal cleaned out of the dust and that they deliver the same to John Hodson of Bishopsgate Street London, carpenter, he giving his Bond to cast the same into three sound and tunale bells of such weight as shall be agreed on and to carry away the bell metal and deliver the bells at his own charge before Easter day next, the bells to weigh the full weight when cast and delivered as the bell metal shall contain which is to be delivered to him. And that in consideration hereof the churchwardens pay Mr. Hodson after the rate of $20 s$. for every cwt. the bells shall
weigh to be paid him when the bells shall be hanged up and approved of for sound turable bells.'

In the following February the vestry took steps for the re-roofing of the steeple and for naking of floors, providing of wheels, and other necessaries for the rehanging of the bells against they be brought in from the belt


THE TOWER OF \$T. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH, SNOW HILL.
founders; and on March 22nd, 1667, the churchwardens were directed ' to be very careful as to the weighing of the bells and for bringing them into the church.?

At the time not only had the parish the task of rebuilding the church on its hands, but also a great number of the parishioners had been ruined by the fire. That in those circumstances the vestry should have found the money to restore the bells, or even the time to think about them, shows how much they were valued.

Hodson's bells apparently did not agree very well with
those that had been saved from the fire, and on March 2 ist, 167I, it was ordered 'that the Deputy Common Council and Churchwardens or any five of them treat with Hodson the bellfounder concerning the bells that are faulty and make some agreement with him as they shall think fit.

What was done does not appear, but shortly afterwards a Mr. Darby, a beil founder, was called in by the Vicar and apparently the ring was increased to eight. Darby was paid $£ 676$ s., and a Mr. Allen, a bell hanger, $£_{\mathrm{I} 2}$ I3s. 6 d . About the same time a Mr. Wyse was given an order 10 make a clock and chymes, the new barrel to be for eight bells.

Mr. Darby, the bell founder, was evidently John Durbie, of Ipswich, who in the same year cast a ring of six for the neighbouring Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, and not, as is usually supposed, the rather notorious Michael Darbie.

In 1675 two trebles were added to make a ring of ten, and towards the cost the turret at the top of the tower, which apparently was in a dangerous condition, was ordered to be taken down and the materials with the lead and a bell to be sold.

This bell was the successor of the mediæval saunce bell, which, as it many other churclues, had been hung in a lurret, so that it could be heard all over the parish.

Darbie's beils were not satisfactory. On August 5th, 1678 , the vestry ordered that he be paid no more money til! he hath made good the first bell." He recast one bell, and then the churchwarden was told ' to pay him what is due to him on the former account for casting the two least bells and also what metal he hath added to the bell last cast, and as for his recompense for new casting the said bell, the Vestry do suspend the same till the same bell be better approved.' In other words, the vestry did not see why they should pay him for putting right his own faulty work, especially as they were still not quite satisfied.

The ten bells at St. Sepulchre's were almost certainly the first on which Cater changes were rung. There were ten at St. Michael's, Cornhill, before the fire, but at that time Triples and Major had scarcely been thought of, let alone Caters and Royal. There were twelve at York Minster, and ringing was popular there, but there is no reason to suppose that the art of change ringing had been much developed or practised there. Lichfield Cathedral bells were recast into a ring of ten in 1671 , and Christ Clurch bells at Oxford were made ten two years after St. Sepulchre's. The Loyal Youths at Lichfield, so far as we know, did not do very much in the way of change ringing, and though Grandsire Caters was much practised at Oxford, that was not until the next generation.

In i680, the steeple of St. Sepulchre's was repaired, and in i685 James Bartlett, of Whitechapel, recast one of the bells, which seems, however, not to have been satisfactory, and the churchwardens were instructed to make an agreement for a new bell.

In 1695 , the tenor was cracked, and it was ordered by the vestry that ' notice be given to the noted bell casters in the City to bring in their proposals for recasting the bell,' The order was given to Thomas Covey 'upon his sealing such articles and giving such security as should be approved by the churchwardens."

The tower was now the principal change ringing centre in London. The College Youths met there, and, no
doubt, also, the London Scholars. In 1684 , the former company rang what are said to have been the first touches of Grandsire Triples, and on January 7 th, 1689 , they are said to have rung the first peal ever accomplished. The account of this performance is contained in a statement made in writing in one of the society's peal books. It runs as follows: 'On Jan. 7 th, $1689-90$, the whole peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung out at St. Sepulchre's without Newgate London in 3 hours and 45 minutes (and the first trial) being the first 5,040 that ever was rung.

In another account in one of the society's books the peal is given as having been composed with two singles and conducted by Benjamin Annable.

This latter statement is certainly inaccurate, and that, and the early date of the performance, have led most writers to reject the whole account as spurious. It was not until 17 is that the peal of Grandsire Bob Tripies, which is generally recognised as the first peal, was rung at Norwich. No record of the 1689 performance was preserved by the Coilege Youths and, when Annable and his band rang their peal of Bob Triples at Southwark, they claimed it as the first in the method. In addition, no true peal of Bob Triples had been composed at so early a date.

It is, therefore, certainly very doubtful if any such peal was rung in 1689 -go. Nevertheless, it is not so unlikely as some people have thought. We have good reason for believing that one or two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung before 1700 , althougls the composition was false, and, although there had as yet been no true peal of Bob Triples composed, there was a composition which quite well may have been the one rung.

It was calted Restoration Triples, and was preserved by Annable in his note book. It is on a plan which was already obsolete when he wrote it down somewhere about 1730. The work is the same as Plain Bob Triples, but instead of the courses being put together by bobs and singles they are joined by a number of Extremes made at the course-ends only, and on the plan of the old Plain Changes.

The man who wrote the account in the College Youths' book got his information at second or third hand from a manuscript long since lost, which was written at Oxford in 1738 . How far that manuscript was accurate, and how far what it said has been altered and distorted by the nen who afterwards reproduced it, we cannot say. But there is at least the possibility that a peal was rung. (To be continued.)

## MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE RECOVERING.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, Several ringing friends bave sent very kind and welcome letters to Mr. T. Groombridge, seu, since his zecent accident. I would be pleased if you could allow me on his behalf to thank those who hava written and to explain to those who have had no reply that this is due to the fact that he is lardly fit for the secretarial dess yet.
He is slowly mending but these jobs take time, even for a youngater, and I can assure thase who have written him that news from the Frercise is a tonic to him in his present enforced idleness.
T. GROOMBRDGE, Jun.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Nurthera Branch. -The mecting atranged by the Girmsby District on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at Uiceby, has had to be cancellect. -H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-The quarterly meeting, which was to have been held at Ashby Folville on Sept. 16th, has been cancelled owing to the present situation.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Southern District.-To-morrow's meeting will take place as announced. Ringing at St. John's, Penge (6) (two minutes Penge E. or Penge W. Stations), from 2.45 to 4.30 , and at St. (ieorge's, Beckinghann (10) (one minute Beckingham Junction) $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. until dark. Please support this meeting if you possibly can and help to keep the llag flying. - P. A. Corby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. - Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{n}$. Tea and meeting to follow at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. -R. Bromk, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwowl Terrace, 'lopsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict-A meeting at Frensham on Saturday, Sept. I6th. Belts (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 at the Marindin Institute. All welcome.-C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughborough District.-Will members please note that the meeting fixed for Sept. Z3rcl will not take place. Fiull notice of any future arrangements will be given.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - North Norfolk Branch.-Will members please note that the mecting arranged to be hetd at (iarveston on Sept. 23rd has been cancelled? - H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The l.izard, Wymondham, Nortolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bolion Branch.The meeting arranged for Horwich on Sept. 23rd has been cancelled.--Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The meeting arranged to be held at Bowdon, Cheshire, on Saturday, September $2_{3}$ rd, is cancelled.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch.

- Please note that, owing to the war, the joint meeting with the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at Bowdon on September 23 rd, is cancelled.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.
gLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Pbilip's on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Please make an effort to attend, and a p.c. for for tea will oblige-A. M. Tyler, 5, Addison Road, Bristol 3.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 23 rd . Bells (8) available from $330 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers welcome, and will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. 1.. Roberts, 46, Asibourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staff's, not later than Wednesclay? - Andrew Thompson, Hon, Sec-

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting at 5.30 p.ml. Business important.-F. Hindie, Branch Sec

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A quarterly mecting will be held at Stavertón (6) on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Usual arrangements.-W. C. Moore, 5, Williams Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

MARCHINGTON, UTTOXETER, STAFFS. - The ring of four bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Tuesday, September 26th.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. -'Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice. A meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, September 26th, at 8.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon, Sec, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. - The annual dinner, arranged for Saturday, Sept. 30tin, is cancelled. Will the committee please make their own arrangements for the return of cash for tiekets already sold?-J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.
MIDLAND COLINTIES ASSOCIATION.-The quarterly meeting which was to have been held at Newarls on Sept. 30th has been cancellet. - W. E. White, Hom. Treasurer.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.The quarterly general meeting due to be held at Dunster on October 7 th is abandoned. It is hoped to arrange a quarterly meeting at Blackwell on January ith, and the annual meeting at Taunton or Easter Monlay, April 25th. Branches are urged to carry on with their meetings if at all possible. It is suggested that meetings be held at centres which involve the Icast amount of travel-ling.-W. M. K. Warren, Naster; J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Annual Dinner.This fusction, which was to have been held in Stockport, has been cancelted.-C. K. Lewis, Hon. Branch Scc.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Witney and Woodstock Branch.-Owing to present circumstances, the autumn meeting arranged to be held at Aston, near Bampton, at the end of this month, is hereby cancelled. -W: Evetts, Sec. Tackley, Oxon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood, on Saturday, September 3oth. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 , with address by the Rev. C. Broughton Thompson, Yicar. Tea (is.) at 5.3 o . Reports ready. Bus leaves Queen Square, Woiverhampton, at i and 3 Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.H. Knight, i5, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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## SUNDAY RINGING.

There is, as might have been expected, a divergence of views as to 'carrying on ' with ringing in the prosent conditions. In many places even service ringing has been entirely dropped, chiefly; it would seem, because there is a feeling that the sound of the bells would be out of place in days like these; although there are some cases where the silence is observed for fear of impeding air raid warnings if they happened to come. Where this latter is the reason, the abandonment of ringing is naturally the only course to take, but there is, we think, a good case to be made out for keeping the bells going on normal occasions. Peal ringing, as we pointed out last week, can hardly be permitted, except for some outstanding reason, but service ringing, at any rate in hours of daylight, ought not to be dropped wherever a band can be raised to continue it.

The Somerset County Police have definitely stated that, from the public point of view, there is no objection to the ringing of church bells, and this only follows higher authority which specially excepted bells from the operation of the Order in Council controlling noises. The lighting restrictions are going to curtail church services after nightfall, and that, in itself, will govern the use of the bells for evening services; otherwise there is every justification for using them for their normal Sunday purpose. There are, we imagine, many places where their notes would be a welcome relief in the stress of the times; their cheering sounds would come as a solace to the sadness which is clouding men's lives. We can respect the sentiment of those clergy who feel that these are no times for the ringing of church bells, but we cannot agree that because we are faced with a great upheaval, which threatens all that we hold dear, we should necessarily don a mental garb making life a drabs and dreary existence.

There is a difference between idle frivolity and an effort to maintain a spirit of cheerfulness in the face of a grave national emergency. Part of the defence on the home front is the maintenance of the morale of the people, and to rob them of every form of entertainment or relief from anxiety would be one of the surest ways of undermining their spirits. White some, therefore, may think the ringing of church bells out of place, large numbers, we are convinced, will welcome their sound and, where the bells have been stopped, will regret their silence. But there is also the other side of the ques(Continued on page 594.)

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tion. The drift from Sunday observance has long been a source of complaint among the clergy; the stress of war conditions may lead to a return, on the part of many, to a recognition of the higher things in life, and, surely, one of the best reminders is the call of the bells to all who hear to come and join in public worship in our churches. It is in this spirit that the bells should be rung to-day and, wherever they are remaining idle for fear of offending the susceptibilities of the public, we feel that the ringers raight well approach the clergy with these arguments, to get the ban removed. Neither the authorities nor the public want the ringing of bells, especially on Sundays, to be stopped.

## HANDBELLS.

Ringers who are debarred by war conditions from exercising their activities in the towers can still find an outlet for their energies. Handbell ringing is not only a useful substitute for maintaining interest, but is a lascinating hobby for those who take it up, and we suggest that, wherever possible, ringers should get together and begin practice.

Except for the few outstanding performances, like those of the Bushey ringers, and those in North Lincolnshire, handbell peal ringing bands seem to have declined in recent years. When war overtook us in 1914 there were quite a number of places where handbell ringers were active, and, in consequence, there was, even under the limited opportunities of the stress of war time, a certain output of peals. A glance round the Exercise to-day reveals few companies who have been supplementing their tower bell ringing with handbell peais. This, in peace time, was a matter for regret, but present day conditions might well be used, by those ringers who are left to carry on, to find pleasure and recreation in handbell ringing. It is, of course, a fact that double-handed ringing requires a somewhat different rechnique to change finging on tower bells, but a little study and persistent practice will enable the average ringer to overcome the initial diffeulties and enter a new field that can be of absorbing interest.

## RECORD OF NATIONAL SERVICE. <br> CENTRAL COLINCIL'S RECORD.

It is proposed by the Central Council to compile a record of those serving their country, both in His Majesty's Forces and civilian organisations.

Will all those serving, men and women, kindly forward the information, including name, home address and particulars of service, to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

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## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER. <br> WHAT COURSING ORDER MEANS. <br> Its Importance in Ringing.

Coursing Order is one of the most important things in change ringing and yet very few ringers ever stop and try to understand it and to see what it realiy is. This has been so from the beginning. It forced itself on the attention of early ringers, but they took it much as a matter of course, and it is not surprising that the definition in the ' Glossary' has just enough truth in it to be misleading. Let us spend a minute or two trying to understand the thing.

First of all write out a lead of Plain Bob Major and at the end, instead of making second's place, let the bells run round. We have now got what is called the Hunting Course, and the chicf feature of it is that all the bells plain hunt and do nothing else except plain hunt. Trace the paths of the treble and the second. You will see that the one follows the other at a regular interval, turning it from the lead and from behind, so that if a line is drawn along each of the two paths those two lines will be strictly parallel.

Just as the second follows the treble so does the fourth follow the second, the sixth the fourth, the eighth the sixth, the seventh the eighth, the fifth the seventh, the third the fifth, and the treble the third.

The paths of all these bells are parallel to each other and the order in which they follow each other is $1,2,4$, $6,8,7,5,3,1$. The order, you with notice, is cyclical, that is we can start with any bell we please and we shall get all the others in their due order and come back to where we started from.

This order is Coursing Order. It is actually what it says; it is the order in which the bells follow each other when hunting. But now we must point out and insist on a fact which is generally overlooked or ignored, which is that you cannot have a Coursing Order unless all the bell are hunting. Whenever you make a Place and some bells dodge while the others hunt, your Coursing Order is broken; and when they all resume hunting, the Coursing Order will be a different one from that which you had at first.

You need not stop now to test this by pencil and paper. For the present we want to get this point clear, that Coursing Order is the order in which bells follow each other when all of them are lounting.

Now write out the full course of Bob Major. It is only 112 rows, and if it takes you a few minutes it is worth the trouble; for the more pricking you do the easier it becomes. With a little practice you will soon be able to write even the most complex methods like London Surprise as fast as you can set the figures down.

At the first lead end of Plain Bob Major the third makes second's place and the other bells dodge. Let us see what happens.

The third had been coursing in front of the treble during the previous lead. It now makes second's place, leads again, and follows the treble up belind. Trace the paths of these two bells and you will see that they have changed places in Coursing Order. Meanwhile, the other bells by making a dodge have marked time. And so when, in the second lead, the hunting is resumed the Coursing Order is the same as it was in the first lead, except that the treble has changed places with the third.

The Coursing Order now is $87513^{2} 468$. The treble is after the fifth, instead of being after the third.

At the end of the second lead the fifth makes second's place over the treble, with the result that, instead of coursing in front of the treble, it hunts up behind it, the Coursing Order of the third lead being 871532468.

Second's place at the third lead end will put the seventh behind the treble. Second's place at the fourth lead end will put the eighth behiad the treble. And the other three lead ends will put successively the sixth, fourth and second behind the treble, which brings us back to the order from which we started.

We will now write down the Coursing Orders of the successive leads, and we will do it in two different ways; the difference being merely that in one we will start each with the treble, while in the other we will keep the working bells under each other as much as possible; but don't forget that all the orders must be read cyclically and that both tables are really the same.


Now notice that, all through, the seven working bells have not altered their Coursing Order relatively to each other, but that the treble has made a cyclical path through them from between the thitd and second round to the same position again.

The fact that the treble moves in this way by a connected patla through the Coursing Order of the other bells has given it the name of the Hunt. The title comes down from the very beginnings of the art of change ringing and is applied to any bell which performs a similar function.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

Ta the Editar.
Sir, I beg to call the attention of members who are hoping to aitend the annual meeting of the Lanenshire Association at Blackpool an Saturday, Soptember 30th, and have tea in St. John's School, to the necossity for sending on their pames as oarly as possible to me, so as to male the catorine as litile trouble as possible now that it is under war conditions. Members may rest assured that everything will be done for the comfort of all concorned.
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## CAPTAIN OF COLLEGE YOUTHS CRICKET TEAM.

## To the Editor.

Deas Sir -In reading pour issue of the $15 t h$ inst., I noticed that your referred in Four Belfry Gossip to the social furetions held in the past by the College Youtha and Cumberlands, and you refer to a cricket match played between tho two societies at Bathersas Park on September 4th, 1886, 53 years ago, and you go on to say you beliaved all the players in that particalar match were dead.
That is not exactly correct, seeing thet I was captain of the College Youths' eleven in that match and am still kicking about.
I cannot vouch for the other 21 plajers, though I know esveral not them have lovg aince gone to the Great Beyond.
I don't suppose I shall play in another poe, seaing I passed four seore years on the ceth ultime, without ringing another birthday peas. Lowestoft.
E.T. WOODLEY.

## TOURING IN THE WEST.

## THE B.U.R.G. EXCURSIONS. Events of an interesting Week.

Due, we are told, to a variety of causes, meluding the crisis and the outbreak of war, the folloving, account of the enjoyable week of excurrions in four or five counties in the West hats ouly just reached us. Nevertheless, it forms an interesting vecord of a very happy loolidey, in which' some thiity or noore Fingers took part.
The ringing week took placg in mid-August and was the third organised dy the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. It proved an even greater success than thiose of 1932 , and 1935, if luat is possible-at yny rete, some of the old stages, were heard referring to it as the "best ever.' It drew togethicr ringers from places as for distant as Whitley Bay in Northumberland and Crawley, Sussex, and from Port
Taibot in Glamorganstive to Sible Hedinglami in Fssex, while the Midiands were well represented.
The tourists, who arrived iu Bristol on Saturday, August 18th, were able to meet at St. Mary Redclifte in the erening, and with the assistance of nemmbers of the Brisiol United Guilds, enjoyed ringing upon the grand twelve, with its tenor of 52 cwt . 'st. Luke's, Bedminster, with a riug of six, was also visited.
Th 2 visitors had a cloice of about twelve towers for service ringing on Sunday moruing. In the atternoon they were invited by the committee of the B.U.R.G. to take part in a mystery tour. They assembled at the customary gathering place-St. Stepben' 8 Church-
at 3 p.mi, where Mr. E. Guise met and welcomed the party, aud where a happy reurion took place between those who had enjoyed the previous tours; here, too, they made new aequaintarites. The 'old 'uus' wers glad, too, to' welcome ' Freddy 'Hlito cheery driver on the previous tours-who was proud to disping thee giories of the latest new coach provided for the party's daily travels.
Climbing aboard, we soon found ourselves passing through the famous Avon Gorge, beneaih the Suspension Bridge at Clifton, and then, via the new low-level road known as Portway, to Avonmotuth, where we saw Bristol's docks. Severn Beach, Bristol's riverside resort, was next reached, and at Aust a halt was made for teas; after which we proceeded to olveston. Here the Vicar met us, and we rang for evensoug on the eight bells, with a tenor of 18 zl cwt. We aititended eyensong, and the Yicar in the course of his sermon referred to our
visit and extended $i$ lieanty welcome to us, After the service an visit and extended ${ }^{\text {a }}$ hirartig welcome to
interesting run brought us back to Bristol.

## IN THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY

Monday's tour took us through some glorious Citswold country, and Gloucestershire was looking at its best. At ibe commencement of the journey each momber of the party was presented with a most useful nud interesting ' Preview ' br M. J. G., and this added much to the interest of the tourists. Travelling wia Wiaterbourne end North Nibley, the birtiphaco of William TYyadale, we arrive at Stonelouse where we rang touches on the gix belle at the Church of St. Cyy. The 17 cwt. tenor here was cast by Rudhall, and the bells date from 1636. Quedgeley was next visited, End yarious toucles of iriples and Major were rung on the hardy eight with a tenor of
 ring on the bells of Gloucester Cathedral had heen obtiained, and
this privilege was reatiy appreciated. After a long dimb, we reached the spacious ringing chanber, and found that the boils, a good eight, tenor 21 cyt... liad been suplilied with e new set of ropes for our benefit! The lvells were soon set going in various methods, znd we appreciated the action of the Canon, who climbed the tower to
 not confined to one sex. A basty glance inside the Cathedral had to
suffice, for we were already belind with our programme ani soon we were speeding on to Nortion, where some quick touches were suan on the peal of eight, tenor 12 cwt., at St. Mary Priors.
Tewkesbury, with its famous Norman Abbey and numerous historical associations, wras our next stopping, place, but not for ringing., Lunch had been arranged heree, and, having disposed of it, we left Tewkeshury and crossed the border into Worcestershire England's fruit garden apparently. Luscious fruit was frequently displayed for sele by the roadside, but Freddy hurried on with an unseeing eye!

## PERSHORE'S DIZZY bFLL CAGE.

The Malvern Hills formed a grand pariorama as we journeyed on to Pershore, where we enjoyed the experience of ringing in the Eamous hell cage, situated at a great heifht in the tower, and more than one person seemed glad to climh down again. Also-whisper it-one inger didn't even get up there! Did he lose the way, I wonder P When all who wished to do so had rung, andi the camera fiends had done their bit, a move was made to the bell tower at Evesham, shere we enjoyed ringing on the fine ten-tencor 31 cowt. The River A.on attracted some of the party, while tee end ices claimed the attention of others, Then on to Charlton Kings, to try the peal of cight, dating from 1630 . The last call of the evening was at Ched morth, a charmingly situated Cotswold village, famous for its Roman villa. The Norman Church of St. Andrew contains a chsiined Genevan Bible, and lise a ring of six bells, tenor 11 cyt. The hameward route took us through the delightfiri old town of Cirencester, and, when Bristol was reached, the total distancee covered was approximately 140 miles.
Tuesday found us touring chiefty through witsthire. The first call was at Bitton, which posserses e perticularly Are perpendieular tower
and a grand ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt . Some excellent touches were rung here, and we were loath to leave these fine bells, but time waits for no man, so we sped on through the great Roman city of Bath, with a glimpse of its beautiful Abbey, and reached our next objective -Beckington, an interesting church with equints in the sanctuary and south aisle, a fine Early English octagonal font, and a ring of eight bells, tenor 18 ewt. Warminster wes soon reached, and ringing hite fine peal of eight, fenor 28 cwt., was much enjoyed, atter which wa did full justice to dinner.
The journey was then continued to Amesbury, stopping en route to view Stonehenge, After ringing on the heavy six at SS. Wary and Melorus, Ameshury, which boasts a monestic foundation, we travelled via Tidworth, with its extersive barracks and rifle ranges baid lyy one tourist to be known as 'Very Nearly,' because it was 'all butts 'to St. Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston, which also possceses it ring of six. A rum of half au hour brought us to Pewsey, anailer six-bell tower, and then we cet out for the last tower of the day, At one point Freddy, not quite sure of his route, leaned out and asked y voungster the way to Urchfont, but judging from his look of bewildermeat, the lad had never heard of such a place. However, one of the touristg eame into the "lunt ' at that point, and asked the boy if he could tell us the way to 'Urshunt'; the yokel's face lighted up with cheery inteligence as he promptly directed us or our way At Urchfont we enjoyed several touches on the eirht bells, and, after a short sta, y at Derizes for refreshments, reached headouartere once more after an enjoyable run of about 115 miles

We were enrly on the road on Wednesday, with a long day before us, during which we enjoyed to the full the beauties of Smiling Somerset. Passing through Pensford and Wells, with a passing glimpse of the west front of its glorious Cathedral, and on to Glastntabury, with ith ruins, we orossed Sedgemoor and eventually reached Curry Rivel, where we found a very fine peal of eight, tenor 198 cwit. Some good touches were brought round on these bells, and the visitors found an interesting monament on which the large family of a decensed couple was carved, including 'quins' in bed, complete with homnets and frills.
Going on through Taunton, with its fine towers, we arrived at Milverton, situated atiractively at the westem ond of Vale of Taunton, with a charming background of hills. It possesses a fine church coll taining some beautiful bench ends and choir stalls of early 16th century work, and a Norman font. Ringing on the peal of eight was followed by dinner. A short run then brought us to Wiveliscombe and soon the excellent ring of eight were responding gaily to various methods. A backward glance as we climbed out of the valley revealer the attraction of the position of this little town, nestling, as it does, among the bills on the banks of the River Tone

## ZUMMERZET TENORS AND ZIDER.

At Banpton, our next call, we found ourselves in Devon, and rang on the six bells, cast by Bilbic. It is said that, if yous come at flie right time, you can buy en Exmoor pony for lalf-a-crown. Dulverton on the River Barle, a short run from Bampton, is a typical moorland town, and the fine ring of eight at All Saints' Church was well used by the tourists. It was here that history was made for one lady ringer of the party, for she raug her first courge of Grandsire Triples. Back on the main road, we traversed part of the charming Exe Valley and climbed up to Whaddon Cross, with the Brendou Hills on our right, and Dunhery Beacon-1,707ft, the highest point of Exmoor-on our left. Passing through Dumster, with jts picturesque yam-market, wo reached Minehead, a charming little seaside resort, in time for tes. North Hill, 800 ft , hieh on which the old willage is situated, forms onte of Minehead's chief attractions, and commands fine views of the coast and moorland. Leaving Minehead, we trevelled on to Bridgwater, where we found an excellent ring of eight with a tenor of 273 cwt., and the ringing bere wis much enjoyed. The beautiful carved onk pulpit and the Jacobean screen are some of tile chief glorieg of this church. We saw the strong tide flowing un the fiver Parrett, which is noted for its bore twice daily. The general topics for discussion among the gentlemen during the day seemed to be the weights of the various tenors and the flavour of the ' Zant merzet Zider.' On returning to Bristol, we had travelled about 253 miles.
Thursday's journey took us into Wiltshire once more. Travelling through Mangotsfield and Pucklechurch, we found the elusive church at Dyrham, after a prolonged search, and various methods were rung on the six bells there. Passing on through Chippenham and Wootton Bassett, we came to St. Mary's Church, Purton, an interesting cruciform building, possessing a western tower and a central spire. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the liendy ring of six. Leaving Crichlade and Marston Meysey behind us, we reached Fairford, Saxon bown situated on the सiver Coln, and important onolugh to be mentioned in Donegday Book. Ringing took place on the fone rimb of eight in the beautiful Charch of St. Mary, famed for its magnificent ald stained glass windows. They are gaid to be the largest number and the finest spocimens of sixteenth century glasswotk now existing in Fingland. The "Doom Window" at the west ond is particulnyly interesting. The chancel contains some finely carved mikerere seats. After doing full justice to the excellent lunch provided at the White Hart Hotel, wo joismeved on through Lechlade to Highworth, where the Vicar gave us a kindly welcome, and where geveral touches were rung on the eight bells, tenor $17 \frac{1}{2}$ cwi. Ar interesting Norman tympanum is to be seen at this church. Orir route afterwards lay (Continued in next column.)

## MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED.

The special memorial service that it was proposed to hood at Barnsley on Saturday, September Sth, in memory of the Inte Mr C. D. Potter, president of the Barnsley and District Society, was postponed on account of the outbreak of war, but the decision was Laken too late for notice to be inserted in "The Ringing World.' The service was postponed on the advice of the Rector of Barmsley (Cavon W. E. Wikinson), as he thought it would oause umnesessary travel when it ought to be svoided.
It is hoped to arragege the memorial service as soon as possible. It is also hoped, if circumstances allow, to hold the next meoting at Monk Bretton on Saturday, October 7th, and to arrange tower-bell ringing until dark and afterwards to lold the tea and business meeting, following which laandbells will be availalle.

## TAUNTON RINGERS VISIT BRISTOL.

The ringers at St. James", Taunton, and friends paid a visit to Bristal and adjoining district on August z6th for an outing. The towers visited were Long Ashton, Knowle, SS. Philip and Jacob's and St. James'. Bristol. Aiter first ringing at the two towers mentioned. the party gat down to an excellent meat tea. The riaging comprised ronnds, Grandsire und Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stodmant Caterg, Plain Boh, Dnuble Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The ringing was in some cases good, in others about the aversge for mixed hands. Thanks are due to Mr. W. G. Gigg for the excellent frrnigements made for the outing and to Mr. W. A. Gave for his assigimace at the Bristol end; also to all the incumbentas and those in charge at the various churchen for meeting the party and their kindly hefp. A start whs made for hame about 8.30, stopping at Huntsficld for a light supper.

## TOURING IN THE WEST.

(Continued from previous column.)
throagh 5 windon, Broad Hinton and Avehury, where we saw the site of the largest Druidical remains in England. The beatsiful chutch at Calne was next reached, and touches were enjoped on the ring of eight. Near Calne, the Gherhil] White Horse, perhaps the oldest in Fingland, is to ba seen. A sloort ran brought us to Melksham, where, after ringing on the good octave, we endeavoured to obtain ten, and onty succeeded in doing so after herculean efforts helind the scenes by Miss Thompron. Bathford was the last tower on the list for the day, and here we found a pice little ring of six after a steop climah. A pause for refresluments and ofriendly clant in the twilight, end then a quink run into Bristiol, with seven more towers, and 107 more miles in the 'hag.'
(To be continued.)

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PUAEICATIONS

To the Edifor.
Dear Sir, I wish to express my regret for the continued deley in ezecuting orders for Q.C. publicntions. I expressed a wish in your columns at the end of Jyly for no orders before Soptember 12th, but orcumatarces have made it impossible for me to get it the books bofore next week, when I will compleve orders as soon as I can.
W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon, Librsrian.

## OPEN BELLS APTER FUNERAL.

GUILDFORD GUILD LOSES LIFE WFMBFR.
In eccordance with her wishes, the bells of St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Surrey, were rung open after the funeral of Miss Rose Geraldine Middleton, who died at the age of 75 yemrs. Sle was the elder daughter of the lato Rev. F. M. Middleton, u former Vicar of Camberley, of which parish Forklown forms a part.
Fow Cemberley residents can have been more loved or respected than Miss Middleton. A groat churohworker, ghe had devoced the many yoars of ber long residence in the town in furthering the cause of the churcli, particularly is the parishes of St. Mifleee's and St. George's, and lier generosity fowards all good oausps was well known. She was held in high easteem by all sections of tite community.
Miss Middleton took grent interest in the beils and ringere, as in cvery pllier department of charch life in Camberley, where the gonerosity of her father had provided the tower aud epive of Yorktown Church, whila he also huilt and presented St. George"s Clurrh to the parish
Miss Middleton was a life member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, and when the Guildford Diocessifi Guild was formed at the end of 1927 she hecame one of tits fltst life mernbers.
The Guildford Guild mond the local ringers were represented at the funeral hy Mr. F.J. Ewens, and a wreatis was cent in the name of the Farnliem District.

## PASTON'S NEW BELL DEDICATED.

On Salurday, September 2nd, the new troble bell and electric clock recently inslailed by Messrs. Gillett, and Johnston, of Croydan, at the Chureh of St. Margaret, Pastion, Norfolk, were dedicated by the Res. J. Fr. Williams, Tector of South Walelean.

The hell, which completes a ring of six, and the clock were a gift to the charch by the late Dr. Noel Dean Bardiswell.
Very few ringers attended the ceremony, as, owiag to the crisis in the fnternational situation, all ringing aitier the fedication was cencelled

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## BEEFRY GOSGIP.

Herr Hitler is a nuisance and has oansed a considerable amount of nconvenience to quite a lot of people. If it had not been for him before this hoth Mr. Tom Coles and Mr. Jim Beanett would have rung their thousandth peal, and, as they hoped, together. Now Mr. dint Bennett, altered into Sergeant-Major James Benneft, of the Royal Marines, is attending to other things.
Also with ordinary luck Mr. Ernest Turner would have completed a rather unusual feat by caling within the year a peal on all mumbers of beils from five to fwelve. He needed only a peal of Caters to complets the list and that shosld heve been rung on the Yorkshire tour. Earlier in the year Mr. J. S. Goidanaith had rung a peal on all numbers in less than sir months, In neitber case was there any deliberate attempt zaade to perform the feat.
The number of men who have called a peal on all numbers must be a amall one. Neither the late willidm Pye nor, if we recoliect. aright, James W. Woshbrook is included. Mr. C. T. Coles has com pleted the series and Mr. C. E. Borrett and a few others. The fact is, of course, that the men who have the opportunity of calling peals an ten and twelve bells seldom care to stare for peals on fove. Erneat Turner's list contains tiwo peala of Grandsire Doubles, one minhadbells and one in the tower. In one there was not a single six-score rung. In the other there were 42 all called differently.
Mr. Malcolm C. C. Melville, formerly han. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, is to be ordaiced deacon by the Bishop of Bristol at Bristol Cathedral, on Sunday morning, to serve is the perish of SE, Paul, Swindon.
Mr. Melville thas been active in teaching ringing to the shuderth at: Liehfield College during his resitence there. His now andress will be Highcliffe, 81, Connty Road, Swrindon.
Last Sunday (SEeptember 17th) wns the tercentenery of the death of Joseph Hatch, of Uloombe, who cast many bells in Kent during the early years of the seventeenth centary. His best mnown hell is the Bell Harry, which langs on the top of the central tower of Canterfury Cathedral and is used as the serfice bell. It is dated 1635 and in the same year he restored the rigging peal gupplying tioree new bells. One of his earljest bells, the fifth to this ring of six, was cast in 1606 . The whole ring was recast in 1727 by Siamuel Knight. and augmented to the full octave.
Service ringing lan not been stopped at Kiagston-on-Tluames, and the local company will be glad to welcome any ringer at 10 a.b. on Sundays.

## FALSE PEALS.

## YORFSHIRE DISCOVERIES.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-I have recently been checking some of the old composifions rung by the Yorkshire Association and regret to say thai I have found a furtber two that are false. I ask all those who have copies of our reports to make a note of them.
The first, it very old one, is \& four-part peal of Bob Major, 5,440 changes, composed by Thomas Weat. This was rung at Otley on Aug. $12 t h, 1882$ (No. 205 of the association's performances) and was conducted by the onnponer. Jasper Snowdon took part in this peal and, especially as lie compiled all the association's reports during his presidency, it is remarkable that he overlooked the composition, as it is hopetessly filse. This goes to prove, once more, how easily a false composition can pass serutiny no metter how capable the serutincer may be.
The other false peal is a 5,040 of Double Norwich by J. H. Blakiston and is in three parts, with an additional opening block of three courses This, also, was rung at Otley on April 14th, 1923 (No. 2,852 of the association's performances). Parts of the 2nd and 3rd courses repest in the 13 th and 1 名th courses of the peal. Two variations of the same composition by the same composer, one a 5,008 , the other a 5,040 , which have been rung by the association, are true
As far as I can sey at the moment, there have bsen 18 falge peris, including one of Minor, rung by the Yorkehire Assomation out, of a total of 4,252.
W. BAETON, Peal Secretary.

## TWILVE-BELL RINGING.

To the Editor.
Sir,-I was very surprised to read in the September 8ih issue Mr. Rohert Deck's lefter questioning the advisability of twelve-tell rings and comparing their wusic unfarourably with that of the octave.
To me the roll of a heary or medium twelve-bell peal is inspiring and magnificent. When in Londnn over the Sundey I always go to hear Taylor's fine set at St. Paul's on Sunday morning. The striking is nearly always very goon and the music magnificent. I have heard nearly all the twelve-bell peals one time or another well and evenly struck, but perbaps I have been lucky.
Our own Parish Cherch of St. Martin, Birmingham, bas a long and distinguished record for twelve-bell ringing, and bad striking hes nover been tolerated
Change ringing on twelve bells is, of course, more diffenlt than on eight, and admite of no slip shod work, while the fact that most ringers aspire to the accomplishment of a pesl on the larger number of bells is, I think, conclusive,

Moseley. Birmingham.

## CHURCH BLLLS IN WAR TIME. RINGERS' DUTY. <br> To the Editor.

Sir,-The advice given in your columns on the question of ringing during the war is sound and well timed. The duty alike of ringers and church authorities is to carry on with concentrated energy and even increased regularity.

Whether in days of peace and plenty, or in time of war, pestilence or famine, Sunday is still the Lord's Day and maintains its claim to be honoured with the pealing of the bells. Amid the turmoil and upheaval of strife and tumult the eternal verities commemorated on the great Christian Festivals still stand unchanged, and call for due celebration with the Church's instruments of sacred music. Whatever trials our country may endure, the blessings bestowed upon our Throne and nation will give occasion for joy and thankfulness, and it is the time-honoured privilege of ringers to give public expression to those feelings with the 'voice of melody.
Nor should ringers' practices be entirely suspended, any more than those of organist and choir: only in the use of tower bells for this purpose there is obvious reason for exercising discretion with due regard to immediate circumstances.
One of the wisest sayings uttered during the last war was that "organised depression is not going to win the war." Amid the unknown trials and troubles of the days now upon us it is the high and sacred privilege of all those responsible for the use of our church bells boldly to proclaim the message of Purcell's famous Bell Anthem: ' Rejoice in the Lord alway.
F. LI, EDWARDS.

## Kington Magra Rectory.

## SOMERSET POLICE SANCTION RINGING.

Dear Sir ,-On behalf of the company of ringers to which I am attached, I visited the Somerset Police Headquarters, which are here in Taunton. I was informed that we could carry on as usual for Sunday service ringing. Seeing that it is dark now fairly early, they advised no practice, as some of the church bells in outlying districts had to be used as an air raid warning.

Great care has got to be taken that towers have no light showing from outside.

I have permission from an incumbent to attempt a peal, provided it is over before dark. The request for permission was made before war broke out.
J. HUNT

Taunton

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Lancashire Association will hoid their annual meeting at Blackpool, as arranged, on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. The various towers will be open during the afternoon for ringing, which will cease at 4 p.m. Service and tea and meeting will follow. Four names are to be submitted for the vice-presidency, and a motion is to be proposed that, in future, each branch of the association be allowed to elect one member for the Central Counci] in rotation.

It has been decided to abandon the Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner this year. It was to have been held at York on October 14th.

So far, no restrictions have been placed on the Sunday service ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fielòs, Trafalgar Square, and the bells are being rung on Sunday mornings as usual.

We are informed that our surmise that the joint meeting of the College and Cumberland Youths at Croydon might have to be abandoned is correct. Perhaps, when the war is over, plans may again be laid for this event to take place.
At Aldershot Parish Church practices are being continued on Fridays from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and there is ringing for service on Sundays at $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Any ringers on military service in the area will be welcomed.
While ringing has had to be suspended for the time being at Enfield (Middlesex) Parish Church, it is hoped to get the bells rung again soon, at least every Sunday morning.
The dedication of the bells at Marchington, Staffs, has been postponed.

## CAKRYING ON AT BROMLEY.

Sir,-Our leader, Mr. Emery, suggests that II write you to say that we at the Parish Church, Bromley, are doing everything possible to keep the ringing fraternity together during these times, and we ask if you will say through the columns of the 'Ringing World' how glad we shall be to welcome any ringers on Sunday mornings. We ring from io until in, and shall make any visiting ringers to our district very welcome and see that they will 'have a puil.' P. SPICE (Secretary).

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

The following meetings have been cancelled:-
SEPTEMBER 23 rd.
Guildford Diocesan Guild, Cherlsey District, at Ottershaw.
Oxford Diocesan Guild, at Wargrave.
SEPTEMBER 30 th.
Guildford Diocesan Guild, Guildford District, at Ewhurst.
Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch, at Walpole St. Peter.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Alton and Petersfield District, at Froyle.
Yorkshire Association, joint meeting at Shipley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at Bartonoon-Humber.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association annual meeting.

## OCTOBER 7 th.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Dunster.

## FAREWELL TO MR. L. STILWELL. <br> DEPARTURE FROM WINDSOR.

On Sunday evening, September 10ti, Berks and Buoks 'boys gathered in force at St. Mary's tower, Slough, and shared in the gervice ringing to give Mr. Leonard Stilwell, of Windeor, a send-off. After 33 耳ears residencs in a corner of the Diocese of Oxiord, Mr. Stalwell is retraraing to his ative sussex to wake up new business.
Some 18 ringers were present and joined in the tonches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, conducted by Messrs, Bateman, Stilwell and Barker respectively. Amongst thoge who offered good wishes over the farewell handzhake were half a dozen of the old 1914 'war horses' and a team of coptagenarians. Beritrhire's logs is a Sugsex gein, as Mr. Stilwell is ceasing to pull the belle of the borough of Windsor, sad will turu his attention to those of Pulborough.
Mr. Stilwell will be much missed in the Windsor district, whers he hat been 8 tawer of strengtis to ringing. He was ore of the enterprising band that in the last few years rang quite a number of new Surprise methods in that cormer of the country where Berks, Bucks, Middleses and Surrey meet.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

## ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL. <br> (Coutinued from page 589.)

It 1699 the ninth bell at St. Sepulchre's was cracked. It is possible that the parish was slow to put the matter right, and so the College Youths, rather than go without their Grandsire Caters, decided to do it themselves. Anyhow, after consulting the churchwardens, Richard Castleman, Peter Bradshaw, and Elisha Mason appeared before the vestry and offered to take down the bell, recast it, and bring it home and set it up again in six weeks' time, all at their own charges.
Castleman and Mason were that year the stewards and Bradshaw one of the leading members of the society. The vestry accepted the offer and referred it to the churchwardens ' to see the bell taken down and delivered to the said persons weighing the same out and in ; they, the said churchwardens, then taking security from the said persons for the performance of the matter proposed, and that they be obliged to return the said bell of the same weight and goodness and metal as it now is or better. If any of its weight should be wanting they should pay to the churchwardens the value thereof and take care they do no damage to the other bells.'

To-day, if a man offered to restore the bells or other churcb property at his own expense, it would seem a rather offhanded and discourteous thing to ask bim to give security, but in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it was the custom. The churcb and its fittings were the property of the parish; the churchwardens were the trustees, they could be held personally responsible for anything that might happen, and might find themseives involved in financial liability should anything go wrong. There was no pretence on the part of the College Youths that their act was to benefit the parish. They wanted the bell so that they could ring Grandsire Caters.

In 1701, Elisha Mason, again, we may suppose, acting for the College Youths, saw to the recasting of the second, but this time the parish paid 6533 . 6 d . for the job.

Ahout this time the steeple had got into a bad state of repair, and the vintner of the Castle Tavern hard by complained that stones were falling from it and had damaged his house. In 1705 a committee was formed to raise money and have the necessary repairs completed.

In 1712 the seventh was recast and the whole ring overhauled and rehung. Whether the great bell called Baynard Castle, 'that servyth the clocke,' had escaped the fire is not clear, but it seems probable, and it or its successor was still hanging ' by itself in the !oft next the ringing loft,' that is in the chamber between the belfry and the ring of ten. It was now taken down and sold, and the proceeds devoted to the repair of the bells and the church. Richard Helps cast the new seventh at a
charge of $£_{22}$ 1os., and was also paid $£ 30$ for rehanging the ring.

Apart from the doubtful peal of 1689 , only one five thousand is known to have been rung on the old belis. This was Grandsire Caters by the College Youths in 1731. It was conducted by Annable, and the peal book claims it as the first that was rung in that steeple, which may mean the first peal of Grandsire Caters or the first peal of any sort. Probably the latter is meant.

On March roth, ${ }^{1739}$, the vestry passed a resolution that ' all the old bells (except the old treble) being nine bells in number should be taken down out of the steeple and new cast and also that a new bell be cast to make up the said nine bells to ten bells to he rung together in deal."


ST. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.
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The new ring was cast by Samuel Knight and, as the inscription on the ninth tells us, was bung by Robert Catlin. The treble was recast by Thomas Mears in 1807 , the sixth and seventh and tenor in 1830 . The rest of Knight's bells are still in the tower. They are a very fine ring, one of the best of the old style, and, in my opinion, able to hold their own with any of the moderns.

The first peal on Knight's bells was 5,200 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Eastern Scholars, rung on April $7^{\text {th }}, 174$ r, the first ever accomplished in the method. Little more than a month later the College Youths rang 5,000 changes in the same method. Both societies erected boards to commemorate their performances, and on the College Youths' panel is the couptet:-

When merits justif due a little praisa thes serveth
A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.
This led to a tradition that the other performance was faise, either in the composition or in the ringing, but there seems to be no real justification for such an opinion. It was no unusual thing to put a motto on a
peal board, and the sentiment of this one is pretty trite and commonplace.

In this same year the College Youths rang the first touches of London Court Royal, but apparently they did not think enough of the method to ring a peal. That was left for James Barhan and his band at Leeds in Kent.
Another interesting performance on these bells was 5,040 changes of Eastern Bob Royal by the Eastern Scholars on Felruary 19th, 1750 , the only peal ever rung in the method. Except that it is not symmetrical, the method is a good one, and belongs to the same class as Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.
The only length on the bells of over six thousand thanges was 6,390 Grandsire Caters by the College Youths in ${ }^{1752}$. This was one of the two peals conducted by John Holt when he was with that society.
Fifty years ago the board recording the Eastern Scholars; peal of Treble Bob was still in the belfry, though in a dilapidated condition. To-day the College Youths' board is the only one remaining, but in the base of the tower there is a board recording 5,111 changes of (irandsife Caters rung in 1793 by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths, and three ninetcenth-century boards hung so high on the walls that they cannot be read. Two record peals by the St. James's Society- 5,055 Stedman Caters on January 25 th, 1857 , the first in the method on the leells, atul 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal on Novemher 6th, :869-and one by the Cuniberland Youths, 5,001 Stedman Caters in $\mathbf{3 8 8 0}$. There is also a more recent tatilet for a peal in the same method by the Middlesex Association.

## RINGERS TAKING HOLY ORDERS.

Fino the Editor.
Dear : sir, -Many riugers will be izterested in the artooucentent that IWo of their fellows are to be made deacons at Bristol Cathedrit on sunday next at 10.30 n.m. Thier are Kemelh Coesr Bavis, of St. Ronifiace College, Warriusiter, Wilts, and Maicolin Charies Crompton Melville, of Lielheld College, Staffs, and it is a lappy coincidence that they are to be admitted to Holy Orders tugether.
Malcoin Melvile is a popular and well known member of the Exercise, and wes for a wlile seeretary of the Warwick Guila. His inture centre is to be Swindon, Wilts, where be is to serve iu St . Panl's zarish.
Kennelh Davis, although perhups less well known, is very papular with all who know him, and lo has done a lot to stir up interest round his liome area at Blaydon, Somerset, as well as round Warminster. \#is future work will be in Bristol, where he is to serve in the prishl of All Hallows, Easton.
Roth were participauts in the ten days' tour recently organised by Htre National Union of Tower Snatchers. and it is confidenty anticipatod that they will continue their interest in ringing, although probably in a somewina nore seftate maniner.
It is felt that many ringers will probahly like to remember them in their prayers, when, ait this lime, they ure setting nut on theer strat Lask.

Southend.

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETJNG UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

The manting of the Faraliam District of the Guildford Diovesan Guild, held at Frensham on Saturday, proved to be a very successial and happy one, in spite of many misgivings on the part of the organisers about the effects the international situation might have oll the function. The local ringers, who aro very keen and enthusiastic supporters of the Guild, luad made preparations to receive the visiting ringers, end the ringing conmeuced soon after 3 p.m., Bob Minar, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford aud Grundsire, Siedman and Bob Doubles being run.
The Vicar of Frensham (the Rev. L. G. Allens) couducted fhe Guild's special form of service and gave an address. Mr. John Clsuler, it the organ, deputised for Mr. T. A. Stroud and acconpanied the hymos, "In town and ix village our clurch bells to-day" and. The sacred bells of England.' The 150th Psalm and the Nune Dinsittis were chanted.
In his address the Vicar quoted a werge of one of Browning'e juems, the last line of which ries, 'God's in His Henven-all's right with the world.' How often, he said, we meet people bowed dowu with sorrow, boredom or passion and the somad of music and perlieps the: sound of the church bells lifts Ulem up. The bells are a counterpart of the make-up of our lives. Young people, playing in the fields or streats, hear the bells ringing, but are quite unconscious of their music, but many years afterwards some soutd stits their menory to recall those past days of their childhood when they heard the wells ringing.

## VICAR'S ADVICE TO RINGERS.

Inook at the uses men were making of metal toduy, he proccedud, Guns, lorries, shells-all so rery unsatisfactory, and yet the use wh metal for the making of belis was so difterent! And the ringers themselves. Did their work become merely medthical-as St, houl said "chnging brass or a tinkling cymbal ? Rjagers should not let Wheir part of the church work become merely medhanical. Lek them try to find a frest thrill in ringing and in prayars. luet them endeavour to become a complote and juppy unit in Christ's Churth. Tbe had been prepared in the Marindin Institute by Mrs. Chander and helpers and a company of 30 ast down to an excellent meal.
The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair, supportad by Mr. A. J. Clater (churchwardon and local ringing captain) and the district secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer). Three ringing mentbers from Ash, the Misses L. Allden, B. Barnaly and M. Stovold, und Mr. Fi, Munday, of Besingstoke (compounding nizember) were elected.
The hon. secretary drew attention to the next meeting, which is to ba held ak Farnhorough on Wednesday, October 11th. It is lroped all who eas will support this meeting, beosuse if it were not well attended, Wednesdny gatheringe would have to chase next year.
Mr. Ohuter expressed appreviation for assistance given to Premslam by tho Adershot riagers, and, replying, Mr, C, W, Denyer sand it was a pleasure to help, as the ringers at, lrensham were so keen to progress. It was hoped to restart the practices again clootly, when black-out arrangemeats lad been made in the ringing chamber.
Thanks were extended to the Vicar for permitting the use of the balls and for conducting the service; to Mr. John Chuter for coming at short notice to play the organ; to the caterers and local ringers. The Fiear, in reply, said be was delighted to welcone the Guild to Frensbam
The tower hells and handbells wexe again rung in the evening, but an early finish had to bo made owing to lightilg restrictions, Nine towers were represented, viz., Alderghot, Ash, Seale, Farnham, Fremshan, Basingstoke, Pirbright, Cranleigh and Yorktown.

## AN INTTERESTING OHUROH.

Frensham Church recently commenorated its 700th anuiversury, Aud durigg its long life it has passed through meny phases. Thas edifice of 1239 was a humble structure withoat a tower, ind probalily possessen but one bell, which was hung in a cot above the roof. The foundation of the present tower was laid in the early pact of the 14 th century and the clurch then cousisted of nave and chaucel. An aisle was added in 1827 and a thorougli restoration was made in 1869 , which left the building substantially as it is now.
At the time of Edward VI., when inventories were made of the goods and ornaments of all the churches in Frgland, there were three bells and s saunce bell. Ellis Knight, of Reading, recast them and made them into a ring of four or tive in the year 1e87. Three of the beils, the present thard, fourth and tenor, are still in the steenle. The preant fifth dates from 1658, the second was cast by Ronert Catiin in 1745 and the treble was added in 1897. Enlis Knight was the ancester of Samuel Knight, who moved his foundry to london, where he cast several famous peals of belis, including St. Saviour'g, Southwark, St. Sepulclire's, Holborn, end St. Margaret's, Westminster. Erobert Catlin was his foreman and successor.

A curio standing in the charch is an ancient copper candaron 8 ft. 8 m . in circumference. Little about it is known for certais, but probably it was used for warming beer at the 'church ales' which used to be held in the churchyard.

## NOTICES.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey District. -The meeting at Ottershaw that had been arranged for Sept. 23 rd has been cancelled. If possible, a meeting will be arranged at a later date.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-The practice, as arranged to be held on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at Wargrave, will not take place.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Please make an effort to attend, and a p.c. for for tea will oblige.-A. M. Tyler, 5 , Addison Road, Bristol 3.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 23 rd . Beils ( 8 ) available from $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ali ringers welcome-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting at 5.30 p.m. Business important.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec.
MARCHINGTON, NR, UTTOXETER, STAFFS. The dedication of the ring of four bells, restored and augmented to six by Join Taylor and Co., previously arranged for Tuesday next, September 26th, has been temporarily postponed.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS -Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice. A meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., I, Eversfield Road, Reigate.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis-trict.-The meeting arranged for Ewhurst on Sept. 3oth has been cancelled. It is hoped to arrange a meeting at a more accessible tower early in October.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech Branch.-Owing to war conditions, the meeting at Walpole St. Peter on Sept. 30th, is cancelled. - W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Alton and Petersfield District.-The quarterly meeting to have been held on Saturday, Sept. 3oth, at Froyle, is cancelled.-C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., $3^{2}$, Charles Street, Petersfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The joint meeting of the Western Division and the Leeds and District Society, arranged to be held at Shipley on Sept. 3 oth, has now beeal postponed until further notice.-F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -The half-yearly meeting, which should have been held at Barton-on-Humber on Sept. Joth, has been postponed. -J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The annual meeting, which should be held on Sept. 3 oth, is postponed.-R. Park, Hon. Sec., 23 , Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual meeting at Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. Arrangements:10 a.m. to 12 nоол, Sacred Heart R.C., Talbot Road ( 8 bells); i p.m. to 3 p.m., All Hallows, Bispham ( 8 ) and St. Anne's Parish Church (8); r.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., Holy Trinity, South Shore (6); a p.m. to 4 p.m., St. John, Blackpool (8); 4 p.m., Service at St. John's; 5 p.m., tea in St. John's Schools, 1s. 6d. eacli. Names to be sent to Mr. C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S., not later than Wednesday, Sept. 27th. 6 p.m., meeting in the same school.-W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secretaries.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northampton Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me, please, by Sept. 26th. This is important for catering.-J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 4, Court Road, Northampton.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Kirkby Matlory on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m, until dark. The usual short service wili be held, but please note, notea. It is hoped that as many towers as possible will be represented to discuss future arrangements. Sharnford bells also available on Oct. 2 1st until sunset. -W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, Leicester.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood, on Saturday, September 3oth. Bells from 2 p.m. Service at 4.45 , with address by the Rev. C. Broughton Thompson, Vicar. Tea (rs.) at $5 \cdot 30$. Reports ready. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 1 and 3. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WOLLASTON, NR. STOURBRIDGE, WOR-CESTER.-The ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co ., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. Ist, at 6.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.The quarterly general meeting due to be held at Dunster on October 7 th is abandoned. It is hoped to arrange a quarterly meeting at Blackwell on lanuary 6th, and the annual meeting at Taunton on Easter Monday, April $25 t h$. Branches are urged to carry on with their meetings if at all possible. It is suggested that meetings be bejll at centres which involve the least amount of travel-ling.-W. M. K. Warren, Master; J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

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If the ringing Exercise is to survive these difficult days, all who are left in the belfries must pull their weight. They should, more than ever, show their loyalty to the Church and their love of the art by making some personal sacrifice, if need be, 10 carry on the work. There will be plenty of opportunities for making excuses for stopping away from the belfry when the bells ought to be rung, but if the spirit of service-which should now be uppermost in men's minds and which must prevail if the country is to come successfully out of this ordeal-is applied to ringing, then ringers will be found providing reasons for keeping the bells going rather than excuses for letting them remain silent. The days lefore us will be a testing time in almost everything ; let ringers see to it that, in keeping alive their own particular art, they do not fail in the test. To abandon ringing entirely would be to aclopi a defeatist attitude. We know that rational claims must be put first, but there is need, also, for carrying on, as far as is possible, the normal life of the nation. Therefore, we say again that, while official sanction for the ringing of ehurch bells remains, there is no reason why the belis should not be rung for the Sunday services.

There are, however, other ways in which those who remain on the home front slould strive to serve the art. The personnel in most towers will be sadly depleted by the withdrawal of men for the fighting forces; those who are left should make it their duty to train as many new hands as they can get. Ways and means can easily be devised for giving instruction without any breach of the lighting restrictions, and it is not unlikely that, in many places, there are those who, in the coming long evenings, will be glad of some new interest, now that other forms of entertainment are curtailed. Then, too, there will be room for interchange of visits between neighbouring towers. One of the obstacles to meetings at present is the difficulty of getting home afterwards, and another is that those who would otherwise attend at comparatively distant places, will be prevented by thre restrictions on petrol consumption. Meetings for large areas are, therefore, somewhat out of the question, al aly rate, during winter months, but neighbouring towers might well organise themselves on lines which would not only enable them to exchange visits, but give each other mutual help.

Then there is another and an equally important way in which the ringers, who are left behind can help to maintain the art, so that, when happier days come, it can rapidly recover and once more flourish. They can con-
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tinue to support "The Ringing Vorld." More than ever, in days when the art is seriously tireatened as it is now, the preservation of a journal to serve its interests is a necessity. Without it the prospects of the art would be parlous indeed, and revival later on an almost impossible task. Through these days of uncertainty 'The Ringing World, is striving to "carry on,' as it has urged ringers to do. It is admittedly difficult, for never before, not cvest in $191 \frac{1}{2}$, has such a sudden slump in ringing news been experienced, as in the past month. " 'hle Ringing World,' however, has continued to fill its pages with matter both interesting and instructive and, with the valued aid of our friends, we hope to continue to do so. But, while we do our part, we feel we have a right to ask ringers to do theirs; to ask for their continued support and their help to increase the sale, in order to counteract the inevitable losses in circulation, which must occur among those who are taken from the bulfries to the sterner tasks of war. And there is another way in which they can help and at the same lime add to the interest of this journal. They can send us promptly any little itens of news concerning ringing and ringers that may conc their way. In this direction they can promote the prosperity of the Exercise at a period of great difficulty, and widen the interest among our readers throughout the country.

## WAR TIME RINGING.

Ringers are beginning to find ways of resuming their activities, and doubtless, as we grow more accustomed to war-time conditions, there will be a limited revival of activity in many places. Even in what are termed vulnerable areas steps are being taken to get the bells ringing again. At Northfeet, for instance, satisfactory arrangements have been made for Sunday service ringing. To guard afainst air raid warning risks, a man is kept posted outside the tower so that, if an alarm is given, the bells can be immediately stopped. This is an excellent means of getting over the risk of the bults drowning the notes of the sirens and might be adopted at other places.

Another idea which should commend itself is that of holding practices on Saturday afternoons. Practices are the things which, in ringing, are likely to sulfer as badly as any, but where it is possible to neet for this purpuse on Saturday, before darkness sets in, grood use can be made of the bells. At Darley Dale in Derbyshire this plan has already been adopted.

There is no reason to imagine that the ringing of bells, in itself, is likely to cause alarm, as bas been suggested in one quarter, but such a risk could easily be pot over if it were fnade known that the bells were going to be rung on some specified day and at a certain hour. There seem to be a few country parishes where the janging of the bells is to be the air raid warning; but actual ringing could not be confused with this and, in any case, as long as arrangements are made to give immediate notification to the ringers, the ringing could be quickly turned into a jangle. Most of us know how quickly.

We shall be glad if bands will send us a postcard to say what arrangements they are making for Sunday seevice ringing. In these days when so many ringers are away from their own homes and belfries they will be glad to know where they can get the chance of a pull, (Continued in next column.)

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

SOMETHING MORE ABOUT COURSING ORDER Last week we were talking about Coursing Order. We pointed out that Coursing Order is the order in which bells follow one another when all are hunting and that there cannot be any Coursing Order urless all the bells are bunting, but we must understand what we mean by ' all.' Usually, of course, it means all the bells (treble and working) concerned in the method, but in cases it may mean all the working bells or atl the working bells concerned in a particular piece of work. In these cases, especially the last, the restriction slould be specified. But study the figures given alongside which are the hand and back rows of the lead ends of Bob Major. You will see that the seven bells perform a perfect hunting course and that therelore they keep (for the fourteen rows) the satme Coursing Order unbroken.
We can now clear up another point about whicl many ringers are very hazy. A Hunt is a bell which performs a cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells in the same way that the treble does in Bob Major. A Hunt is not necessarily a bell which has a regular fixed and comparatively simple work like a plain funting or treble hunting treble, though generally beils which have unbroken plain or treble hunting are acting as Hunts.
Two bells which are next each other in Coursing Order can act together as if they were one hunt.

The commonest example of this is the plain course of Grandsire. Write out a full course of Grandsire Triples and study the effect on the Coursing Order as we did just now in the case of Bob Hajor. Here are the rows which form the lead heads and lead ends and again you will see that the working bells will perform a complete hunting course among themselves.
One fact must be noted. In the cyclical path of the Hunt through the Coursing Order of the other bells it can change position (in Coursing Order) only with the bell ${ }^{12} 34567$ ${ }^{2135476}$
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1234567 which is coursing next to it.
Before we go on to consider what Coursing Order means in the more complex methods it will be well to point out its value in practical ringing in the tower, first to the ordinary ringer and then to the conductor.
First of all, take the case of the learner who is just iseyrinning to hunt the treble in Bob Major or Minor. It

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while most bands will welcome the presence of any visiting riuger. By publishing a list of arrangements 'The Ringing World' may be able to do a lot towards keeping things going.
will be an immense help to him if he realises that throtagltout the platin course he will always meet the other bells in the definite order- $2,4,6,8,7,5,3$, and that whether he is hunting up or down this order is never varied, except that as he goes down to lead and as he groes up from the lead he strikes over the same bell.

We do not suggest that a beginner should be taught to ring by learning to strike over the other bells it this order, bui if, in addition to learning by the other rules, he knows that this order exists and why it exists he will have his difficulties much lessened.
When he gets away from the treble and begins to ring a working bell it will be better for him not at first to bother about the Coursing Order of all the bells, but to take particular notice of the one which is hunting just in front of him and the one which is hunting just belvind him. These iwo bells are called his Course Bell and his After Bell.
Turn to your full course of Bob Major and see how the second works throughout between the third and the fourth, always turning the former from the lead and from behind, and always being turned by the latter, except when the treble intervenes. Not only do two Coursing bells follow each other throughout a course, but they continue to follow each other throughout a touch until one of then makes Fourth's place at a bob.

As soon as the beginner becomes more proficient he will be able to pick up and use the Coursing Order of ail the bells. In Bob Major this is not very difficult. What you must remember is that throughout the ringing, from the time one boh is called untif the next, the Coursing Order is always the same, save for the varying position of the treble in each successive lead, and the order in which you meet the bells, whether you are going from front to back, or back to front, wilk give you the Coursing Order from the time a bob or single is called until the next bob or single is called.
Actually there are seven working bells, but the sevent/1 is almost invariably after the tenor and as you are ringing one bell yourself you really have no more than five bells to look after. Take your pencil and paper and by pricking and experimenting with bobs and singles see for yourself how these things work out.
Now don't go and say that it is only Bob Major and that you are not interested in Bob Major-you aim at higher things. What you learn in Bob Major will be of any amount of use to you when you come to more complex methorls. The reason why you should study Bols Major is that there you can see most easily why these things must and do happen.

## DEATH OF HALESOWEN BELLRINGER

The band at Halsowen has sustained a losa by the death of Ne, w. Coleg, which took place suddealy on September 19th Jast. Mr. Colcy, who was 65 pears of age, had been a ringer for 49 jears. At his funemal on Scitember 231 dix of the oldest nembers of the bsurt refed as bearers mul aftermards a hali-mufled quarter-peal of Steclтил Triples was rang by W. Brown 1, T. Greentiall 2, V. White 3. A. Grea.hall 4, A. H. Herris 5, J. H. Cox 6, W. H. Webb (conductor) 7 F. M. Lloyd 8 .

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## THE BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' TOUR.

## CONCLLDDING DAYS <br> SOMERSLT AGAIN

Friday-and amother tour in Somersed. Some of the enthusiasta, fowever, rose ebrly to try the bells at St. Michael's 亜arish Church before selwing out un their travels. The lirst stop was Nailsea, where we rang on the six bells at Foly Trinity. Here cameras got busy to stcure for posterity a sublime performance by the ardent duetisha on the tio whisles. It is significant that at least one camora was foumd to be out of action! Winscombe was reached soon nfter midday, and the Chureh of St. James, oceupying a commanding position on rising gtound, boasts ia loity and richly decomed tower, whinel contains a fine peal of eight bells, with tenor 190 ewt. The ringers spent so long here that they nearly forgot thai such a mundane matter as dinzer was wajting wo lee discussed in the town below, and were duly reprimanded by the C. $m \mathrm{C}$. Later a run of four miles brought us to Weare, where we tuade good use of the wice ring of six, and appreciated the kind thoughtfulness of tha local ringer who hat left a good supply of apples and plums in the beliry with the cinalked inscription 'Hejp yourselves.' Another short run brouglit us to Wedmore, where ' Freddy, had an arguneut will a bus driver us to the amount of space meeded to enable the two veliches to pass ; the argument ended in our votels being "ditcued,' but so gently did it happen that very few were aware of the fact. We all escaped via the energency exit, und Freddy haviag successfully axianged that this little diversion should take place outside a garage, the good old conch was svon on terra firmu once more, note the worse for its adventure. But was Freddy angry ?
The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Wedmore, stands high above the surrounding housts and domiaates the village. The present church beloggs to the $15 t h$ and $16 t h$ ceuturies, but there are parts of au earlier oburch. Above the pulpit, which for a fine example of early $J$ acolean work, an ancient mural painting of St. Christopher is to be scen, the lower part of the paintinc cousisting of ships, mermaids and fishes A brass tablet on the wall commernorates Tlie $1,000 \mathrm{th}_{\mathrm{l}}$ enmiversary of the deatli of Kiog Alfred the Great, who made the famous Treaty of Wedmore with the Danes in 878 A.D. The tower contains a fine peal of eight, teuor 30 owt., bud thee riuging heme was sujoyed ty ull. Leaving Wedmore behind, we soun renched Wookey Hole, and lound invet the chief interest int these caves was the sulaterranean River Axe, which here escapes from ils underground prison jnto an enchanting wooded valley through a sleft in the cliff walls, after fowing through liree great caverns. 'Ilhese caves were inhahited by a tribe from Brittany from 250 B.C. to 400 A.D., and relieg have been found by means of which their whole life story may be reconstructed. Relics have even been foud confirming the truth of some of the legends of the Witch of Wookey, evidentiy a real person who lived in the time of King Arthur. We contemplated with wonder the work of the river in carving out the numerous caverns, and noted with interest the grean vegetation growing where the artificial light Ehone upon the rocks, but the river is devoid of life in its underground thate. For a few moments we stond in utter darkness, and listened to the eerie dripping of water iuto tive river-then out into the warm sunshine once more, into the valley which is said to be one of the loveliest in England, with its densely growing trees, trails of jvy and its river banks draped with ferns.
After partaking of an enjoyable tea, we were soon on the road again, and a run through Wells and Clilcomptos hrought us in the cvening to Norton Sti. Philip, where the church, containing a peal of six belle, is situated in chariuing surroundiags. After ringing, some of the party went to inspeat the George Inn, for which the viliage is uoted; it is supposed to be England's oldest inu, as it was Jicensed as an ale-hause in 1397. Here tho Duke of Motrmouth stayed the night liefore the Battle of Sedgemoor, and here, too, Judge Jeffreys held sway. This proved to be our last call for the day, for Twerton-onAvon had to be abandoned, owing to the lateness of the bour, as the members of the B.U.R.G. Inad invited the tourists to a nocial evening. Incidentally we sincerely hope that the B.U.R.G. is not by those who waited in vain at Twerton for the party to arrive!

## GIFF TO THE B.U.R.G

On arriving in Bristal, the coach deposited us ut the Montague Hotel, the temporary home of some of the purty, athd the festivities began in the presence of a crowdea house. Jokes and fun flew thick and fast, interspersed with songs, recitations and humorous anecdotes by various performers. During the proceedings Mr. \&. Swinfield presented to the chairman a packet containing a kum of maney subscribed hy the taurists as a slight apprecistion of the work undertaken by the commithee of the B.U.R.G. in arranging the delightful tours. This was suitably acknowledged by the chairman, and it io hoped that the noney will lo used to purchase something for the use of the Guild. A duef by the 'whistlerg' was announced, but evidently the modest pair were overcome by shyness, for the performance did not materialise! The party dispersed about 11 p.m., as the longest journey of the week was to take place next day.

Somerset and Dorset were the happy lunting ground on Saturday. Passing again througla Wells and Glastonbury, we reached Street. whera a Roman causeway was once situated. Ringing took fulae on the eiglth bells at the Parish Chureh, after which some' 'family groups. were taken. Why, we woudered, did one distinguished menhmer of the party disappear head-first over the wall with such starlling rapidity durigg the preparation for the groups? Did he decide that bis feet presented a more pleasing aspect tham his facef' Mr. xud Mrs. I. Thomas met us here and spent most of the day with the party.
The journey to Yeovil was accomplished in comparative quietnes: the nember of the perty who had previously distiuguished lijurelf for his liveliness was so naticeably quet that one speculated whetling he was feeling the after effects of tlie social, but it soon transpired that lhe had, the previous dav, received a message conferring upon lima the honour of "grandiatherhood,' so we came to the conclusion thut the thought of his responsibilities hed somewhat sobered him!
Yeovil was reached soon after noon, and the party at once visiten St. John's Church, where the fine ring of ten, tenor 40 cmt , was enjoyed to the iull. This fine church is aaid to be one of the mort inpressive in Somersef, and has been given the title of 'The Lantem of the West.' Dinner was disposed of at the Cottage Cafe, and fin journey was resumed via Crewkerne and Mosterton to Beuminster, set atiractively amidsi the 'swelling downs.' The fine tower here is decorated with narvings representing the chief events tu the life of our Lord, and contains a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 26 owt. knewn as Bilbie's masterpiece. This is a maiden pesl, which wes cast in the field adjoining the churclyard, owing to the difficulty of transport in thosa days. Since this was a "maiden peal," the ladies decided to see whet they rould do about it, and eight of them rang a courgo of Grandsire Triples. A few miuutes' run brought us afterwards to Bradpale, where we faund a light eight tenor 13 owt., and alao experienced the first win of the week, combised with a thunderstorm. The church contains a memorial of the fighti of Chatles II. through this village.
Thes next stop was Bridport, nestling in the valley among the hills, Hearly two miles from the sea, yet boasting a small harbour of its own, known as West Bay. The Church of St. Mary is built in then Perpendicular style, and possesses a musical peal of eight, leyor $21 \frac{13}{}$ cwt., on which the visitors enjoyed numerous touches. Passing on through Upwey, noted for its Wishing Well, we reached Weymoulh in time for tea, and enjoyed a stroll along the front in brillianf sunshime, the clarming bay loaking at its best. On leating Wey. mouth, we traversed what must be one of the prettiest roads in England. Speeding past Dorchester with its Roman amplitheatre, and Clarminster, we passed on through Cerne Abhes, and noted the famous "Giant' carved in cutline upon the hillside, and probably dating from prehistoric times, and so reached our last tnwer of the tour-onn eagerly wwaited by some of us-that of Sherborme Abhey.

## THE RECORD HOLDERS.

Slierborne, a picturesque little town, standing on the nortinern slope of the Vaifey of Yeo, probably owes its chief interest to jus glorious Ahhey Clurch. The wonderful reredos, the beautiful fan tracery of the roof and the magnificeat proportons of the nove were all deserving of note, and time was all too short to do full justice in them. The grani peal of eight, with its fine tenor of 46 cwt ., who soon claiming the attention of the ringers in the party, and it was amusing to note the queue bebind the tenor box, as the "Heavy enders aswited their turn to try their strength. At last all were satisfied, and as the mightey hells were lowered in peal it was interosting to climb aloft into the bell chamber and watch them swinging leisurely to and fro-noisy perheps, hut then they were almost us naisy in the ringing chamber. A pinal raid was made on the posticard shop, and then the return journey wes commenced in gathering darkness. A halt was called et Castle Cary for refresiments and here tlie party made the acquantance of the mysterious "Skjuns Lizzy, ${ }^{3}$ who had been mach talked of during the day. (Is slie a relative of Kate, I monder? Cheerful changes on the handuelk. thoughtfully provided by one of the Bristol members, entertainoif the party for awbile, and much amusement was caused vinct Freño solemnly and effectively silenced some talkative onlookers, who had been attracted by the sound of the bells. Once more we eliminn aboard. and after a good run reached Bristol shortly before midnight. having covered it aistance of approximately 160 miles durine the dar end ahout 880 milea during the week. Some 43 towers had been ramg in and numerous methods were included in the repertary during the tour, including London, Bristol and Cambridge. One or two recorts were also made, e.g.

Mr. Stitich held the remord for being the first in the belfry at each church.
2. Mr. Shaker held the rmord for haying the first postcard at carli stop.
3. We believe, though we are not quite sure, that Mr. Harcis hpir the record for buring the greatest number of ice-creams during the week-but not always for his own consumption.

And so the final good-byes were said, and we parted, loping to medt again on a similer occasion, and feeling very gratefol to the B.U.R.G. for giving us the opporiunity of spending such an enjoyabie week, for providing such excellent weather, and for their persoma interest in accompanying un on several of our journeys.

## RINGING IN TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

## To the Editor

Sir,-Your recent article on ringing in twelwe-bell towers jus led me to look back over "The Ringing Wurhd " and examine the peal records for the lasi conplete year, 1938 . You anid that in the large majority of cases the twelve hells are rumg ouly on exceptional eccagions anl that in not e [ew there is practically no rimging at all. As iar as tho peal records can hear this out, fhis is most certainly true. In the Central Council's malysis of peals Cor 1938 , sixty-eight twelvebell peals on tower hells are tahulated. I find that these peale were rugg in 28 towers, exactly hatf of the twelve-hel! towers in England. But the more astonishing thing is that in only a very small proportion (Ipswich being the most outstunding example) liave local ringers comprised ane hall of the liands who have taken part in the peals. Nearly always the majority of the ringers liave been visitors. That, in itself, would be somethmg to be commended, as showiug a spirit of mnselfishness among the local ringers, if it were evidence that thare were local ringers suffiriently capaile und interested to takr parl in the peals, but. I ans driven to the eonclusion this is not the repsen why twetve-hell perl ringing, in the main, is left to wisiting enklusiaste.
It may be that the number of towers in which a twelve-belt penl was rung is 1938 was ns good a proportion as those with lesser numbers at belts in which peals were rung--I huve no means of checking that but what has struck me most in examining the recards is the very anall procentage of local men who have taken part in these peals. It goes to emplusise your statement that twolve-bell ringing has not increased at the same pace as the new riags of fwelve.
Wilh acm exceptions, it appears that twelve-heli peal ringing in left to the comparatively few enthusiasts who make a hobby of visiting twelve-bell towers wherever they can, and those others who are able to get the use of a twetve-hell tower for occasional peals, such, for example, as Southwark or Bow, in Landon, allhough the ringers are in ma gense members of the local band.
It is, of course. last desirsble that tivese rings of bells should twe kopt open for peal ringing, and if there are no local men to ring them, them the visits of outsiders are a belp to that end, but it is uertainly strange to use that even where there ure ringers at twalvehell towers so few of them are sufficiently interested in peal ringing. It points to the fact that not only have they no interest in twelve-heli peals, but also only a very small interest in their twelve bells at all. I hnow of one cathedral twelve where, just before the war broke out, 1hay lad difficulty in finding enough ringers to ring eight for service (Continued in next columes.)

## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Without wishing to find fault with the efforts of the ringers who made the present record used, I should like to suggest that those same ringers or one of our ' youthful ' Jondon Societies should take in hand the making of a new record for the B.B.C. interval signal. I think I am right in saying that the record which is now used was not made specially for the purpose. And, therefore, good as it is, it might be improved on.

The new record, I wouls suggest, should aim at gelting rid of the monotony of always having the trebles at lead, and the 'finality' (which is never final) of having the tenor lechind all the time.
A well-struck plain conarse or short touch of Dovuble Norwich on the back cight at Bow would, to my mind, fill all the requirements, ant at the same time would be more appreciated the world over than the present call changes. In addition, one wouldn't hear so often from the uninitiated such remarks as 'Those - bells will drive me scatty one of these days!'

What does the rest of the Exercise feel about this? A. TROTMAN.

Longbredy, Dorset.
(Continued Eram previous column.)
on Sundays, and I ans quite sure this las been the case in many places.
It is always a great pity when the bells at any cburch cannot all be rung for the services: it is a greater pity, when twelve bellg are installen, that they should lang neglected-as o ring of twelve-m the tower. Ib is very niee for associabions to have rings of twelve in their area on wlaich members cail practise, lout surely they lave a responsihility as well, snd that is to gee that the local band is encouraged to mainain itzelf is gufticient numbers to ring the twelve bells on Sundsys.
M. C. WHITE.

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## HANDBELLS

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

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Herr \#itler nut only upset Messes. T. Colea' and J. Bennete's $1,000 \mathrm{~h}$ peal, but Eracst Morris B00th, which he had Joped to ring un tive shue occasion. This was arranged to be at Lincoln Cathedral end Mr. Morris was boping to get one nore peal in between, lavint now rulig 798.
Mr. Emest Morris rang his first peal while nn a visit to Grimsby in 1906 and that was for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and it would fave heen vers appropriate to have rung his 800 th far the same Guild-
but-oh Hitler! haven'i you something to gnswer for?
Mr. Albert F. Sargent, who has been largely respousible for tho introduction of rimging amang the students at Kelian Theologieal College, was ordained on Sunday and has taken up work at Willeninalf. Staffe, where lie is attached to St. Giles' Church.
Mr. Prank F:. Haynes, whose scholastio Buties have taken him from Birm inglam to sliropshire, has consequeutly resigned the ringing masterslap at st. Martin's, Birminglam.
Among the very few ringers who have called peals on all bunbers of bells from fire to twelve is $\mathbf{M r}$. Jigch Bray, of Brition-on-Stathier His record is the more remarkable hecause lie has called thena from bandhella
One handred and seventy years ago to-day William slipway was horr al liath. Tre learued at ring on the Abbey bells of that city. hut the band sot making sufficiently rapid progress to salisfy him as bo tells us, he moved to London where he jomed first the atuins Society of Cumberland Youths and later the Senior Society. His hosl clain to fame is his 'Campanalogie,' a comprehensive text book wh ringing. whicls was published beiween 1816 and 1820.
On Septemlier 25th. 1845, the College Youths rang 6,701 changes of Stednan Caters at St, James', Bermondsey. It was composed ant conducted $h y$.Tohn Cox and contained the 60 titfum course ends willa the treble fixed in serond's place.

## NATIONAL SERVICE AND AFTER

## To the Editor

Dear Siry-It was with grcat pleasure that $T$ read the announcement in "The Riuging Wordd" of September 22nd that the Central Council were proposing to compile a record of all ringera serving their country in its hour of need. I well remember the lista that appeared it the columns of "The Ringing World" Euring 1914-1918 one of which ineluded the writer's name. It is to be eatnestly hoper that these loyal members of the Exereise will not be cast aside and frogotten sloyuld they need assistance.
Far too often it seems out of sigint out of mind. I would also lifer Lo express my warmest thanks and deep gratitude to the many friends who have written me some very delightiul letter and have niso so ably assisted me personally. I can assure one and all such essistaner is greatly appreciated. There are still some, however, who pass by on the other sife. To these passers-by I would commend the injunt tion, 'Do ye unto them ns ye would they should do unto you.'

Ward 1, Severalls, Colehester.
W. KFEBLF

## PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER'S WEDDING

The marriage took place on September 2Ist at the Parish Churelh. Portishead, of Miss Violet Mi. Hyman and Gunner Rohert G. Welsh. The Rer. P. W. R. Rowlands (Rector) ofticiated and Mrs. Windilandi (organist) was at the organ.
The bride has heen a member of the Portishead band for the past Lwelve years and is a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Bath ant Wells Dioesan Association. She has been one of the most regular servico ringers, and fortunately for the band she will continue fivg in Portishead. The ringers who were at liberty attended the servier and rang as the bride and hridegxoom left the church.
The "Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror' described the ringing as ' a special peal,' and it surely was. of the six who arrived in thr helfry, one, a heginner, was unalile to 'rise to the accasion,' go five hells were raised in peal and fired. "Jarge," who was picking applos in his Zummerzet orchard, quickly descended the ladder and asended the tower steps, enabling six bells to be rung. Thew one of tlim auxiliary firemen turned up, and eventually the eight bells were swinging.

Those present sud those on war service united in good wishes and a speedy return of the bridegroom.

## BIRMINGHAM RINGER MARRIED.

The martiage of a well-known Birmingham tinger, Mr. George F. Fearn, of King's Norton, Ringing Master at Birmingham Cathedra' to Miss Doris May Bowell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rowell of Small Heath, took place at St. Benedict's Church, Small Feach, on Saturdey, Septemher 23rd. The Vicar (ithe Rev. N. S. S. Royle\} ofleisted, and Mr. Hentr H. Fearn was hest man
There was a goodly nssbmbly of friends in the church and afterWards at the reception, held at Messrs. Kunszler's Restaurant in the City,
Tonches in honour of the event were rune on the ten bells at the Cathedral by members of St. Martin's Guild, who take this opportunity to extend very heardy good wighes to the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness and prosperity and to thank thom for therr kind hospitality aftar the ringing.

## CHURCH BELLS IN WAR TIME.

IN A VULNERABLE AREA.
NORTHFLEET'S ARRANGEMENTS. To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-As captain of the local band at Northffeet, Kent, I visited the local police, who said that ringing could go on as usual. On consulting the Vicar, we came to an arrangement that we should ring on Sunday morning ro.30-1..0 and Sunday afternouns $3.30-4.0$. No touch was to be longer than five minutes. A ringer is always kept outside the tower, so that if the air raid warning should go the bells could be set up in about five seconds. I would suggest that ather bands could do the same, as, with the bells promptly set, they would not interfere with the warning. If the ringing chamber is high up it the tower a practical member of the band could, pertaps, fix up a bell or something of the like. I would point out that Northfleet is regarded as a vulnerable area. Any ringer passing by at the times menhoned would always be welcomed.

## Northfieet, Kent.

## G. ]. BLTTCHER

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS ANNIVERSARY

It has reluctantly been decided not to hold the College Youths' Annual Dinner this year, but to mark the anniversary of the foundation of the Society by a luncheon to be held in the City on Novernber 4 th. Country members who are able to attend will be gladly welcomed and they should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. B. Peck, 1. Eversfield Road, Reigate. Furtber details will be announced later.

## RECORD OF NATIONAL SERVICE. <br> CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RECORD.

It is proposed by the Central Council to compile a record of those serving their country, both in His Majesty's Forces and civilian organisations.

Will all those serving, men and women, kindly forward the information, including name, home address and particulars of service, to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

## SUNDAY RINGING IN BIRMINGHAM. To the Editor.

Sir, We have decided to hold the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, luit not as originally arranged at King's Norton. By pooling our resources we are endeavouring to keep ringing going at St. Martin's and the Cathedral for Sunday services. With this object in view we are holding the quarterly meeting at St. Martin's.

THOMAS H. REEVES,<br>Hon. Sec.

## A SATURDAY PRACTICE.

At Darley Dafe, Derbyshire, weekly practices are to be held on Safurday afternoons, whenever possible. Last Saturday a quarlerpeal of Oxford Boh Triplea was rung: Ernest Paulson 1, Robert Allsop 2. George H. Paulsou 3, Hugh w. Gregory 4, Bernarà Allsop 5. Ronald Alsop B. Herbert E. Taylor 7. Artlur Watts 8.

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## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

"lo-morrow meetings are to be held as follows :-
Lancashire Association, annual meeting at Bjackpool.
Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, quarterly meeting at Brewood.
Midland Counties Association, Hinckley District meeting at Kirkby Mallory.
Peterborough Diocesan Tiulde, Northampton Branch meeting at Piddlington.
MEETINGS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association annual meeting.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Northerr Branch half-yearly meeting at Barton-on-Humber.
Winchester and Portsmouth Dincesan Guild, Alton and letersfield District meeting at Frovle.
Doncaster and District Society meeting at Sprobborough. Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District Society joint meeting at Shipley.

## HANDBELLS.

DHFFICULTAES OF TEAGHING DOUBLE-HANDED RINGING.
To the Eaitor.
Sir,-Following the auggestion Lhat as ringing on tower hells is restricted, we should keep the art going by practice on handbells, i woutd like to suggest that an article or series of articles on doublebanded change ringing would be appreniated by a large number of ringera. I would suggest an article, suitable for men who can ring Treble Boh, Bob Major and Grandsire on Lower beils, upon how to ring thess miethods double-flasdel, would be very valuable. I have asked many ringers how they ring doublo-kanded end each lias is different complicated way, not suitable for teaching the average ringer.
I have visited many towns, and when asked to take part in a doublehanded touch I have had to declime; then I have seen these men hange a splendid touch double-handed, yet when ringing the same method on tower bells they have had to be practically carried right through the touch.
I have heen trying to teacin double-lmuded ringing to our band, bat I find my way of ringing double-handed does pot seem to be easily grasped by them, and also when ringing 5-6 in Grandsire Triples I find it is a big job to kecp mather pair straight, even in a plain course. Thus an article, ar series of articles like instruction for Beginners, which was so much apprecinted, would, I ieel surs, be very helpful to those who would like to take up doable-handed handbell ringing now that practice on tower bells is restricted.

## Chester.

SAM TONIR.

WAR TIME HANDBEEL COMPANIES SUGGESTED.
Sir,-At this time of durtailment in church bellinging, may I humbly suggest that all heliringers everpwhere seriously consider a duty to the art in an activity that at present has no curtailment.
Fiandbells could he the means not only of keeping a favourite duty and pastime alive, but also of conkinuing in the most interesting way possible where so many were forced to leave off.
As has already been strongly "leadered ' by you, church bellringing must be cartied on for divine mervices at least. But there must be many hours during the long "black-out" evenings when one can do litile else but sit and read, or just think. Wly not stat seriously in various centes a war-time company of bandbell ringers? Sratterad everywhere, some old and some, fortanately, young men have the necessary eapabilities to enthuse our more igrorant brothers and nisters in this most foscinating of hohbies.

Ons cannot say where such a seheme might lead us as an Exercise. Certainly I do not think it would do the Exercise harm to have such an orgavisation. I must plead a Eair emount of ignorance in this तirection, but at the same time I would wat, with pardonsble pride, fail my teacher if it became necessary to prove my worth with two handiells in a company of similar ringers.
There are probahly many obstacles to such a plan. The chief one seems to be the loss of youth, who are constantly heing called to the Colours. Bat surely this need not daunt aur older stalwatts who have the experience and the stemdy British mind of owercommg dificulties for something they love. Nothing good ard lasting can ever be done in a hurry, experience fiss taught all tbinking men that lesson, but let us not forget that delay only means a lass of enthusinsm which leads to neglect and disintercst. With atimutating foterest in "The Ringiup World, the art would regain, in a new sease, that which seems likelv to deteriorate should as long war prevail.

Reading.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. DIONIS' BACKCHURCH AND ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET.
By J. Armiger Trollope.
'The tower of All Hallows' Church, Lombard Street, which has just been pulled down, contained a ring of ten bells. What is to become of them seems at present undecided, for they are not to go to the new church ol All Hallows', Twickenham, which is being built to contain the fittings from the demolished building.

This is not the first time that these bells lave had to find a new home, for they hung at first in the steeple of St. Dionis' Backchurch, which was pulled cown in 18 - 8 .

St. Dionis' Backehurch stood in Fenchurch Street at the corner of Lime Strect and separated from the former by a row of houses whence it got its name. It was rebuilt in the reign of Henry VI. and in Stow's time (late sixteenth century) it was a "fair church.

The inventory taken in ' The yere of oure lorde gond ${ }^{1552^{\prime}}$ gives ' I owlde bell clapper. Item $V$ belles in ye stepvel and $j$ saunce bell and 1 payre of great orgens. Item, sowlde ij sanctus bells, ifijs. Item pd. for j great bell rope of 47 II to take ye beame downe."

Burnt in the fire of 1666 ; the church was re-erected from the designs of Sir Christopher Wren between $16_{7}^{2}$ and 1677 , the steeple being added ten years later. It would seem that, in the meanwhite, the old tower was still standing, for one of the first things done was to replace some of the bells. In r674 $£ 5055$. rod. was pairi to James Bartlet, the founder, and for to Mr. Alten, a bell hanger. Robert Williams gave $\notin 25$ for a treble bell.

In 1686 there was a ring of six bells cast by Bartlet and hung by Joseph Gadsden, the cost of which was defrayed by voluntary subscription from Sir Rovert Jeffrey, some time Lord Mayor, Captain Samuel Hankey and other parishioners, the parish property in Lime Street being also mortgaged by the rector and churchwardens by order of the Vestry.

Another benefactor to the church was Sir Henry Tulse, who gave a marble font and pavement and steps leading up to it. Tulse was alderman, Lord Mayor in 1683 , and Master of the College of Youths in 1684. He died in 1689 and on September 12 th was buried in his own vault in the north chancel, where also four years later his widow was laid.

When the church was pulled down the stone which covered the vault was removed to the courtyard, which marks the site of the old churchyard. The inscription was recut by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1937.
ln 1726 the bells of St. Dionis' Church were found to be much out of order and at a vestry meeting, held on August 28 th, it was debated whether to restore them at an estimated cost of $\mathcal{C} \mathrm{rio}$, or to provide a new and tunable ring at a cost of not more than f.250. The question was formally put whether the present set of six bells, with the old frame and appurtenances, should be exchanged and eight new bells with complete new frame and appurtenances be put in their room, and answered in the affirmative.

As the honour and generosity of the parish had been fully expressed in the subscriptions for the organ that had lately lyeen erected it was thought proper to raise the required sum of $£_{250}$ by kind and voluntary con-
tributions, and the churchwarden, with such gentlemen as should be so kind as to attend him, was to wait upon the several parishioners with a subscription paper for the purpose.

At a vestry, held only a week later, on September 5 th, the churchwarden reported success, and that several people thought proper to respond in a most handsome and generous manter. It wats, therefore, decided to accept the estimate of Mr. R. Phelps, of Whitechapel, and to have chimes on the new ring.


THE TOWER OF THE NOW DEMDEISHED CHURGH OF ST. DIONIS BACKEHURCH.

The subscriptions totalled 6479 18s. Articles of agreement were signed in the same month, between James Herbert and Chatles Bell, the churchwardens, and Robert Phelps, for a new set of bells in exchange for the oid; and so, in less than two months from the time the matter was brought before the vestry, the order was given for the new ring.

On November 3rd, 1727, Phelps received 6359115. 6 d. in full payment for eight bells and frame, two other bells and frame, a new foor for the clock, the chimes and all other accounts and demands whatever.

The parish records contain a certificate, signed by fifteen persons, stating that, laving rung the ten new (Contioued on next page.)

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

## THE RITES OF DLRHAM

## To the Editor

Sir, Io add to the interesting notes on the ancient customs ol the belfy, I venture to send the following, copicd from ' the Rites of Durham, being a description of all the anciest munuments, rites and customs belongiog to or being within the Honastical Church of Durdam belore the Suppression-written $1593{ }^{\prime}$, with notes added in [655 and i6gi [Pub]islicel Igo3 by the Surtees Society]
"lose give not only interesting details of the bells but also the modes of ringing them. ERNEST MORRIS.

Jn the wesfa cand of ye charcla in ye north atlie and oyr ye galleley dour thev in a Relfray called the galleley steple did ling iiij goodly greut Bells wels was nevr Rownge but at ovy pincjoail feast or at surf ather tymes as ye Bushop dyd come to ye towne. Ex'y Sonnday in ye yere there was a s.mo preched in $y$ e wallely at after none from one of ye clocke till iij \& at if of ye whok ye great Bell of ye
 ye forta cazer till one of ye clock, that all ye people of ye towne mpgit have warnyng to come \& here ye worde of god pranchedThere was certaine offeers pteynig to ye said howse weh was allwayes charged when an ev' ye said Betls was lanowlede to be redy for ye Rymging of theme, viz, ji men of ye litoling was charged whth ye Ringing of ou Bell, \& ye uiju men of ye church that dyd Tye allwayes in ye church was charged wih ye Riuging of ye third Bell-s y othere was alwaies clarged wth ye Rynging of the great Bell, viz. i] of the back howse ij of the Brew house \& ij of ye kilne. And in ye luther dayes of Kyng. Henrie the eighte ye house was supprest, \& after thal tyane ye stid Bells was nev'r Rounge. Then Deane Whitfingham p'cerving theme not to be occupied nor Rounge a great whyle before his tyme, was purposed to have taiken them downe and hooken them for other wses (and make his p'fitt of them). Then
 howse there, at ye same tyme hasinge Infellegence what ye Deanes purpoge wus, dyd sende into Yorkslire w'th all spande for a workemay \& "atued iij of ve said Bells to lye tatken downe (ye ibijth Bell Remaynes lhe: still \& was nev' Rounge synce yt was suspent) (ye other din remayne a longe season hut yet after removed into ye Lantorne) batused them in to be hootg vani ye newe worke ralled ye lantren F maids a goodly chyme to he sett, on ve said Bells, we well dyd coste him: in mbarger Thirtie or fortio pownds, weh elsyme endurets to this dnie, or cls ye said Bells had bene spoyled is defaced.
Jat in ye yeart 1650: this Ahbey Cluurch was made a prison for

## CHIURCH BELLS OF LONDON

(Continued from.previous page.)
lyells, they were of the opinion that the same ten bells ate musieal and tunable and that the said bells, and the whole frame and all the other work belonging or relating thereto are cast, set up and completed in a worknanlike manner

I have several times thought of trying to get a sight of this document to see who the ringers were, but up to now have not had an opportunity. It might throw some light on the Society of London Scholars.

It1 1732 Phelps recast the troble, which lad been broken, and in 1750 the fourth and fith atso had been cracked. A vestry meeting heltl in january ordered that they should be recast, and this was done by lhomas l.cster.

Or. October roth, J729, the first peal on the bells was rung by the College Youths- 5184 changes of Crandsire Caters, conducted by Benjamin Annable from the treble.

The next peal was seven years later, whem, on November 26ths, $73^{6}$, the Eastern Scholars ring 62 ro changes of Grandsire Caters. It was conducted by Philemon Mainwaring and was the longest ever rung on the beils. In 1752 Jobn Holt, during the short time lie was with the College Youths, called a peal of Grandsire Caters \$erc. The first recorded peal of Royal was 5040 Double Bob by the same society in 1760 , anc the first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung by the ancient Society of College Youths on December 27ti, 1785 ,
ye Scotte and quite defaced wth in, for ther was to ye mumber 4500 wel most of then perished \& dyed ther in a very short space $\&$ wore throwen iuto looles by great Numbers togethor iu a most Lamentablo mauner. But in ye yeare 1655 ye Clocke \& Chyme was repayred againe well was taken dowut se preserved from ye ruyne.
The four Bells that huug in the Gallilee Steeple, were lirst. the: Great or Gallilee Bell, which was given by Prior Fosser; 2, St. Bede's bell; $3,5 \mathrm{st}$. Oswald's bell; 4 , a Eoug bell, which was yetrow skirted but well tumed bell, atud was the last Bell that was leit in the diallice: Steagle untaken down. But in Febr. 1631/2 it was taken down, the other befls being faken down ye Jatuary before.
The Galilea bell being hutg in ye Steeple or Belfrey is the Lartern of the Church (which Belfrey was supposed to be built by Bp Skiriaw, Who mostly Luilb ye cloysters, and whose Coat of Armes in boverat times in every of the cloysters sett d painked in the middle hearas or (blauls) in each of the suid cloysters, tho otherss say that Hugla Derlington 14th Prior of Durhain made the great Belfrey' it, vat, the Gallilee hell was designed to be clupt into tune, hut by chippung it was made so thin that it was not thouglat sermiceable, so that one Thomas Bartle al plummer cast that Galilee bell over again, and Whe said lust standiug bell, i.c. the long bell wiss broke iuto pieces, and the half of ler among other things was put into Galilee bell to be cast over rgain and the other lualf of ye ssid loug Bell way pul inta other Rells which were casti. llhero were 4 bels in all that were (ust iu the Guest Hall, olle of st. Michaed, and the shid Gallielee Dell, St. Ozwald's and St. Bede's, At Candlemasse after Thomas Bartle had cast the said Bells, he dyed, and was buryed in the Catiodrall Churchyard, and the said Gallilee Bell was rung out for him, and so the otlier bells. 'Thet of St. Hede hangs now in the Steeple or Lantern of the chureli towards the East part there, t'is called the Fifth and is circunuscribed tius:-

Olim Campuna Boni Beda Deuanus et Capitatum Dunelm. efecerunt A.D. 1665
The Galilem hell hangs thare towards the West and is sallen $\mathrm{J}^{\text {the }} \mathrm{t}$ Seventli Bell

Olim Campena D.D. Joh. Fosser et Joh. Femming Pror
Dumeln. Vulgo Galilea nuam refeceruut Decanus eq. Gapitulutu
Dumelm. A.D. MDCXXXII
The Chureh Cont of Armes upon it. Note that Dr. Spark Suffragan bishop to bishop Tunstall caused these hells to be carryed ouf of the Gulibe Belircy, when atherwise would have been broken and sold, anil plased them the fireat. Bolfrey of the Cathedrall.
The said Galilee Bell whach Bartle tast, is the great bell now hanging in the Janterne, whose tomge was brolke, ringitg for Willim? Wollson, Sunday, Nor. 30 hh , 7690 , the day his body was fount anul
huyyert. St. Michagel hangs to ye North, \& is ralled the 4 th Mell, it
That is circumseribed:-

Olim Campata Sti Michaelis A.D. MDCXXXII Deuanue of apitulu refecertut
wibh the Churches enat of Armes upan it
That of St. Oswald hangs to the Goutir it wes wrackt ringing then Peel at the buryall of Joha Farrison Clerk of the Bow elnurch the 2513 of May 1638 , and after it was cast yo 25 th of September 1639 ly one Robert Oldfield who came out of Lancashire, aad he mistook in the castang it, wanting metal enough, and so cast jt over again Norin ve 3 rd 1659, and then afterwards was new and badly cast in the Row Church in Dechr 1688 and recest again in March after by the selt sama person, to witt John Pattigon, who was a Taylor, and son of Christofer Pattion. There wat another John Pattigon tho ufter ho had heen Mayor of Durham, beomme Submaster of the plain Song \& Writing School under Mark Leonard the Master thereof. There wix writ about St. Oswilld's bell

Olim Campana Sti Oswaldi, quam fieri feest Robertus du Dumelm, Decanus et Cabitulum refecerunt A $\mathrm{D}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ 1632, atque jternm 1639, et tertis 1682.
The churches Cont of Armes is upon it.
The Third bell i.e. ye six a rlock bell langs, it is circumscribed :Olim Camperia Sti Bevedicti, quaur feri fecernat Decanus et capit, Duralm Ao 1664.
The secand bell hangs-has a Coat of Armes upon it, 10 with guarlurly 3 Lyons \& 3 fl . de Lyz, cireumserihed thus in Sayan letters :-

Nomev Domini Sit Benedictum.
The first, to wit, the least bell hangs-and is commonly calld st. Margarettes hell.
The bells were all recast in 1693 by Christopher Hodson, of London. From the viss of Bishop Cosir, 1620 .
In tha lanthorne called the jew worke was langinge there 3 fine heells, which bells was runge ever at midnight at 12 of the clock, for the monkes went evermore to theize mattens at that houre of the night, there was 4 men appointed to ringe the gaid belle at midnght, and at all sucly other times of the day as the monkes went to serse god. tw, of the sd meu apperteininge to the regirye walh allwayws kept the cones with the restments and fone paire of silver sensors with all such coodly ornaments pteninge to the high Altar which 2 nell slid ive everre night in a chamber over the TWest end of the sit seatrye and the other 2 men did lye everye night within the su church in a chamher in the north allye over against the Eextons Checker: theise 2 men did alwayes sweepe and keepe the church cleanly in ilse morninge with cleane water before it came to be hallowed, and did lock in the church dores everye night.

## NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Annual meeting at Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. Arrangements:10 a.m. to 12 noon, Sacred Heart R.C., Talbot Road ( 8 bells) ; i p.rn, to 3 p.m., Al! Hallows, Bispham (8) and St. Anre's Parish Chutch (8); r. 30 p.m. to 3.30 p.mn., Holy Trinity, South Shore (6); 2 p.m, to 4 p.m., St. John, Blackpool (8) ; $\ddagger$ p.m., Service at St. Joha's; 5 prim., tea in St. Jolun's Schools, is. 6d. each. 6 p.m., meeting in the same school. - W. H. Shuker and T. Wilsom, Hon. Secretaries.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northampton Branch.-A guarterly meeting will be held at l’iddington on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. Usual arrangemetts. - J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., \&, Cuurt Ruad, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting is at Kirkby Malsory on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing fron 3.30 p.m. until dark. The usual short service will be held, bat please note, no tea. It is hoped that as many sowers as possible will be represented to discuss future arrangements. Sharnford bells also available on Oct. 2ist until sunset. -W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, Leicester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood, on Saturday, September 3oth. Bells from 2 p.m. Service at 4.45 , with address by the Rev. C. Broughton Thompson, Vicar. Tea (Is.) at 5.30 . Reports ready. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 1 and 3. -H. Knight, ${ }^{5} 5$, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALI,-The ring of five relung with modern filtings in a new teak wood frame by Gillett and Johnston. Rededication by the Vicar at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3oth. Ringers invited.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Alton and Petersfield District.-The quarterly meeting to have been held on Saturday, Sept. 3oth, at F'royle, is cancelled.-C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. - The next meeting, due to have been held at Sprotborough, on Saturday, Sept. zoth, is cancelled owing to the present situation, A committee meeting wilf be held in dtue course to decide on future arrangements. - Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The joint meeting ol the Western Division and the Leeds and District Society, arranged to be held at Shipley on Sept. 3oth, has now been postponed until further notice.-F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -The half-ycarly meeting, which should have been held at Barton-on-Humber on Sept. 3oth, has been postponed. -J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The annual meeting, which should be held on Sept. 3oth, is postponed.-R. Park, Hon. Sec., 23 , Oaklands Terrace, Darłington.

WOLLASTON, NR. STOURBRIDGE, WOR-CESTER.-The ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. Ist, at 6.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE ( ${ }^{\circ}$ BIRMINGHAM (IStablished 1755). - Owing to the National crisis the quarterly meeting, arsanged to be held af King's Norton, will be feld in St. Martin's Tower, Bull Rirg, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Short business meeting at 6 p.m., to be followed by handbell ringing. Plcase make an effort to attend.-L. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136 , Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Brancls. -Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Come along and lorget your worries for an hour or so. Everybody is welcome.-J. Kay, Brancls Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-The meeting arranged for Hillingdor on Oct. $7^{\text {th }}$ is cancelled.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Districl. The meeting arranged to be held at Pocklington on Oci. 7 th is postponed until further notice.-H. S. Morlyy, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUPLD.-Reading Branch.The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, Oct. Fth. Ringing at St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. $4^{\text {th, how many for tea.-E. G. Foster, }}$ Hon. Branch Sec., 4or, London Road, Reating.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. -The next meeting will be held at Headquarters (The Coffee Pot) on Tuesday, October ioth, at 7 P.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

ST. JOHN'S, LEYTONSTONE, AND ST. MARY'S, LEYTON.-Ringing for Sunday morning service (roa.n.) is being carried on at the above churches. Ley-tonstone-second and fourth Sundays in the montly; Leyton-first and Ihird Sundays. Visitors heartily wel-come.-G. Dawson and C. A. Hughes.

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 cast in England.Ringing associations are gradually iaking stock of the conditions brought alout by the war and some of them have already decided upon a line of policy. They have got to adapt themselves to the changred circumstances, to the increasing difficulties of transport, the corning of shorter hours of daylight with the consequent earlier imposition of the 'black-out.' These things must necessarily limit the possibilities of meetings, but in most places the customary Sunday ringing can be carried on without risk. In most parishes the hour of evening service has been altered and the ringers can still discharge their customary task. There is no real reason, now that the first shock of the coming of war has passed why service ringing should not take place in all those areas where the police have no objection to the church bells being rung. We need not repeat the arguments which we have already put forward in support of keeping service ringing going wherever possible, and we believe that the lead which 'The Ringing World 'has given has encouraged ringers in many places, where ringing had been abruptly stopped, to resume again.

The question of continuing practices and meetings is on a somewhat different footing, but we believe the obstacles can be overcome. If ringing is to be maintained during a prolonged war those who are left in the belfries have serious work before them to train up recruits to take the place of those who are called away to sterner duties Much can, of course, be done in this training without recourse to open ringing, but there comes a time in the education of the ringer when, if the training is to be complete and the beginner fitted to take his or her place in the service ringing, some practice must be put in with unleashed clappers. How can this practice be obtained? Obviously, unless it is possible to darken the belfry windows-and there are a number of places where this should present little difficuity and involve but small cost-the ringing must be done during the hours of daylight. The winter months add a further handicap, but an enthusiastic leader and keen learners among a band anxious to keep up their numbers should easily find a way. After all, footbal! matches have to finish before darkness sets in, and if thousands of onlookers can find their way to the football grounds in time to watch an hour and a half's play before daylight disappears, there seems little excuse why ringers should not put in a similar period in the belfry to carry out a practice.

And then the meetings of associations. It should be possible in most districts to find towers where the black-out restrictions can be complied with without much (Continued on page 618.)

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trouble or expense. The use of materials such as are now largely employed for the purpose of temporary shutters and costing only a few pence per square foot could be employed and the ringing chamber windows fitted to satisfy the regulations. In such towers, some of which there must be in nearly every district, meetings could quite well be held and ringing continued after dark, leaving the churches, where black-out reguirements cannot be satisfied, to the summer months.

Various associations are already tackling the problem, and today we print reports ol three which are laying plans for the future. The Lancashire Association, for instance, decided at the annual meeting last Saturday to carry on with the monthly meetings as long as the law permits; the Surrey Association's Committee has decided to hold a limited number of meetings; the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild propose to renew operations in the Southampton District with a series of Saturday and Wednesday combined practices. Here are examples which we hope many other societies will find it possible to follow. The meetings may have to be unore localised than formerly on account of the restricted travelling facilities, although, be it remembered, in past days, before the advent of motor-cars, our predecessors in the belfry would find their way by hook or crook to any meeting held within a very considerable radius. And country roads were as dark then as now, trains were no more freçuent, and motor-cars were not thought of. If we realise what was done in those receding years, why should we now just sit at home and say ringing meetings are out of the question because of the black-out? As long as towers selected for the purpose can be fitted to comply with the restrictions, the ringers themselves should be ready, even more ready than in normal times, to do their part to make association meetings a success.

It is not merely a matter of personal interest. The art has got to be kept alive, and, despite the dangerous days ahead, despite even disasters that may overtake us, let us do our share in preserving the life of the nation and those things which we cherish in our national inheritance. If we approach our ringing in the right way and enlighten the public on the objects of our ringing on all occasions, we need make no apologies for keeping our bells going. We believe that we have a service to render, let us see to it that neither lassitude not misplaced sentiment, prompted by the dismal pessimists, causes us to fail in our responsibilities. The bells still have an important roll to fill in calling to public worship on Sundays and reminding the heedless of higher things; and the maintenance of that service demands that new ringers should be trained and our organisations kept alive against the coming of those less troublous times which we hope are not too far distant.

## ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR CORNWALL.

GENEROUS GIFTS BY MR. J. C. ROBERTS AND BARRON BELL TRUST.
The I $5^{\text {th }}$ century tower of the Church of St. Crewena, Crowan, Cornwall, is to possess a ring of eight. Two trebles are to be added to the existing six bells. This has been made possible through the generosity of Mr . J. C. Roberts of that parish, who has given a donation of froo, while a grant of 6162 has been made by the Barron Bell Trust. The work is being put in hand. It is a good sign that this augmentation is to be carried out in such troubled days.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

## STILL MORE ABOUT COURSING ORDER.

To the conductor who aspires to be something more than a mere bob-caller a knowledge of Coursing Order is a necessity. The old way of calling peals (a way by no means obsolete to-day), was for the conductor to learn his peal and call his bobs accordingly. In addition he would learn the position of the bells at certain courseends, such as part-ends, and by checking those courseends when they came up satisfy himself that the ringing was correct. That is to say that he would have an opportunity of seeing whether the bells were correct five or six times during a peal. If he were a practised conductor he probably would know more course-ends. But the man who understands how to use Coursing Order can, if he takes a little trouble, by observing the order in which he meets the bells, during one journey from front to back or back to front, be quite sure at any point in the peal whether the bells are rigit or wrong.

We have seen that the order in which the bells are met throughout the plain course is $2,4,6,7,5,3$, with the treble in a different position among them in each lead. If we ignore i, 7 and 8 (as we do when we write out course-ends) and write out the others beginning with the bell next after the seventh we get $53^{24}$. That will stand for the Coursing Order of the whole of the plain course.

In a similar way we can put down the Coursing Order of any one of the other 119 possible courses with the tenors together. Thus, supposing, for instance, we have the courses whose course-ends are 65243 and 32546, we can get their Coursing Order in the same way that we got 53246 from ${ }^{2} 3456$ as the Coursing Order of the plain course.

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
\text { Course-ends } \ldots \ldots . . . & 23456 & 65243 & 32546 \\
\text { Coursing Order } \ldots . . & 53246 & 45^{2623} & 4^{2} 356
\end{array}
$$

But one thing must be noted. In a touch or a peal the course-ends we must deal with are not necessarity the rows which come at the end of the course, but are the rows which come at the beginning. To put it more properly, they are the ' natural ' course-end, which are the rows which would come up if we ran on to the courseends without any calls.

The adjoining touch consists of four courses, but actually only once do we ring 112 changes without a call, and that is when we run from the Wrong in the third course to the Wrong in the last course. We do ring the

$$
23456 \text { W. M. R. }
$$ whole of the plain course, but one lead of it comes at the beginning and six leads at the end. The rest of the touch consists of parts of courses and each part has its natural course-end. We will write down these natural course-ends as follows:-

| 33456 | 52436 | 42635 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 64235 | 64235 | 24536 |
| 52436 | 35426 | 35426 |
| 35426 | 23456 | 23456 |

The first column represents the first lead of each course; that is from the Home to the Wrong. The second column represents the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth leads; that is from the Wrong to the Middle. The third column represents the seventh lead; that is
from the Middle to the Home. If from any row, in any lead, you continued to prick changes without any bobs or singles, when you came to the course-end you would get the row shown in the table.
Next transpose all these rows by $53^{2} 46$ as we did just now. That will give you the different Coursing Orders throughout the touch.

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
53246 & 32546 & 32465 \\
34625 & 34625 & 34556 \\
32546 & 25346 & 25346 \\
25346 & 53^{246} & 53246
\end{array}
$$

The man who knows these figures can teil definitely at any minute whether the bells are right or wrong, and we believe that there is no other means by which he can do so. But, you may say, there are forty-five courses in an ordinary peal and to learn a table like this for forty-five courses is a big job. Too big to be worth while. That may be true, and presently we will tell you how you can avoid most of the trouble. Meanwhile, it is not much trouble to study the matter with pencil and paper as we have explained it so far. Afterwards we can come to the short cuts.

## THE B. B C. INTERVAL SIGNAL.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I, for one, fully agree with Mr. Trotman. Rounds would have been tolerable, but monotonous, If the band that made the record were not able to strike a few changes of Grandsire or Stedman Caters decently they might have tried to produce some reasonable call changes, instead of fiddling about with $7^{-8-9}$ in that exasperating way. I suppose they thought anything was good enough for people who don't understand change ringing.

## NEMO.

Sir,-Whilst agreeing with your correspondent, Mr. A. Trotman, that the record used by the B.B.C. could be improved upon, I do not agres with the alternative methad suggested by him. I venture the opinion that e well-struck course of Stedman or Erin Triples is much more musical to the ear. I always think that when the tenor is tornen in' the pleasing effect and sense of rhyihm is lost, and further the magnificent note of a truly poble tenor caunot be fully appreciated undess it io rung behind.
F. C. A. BENNETT.

## Wambourne.

Sir-In answer to Mr. Trutman's letter regarding the interval signal, I must Aay , that I agree that il change would le very welcome to our earg, especially as we liear tins record sometimes for ag long as eight minutes. There is a new record of the twelve, and it is a very fina recording. St. Margaret's, Weatminster, has made a record very fina recording. St, Margaret's, Westminster, hats made a record
of Grandsire and stedman Cinters, nod a little while back I wrote to the B.B.C. askine them if they could broadeast this record, to whicil I had no reply. May I add that a course of Duuble Norwich on Bow's hack eight would be fine, althnugh the ringing would have to be very slow. I don't know if Mr. Trotmen hes ever rutig Bow teyor-she is a lump to taria in.

FRANK HOPGOOD.
Wimbled̉on, S.W.
P.S.-I have the numbere of these records if any ringer would like them

## BRISTOL RINGER MARRED.

The marriage took place quiativ on Saturday, September 30hl, at Llanhadoe Parish Church, Dsk, Mon, hetween Mr. Donald G. Cljft and Miss Marion Smith, of A bervilery, Mon.

The bride was a former nurse at the Cefn-Lla Convalescent Home of the Pontypool and District Hospital. The bridegroom, who is a member of the St. Stephen's Guild of Aingers in Bristol, is a telecommunications officer in the Head Post Ofice of that city. He took up ringing at Usk in 1927, and in 1932-33 was Master of the Liandaf and Monmouth Diocesan Association. Fe alsa represented that body on the Central Council from 1933 to 1935 .

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

## SEVENTEENTH CENTURY REGULATIONS ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH <br> <br> By Ernest Morris.

 <br> <br> By Ernest Morris.}The church of St. Helen, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, now contains eight belis, with a tenor, cast in 1849 , weighing 16 cwt .3 qrs. 23 lbs. In 6 Edward VI. ( 553 ) there were ' fyve belies and a hande belle.' Very little is known of this early sing, but the ancient tenor bell, dated 157 I, weighed 14 cwt .3 qrs. 2 lbs .
On May 20th, 1628 , au "agreement, signed by nine inhabitants, concernirg the ringing of the bolls and keeping of the clock and cinives ' was made. This is preserved in a narrow folio volume (unbound) of 21 written prges containing the accounts of the clurechwardens of Ashly-de-la-Zouct, together with those of the Constable (Hastiags MSS. Vol 1, Historicel Manuseripts Commissiom)
Il reads: : None shall be allowed to ring for pleasure and reereation ahove twice in the week, and that nol, above the space of one hour at a time : unless it fall out that some strangers shail desire to ring a peal extraordinary, which they shaill lisve liberty to do provided that they frest obtain the Consent of two of the churchwardens for it. None shatl be allowed to ring at buriala above two short peals, viz., ane before the body is buried end muother alter. None shall be allower? to ring ak weddings ebove three short peals, viz, one before tile marriage and two after. There sinall be no peal at all rung on the Sabbath days, but the least luell at 7 o'clock in the morning, and at one in fhaf afternoon, and the second bell ats 8 o'clock in the morning and 2 in the afternoon (In the margin is written "this continued till Aug. $17^{1 "}$ ) and the sermon bell presently atter the chime hath ended after 9 mad between 2 and 3 in the afternoon. The clerk slagll meg the Curfew at due times throughout the year aud the four o'clock bell in winter, and be shall ring no less than by the space of one quarter of an bour at either of these times. The clerk shall look to the keeping of the clock and chime in due order from time to tine. If any of thesp orders be broken through the default of the clerk, lhe shatl forfeit to the town for every default 12d., which said defaults the churchwardens shall receive lrom the froffee that is to pay him his wages next rent day. The churchwariens shall allow the clerk yearly towards the finding of bell ropes and maintaining them in sufficient repair 6s 8d.'
In 1741 a treble was added mating six bells, and two trebles further added in 1814 completed the octave. in 1816 the Leicester change ringers raug 5,040 Grondsire Triples on April 26thi, conducted by Thomas Sibson. In this peal ${ }^{\text {IIlomas Stringer (sexton) and 3-awrence }}$ Stasnes (vestry clert) rang. These positions it St, Margaret's, Leicester, are now held by the present writer. The 7th bell was recast 1822 and the tenor in 1849, while in 1886 the whole were retwned and rehung in a new irom frame

There is a tradition relating to Ashby which says that a former inlanbitant of the place, juaving lost his way, was, after wandering ahout the whole nifint and become ulnost eximusted, enabled to find his way home fgain by learing the sounc of the clock of St. Helen's Church. To mark his gralitude for this deliverance, he conveyed to the trugtees of the Grammar School certain property, since called the 'Day-bell houses,' won trust, amang oflier things, that they showld cause one of the church bella to be rung for a quarter of an hour at fous o'clock every morning. This direction was carried out, and the 'fouz o'clock leeti ' was heard regularly every moming until the year 1807, when, upou the abtherity of a Derree of the Court of Claancery, Whis custom, "useless and ammoying" to the inhabitants, was disconfiruad. Ingtead of this early bell, one was rung at 9 a.m. and 2 p.mo, for the purpose of assenblivg the boys in the Grammar School, for which the authorities paid the churcin a certain sum annualy.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

On Sunday, Geptember 24th, for the Imrvest festival at Coleshill, Berks, at guarter-penl of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 43 minutes by the following: L. Mace 1, A. J. King 2, E. A. Edwards (monductor) 3 , E. Telling 4, T. Sappington 5 , V. Jones 6.
On Sunday, September 24th, at Barwell Parish Charch, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grasdsire Triples: N. Lucas 1 , T. Belton 2, J. Lawrence 3, A. Iucas 4, R. Belton (conductar) 5, W. Newton 6, w. White 7, म. Fingland 8 .

At St. Mary's, Lythett, Matravers, Dorset, after liarvest, fesliwal eveming gervice on september 24th, in quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 cluages), being one extent of New Douhles, Stedman Slow Coarse, Reading St. Simon's, April Day, Antelope, St. Dunstan's, London Singles, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Boh and 60 of Gramisire: Misa P. V. Marsh 1, Miss V. M. Marsh 2, L. H. Pink 3, F. E. White 4, W. C. Shute (conductor) 5, M. A. Martin 6. First quarter-peal ith eleven methods oy ali.

For harvest thanlspiving on Sunday, Sentember 24th, at Brosbourne, 560 of $\mathbf{B o b}$ Major and 168 of Grandsire Triples for evening serviee: J. Luxom 1, Miss N. Radlcy 2, C. Gouldsmith 3, C. Byatb 4, F. Perin 5, W. Newnan 6, A. Radley 7, G. Radley (conductor) 8.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL HEXITING AT RLACKPOOL
The anoual meeting was held at Blackpool under very adverse circumstances, menluers atconding from Barrow, Hackburn, izlackpool, Boiton, Frodshem, Liverpool, Mngehester, Prestou, Southport and Whittle-le-Woods. Atthough five peals of kelis were available for the use of visitors, there were not ellough members present to ring until hali-past two, when the belfs at St. Johu's Churcla were set gong iz toucher of Grundsive and, Stedmarh Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Camlridge Surprise Major. Service at 4 p.m. was sad dy the Vicar (the Rer. W. Yates, M.A.J, and the address was given ty tho Rev. A. Scott, M.A. (prosident). His advice was to keop the bells going as much as possible beth for services, practices and meelings.
Tea was served in the Parisl\} Hall, ammanged and servad by Mrs. Sharples and Mrs. Eosher. The Vioar stayed for tea, but as le lad no curate he had to leave to get ready for the Sunday services. He was thanked for his assistance aud words of welcome in church, to which le responded. The ladies were also thanked for their share. The businas meeting was thea held, the chair being talion by the presidenth The committee's report slated that the total membership whis 1,515, 1,085 of whom lived in the association's arca; 78 yew members had lucen made and 36 crossed off for arrears, while denth claimed eight (four non-resibent and four ringing). Restorations lad been carried out at Aughton, Poolstock and Moretamine. The Carnon Elsee Memorial Window was dedicated on June 10th, and a peal bard was unveiled at Maorside, Oldham, on Octolyer 20th. The number of peals rung during the year was 90. This does not correspond with the C.C. list, as the year endet on Jtay 3let. Mention was made of Mr. G. R. Newton's 500th peal and also of several members wio had passed their firet, second and third 50th during the year, alsa of peals of Erin Oaters (the first far the association) aud Little Bab Mafor (the first for all the band) and a large number of first pealg and firsts in the method.
Regrets were expressed that the treasurer could not came or send a statement. It was proposed that the balance sheet should he sudited and passed and sent on ta the president in time for inelusion in the ann ual repart.
For the eleotion of officers, Mr. J. Ridygrd, of Southport, receiver the lighest vole for wiep-prosident for two years. The other oflicersMr. 'T. Wilson, ringing secretary; Mr. C. I. Davies, treasurer; Mescrs. Barnes and Wilkinson, atidors-were re-eleeted without opposition. The motion an to the election of Central Gouncil representatives Wats put back untif next year.
The meeting closed with lost thanks to the Vicars of the wazious churches fot the ase of their bells; to Dr. Wood, the organist: the choirboys; Mr. Sharples, tile branch secretary, and others who helped under ithe frying circumstances to make a success of the meeting.
Owing to the unsettled stante of things, next year's meeting was provisionally fixed for Folton as being a geod centre.

## A FAMOUS NORTHAMPTON BELLFOUNDER <br> DESCENDANT KILI.ED IN CASTING CANNON

Next Monday if the three hundred and thirty-finst anniveramy of the baptism of Henry Bagley, the first of A famous fanily of bellforndera who cast many bellg which still exist in the Mhdand Connties. Henry Bugley was lorm at: Clacombe in Northamptonshire, where his father Matthew, who br trade was a blacksnith, was churctiwarden in the jear 1636. Heary began bellfounding about 1632 and he died about 1676.
The fourdry then appears to have boen carried on by his sons, Henry and Willian, the first of whom was elected a mentore of the Society of College Youtlis in 1686.
The witl of Mathew Bagley; Henty's uephew, contains the earliest reference to half-muffled rimging we have. Fie 'requested a dumb peal, the lells muffled on one side." This was in 1785 when he was a very old man.
Other members of the Bagley family cartied on bell founding at Fecton, and a later memiser of the family, Mathew Bagley, migrated o London, where he acquired the foundry of Philip Wigntman.
He lost his life in a tragic manner while casting a gur for the Government. The 'Flying Post' of May I2th, 1716, gives the following account of the accident: Last Thursday nighe ahout nine o'elonk a tragical aceident liappened at the Royal Foundry, near Upper Moorfields, where, when the workmen were casting a cannon, the metal that was rumning into the mould flew up on a sudden with great noise and violence and came down like drops of fire mot only upon all the workmen, but spectators (of whom there was a great bimber to see the performance). Several attended from the Tower, particularly Mr. Hall, Clerk of the Ordnance, who was so sorely wounded that he dyed next moming. The Minster Tounder and his son with above twenty others wero also very much hurt. "Tis generalty agreed that the said accident was owing to the dampness of the mould.
Thr ' Weekly Journal' wf May 12th, 176, further states that ' Bagley, the Master Founder, has lost his eyes, and his son and sixtepu others are desperately wounded."
Ragley died of his wounds, for the registers of St. Giles', Cripplegate, lare the inlowing entries:-
1716.-May 22, Mathew Burgley, founder, villed.

May 26, Mathew Bagley, jun., founder, killed.

## SUNDAY RINGING.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS.

Ringing for Sunday services is taking place at the following towers, and visiting riugers, particularly those serving with the Forces, will be welcome.

We shall be plased to publish similar information in relation to other towers where Sunday ringing is being maintained.
Leytorstone, St. John's, 10 to 11 a.m. (second and (Courth Sundays). Leyton, St. Mary's, 10 to 11 a.m. (first and third Sundays),
 3 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Yenge, St. Jolm's, 10.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Practice Monday, 7.30 p.1s. to $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Mers Parish Church, Wilts, 10.15 a.m. (first and third Sundays), 2.15 p.m. (second and fourth Suudeys).

Ealing. St. Stephen's, 10 m.m., alternately with Christ Church 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's. 2.30 p.m.

St. Albans Catherra], 4 p.m. Saturday aiternoons in addition to service ringing on Sunday mornings. (Quarter-peals can be arranged). Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, 10.20 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Haslemere, Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Putney, St. Mary's, 10.15 a.m.
Latney, st. Marys, Margaret's, 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 2.15 to 3 p.131 Leatherhesd, Surdays, 10.30 to 11 a.m.; second mal Eourth Sundays 2.30 to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tuesdays, practice 7.30 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Wolverhamplon, St. Peter's, 10 to $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 3 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Kilburn, St. Augustine*s, 10.30 a.m. Trysul], All Sainta', near Wolverhampton, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.mm Traro Cathedral, 9.30 to $10 \% \mathrm{~m} \| 2.30$ to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. No practices are being lield.
Tynemouth Parish Church, 10 to 10.30 日.m.. 2.30 to 3 p.m.
Felkirk, Yorks, 10 to 11 a.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Worplesdon, Surrey, Sundegs, 10.15 to 10.50 a.m.

## RINGING AT CRAYFORD.

The band at Oraviord, as most of our readera know, is one of the most active in the country, but, like so many more, is feeling the effects of these strenumus times. Mr. Edwin Barnott tells us, however, that they are doing their hest to carry on, although tiney have logt some of their mombers. The Sunday ringing is much as usual, and an attempt will be made to hold practices on Saturdey afternoons. If all ringers face the difficulties of the times in this spirit wp do not fear that the Exercise will come through the crisis all right in the end.

## POLICE SANCTION EVENING RINGING.

On Sunday, Septeurber 24th, when harvest featival services were heid at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, the helis were rung for 6 p.m. service, and after consultation with the Chief Constable, were also ruag after the service until 7.45. On each occasion a loug touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round.
Ringing at Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall has been stopped, but at most of the other churches in the district where evening service is being held at 3 p.m. the bells are being rung.

## A RINGER FOR SIXTY YEARS

DEATH OF MR. J. R. BUNCH, OF YATELEY.
The funeral took place at Yateley Parish Church, Eants, on Saturday, September 23rd, of the late Mr. James Robert Banch, who lad been a ringer at Yateley for 60 years. Mr. Bunch, who was 78 years of age, had all his life beon connected with the Parish Church. In the year 1888 he was one of the band who took up chavge ringing under the buition of the tate Mr. Henry White of Basimgstoke, and in 1892 rang in the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by Mr. Frank Betnett. He also reng in the firat peal at the neighbouring towe. of Yorklown, Surrey, conducted by the late Mr. Henry White.
Admitted to the Winchester Diocesan Guild on June 1 st, 1889, he attended the amual meeting at Ryde in July of that year, and was also present at the mecting tinere or July Ist of tilis year.

His certificate of admittance to the Guild is to be hung in the Yateloy belfry. He rang in several peals in the district and was also a member of the Oxford Diccesan Guikd of many years standing. The whole of the ringing band of Yateley attended the interment, and as the earth closed the open grave rang a half-mufled touch of Grandsire Triples on the bells Mr. Buweh had long and often eared for.

## WEDDING AT KYNGSTON-UPON-THAMES.

The wedding took place at All Sainte' Church, Kingston-uponThames, nn Saturday, Eeptember 16th, between Mr. Eric Parker of 100, Park Roat, Kington, and Miss Beatrice Etheridge, of Elgin Cotrage, Fampton Court.

The bridegroom has been a memher of the Kingston band of ringern for several fears and was a regular attendant at both service and practice ringing. Fortunately the bells have not been silenced and immediately after the ceremony touches of Grandsire Caters were rung by the local bend. Thoze taking part were E. Howes 1, $G$. Missey 2, H. Andrews 3, W. Massey 4, W. Nash 5, G. Peck B, G. Goodran 7, H. Bariet 8, F, Hawthome 9, W. Maxwell 10.

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## BELERY GOSSIP

The resignation of Mr. F. E. Haynee as Ringing Master at St. Martin's, Birwingham, has been followed by the appointment of Mr. Albert Walker to the office. Mr. Walker bas occupied this positiou twice previously.
In counction with the noecting of St. Martin's Guild, which is to be held in Birmingham to-morrow, in addition to the ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p .tu, there will he special service ringing at the Cathedral from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., when all who can attend will be welcome.
T'se valuable possessions of the Ancient Society of College Youths, including the peal and uane books, have been removed to safety lor the period of the war. They have been deposited in the vaulis at St. Prul's Cathedral.
Sunday is the oue hundred avd ninetieth anniversary of the first peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, which lad !ate!'y uean cast by Thomas Leester, of Whitechapel. It was rung by the Sociaty of Eastern Scholars, the method was Boly Major and the ljabs were called by Thomas Besnett. There is, or was, a board in the beliry to record the performance.
Sunday is also the anniversary of the long peal of Bob Major, 15,360 changes, rung at Aston in 1793. It was a very notable periormance, beating (in number of changes) the 15,180 , also of Bob Major, rusg in 1737 at West Ham, and remaimed the record length in my method tuntit 1868 , when the College Youths rang 15,840 ohanges of Kcnt Treble Bols at Bethnal Green. A longer peal of Bob Major was not accomplished until thie 18,144 at Beaington in 1933.
On October 5thr 1839, Thumas Hattersley, for very nany years a noted ringer, was born at Sheffield, and ten years later on October 6 th his grasduither, Williann Booth, another and equally well-known ringer of an earlier generation, died.
On Ootoher 6th, 1788, the College Youths rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished. The number of changes wws 6,206, and Japper Soowdon auggested that this leagth was chosen so as to make it more difficult for anotleer band to beat tha record. But the most likely explanation is that what was rang Was the composition of a peal of Caters (probably the one in the 'Clavis'). A 5,076 of Caters applied to eleren bells aives 6.206 .

Mr. Charles R. Lilley is one of the select number who have called peals on all numbers of bells. His list includes Grandsire and Sted. man from Doubles to Cincues, and Flain Bob and Treble Bob on ell man from froubles to Cingues, and

## PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-Your articles ou the home front and war-lime rimging are very timely and I should like to add to their importance by suggesting one or two points which I think, if followed, will greetly belp to keep our art alive.
At St. Mary's, Bexley, we are holding practioes on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and any ringers, be thes learners or experts, are welcomed.
Now we lave in mind a scbense which I think will belp beginners a great deal. First and foremost we are carrying on with handbell practices two or three evenings per week with the additional practice on tower bells, und I can say from my own experience that this aroceduro is not only keeping the young ones interested, but that they are making goud progress. We have 17 here and I can assure you they are keener than ever.
We are also hoping to ingtitute a system of coulbined practices in this digtrict at the towers of Erith, Crayford, Dartford and Bexley baccessively, one tower per week, so, that there will be one practice per month per tower.
Probably the same thing conld be carried out in other places where Thero are, say, three or four towers within easy distance of each other. I thimk we all realise that the better the co-operation the better the results will be, and when the times become nornal again we shall be in a pogition to go forwerd.
One thing more, I should like to see the articles on 'With Pencit and Paper carried on and if possible extended. They are a great asset to the beginner. Finally, it is up to all of us to extend the sale of 'The Ringing world' to the utmost, for without it the Exercise would be dead. Tharking you for the good work you are doing.
H. A. HOLDEN.

## IN THE BARNSLEY DISTRICT.

Dear Sir, -I mplensed to say we are not restricted at our tower. Felkirk, for ringing, as we ring every Sunday $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 11 日.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., When any ringer or ringers who would like to bave a pull of Minor will be welcome.
I upderstand that the majority of the towers in the Barnsley area, Where there is a band of ringers, are ringing for Suaday services.

We are also allowed to ring a peal if we wish at Felhirk, and I should be interested to know the feeling of the Exercise as to whether we should ring peals during the war period or got,

DANIEL SMTTH.

## CHURCH BELLS IN WAR TIME.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS TO BE CONTINUED.

At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Blackpool on Saturday, a discussion took place on the question of future meetings, and the following resolution was passed: 'That we, the Lancashire Association, in annual meeting assembled, agree that our service ringing, practices and monthly meetings shall go on as usual, except when faw forbids.'

## SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DECISION

## RETIRED RINGERS TO BE APPROACHED

A meeting of the General Committee of the Surrey Association was held at Merstham on Saturday last to discuss the present situation.

It was unanimously decided that it be recommended that, as far as possibie, ringing in the churches affiliated to the Association should continue and that every effort should be made by members who were able to do so, to maintain the art throughout the district.

It was further suggested that steps might be taken to re-approach ringers, who previous to the outbreak of war had given up ringing, with a view to enlisting their services and thus strengthen bands depleted by the call of National Service.
It was further decided that, whilst it was not found possible to carry out the districts' pre-arranged programme, arrangements be put in hand in respect to three meetings, one to be held at Kingston, another at Redhill and the other at. Beddington. Appropriate notices relating to these meetings will appear in "The Ringing World.

It was learnt that at quite a number of churches in the Association's area ringing is taking place twice on Sundays and members and other ringers will be pleased to hear that ringing at the twelve-bell tower of St. John's, Croydon, recommenced as from last Sunday.

Practices are still being held at Leatherhead and Beddington, and no doubt enthusiastic ringers will make the necessary note.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## SECRETARY'S APPEAL

The General Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) writes as follows to all his fellowmembers :-May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' ask all of you in town or village towers to do your best to keep things going as best you can until these troublous times are over? Many bands will be depleted, but service ringing should be niaintained as far as possible, and practices, too, in village towers will be practicable. Some branch meetings may, and probably will be heid, and wherever possible I beg the ringers to back up branch secretaries to the very best of their endeavour.

In my own tower all practice night ringing is finished, but by ' blacking out ' the windows we meet some of our beginners and get a good handbell practice, which, I hope, will bear fruit in the future. I cannot hope to meet my friends all over the three counties as I have done during the last twenty years, and as far as things go, my job as General Secretary is a sinecure for a time, but anything I can do I am willing to do for one and all.

My sincere wish is 'Success to you all,' and don't let the O.D.G. ' slip back' any more than it is bound to until Hitlerism is finished. With sincere good wishes to all friends in Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

## RICHARD T. HIBBERT,

69, York Road, Reading. General Secretary.

## gOUTHEND INVITATION.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-In answer to your proposal that you would like information about Sunday ringing, we at the Parish Church, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, are ringing on Sunday mornings from 10.20 till 11 o'clock, and on Sunday afternoons from 4.30 till 5.30 . The Sunday afternoon ringing is chiefly for our learners, who now, of course, have no other opportunity to practise. If there are any ringers who find their way towards Southend, whether privately or in H.M. forces, we should be very glad to weicome them.
A few of us are meeting at my house at 75, St. Mary's Road, on Monday evenings at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. for handbell ringing, when we would be glad to see a visitor.
This handbell ringing we find difficult to teach, and agree with a letter from Sam Jones that a series of articles for the begimner would be appreciated by many ringers who have the duty of teaching.-Yours truly,
F. B. LUFKIN (Captain of local ringers).

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

To-morrow meetings are to be held as follows:-
St. Martin's Guild, quarterly meeting at Birmingbam.
Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch meeting at Moorside.
Oxford Diocesan Guiid, Reading Branch meeting at Mortimer.
Bedfordshire Association, Biggleswade Diştrict at Sandy.
The Barnsley and District meeting at Monk Bretton arranged for to-morrow is postponed.

## WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAT AFTERNOON PRACPICES. To the Fditor.

Dear Sir, Just a few lines to say how much we appreciate your leading articles as to the best ways of oarrying on in wro time and let you know what we are trying to do in tise winchester and Portsmoutil Diecesan Guild. Firat I may bay our Sunday service ringing at Nort' Stonelana is crafined to 11 a.m. and $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. services, ameeting at 10 a.m. the fourth Sunday in the month for an hour's ringing before the 11 a.m. service, the usual time for ringing being half an honr, unless by special arrangement; visitors reccive a hearty welcome and get a rope from rounds to Surprise Major or Royal.
Wra ar-s arranging for combined practices on Saturday afterzoons, and hope to meet an Saturday, October $14 t h$, say from about 3 p.m. till $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ We hope those riggers interested will make a mote of this and we shall endeavour to give the enthusiast an opportunity to prantice Double Norwich, Cambridge and Torkshire Royal, in addition to the simpler standard methods for others.
We also hape with Mr. Linter's Wednesday band to arrange for meetings at Soberton, but fixtures will have to be made from one meeting to tive other, 8 the greatest diffculty is going to be the matter of transport, owing to the short ration of petrol. i shall be glad to hear from anyone who can help us, and aiso from anyone who crn lurn up at North Stoncham on October 14 hh.
1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigl.
GEORGE WHLLIAMS.

## ringing at chatham.

Siry-I an of the opinion that the curtailment of Sumday service ringing fas been carried too far. I suppose this area is at the present time ona of the most vulnemble places in the whole of the British Isles. Fet onr Rector has given permission for the bells to be rung on Sunday mornings from 10 till 11, and Sunday evenings from 4.45 till 5.30. Our bells have no bean rung on Sunday mornings since 1921. owing to most of the band having to augment the company at Rochester Cathedral, where the bells are now alent. Any ringer who is with the Chatham Division will be welcomed. C. E. NORRIS.
Chatham.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## ST. DIONIS' AND ALL HALLOWS'.

During the eighteenth century five peals are all that are known to have been rung at St. Dionis' and it is not until November 26th, 1850 , that we have any account of another. On that date the Cumberlands rang 5079 changes of Stedman Caters, and two years later, on November 22 nd , 1852 , the College Youths rang a similar length of the same method.

Towardis the end of the sineteenth century the character of the City of London had entirely changed. From being largely residential it had become almost entirely commercial. Outside, enormous suburbs were growing up with vast populations and scanty church accommodation, while the City, with its dozens of wealthy churches, was almost entirely deserted on Sundays.

The diocesan authorities were faced by the problem raised by so great an excess of material and moncy where it was not needed, and so great a deficiency where vas: numbers of people were living without the means of public worship. Of late years the problem has become cven more acute, but as early as about 1875 an attempt was made to adjust the balance. From the point of view of the spiritual needs of the Church and people it seemed that the only right thing to do was to sell the churches that were no longer needed, and, with the money, build others in the new districts; and an Act for the union of benefices was passed by Parliament.

There is, however, another side to the question. The City churches are the property of the parisnes, and there was and is a natural and right objection to desecrate ground that had been consecrated to the service of God for, perhaps, a thousand years and to pull down buildings, some of them of great artistic merit and which, as a whole, form one of the most striking architectural features of Iondon. The process of demolstion, therefore, was slow and only those of lesser value were at first threatened. St. Dionis' was one of the earliest, and a scheme to sell the church and unite the parish and benefice with the neighbouring parish of All Haliows, Grass. church, was finally approved by the vestry on April 28th, 18, 6.

Among the resolutions adopted was one that the parishioners, having received intimation that the bells of St. Dionis' Backchurch could be made available, recommended that it be a part of the scheme that such bells be presented to the church of the united parishes. This was included in the Order in Council, and, when St. Dionis' was pulled down, the bells were hung in the tower of Alt Hallows.

That parish, although it possessed a fine tower, had taken little interest in its bells and possessed only two. And now, after hanging in their new home for nearly sixty years, mostly silent, the bells are once more homeless. All Hallows, in its turn, has been pulled down, and the future of the bells is as yet uncertain.

Out of the sum received from the sale of St. Dionis?, after money had been allotted to the restoration of All Hallows and other objects, a new church of St. Dionis" was built at Parsons Green, Fulham. To it many of the fittings were removed, including the font given by Sir Henry Tulse.

## ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET

'Then by the four corners, so called, of F'enchurch Street in the east, Bridge Street on the south, Grass Street on the north and Lombard Street on the west is one
fair parish church called All Hallows, Grass Church in Lonbard Strcet; I do so read it in the evidences of record for that the grass market went down that way when that street was far broader than it now is, being straitened by encroachments."

So wrote John Stow in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The church had been rebuilt in the early part of the sixteently century, the steeple being finished in 544 . The

fair stone porch' was brought from the lately dissolved priory of St. John of Jerusalem, near Smithfield, as well as the frame in which the priory bells had hung. One Warner, a draper of the parish, bought the priory bells, intending to give them to All Hallows, but he died before the transaction could be completed, and his son and heir refused to carry out his father's intention; ' and so," says Stow, " that fair steeple hath but one bell, as friars are wont to use. ' In the inventory made in the reign of Edward VI. the number is given as " $i j$ in the steple,' one of them probably being a saunce bell.

The church was much damaged in the Great Fire and was rebuilt by Wren in $1686-1694$ at a cost of $\mathcal{6} 8.058$ 55 s . 6d. Two bells, a large and a small one, were placed in the tower and no effort was made by the parish to obtain a ringing peal, until St. Dionis' was pulled down, when All Hallows received the bells from that tower as the parish church of the united parishes.
(Contipued on next page.)

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

PROPOAED MEMORJAL TO THE LATE M㡽 T．J FLTON．
The autum meeting of the society for the Arcindeaconry of Shafiond was Ineld at Brewood on Sacurday iast．In typioal nutumin weather， members began la nssembie soon aiter 2 j．m．atd the trells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples，Plain Boly and Kont Treble Bob Major，while roupds and ctet clanges wexe also rumg for begmmers， Despite the difficulties of transport，quite a good muster put in appearance One unfortunatz incidenl happened，and that was a stay gat，bent and，be it noted，not by ane of the aforesaid Jearners！ However，ringing coutinued until service time．

The Rev．©．Broughton Thompson（Vicar）delivered ay excellent Acdress，in tho course of which he said he hopes that Einging would never die out and be substituted by mechanical means，neo that fibgers slould keen up thieir practices and be ready to rinh for peace． He spoke of limeself as being eppeoially fould of hell musicic
Mrs．Mollio Winterton（dauphter of Mr． J ．Perry，the estemed captain of the local band）presided at the orean，ayd right ably did she manage it．
A very tijee tea was provided in the Jubilee Eall－through the gererosity of sonse kind friends．This was followed by the business meeting，presided over by the Vicar．Applogies for Alueste were received frown the Rev．C．H．Barker，clericial secretary and treasureer， Mr．B．ब．Key，Ringing Histert，who is on astive services；Messry J．Warrilow，C．Wallater，T．Benton，W．Peart ank w．A．Walker．

On accoum of lighting restrictions，it was resolved that the next meecing，which was to have been leeld at All Saints＇，West Bronnsich， in Januinary next，shoold not take place，Also，tor the same reason， the dinuer arrangemients for Novewber should be cancelled．
A letter was received from Mr．W．A．Walker，tomerkeeper at st． Matthew＇s，Walsail，stating that a sugestion was bering made for Mhe placing of a memorial tablet in st．Mat iticw，befiry to the tate Mr．Themas J．Elton，who for many years acted as cuptain in that tower，and who had done valuable work for the saciety in the cause of change riuping．Members and friends arc iurited to send subbecrip；
 be gratefuly akk now wledyed thy him．
A vote of Ulianks to the Vicar for lis adidress and use of the bells， to the organist for her essistance，to Mrss．Durbeil anad fier leelpers in prepring aud sersing tea，was received with applause． Handebels were thens brought into use to the tune of Grandsire Triples and Caters，Bab Majer，Stedman Doubles and Triples．Thys endied $a$ Thappy gatlesting in spite of the difipeulties which liad to be overcome．

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON <br> （Continued from previous page．）

The Order in Council provided that the two bells from All Hallows should go to the new ctiurcla of St．Dionis＇ which was being built at Parsons Green，Fulham，but the churchwardens disregarded the orler and disposed of them to St．Paul＇s，Southwark．The authorities of St． Dionis＇appealed to the Eicclesiastical Commissioners as the legal owners of the property of the demolished church of St．Dionis＇Backchurch，offering to give $£ 50$ as an act of grace if they could have the bells；but the Com－ missioners disclaimed all responsibility in the matter，as they had belonged to All Hallows．Eventually，they gave to St．Dionis＇，Parsons Green，a bell that had formerly been at St．Michael＇s，Bassetshaw，and the vicar and wardens of the former church renounced all claims．
All Hallows stood on a site where land is as valuable as almost anywhere in the world and several efforts were made to sell it and use the money for building churches elserwhere．These efforts had always been defeated until lately，when serious structural defects occurred in the building and the east wall had to be taken down for safety．It was then decided to pull the church down and to build another in a new neighbourhood at Twickenhan， 10 which the fittings，including the very fine carved woodiwork，will be transferred．
As I have said，the bells are for the present without a home．Although the churcll stood in the centre of the City，it was so hemmed in by high buildings that it was atmost entirely invisible．Nowhere from the street could more than one top corner of the tower be seen．It was impossible to get a photograph of it，and so I made a sketch which is shown in this article．

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION．
EINCKLEY DLSTRLCTS FIRAT WARTEME MEETLNG．
The first war－time meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Conuties Association was held at Kirkby Malbory，Leicestershire．on Saturday．Tho back five belis were raised in rounds aud Granosire Doubles rung before 3.30 ．Other wembers und friends laving arrived， steduan Doubles，Plain Beb，Dauble Court，Kent Treble Bois and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung until service time．The attend－ ance was only 14，many，no donbt，heing prevented by their duties front abtemding，particulanly blote employed in farmivg．Oue mem－ ber，engaged in dairy Inrming，on see nu prospects of service riaging durin苦 the winter montlas．

The Rectur（the Rew．E．Mills）conducted the usurl II．C．A．form of service，which began with the ringers＇hymn，Lifted high within the steeple．＂In the course of his adofess，the Rector said that owing to the difficultics of catering in a small village at these times and afso to the selool being in use for a large tumber of efecuated dhildren， in addition to then own，he was very reluctantly compelled to cancel the tea，but lee hoped，on tha return of liappier dave，to have the plensure of agein welcoming the didtrict ringers and to be able to resume the tsual teas．The Rector spole of the work ripgers could do at this time to lolp bring in the Kingdom of God．Belly，he said， ring out a mensage of invifation ta everyone within lesring．There was room for everybody to work for the Kiagdom，each in their own particular way．He was sure ringers would do their part by givage their services gladly．

After service it short meeting was held，Mr．A．Ballurd，district chairnan，fresiding．The Rector was thenked for his address and for the use of the bells．Thanks were also expressed to the lady organist．
The invitation of the Rector of Sharmford to hold e ringing meeting there on Onlober 2lat was accepted．T＇le next jtem－coll call of tawers represented－was nrranged so that the time of Sunduy service raming at etcin townt sens staled．These were．Burbage，10．20 a．m．Crof 10.20 a．m．and $2.3 \cup \mathrm{p}$ ．m．：Hinkeley， 10.30 日．m．and $2.45 \mathrm{p.m.:} \mathrm{Kirkby}$ Mallory， 10.30 a．m，and $2.40 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{nm}$ ．＇Peckletan，no rimging ；Sliatnford， 10．30 a．m．：Narket Bosworth， 9.45 a．m．

In cases where no aftermnon ringing is montioned，静e present evening serwices are to be shortly altered，and consequently to times could be stated，as these times are given so they way be of use to visitirg ringers．

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE．

A discussion fallowed on how to maintuin meetings aud intereat in ringing．
Jt was learmed that one groug of four towers near Hugglescote propose ta lold a Saturday afternoon practice at each tower in turn on，perlaps，the flrst Saturday in cach month．
If was agreed that nieedings slould be held as frequently as possible， preferably in weels when use could he rad de of moonlight，and that， whenever poselble，tea should be arranged followed by a social．
It was pointed oat that as rimging in the towers would be severely restricted during the winter months，it was impartant that the social side should receive nore atfention．
Gromps could also be arraned to practice handbell riaging．Some litetatare would he most wheful for many hands．

It．was agreed that ebch tower should ascertain if their bells would be available for Saturday afterman ringing and that reports should the made af the Sharaford meeting．when the place and dete of the hext practice meeting could be derided．
The secrefary fskei all towers to take at least one copy of＂The Ringing World＇in order to inform thenaselves of the meeting arrange－ ments and so help hoth the paper and his mostages．

Furlier ringing whs indulged in until darkness rompelled menhers to proced liomessards．One party，who，it was alleged，har hrought jugs in their gas nask cases，tarried on the wav．Quantities of anpos and＇colos＇were requisitioned，together with sowe＇pre－Budget＇ refresliment．
When these ware prepering for the raad，nuch hilarity was cassed by the efforts of wo well－known members to reduce the lighting efficiener of their new rear lamos．purchased，it was claimed，especialy to attend the menting．and which gave much better iliumination than is permitted even for hesdanms．Thwo thicknesses of notepaper was faumd to reduce the＇searctilight，iffect．Even then，ane propased to cycla luackwards．Fie said lip could aee much better．

## DEATH OF A DOVER RINGER

We regret to announce the death of Mr．Charles R．Mellwas，of Dnver，who phssed awsy on Septemher 25th after a long ilhness．

The deceased gentlemsu，who joined the Kent County Association in 1894．was at the time leader of the brad at Borden，near Sithing－ borrme，hurl did excellent work in that tower and the neiglibourlooot． Thirty－five years ago the moveri to Dover，and from that time lad heen a momber of the St．Mary＇s band．Tlae funeral toot place on Septem－ ber 27th gud was alfended by Messrs．H．Whitehead and S．A．Hill． representimg the association．

FALING．－On Sunday，October 11tls at SE．Mary＇s Church，for a civic service，a quarter－peal of Grandmire Triples（1．280 cha⿱ges）id 47 minutes：J．A．Trollope（conductor）1，J．E．Clumehanll 2，P．E． Clarl：3，P．Rawe 4，A．M．Stacey 5．E．C．S．Turner 6，A．Harding ？， F．Miller 8 ．

## NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established r755). - Owing to the National crisis the quarterly meeting, arranged to be held at King's Norton, will be held in St. Martin's Tower, Bull Ring, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 7 th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Short business meeting at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., to be followed by handbell ringing. Please make an effort to attend.-T, H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., ${ }^{1} 36$, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Saturday, Oct. 7 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Come along and forget your worries for ant hour or so. Everybody is welcome.-]. Kay, Branzh Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Reading Branch. The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. - E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 4or, London Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) available at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 5 . Please come. All ringers welcome. To arrange for the future work of this district.-C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BUSHEY SOCIETY.-There will be a practice nceting at Oxhey on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 4 p.m.-E. Jennings, Master.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. -The next meeting will be held at Headquarters (The Coffee Pot) on Tuesday, October roth, at 7 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham District. - The meeting which was to have been held at Farnborough on Wednesday, Oct. Itth, has been can-celled.-C. W. Denver, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Frome Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Binegar on Saturday, Oct. I4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.-E. H. Nash.

NORTH STAFFORDSFIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made for all who notify Mr . W. Thompson, 29, Fur-
long Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, before Wednesday. Please come early and have a ring before black-out time.-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held (D.v.) at Bozeat on Saturday, Oct. I4th. Service 4 o'clock. Important to have names early; send post-cards to Rev. J. H. Marlow, The Vicarage, Bozeat.-A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30 , Alien Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Oct. I4th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. untii 7 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend this meeting, when a report will be given on what course the annual meeting adopted at Blackpool on Sept. 3oth.-A. Blogg, Branch Sec,
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at St. Giles ${ }^{1}$, Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Short service 3.15 p.m. Visitors must bring their own food, tea (beverage) will be provided at snaall charge in the Parish Room, which will be available for handbell ringing during the evening.-Kenneth W. Mayer, Hor. Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD.-Northern District. - A meeting will be heid at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until black-out. Sheffield and District and all visitors welcome. No tea, but refreshment provided for lady visitors at home of Hon. Sec., E. Dorice Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. - A combined practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. I4th, at St. Dunstan's-in-East, Eastcheap, E.C., from 2.30 p.m. till approximately black-out lime. All ringers welcome. - T. W. Tafferder, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The joint meeting of the Western Division and Leeds and District Society, previously advertised for Sept. 3oth, will now be held on Oct. I $4^{\text {th, }}$, at Shipley. Bells from 2 o'clock. Business meeting approximately 6.30. - F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.
OXFORD DJOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.-Newport Pagnel! Deanery. - A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, Oct. $14^{\text {th }}, 2-5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4 p.m.-J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, Oct. 2 ist. Bells from 2 p.m. Time of service and tea to be announced at meeting. Come early. Will those wishing to have tea please notify me as early as possible?-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -The meetings proposed to be held at St. Athan and Abergavenny respectively are postponed until further notice.-George Popnell, Master; Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Hon. Treasurer; John W. Jones, Hor. Sec.

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alired Leader was a chorister before luking to the bell rope and for many years a member of the Ferschel Lodge of Oddieilows. Chauge of business, soon after the war of 1914, prevented his attendance for Sunday service ringing, after 20 years of regular duty.
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## A GESTURE OF HONOUR.

If it should happen that this war is a long war, ringing organisations are likely to find a considerable drain on their financial resources, and those which are not too well blessed with funds may eventually be hard put to it to make ends meet. The reason, of course, is not far to seek. There is going to be a heavy call upon the man power of the belfries and as ringers are called away to service elsewhere, there are certain to be some who will neglect, or be unable, to keep their subscriptions going. Even in a normal year there is always a proportion who fail to pay their dues, and if every association were to strike off the roll all who allow themselves to lapse, there would be a serious decline in the real membership of many societies. Most, however, allow a considerable latitude to defaulters, a latitude which, often, is not justified. Association finances consequently suffer. Tlie circumstances in the days before us will accentuate this position. Among the men called away there are those who will not be able, even if they are willing, to kcep their subscriptions paid, but in their case it should be the concern of the societies to see that they retain their membership. Those who are called to serve in the fighting forces must not be allowed, either through lack of means, or lack of opportunity of paying, to lose their link with their associations.

On the other hand, those who are left at home should be all the more ready to support the associations; indeed, they should welcome the opportunity of showing their absent colleagues that they are determined to keep the lag flying, not only by an extra keenness and effort in the belfry, but by a little personal sacrifice which may touch their pocket. The maintenance of ringing organisations throughout the country is a vital necessity to recovery later on, and those who are left to carry the Exercise through these disturbing days might well make some special endeavour to ensure the financial stability of the associations.

Just a few of the societies, of course, could exist for a time, without the life blood of revenue, but the large majority may find it extremely difficult to sustain any real activity; if they are faced with a much reduced income. It is easy to say 'We will see that none of our members called away to serve their country shall lapse," but it ought to be possible for those who are left to do more than this. Cannot they undertake to pay the whole or part of the subscriptions of the absent members, if the latter are unable to pay for themselves, both for the good of the associations, and also as a gesture of honour to those who have gone out to serve their country?
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It may be said that these are early days to talk of doing this, but we do not think so. The experience of the last war was that the associations suffered rather seriously financially; now is the time to plan if similar difficulties are to be avoided in the future. In every belfry where a man has to leave on military service the remaining members should start a fund into which they could put their pence over a few weeks to ensure the payment of the absent ringer's contribution. And as others are drafted away those who remain might continue to provide these subscriptions. An additional penny a week would guarantee the contributions of at least two members, and there will be few towers, we imagine, where two-thirds of the ringers will be lost. As an alternative to a fund of this kind, individual ringers could undertake to pay the subscription of one colleague in addition to their own. It would be no real lardship to most, and it would be a safeguard to the associations, whose duty it will be to bend all their energies to reviving the art and setting it forth again on the path of progress, as soon as the opportunity is ripe.

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## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

## COURSING ORDER AND THE CONDLCTOR.

If we bear in mind the varying position of the treble, we can say that the Coursing Order of Bof Major is never at any time altered except by a bob or a single. There are three places where we can call bobs without disturbing the tenors, the Wrong, the Middle, and the Right or Home. (Presently we shall have something to say about Bobs Before.)

Now let us see what effect these bobs have on the Coursing Order

If we call a bob at Wrong (the first lead end) the natural course end we produce is 52436 . A bob at the Midde (the sixth fead end) produces $4365^{2}$, and a bob at the Right. (the seventh lead end) produces 42356. Transpose each of these by $53^{2} 46$ to get the Coursing Orders that will be produced and set the results down as follows :-

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\text { A bob at } W \text { produces }
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$$
\text { do. do. } \mathrm{A} \text { do. }
$$

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { Natural Course- } & \text { Coursing } \\
\text { Ends. } & \text { Orders. } \\
23456 & 53^{2} 46 \\
5^{2} 436 & 3^{2} 546
\end{array}
$$

$$
\text { do. do. } \mathrm{R} \text { do. }
$$

When we compare the Coursing ${ }^{42356} \quad \mathbf{5}^{2} 436$
wob at Wrone Coursing Order produced by a that three bells are altered; and these three are the threc which follow each other immediately after the seventh. What has happened is that the bell which before had been lollowing the seventh now lollows the other two, and the order of these three bells is altered from ABC to BCA.

When we examine the actual changes at the bob we find that the bell which previously had followed the seventh is the bell that makes the bob. So that we can say that the effect a bob at Wrong has on the Coursing Order is to put the bob making bell, which previously had been next after the seventh, two positions later in Coursing Order. The relative position of all the other beils are not altered. Instead of the bells coursing in the order 23456, they course in the order 34256.

Very little mental transposition is required to find the new Coursing Order provided that the ringer has accussomed himself to observing Coursing Order as a regular practice. For instance, if before he calls a bob Wrong the Coursing Order is 34625 , he can without difficulty know that after he has called it, the Coursing Order will be 46325 . Moreover, if he is observing the Coursing Order he can never be at a loss as to which of the bells should make the bob.

A bob at the Middle alters the position in Coursing Order of the three bells which are hunting, one after another, immediately in front of the tenor, and gives the order $235^{6} 4$ instead of $2345^{6}$. Again, it is the bob making bell which is put two positions further backward in Coursing Order, the relative positions of all the other beils being unaltered.

A bob at Home alters the position in Coursing Order of the three bells furthest in Coursing Order from the tenors, and gives the order 2453 西 instead of 23456 . Yet again it is the bob making bell which is put tro positions further backward in Coursing Order, the relative positions of the other bells being unaltered.

All this will give us a simple rule for transposing to obtain new Coursing Orders produced by bobs, at either

Wrong, Middle, or Home. Retain the old Coursing Order except that the bob making bell must be put two positions later, and will come after the two bells which run In and Out at the bob instead of in front of them.

But besides the Wrong, the Middle, and the Home, there are other bobs which can be called without parting the tenors, or, if they do part them, are made in series, and if the first parts them the second brings them together again. As these bobs are very often used in peals we will next consider what effect they have on the Coursing Order.

The most important of them is the bob Before, in which the tenor runs out and the seventh runs in; and which in Bob Major lengthens the course by one lead.

The natural course-end proxiuced by a Before is 35264 . All the working bells are displaced and as sometimes two, or three, or even more, Befores can be used in the same course, this makes it very difficult to transpose course-end from course-end while you are ringing.

Here are three courses takerı from a peal composed and conducted by the Rev. J. H. Pilkington in 1897 on the bells of his own church, Framlinghan. The calling is
 very similar all through and would prusent a stiff task to those very clever condictors who, as they are ringing, transpose the course-end by the scales given in a table of course-ends.

These four courses contatin parts of no fewer than thirteen ' natural ' courses, each with its natural courscend.

If we work by Coursing Order instead of by courseends we slaall find that the task is very much simplified and welt within the limits of the average good cothductor's capacity.

There are nine changes of Coursing Order caused by bobs at Wrong, Middle, or Home, and we have already seen how to deal with them.

Now study the bob Before. If you write out a course of Bob Matior and make a bob when the tenor runs nut and the seventh in, you will find that one other bell only is itffected and that is the one which makes the bolj. Now look at the Coursing Order and you will see that whereas that bell was, previous to the bob, coursing in front of the tenor, it now courses immediately after the seventh, and the Coursing Order of the other working bells is not altered. Whereas in the plain course the Coursing Order was $53^{246}$, in the natural course produced by a bob Before the Coursing Order is $65324^{.}$ All we have to do is to take the last of the bells ill Coursing Order and put it first.

As a piece of practice set down by transposition the Coursing Orders of the four courses given above. To do so you must have the previous course-end to start from. It is 65234 .

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\begin{array}{llll}
\text { R to W } & W \text { to } B & B \text { to } M & B \text { to } R \\
35624 & 5^{6} 3^{2}+ & 45632 & +5326 \\
43^{256} & 3^{2456} & 32456 & 3^{2} 456 \\
3+526 & 45326 & (64532) & \\
& & 26453 & 26534 \\
2536+ & 53264 & 53^{264} & 53264
\end{array}
$$

The Coursing Order given in brackets lasts for one jead only.

## COURSING ORDER.

(Continued from previocs page.)
In a similar way it is good practice to set down by pencil and paper the Coursing Orders which occur in some peal that you may be likely to call, whenever conditions permit. The familiar four-part composition by J. R. Pritchard is a good example.

Occasionally in Bob Major a peal has two bobs made in following leads, in the first of which the seventh makes the bob and in the second the tenor makes the bob. The first parts the tenors, the other brings them together again.

For our present purpose, and for many others too, it is well to treat these two bobs as one operation. The course-end they produce is 64523 and the Coursing Order (which in the plain course is $53^{24}$ ) is changed to 24653 . That means that when you are transposing your Coursing Order you must count as the last the two bells which previously you counted first. These two bells are those which will rus in and out at the bobs.

## AN ANCIENT ABBEY BELL To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-Talley Abbey, near Llandilo, Carmarthenshire, one of the most romantic and fascinating ruins in Camarthenshire, county of ancient monuments, was founded in, or a short tinse before isg6. King John made a grant to the Abbey in 1208, another grant being made by King Edward I. in the thirteenth year of his reign, and still another by Edward III. in 1334. In 1772 it was agreed to build a new church, and in dismantling the Abbey, the great bell, weighing $7^{2}$ cwts., was carted to Carmarthen by one, Grifiths Parry, who was paid 85 . 6d. for his services, and then shipped to Exeter. Is it now in Exeter Cathedral? Is this bell in the present peal? As there is considerable doubt about these bells, I should be glad if any reader could enlighten me.
EDWARD J. THOMAS.

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HOLLOWAY.-At St. Mary Merdalen's on Sunday, Octoher 1st, a querter-peal of Graudsire Triples for the harvest thanlsgiving gervice in 45 minates: H. Brown I, R. Oharge 2, J. Kent 3, R. Newman 4, G. Gharge 6. A. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Akers 8. Also rung as a rarewell to Mr. C. Chambers, who is sailing for South Africa.

## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL.

TRIPLUS BEST FOR BROADCASTENG.
To the Rditor
Dear Sir,-As Mr. Trotman, in your issue of September 29th, is asking, what does the rest of the Exercise feel about the B.B.C. interval signal, I will, as one of the rest, state what I think ahoot it. To begin with, I agree with Mr. Trotman when he states that ' it miglt be improved on." Alsi I Agree that the suggested new record should certajnly get rid of the nonotong of always having the trelsles at the lead '-in other words, the new record should not be call changes, but I part company entirely with Mr. Trotman when he objects to "the tenor behind all the time." (I refer, now, only to broadcastíng purposes.)
In my opusion, when ringing is being broadcast "ell it " ringing on any uumbers is a mistake. We are told "there is no beginning or end to it." If the broadcasf was to be confined to the ears of ringers -then certainly it should be of the highest campanological character, but it is broadeast to the whole public, very few of whom know anything of campanology, and I think the finality of the tenor behind is, for such an uninitiated audience, very much to be desired.
We have, of course, many bands quite apable of puttiog over the air a perfectly struck touch of, say, Double Norwich, as suggested by Mr. Trotman, but I submit, sir, thant however well it is struck, it is not nearly as appealing to tbe non-ringing public as is well-struck Triples, or ever Caters, if rung slowhy enough.
The type of broadcast, that has appaled to me more than any other, end I believe to many ather ringers as well, has come from the belfry of St. John's, Croydon, and from their old ring of eight, They then used to give us very slow aud very well struck Stedman Triples, and, to my mind, for broadcasting purposes, Triples, race slowly, is ideal. Fast ringing, far broadcesting, I think, is wrapg.
Craaleigh.

## PRESENT REGORD PRAISED

Dear Sir, - It reply to Mr. Trotmar, 1 should like to say e few words if I may. I will etart et the end of his letter, but I won't sponk for the rest of the Excrcise, but one of the Jxercise. Since we firse lad this record of Bow bells, I have oever get beard anyone say, 'Those - bells, etc.' I say they are music itself and beautiful music too. We all like a course, or peal for that matter, of Double Norwich, but as we only get at the most two minukes of interval signal, where should we be if they start with rounds every time? We might hear a lead or lead and a lialf of the same chatuges. This would soon get monotonous, but a few changes of Caters with the trobles at lead and temor behind are final, and I am sure the public or, as Mr. Trotman puts it, the world over like to hear the tenar behind. Who knawg anything about Double Norwich except a few bellringers? The B.B.C. have pleaty of records of change ringing. hut they seem to prefer the one in question, and, after all, what. right lave we to jaterfere with the B.B.C.? If the time signal was anytling else but hells we should not. think of doing so.
I think, Mr. Editor, if my menary serves me right, we heard a course of Double Norwich an the bait eight ab Bow some years ago ruag for evening service. They are the same bells we liear on this record. It Fas good and well struck, but would not a course of Grandsire Gaters be better than eigint bells? Mr. Trotman says that good as this old record is, it might be jmproved ou. I should like to know in what way.

I venture to say that if Mr . Trotman chose the band himself he could not get better striking or find a sweeter peal of bells.
May I suggest that we get on with the jobs referred to by Sam Jones and Ruchard V. Tuller and the Editor's front page and leave the B.B.C to put their own house in order? C. F. WEBE.

## DEATH OF MR. HAROLD N DAVIS.

WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER, COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR.
We regret to anmounce the death of Mr. Harold N. Dawis, which took place recently after an aperation in St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell.
The doceased, whose age wis 65, had dropped out of ringing for some time and probebly was unknown to most of the sounger generation, hut 40 years ago he was one of the most recive of Lundon ringers, and took part in many peals, especially with the Waterlon Sociaty. He was an excelicat ringer, and comphosed and conduched several peals, especially of Grandsire Caters, He was cousin to Mr. James E. Davis.

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## DEATH OF THE REV. E. J. ATKINS.

Wo regret to announce the death of tho Rep. E. J. Atkins, which took place on September 30th. The deceased gentleman, who was for 39 years Rector of Isluam, was a member of the Peterhorough Dioceanan Guild and of its predecessor, the Central Northants Association, and will be remembered by many members for the welcome he gave to ringers at meetings held at Ishan and for his addresses to them. Sympatly will be extended to lis son, Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Kilburn, who is one of the representalives of Cambridge University Guitd on Hse Central Council, and his deughter, Mre. F. Boultor, of Ishanz, wion are leit in bereavement.
The funeral took place at Isham on Wednesday, October 4th. The Petarborough Guild was represented by вeveral honorary members, among those present heing the Rev. R. O, Thursfield, J.P., R.D. (president of Ketteriag Brancl), Canon C. C. Chambers (Wellingborougli), the Rev. A. T. Segger (Walgrave), the Rev. J. H. N. Hill , Wrilngborough), the Rev: C. T. Pedlury (Mears Ashby), the Rev. H. A. Curtis (Barton Seagrave), and the Fiev. H. A. I. R. Norton (Pytehley) The Isham ringers were represented by Mr. T. GarleyMenbers of public bodies and organisatioos of which Mr. Atkins had been a member were also present.

## DEATH OF A MANCHESTER RINGER.

We regret to record tha death of Mr. Robert H. Davies, of Manchester, who passed away on Saturday at Nel Lane Hospital. He had been ailing for ahout three months, but had got suffipiently well to be ready for work, but, becoming worse, he was removed to hospitai on Friday.
Mr. Davies had just passed his 700h birthday and had beon a member of the Lencashire Association simee 1890. He Jhad beer attached to the bands at Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester Cathedral and, in Iater years, at Christ Church, West Didsbury, where he was sacretary. Ho luad rung 72 peals in the siandard methods, some of which he conducted. Mr. Dayies was one who never moughte peals, but he never refused to stand in if he could help it. His last riuging was o touch of Stearmen on September 17th.
The intermeat took place at Southern Cemetery after a sarvice in Christ Chutch, the belis being ruag before and after the service.
Mr. Davies will be missed at Didsbury, where lue wried to keep Sunday ringivg going. There bave not been many peals rung of late yeara at West Didshury, owing bo building development in the district.

## TO-MORROW'S MEETINGS.

The followiug meetings lave been arranged for to-morrow. Saturday, Octaber 14th:-

Bath and Weils Diocesan Asaoeiation, at Binegar.
North Staffordelure Assoctation, at Tunstall.
Peterhorough Diocesay Guild, at Boreat.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at Linealn.
Ladies' Guild, at Fandaworth, Sheffield.
Yorkshive Association, at Shipiey.
Oxiord Diecesan Ginild, at Weston Underwood.
Burnsley and District Society, at Penistone.

## ROTHERHAM RINGERS MARRIED.

## SHEPEIELD AND DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

On Saturday, September 16ih, the wedding toak place ato St. Mary Magdalene's Clureh, Whistou, bebween Mr. Normar Claddork and Mise Elsie Bratliwell, botls of Rotherham.
The bridegroom is a well-known ringer in the South Yorkshire area and is Ringing Master of the Sheffeld and District Society. The bride, taking up clange ringing in the last 18 months, has made rapud progress in the art.

Touches in various methods were rung before ifle wedding, in which the bridegroom took part, and after the service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bols Major was rung by John Holman 1, Q. Gordon Graliam (conductori) 2, Harry Stenton 3, Jack Brotiowell 4, John Brothwell 5, Jahn E. Turley 6, Tom Brothivell 7, Reginald Payne 8.

## a Miniature ring.

A peal of Graudsire Doubles lias been ruag on a unique sot of bells at Middleton, Lancaslire. Thoy liave been made by Mr. Norman Berry and are hung on oak headstoves, with aluminium wheels, in an oak frame, aud are complete with ropes and stays. The tenor weighs only 42 ounces and unas the kote $F$.
A mall semb-elliptical spring, need in conjunction with the stay, enalbles the beils to be held up at hand or backstroke at will.
Mr. Rerry's ingenuity will be admired, as will his skill and thet of the ollier two ringers who scored the peal on these midget bells. A photograph of them which we Feve received shows them upon a stand round which the ringers can presumably sit, but, aven 80 , it Ruplears to us 4 great deal of denterity must be aeeded to coatrol these minialure bells. The peal was rung ot the fourth attempt.

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## BELERY GOBOIP

Largely t.lrough the instrumentality of Mr. G. E. Symonds and the St. Mery-le-Tower Sooiety, the manugcripts of the late Samuel Siater relating to the performances of the Norwich Scholary have been deprosited in the Borough Library of Ipswich. It is very satisfnctory to lnow that these rocurde, the fruit of many years labour by Mr . Slater, are now preserved for future gearations.
Last Wednesday was tho twenty-nithth anniversary of the first peal on ten bells entirely by parsons. It was 5,067 changes of Stedman Caters, rumg at St. Mary's, Warwich, ana conmosed and condncted by 1 . $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{P}$. Davies. In addition to the conductor, the band contained H. S. T. Richardson, F. J. O. Helmore, H. L. James end C. W. Jenky, all of whom have passed away. as weh rs Canon Coleridge, Mr. Carew Cox and Mr. F.. F. Cox, who, Jappily, ate still with us.
On Octaber 17tls, 1726, the College Youtlis rang the first peal an the new bells which Rudiall had just supplied to St. Marin's-in-theFields. The method was Grandsire Caters and the bobs were called ly Benjamin Agmatule. Caters was rung, we notice, not Cinques, although the intention was iron the first to install twelve belle, and the order was duly given.
The natural conchusion is tint when the church was corncerated (which was a day or kwo after the College Youtlas' peal), the two trebles were not ready. The founder seems to have had some trouble with these bells, and when he did hang them they did not agree properly with tho others. Some years later they were taken dowu and replaced by new ones. They then got into the steeple of All Saints', Fullam, where one of them still 18.
One hundred and eiglty-four years ago yeaterday George Partrick called Holv's Ten-Pari pesl of 'Grandsire 'Triples at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and the Cumberlands, who made up the band, claized if ns the first time this famons tumposition was rume. The claim has genervily been allowed, but four month previously on June gth, 1754 , the Fastern Scholars, with Wilfiem Underwood as conductor, rang "at. the Parish Chureli of Saint Gearge in the County of Minde. Rex, a Compleat. Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Treblea with two Singles, baing the first of the kind ever rang on them Bells.'
At the time only three penls of Grandsire with two singles liad been compored amd all by John Hold-tho Original, the Ten-Part and the Six-Part. We may be reasonably sure that Underwood did not oall the Original; be may have called the Six-Part, but it is much more likely that he called the Ten-Part, A month earlier he hed ealler? another peal of Gramdsire Triples at Romford, but no indicrtion is given as to the nature of the composition. However, it welt may lavz been the firg pertormance of the Ten-Part.
Thomas Tolladay, who more than anyone else made the St. Jonnes Society ons of the leading London companies, died on October 181 h , 1843. The mufled peal to his memory wes not raug until the following January 3rd.
As amnounced among the notise of meetings, the Lanenshire Assuciation have postyoned the meeting at Whittle-le-Moors to Ontober 21 th owing to the regrettable death of the hon. hranch gerretary, Mr. Alfred Blogg.

## RAMPTON, BELLS.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir, The fund for our sixtly bell is still open and stands at present at 26 128.
The advance in bell metal has increfsed the cost of fittings and bells to such an extent that wo are unalio to install both belle et thr same time, as was hoped. However, the 5th hell of our peal is safcly paid for and will (D.V.) be dedicated nt $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Wednesday. November 1st, the feagt of All Saints.
This bell is given by their sons in memory of the Rer. C. Fr. and Mrs. Eve'va. White, Rector and Lad\% of tie Rectory 1894-1928. THOMAS I. HAVERS, Recior.

## WEDDING OF TWO LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS.

At Loughborough Parislı Church on September 30th the wedding took place of two members of the local hand, Mr. Zeslie Wallace Stevens and Miss Irene Cacil Durnford. Mr. Sterens, who is a native of Llanbradach, South Wales, las been a valued member of the hand at the Parish Church for five years and has rung about len pealsMiss Durnfor? scored her first peal in Fahruary last.
The best wighes of the local rimgers were extended to Mr. and Mry. Stevens. whin are the second narried couple in the band, the olline being Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Edwarde.

## WEDDING AT BARROW-ON-HUMBER.

The wedding took place quietly at Holy Trinity, Barrow-an-Fumber, on Tuesday, Ootober 3ra, of Mr. W. A. Growder, of Barrow-onHumber, and Miss $\mathbb{K}$, M. Fell, of New Holland. The bridegroom has been a meruber of the Barrew Guild of Ringers for geveral yoars. Tmmediately after the cerrmony touches of Bob Minor and Grandsre wore rung hy the local band and some of the bridegroom's fellowringers from st. Peter"s, Barton-on-Humber. Tliose taking part, were F. Fowler, J. Chapmen. W. Goddard, T. Johnson, J. Barrick, I. Atkinson, E. Dannatt and F. Eastoe.

## WAR TIME RINGING.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE BLACK-OUT
The north aisle of the Parish Church, High Wycombe, Bucks, has been re-conditioned to meet the Lighting Restrictions Regulations to enable 6.30 evensong on Sunday to be continued. A like arrangement in the beliry ensures ringing as usual. This scheme came into operation on Sunday, Oct. Ist. At 5.45 p.m. the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. P. Float, met his ringers as usual in the belfry, a full band having assembled. The President offered prayers, and, as he retired, the bells were sent off promptly at 5.55 p.m. to the tune of Stedman Cinģues. Four courses were successfully rung by 12 members of the local tower, so at least one ring of twelve does not hang derelict.

Ringing will continue as hitherto for Choral Celcbration, ist Sunday in the month at $9.20 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. , other Sundays at 10.20 a.m., Evensong at 5.55 p.m. sharp. A (|uarter-peal can be attempted on any Sunday evening by arrangement. P'ractice is on Mondays at $7 \cdot 30$ p.m

## IMPROVEMENT AT SEFTON

Service ringing at Sefton has not suffered through the present situation, rather it has improved. The bells are rung for half an hour before each service and a 720 has beell rung for every service since the war commenced.

## MOONLIGHT MEETINGS.

It is hoped in the Leatherhead District of the Guildfort Diocesan Cuild to hold a series of Saturday meetings at the periods of the full moon.

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

ๆHE COMMITTEE DISCUSS WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS A conrmittee meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, October 7th, al Hartfield to discuss the welfare of the Gpild in the prosent circunstances.
It was agreed that the activities of the Guild ahould be continued as normally as possible, end that if only a nucleus could be kept alive it woul: help to restore things when better times came
It was decided to arrange a meeting in November and then writ until the days began to lengthen in January. The tower bells would lie rung until dusk, and then tea and social with handbells would follow. Owing to the apprachi of rationirg it was thoughts that everyone slowld make their cown arrangements for tas.
1t was agreed that owing to transport difficulties the meetings should he as central as possille and that a general meoting should be held ak usual next year.

## INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF RA.F

At Henlaw, Beds, service ringing is being maintained both morning and evening on Sundays and, at present, the weekly practice on Tuesday evenings is heing maintained. The future of the practices under existing conditions is usder consideration of the police mutborities, but if there is any objection raised, it is hoped to try the experiment of a set of 'silencers.' The local ringers are anaious to keep the practices going, as they have promising young blood in the band. Any rigger joining the R.A.F. and being posted to Hetalow Camp will be welcumed at the tower on Sunday, 10.15 a.m, and $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; or on Tresday evenings at 7.30 .
Two rails of Minor lave resentiy been rung after evening service On Sunday, Sepiember 24 th 720 of Bob Minor. K. Wiltan (first 720) 1, Misk K. Hartle 2. L. Wilton 3, J. Charch 4, P. Tompliris (conductor) 5, E. Wagstaff 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 of Kent Treble Pah: E. Peargor, R.A.T. I, Miss K, Hartle 2, A. Dilley 3, J. Chureh 4. L. Bywaters (conductor) 5, P. Tomptins 6.

## PEAL ATTEMPT AT WEST WYCOMEE.

On Saturdny, Septemher $23 r d$, a peal of Boh Major was attempted at. West Wycombe by members of the Oxford Diacesan Guild to commemorate tile consecration by Dr. P. H. Eliot, Bishop of Buckiuglam, of the first part of the new Clurch of St. Jones at Downley in the parish of West Wveombe, whieh Look place on September 174h. The peal, unfortunately, was lost, and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedmen Triples whs rung by $H$. Wingrove 1 , $\mathcal{F}$. G. Biggs 2, P. Newtor 3, R. Bigg (conductor) 4, J. Harrien 5 , E. C. Jones 6, W. Hee 7, 7 . Evans a.

## SUNDAY RINGING.

## SERYIOE ARRANGFHENTS

Ringing for sumday services is taking place at the following towers, and waiting ringers, particularly those serving with the Forces, will be welcome :-
Great Raddow, 10 to 11 日.m, and 2 to 3 p.m. Practice, Saturday efternoos, 3 to 5 p.m.
Hergham, $10.15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Practice, Tuesdey, tower hpla, 7 to $8 \mathrm{p.nn}$; hardbells, 8 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Burton-on-Trent, St. Prul's, $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Nottinghem, St. ${ }^{3}$ 'eter's, 10.15 to 10.45 a.m., 3 to 3.30 p. th.
Great Staughton, St. Neats, Huats, 10.30 e.m. and 5.30 p.m.
Southport, Clurist Clurch, Lord Street, 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. Practice, Thursday, 7.30 to 9.

Tunlridge Weals, St. Peter's, 10.30 to $11 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$. and 2.30 to $3.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Cammarljerz, St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m, nnd 5 p.m.
Chichester Cathedral, 10 to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Poole, St, James', 10.20 to 11 a.m., 5.50 to 6.30 p.m. Practice, Mondays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.
Maulden Beds, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 3.30 n.m
Sunniagwell, Berks, 10.30 n.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Holloway, St. Mary Magdalen, 10 to 11 a.m.
Heckington, Lincs, 10.15 to 11 a.m. azd 2.15 to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Gushey Herts, 10 to 10.45 a.m. and 4.30 to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Woadbridge, suffolk. St. Mary's, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Braintree, Essex, 10 to 11 a.m.
Bramley, Surrey, 10.45 to 11.15 a.m. 3 to 3.30 p.m.
With reference to the time given in our last issus for the ringing at St. Albans Cathedral on Saturday afternoons, we are asked to state that the time of nueting is 3 p.ni., not 4 p.1m. 8.5 stated.
Mr. Edwin Barnett informs us that the next practice at Crayfard will be held on Saturday next, Octaber $14 t$, from 3 to 5 p.m.
At St. Botnlph's, Bishopsgate, in the City of Lomdan, a practice mecting will be held ons saturday gext, October 14th, from 1.30 to 4 p.m., and if it is sufficiently well gupported Mr. Jsmes E. Davis hopes to make it a weekly event.
At Willentall rineing has been stopped since the outbreak of war, as tho tenor bell is now used ms a fire alatm in plece of a work's siren which was previously employed for that purpose. If is hoped, however, that arrangements will shortly he made to mable the bella to be rung for Sunday service.

## A TOWER-BELL PEAL.

The firat whr-lime tower-boll peal was rusg at Shrivenham, Berks, for the Oxford Diocesan Gyild on September 30th. It was a 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles and two of the ringers rang their first peal.

## A GOOD PRACTICE.

There whs a good practine at Oxhey last Saturday. Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Bristol Surprise and Spliced Surprise four methods, with Stedman Triples, were rung on the tower bells. On handluells courses of Yorksiure, Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round, also three leeds of Bristal one touch of gplined, courses of Bob Royal, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples.

## VISITING RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

A combined practice was held at Cawthorne, Yorkshire, on Salurday, October 7tlt, when good use was made of the bells from 3.30 p .m. until 6.45 p.m. Mnny Minor methods were practised, including Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fuibeck Bob, Stedman Double Slow Course, Oxford Treble Bob, Burton and Cambridge Surprise, and plenty of encouregement and practice was given to new recruits, who were very welcome, Aiter the ringing those presant adjourned to the Spencers Arms for a supper, which liad been arranged by the local ringers, and fult justice was done to a heautiful spread by tweive hearty ringers.
The visitors, who included three ringers from Felkirk and one fron Penigtome, were ontertained as guests, and the local band's hospitality was much apprecinted.
It is hoped to arrange more of these prectices when porsihle and kesp the hame fires lurning.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

On Sunday, Outober 8th, at St. Mary's, Chipping Nortan, Oxon, for harvegt fastival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Simone 1, C. Taplin 2, H. Cook 3, W. Green 4, W. Gibbs 5, J. H. Jarris 6, F. Jaryis (ocnductor') 7 , A. G. Newman 8.

At Market Deoping, on Sunday, October 8th, at the Parish Church for harvest Eestival, a quarter-peal of Surprise Minor ( 1,320 changes). heing 720 each of Cambridge, Ipswieh, Norfolk, Hull, Primeose, Eourne and 600 of Cambridge: F. Brightman 1, C. Woods 2, W. H. Waldron 3. W. Oldman 4, T. O. Landan 5, H. M. Dav (conductor) 6.

On Sundsy evening, October 8th, at St. Leonard's, Eynsham, for the harrest thenksgiving service, e quarter-peal of Grandsire Doukles, ten callingx: C. Calcutt (rondsctor) 1, W. Bennett 2, T. Bond 3, W'. Fond 4. ©. Beanett $5, \mathrm{H}$. Cayes 6 .

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMLNSTER. <br> By J. Armiger Trollope

According to a tradition referred to in a fifteenth century manuscript now in the Abbey muniments, St. Margaret's was founded by King Edward the Confessor. Stow relates that there was formerly a parish church within the olf Abbey Church, and as this was somewhat to the annoyance of the monks, for their ease and commodity, the king caused it to be builded without.

Doubt is, however, thrown on this tradition by the fact that, so far as can be ascertained, the name and fame of St. Margaret of Antioch were unknown in England before the time of the Crusades, and it was not until the twelfth century that churches were dedicated in her honour.

In the reign of Edward $I$, the church was entirely rebuilt by the parishioners and the merchants of the staple, except the chancel, which was rebuilt by the Abbey as rector. This church, in its turn, became ruinous and at the end of the fifteenth and the beginning of the sixteenth centuries, when so many of the London churches were rebuilt in the Perpendicular style, the present building was erected.

The old tower contained three bells and evidently stood at the west end of the clurch, as was usual in medieval churches. In 1516 the first stone was laid of a new tower, which was also to be a porch; and at the ceremoney Master Verton, Walter Gardiner and other worshipful and well-disposed people of the parish of their charity and good mind gave 664 s. 7 d. towards the cost.

This was the time wher parishes all over England were, when they could afford it, increasing the number of their bells to five. One bell was given to St. Margaret's by Master Pomfrey, and, for the second, gifts of money and metal were collected in the parish.

The old metal collected was 'by the Commandment of the worshipful of the parish, delivered to William Smith, founder, in part payment of the new bell, two brasses, and a clapper.' Some years previous to this Willian Smith (or it may have been his father) was sued by the parish of St. Mary-at-Hill on account of a bell he had cast for them.

The old tower evidently was still standing and payments 'were laid out for the taking down of the bells and frame and for setting bp the old frame in the new steeple, and also for the making of the new frame for five bells and for new hanging of the bells.

In English parish churches the normal position of the porch was at the south side and of the tower at the west end. In the smaller churches of the fourteenth century it is unusual to find any door at all on the north side, and even in the large Perpendicular Churches, where there are both north and south porches, the latter is almost always the principal entrance.

Why St. Margaret's is an exception to this rule is easy to see; its position in front of the Abbey decided the matter. But it is not easy to see why the tower was built on the north side. There were other churches which had the same feature; St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Michael, Cornhill, for instance, in London, and St. Mary Redcliffe in Bristol; but in these cases the matter was decided by the restricted sites. At St. Margaret's there was plenty of room to build the tower at the west end. To-day people might object that such a tower would
obstruct the view of the Abbey, but that would hardly be a consideration in the fifteenth century. It may be that the parishioners wished to use their bells without any break, and so kept the old tower standing until the new one was ready; but that does not strike one as a very likely reason.

Although I have no direct evidence on the point, I suggest that the most likely explanation may be found in the relationship of the Abbey and the parish church. St. Margaret's had originally been built by the monks as a humble dependent on the Abbey and the monks claimed and largely exercised the right of control. But, as was usual in the many similar churches throughout the country, the parishioners resented the assumption of inferiority and resisted the control. To own and to use bells was the sign of independence in a church, and there are many instances of disputes between monastic and parochial churches over the ringing of bells. Nearly always the abbey asserted that its services were being disturbed by the parish bells. If this were so at Westminster then we can see why the position of the tower was altered from the west end to the nortli-west corner, for that would put the whole body of the church between the bells and the Abbey choir.

The weights of the five new bells at St. Margaret's are given in the churchwardens' accounts for ${ }^{1527}$ as follows: - the treble, 500 lbs ; the second, 62 r lbs. ; the third, 856 lbs . the fourth, $\mathrm{r}, 010 \mathrm{lbs}$. ; and the tenor, $1,614 \mathrm{lbs}$. There was also a saunce bell which, after the changes in the ritual of the Mass, was hung in a turret at the top of the tower, probably, as at St. Bartholomew by the Exchange, so it could be heard further, and all the people in the parish might know the times of divine service. This turret was erected in 1565 , and for the making of it the parish paid John Barrowell $£_{3} 65.8 \mathrm{~d}$.

In 5 511 the church possessed a "sacring bell p'celle gilt,' which disappeared in the reign of Edward VI., when so much charch property was alienated. At that time the building itself narrowly escaped destruction. The Duke of Somerset, Lord Protector of the Realm, intended to build for himself a great mansion on the site of what is now Somerset House, and to provide the ground and materials he confiscated and pullied down more than one church. "Having cleared the place and projected the intended $\mathbf{F a b r i c}$, the Workmen found that more Material would be wanting to go through with it than the demolished Church and the Houses would afford unto them. He therefore resolves for raking down the Parish Church of Saint Margaret at Westminster and turning the Parishioners for the celebrating of all Divine offices into some part of the nave or main body of the Abbey Church, which should be marked out for that purpose. But the workmen had no sooner advanced their Scaffolds when the Parishioners gathered together with Bows and Arrows, Staves and Clubs and other such offensive weapons which so terrified the workmen that they ran away in great amazement and never could be brought again upon that employment."

In 1565 " Mr . ffysher bestowed of his benevolence being churche-warden ' the recasting of the second bell, and in 1592 Valentine Trevor was employed to recast the bells or some of them; but fe did the work' falsely and deceitfully," so that Robert Mot had to be called in to cast them again. The churchwardens 'received of
dyvers worshipful parishioners and others towards the charge of the newe Bells iiij li xijd.' The weights of the beils before they went away to be recast and after they came back again were carefully noted and recorded in the parish accounts. Four years later the fourth was broken and ' Mr. Moat ' was paid £io for the recasting and for a new clapper.

At some time during the earlier part of the seventeenth century the ring was increased to six, and in 1670 the octave was completed. The founder was Mr. Darbic, who was paid 44 ros. for the two bells. It is usually assumed that this was the somewhat notorious Michael Darbie. Such a thing is not impossible, for Michael was at London man and was still alive, though nearing the end of his career (his will is dated $166_{i}^{2}$ ). The tikelihood, however, is that the bells were cast by John Darbie, of 1 pswich, a much better craftsman, who in the next year supplied a ring of six to St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and (probably) some bells to St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. The ring of eight remained in St. Margaret's steeple until $\mathbf{1 7 3 9}$, when Samuel Knight, who had already cast the grand ring of twelve at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and was then casting the ring of ten for St. Sepulchre's, Newgate, was employed to recast them. Knight died in the same year and before the job was completed. He had cast the first four, but the fifth and it may be the three largest bells were cast by his heir and successor, Robert Catlin. Catlin was a carpenter and bell hanger and a first-class workman, as his frame at Southwark shows, but as a bell founder he was not the equal of his master.
In ${ }^{1761}$ the ring was increased to ten by Lester and Pack, who also recast the tenor. The present eight was cast by Thomas Janaway in 1773 and the present ninth by Thomas Mears in 1834 .

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT FAGBOURNE UNDER WAR-TLME CONDITIONS A practice meeting was held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, were availabie from 2.30 until 6 p.m. The convening of this meeting Was in the nature of an experiment, the usual tea and service being omitted in order to give tive maximum amount of time to ringing. Stout a dozen ringers were present from Oxford, Abingdon, Radley, Steventon and Fast Hagbourne. This was considerod fairly satis: factory, and various metiods were practised witi energy and success.
A general discussion followed on the best means of keeping riuying alive in North Berks, and in wiew of the fact that most towers have ceased to prastise, it was decided to try and arrange $a$ sinilar meeting once m month at different towers in the district. It is proposed to hold the nest at Drayton on Saturidy, October 88th, subjeect to tho onecessary permission being obtrined. It is hoped thet when these practices become mare widely known in the district they will be better tupported. All ringers. will be welcome no matter how bumbie their achievements, suld it is oerneuthy hoped that the district will hack up its secretary and those responsible for making this effort to keep up the standard of ringing in the difficult monthis ahead.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## MEETING AT ACTON

A nrost enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Dlocesan Guild was held at Acton on Oertober 7th, where there is a very nice ring of six bells. Wineteen members were present from the Iollowing towers: Crewe, Wistaston, Acton, Nantwich and Marbury. The ringing was uncin enjoyed from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and atterwards the Vicar, the Rev. Cherles I'arry-Williams, conducted a short service in the chirche
The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Parochial Churel Couscil at the Vicarage. A liearty yote of thanks for this welcome lospitality was proposed by Mr. Riebard T. Holding end secouded by Mr. Richard D. Lang ford.
The Vicar responded and said that he thought that the art of chavge rixping should be kept going even in these anxious times. He also said he hoped the meetings would be field wherever it was possible; even if it meant thai later on ringers would have to bring their own food rationa.

## ARRANGING A WAR TIME MEETING.

## keeping the enemy in the dark.

The other day I went down to - well, I had betief not say where, in case 1 should be giving awiy any secrat that miglat ba of value to the enemy, bui I went down just to see my old friend BillI ought not to say what his other name is, in case it should enabie the enemy to itlentify the place, because he could casily trace that by searching the files of "Tize Ringing World."
Anylhow I fonnd Bill in his gardea. His cobt was of and his sliart sleeves were rolled up-jast as I have often seen him in the belfryand he was solacing himself with a pipe and contemplating lis potato patchi the fact that I mention it was a potato patcli worit convey any really useful information to the enemy, because actaally it wasn't the potato petch that Bill was contemplating, and Bill hadn't got bis coath of or his sleeves rolled up; neicher was he in the garden.
He really was smoking his pipe-but then at lot of people smoke a pipre, so that doesn't give anything away. Ard lie really whs contermplating somethiug. Actually he was pondering whether, in vibu of the sudden increase in taxation of his favourite beverage, lie should have his empty tankard refilled.

He looked upon my coming almost as heaven-sent. He told me he had been torn between two loyalties. Loyalty to his cauntry, whinin demanded that he should pay his share of the cost of the war, by cheerfully contributing by indirect taxakion, and that other loyalty which imposed econony in personal consumption. Fe bad been asking himselr whether it would be better to drink another pint and thus provide another twopence towards the suppression of fitterism or to deny himself in the interests of econony and run the risk of Hitler getting away wilh it.
But my coming saved hin as headache. War or no war, the decencies of privete relationships required that I should show my hospitality. It saved Bill nu and of a mental struggle.

And so, over our tankards, we sat and tailked of this and that, mostly of that, rather than this, I think; and we whispered it afmost, because in these days walis have ears, and Hill and I are the last who would give away anything to the enemy.
I haven't explained that Bill is the captain of the belfry where he rings and I am the district secretuay - the man who gets all the kicks and none of the lua'pence; who does all the work, but gets blamed for everything that goest wrong; who stands to be shot at, and sits down to be criticised, but gets re-elected every year.
Well, as I said, Bill and i talled of this and that, until it was time far me to make enother indirect contribution to the cost of the war, and then our conversation veered a little more towards this rather than towards that,

What I wanted judiciously to find out was what Bill thought of holding a war-time ristrict meeting at his tawer. Bill is en A.R.P. fan' (I am not sure that 'fan' is quite the right word, but you know what I nean), and I wondered how he would take the sagagestion.
At first he gavo me a flat refusal. He wasn't going to give the Germang a clance of catching him unawares; while he was riagmg they might come over and drop a bomb, und lie wouldn't be on the spot to give the warning-not that he would be iu a fit state to give
 didn't occur to him.
Naturally I didn't let it go just at that. I suggested a look-ont post near the church so that Bill could bo called, in an emergency, without loss of time, or, alternatively, that Bill himself could be the look-out while the rest of us did the ringing.

Or course, you don't know Bill that is you don't know which Bill I mean, bocause, in cuse the information should get to the enemy, it is necessary, as $I$ said before, to keep his identity secret. But Bill is one of those who doesn't like being left out when there is हпу ringing going on in his tower.

After mnother contribution, paid lyy me, towards the extermination of Fitherism, Bill began to wonder if, perheps, a little ringing on a Saturday afternoon might be possible. Fe sull had vague doubts about jta practimaility; but he insisted that if it mame of all necessary A.R.P. precautions must be taken.
Bill snid, against emergencies, the stokehole, just outside the beliry door should be raade into a bomb-proof shalter: in accardanee with his A.R.P. inaructions, he will have to wear his "tin liafr" everyone must put on their gas masks while they are ringing, and the village Thall must be gas proofed if we are to have our tea and mecting in it. These things, Bill thought, would be simple to carry out. What was worrying him when I left him was lest any intimation of the meeting should come to the knowledge of the enemy, who, in consequence, would deliberately plan to bomib-no, I mustn't, for the sake of Bill's padce of mind, give away the secret of where this meeting is to talke place. And there's the suag. If I mustn't say where the meeting is to be held, low can we hold a meetirg? 'That's what's giving me a headacle at the mornemt. $0 . \mathbf{P}$.

## MUFFLED BELLS

At. Dover ou Sunday afternoon, Octaber 1st, a quster-peal of Grasids: Triples (1,260 changes) was rong with the hells half-mufled ut St. Marr's Church in memory of Mr. Clarleg It. Millway, who passed away on Monday, Septenaber 2bth: G. Eugles $1_{1}$ T. W. Rabins 2 J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4. D. Brown 5. H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Etlender 8.

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BATH AND WEILS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.Frome Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Binegar on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea and meeting to follow.-E. H. Nash.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, before Wednesday. Please come early and have a ring before black-out time.-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Wellingborough Branch. - A quarterly meeting will be held (D.v.) at Bozeat on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Service 4 o'clock. Important to have names early; send post-cards to Rev. J. H. Marlow, The Vicarage, Bozeat.-A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at St. Giles', Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt .) available from $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service 3.15 p.m. Visitors must bring their own food, tea (beverage) will be provided at small charge in the Parish Room, which will be available for handbell ringing during the evening.-Kenneth W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE. - A practice meeting at Ibstock to-morrow (Saturday, October 14th), commencing $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

LADIES' GUILD.-Northern District. - A meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. I4th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until black-out. Sheffield and District and all visitors welcome. No tea, but refreshment provided for lady visitors at home of Hon. Sec., E. Dorice Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield g.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The joint meeting of the Western Division and Leeds and District Society, previously advertised for Sept. 3oth, will now be held on Oct. 14th, at Shipley. Bells from 2 o'clock. Business meeting approximately 6.30.- F . Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUIED. - North Bucks Branch.-Newport Pagne!l Deanery. - A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2-5.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.-J. F'. Amies, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Oct. $14 t \mathrm{~h}$. Tower bells (8) from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and handbell ringing. Buses leave Barnsley No. 7 Bus Stand on the hour every four, and half-past the even hour. All are welcome. - D. Smith, Hon. Sec, Rock Cottages, Shatton, near Barnsley.

HESTON, MDDLESEX. - During the winter months, comnencing Oct. \& ith, tower bell practices wil] be held every Saturday at 3 p.tm. All ringers will be welcomed by the local band.-H. C. Chandler.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.--Norti-East Branch.-A quarterly nueeting will be held at Bampton on Saturclay, Oct. 2 rst. Bells from 2 p.m. Time of service and tea to be announced at meeting. Come early. Will those wishing to have tea please notify me as early as possible?-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Ruglby bells not available) on Saturday, Oct. 2rst. Bells from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the Vestry at $4 \cdot 30$. Please make own arrangements for tea.-Dorothy E. Beanish, Gen. Hon, Sec., 2 I, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.Owing to the death of the hon, branch secretary, the meeting of the above branch at Whittle-le-Woods is postponed to OcL. $215 t .-F$. G. Bradley, Branch Pres.

MIDIAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The next meeting will be helel at Sharnford on Saturday, Oct. 2 rst. Bells available 2.30 until dark. Tea can be obtained at the Church Institute, and names should be sent to the Rector as early as possible to allow for any delay in the post. Handbells, etc., for the rest of the evening. Please make an effort to attend. These mettings now depent on YOU.-W. A. Woot, Dis. Sec.

BUSHEY SOCIETY. - The bells (8) at Bushey, Herts, will be available on Saturday, Oct. 2 Ist, from $3 \cdot+5$ to 5.15 p.ins. Everybody welcomed. Most methods available. Handbell ringing afterwards. No time limit. —Е. Jennings.

WJNCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GLILD.-Portsmouth District. - A quazterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Oct. 2 rst. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.in. Tea in the Parish Hall $5 \cdot 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business neeting follows. All reguiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 18 th. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., G, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District. .-The next meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Oct. ast. Ringing frons 3 p.m. Service 5 p.rir., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Oct. 18th. There will also be a practice on Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Broomfield, 3 p.m. till 6 p.m.-IF. W. Shadrach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7 , Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-A special meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 2.15. Important meeting in Rectory at 5.45 p.m. All district members should attend to consider how to fix a winter programme. All ringers will be given a cordial wel-conne.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A meeting will be held at headquarters on Oct. 24th at 7 p.m. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., r, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GLILD (Chertsey District) and SLRREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).-A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 5 p.m. Tea at $5.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Parish Hall, followed by a short business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by Thursday, Oct. 26th.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley (ro bells), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28 th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock to 6.30 . All other branch members cordially invited. No ringing after 6.30 p.m.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUTILD.-The committee have decided to carry on, and look to members for their support. It has been provisionally arranged to hold a meeting at Withyham on Saturday, Ner. $4^{\text {th }}$. Further details later.-C. A. Bassett, Assistant Sec.

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Then our new series, 'With Paper and Pencil,' will, we hope, help to educate not only those who are just taking up the art, but many others who, now densed fult opportusity of indulging in the practical side of ringing, have some leisure to devote to the theoretical study of those things which, while they form the background of practice, have been given very little direct study. We hope, as this series develops, that ringers of all classes will find them of increasing interest and value. We had proof when a series of articles written primarily for the benefit of beginners appeared in our columns that others than mere beginners found them of real use; for here and there they shed a light on some point which despite considerable knowledge on the part of the reader had somewhat escaped attention. And so, perhaps, this 'Paper and Pencil ' series may in a similar way prove itself helpful even to ringers who have long since passed beyond the beginner's stage.

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should be given to handbell ringing, which can become a very fascinating pastime. The "blackout " evenings provide the opportunity for ringers to take up this branch of ringing and, from the correspondence which we have received, many of them are anxious to do so, but as handbell ringing is, in a sense, a different kind of thing to tower bell ringing, they do not: know how to start about it. This week we are happy to be able to give them a first insight into handbell ringing, which we hope may be followed by other hints. This article has been contributed by one of the greatest experts in handbell ringing, Mr. C. H. Woolley, who, having learnt in what was probably the finest of all handbell schools, the Cambridge University Guild, has graduated in the famous Bushey band, with whom he has been the $3-4$ man in all the great performances, which have included peals in Spliced Surprise Major. There can thus be no better authority on handbell ringing than Mr. Woolley, and our readers are lortunate in getting instruction from such a tutor, who is not only highly skilled himself, but, unlike many other talented handbeli ringers, has been able to set down on paper some of the elementary directions for overcoming the initial difficulties. We hope Mr. Woolley will later expand this instruction for the benefit of new enthusiasts and later, perhaps, other exponents of double-hancled ringing may be induced to contribute from the store of their knowledge. At any rate, Mr. Woolley has laid a foundation, and it may be that many bands will be able to build upon it from an experience that will grow from practice. One thing, however, is vitally necessary to success in double-handed ringing, and that is constant practice. Practice, practice, and yet more practice is the key to achievement, and we hope those who attempt this form of ringing will find the urge to persevere and will not be discouraged if success does not corne all at once. They may rest assured that when the first difficulties are overcome, there is nothing more fascinating in the whole art than double-handed change ringing.

## TO KEEP A BAND TOGETHER. <br> SOME HINTS. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-May I give a few words of advice to bands of ringers up and down the country as to the best way of keeping a band together and also promoting the art of change ringing? Keep the ordinary practice night going, if not by tower bells, then by handbells (but not (louble-handed ringing). Ring the handbells singlehanded, that is, ring one bell each, in the same way as on the tower bells. Youngsters can be taught to hunt the treble, others can be taught inside work of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Wajor, Treble Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles, etc., and by sticking to it it is possible to learn any method. It is no good meeting one week then missing two-that is a vaste of time. If you wish to keep things going you must stick to it and help yourselves by helping others.

Double-handed ringing will not keep a band together. To me handbells are much the same as tower bells; only a certain percentage become efficient. No matter how you try or what anyone does, if a beginner cannot see it-well, that's that, and no one can tell anyone else why they cannot grasp it or see it.
J. HUNT.
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## CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.

BY. C. R. WOOLLEY.

## How To Begin.

To explain how to ring a pair of handbelis in changes is, par haps, one of the most diffeult things a ringer can attempt to do. Few of those who are able to ring two bells 'in hand' can toli you oxaetly how to do it; and probably no two have quite the same rdea upon the best way to instruet othars.
But we have asked Mr. Chris. Woolley, ons of the selebrated company at Bushey who have made history by ringing handboll paals of Spliced Surprise Major, to tell ws how he approaches the subject. This he has kindly done, and wa hope the artiele may be followed by others on the subject, perhaps by other talented handbell ringers, so that our readers may have the benafit of their knawledge and experience.
Handluelf ringers are inclined to be evasive when asked low it is clone. This is not generaliy through any lack ol' system, but rather because of the difficulty of conveying to others the iders underlying the system. Howevel, there are perhaps many tower belf ringers who would te unable to convey their system clearly even to wher ringers, let alone explain it to a non-ringer. One knows the initial stages to counting, following course bells, or picking out the bells to follow in cyclic orderaccording to the way in which one was taught; but how many people can explain clearly what takes the place of these methods when practice and proficiency enable then to be dispensed with? Certainly some sors of instinct steps in at a certain stage, and the ringer finds he need no longer keep his eyes glued to his course bell, or his mind filled with a constant stream of figures.

The same applies in handbell ringing, and the same sort of initial stages of learning are necessary for complete success; so that when the already proficient towerbell ringer finds himself called upon to go back to the beginning he must try not to pass the whole thing off as being too laborious, but rather, remembering his early struggles in the tower and recognising that there is a definite difference between the two branches of the art, realise that the learning slage must be gone throuyh on handbells if he is really and truly to master them as well.
The average ringer will start handbell ringing witis certain advantages over the non-ringer; but his knowledge is only of advantage to him provided he does appreciate that there is a difference in the system. If he altempts to ring a pair of landbells in the sole light of Its experience in the lower it may eventually prove a definite handicap, and he will probably soon reach a limit of performance beyond which it is very difficulf to make any progress at all.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT.

The first and most important point about handbell ringing is that the pair must be made to help each other, and rung in each change by a single effort of thought: in other words, one must not attempt to split the mind into two and follow the course of each bell separately. To attempt this is precisely the mistake into which the average ringer, startint on his own, is liable to fall; and because certain pairs in some methods can be rung in this way without very great trouble, he may be led to believe that he has reached his own personal limit, whereas in reality he has lailed to appreciate and tackte the problem in the right way from the beginning.

Having got this fact quite clear, it remains to show its practical application. First, the question of the number of bells and the method arises. My own personal opinion is that six is quite the best number to commence
on, since Minor methods contain most of the work without much of the practical difficulties of counting and sighting involved in bigher numbers. Major is also quite a good number to start on, if the band cas manage the intial stages, and the fact of having an extra pair not in course, and the remarks which follow apply io eigitt bells with very little addition. Of methods, Plain Bob is a very obvious first choice. Odd bell methods-e.g. Grandsire-are not quite so easy for a start, and have the obwious disadvantage of giving the temors no practice in the way of ringing both bells in the work.

Starting, then, with Bob Minor, we witl inagine the learner to be on $5-6$; the course should be written ont, and the pair lined in (different colours may be used, but are by no means necessary). It will be seen that, at the leginning, laving crossed over in $5-6$, the pair course down to lead, lhe tenor first, with onc bell in between eadn time, until they cone together and cross over on the front and course up, he fifth now striking first, with onc bell in between as before. Now to work them as a pair, the first bell in each change (i.e., the sixth coming down, alnd the fifth going up), which we will call the 'leading bell,' need be the only one to occupy the attention, since the other, or "following' bell, can be placed each time from the position of the leading bell by allowing one bell to strike in between; excepling, of course, when they are at front or jack togrether. Since ine fodges are done also in course witl one bell in between, these are also done by concentrating only on the leading bell.

## WHEN THE PAR IS PARTED

In the third, or parted lead, the ireble comes in between the pair in the coursing order, as it does in turn between each coursing pair. This means that the normal coursing of this pair in this lead consists in striking with three bells in between, though as they separate from $2-3$ at the beginning of the lead they strike for one clange with two in between, as they also do lefore, and after coming together in $4-5$, and before coming together in $2-3$ at the end of the lead.

The whole of this lead must be rung by placing the leading bell correctly and counting the interval between it and the following bell. This may seem laborious; but on no account must the beginner try to ring the bells by separate parts, ner: should be attempt to mulde through, as this will obviously lead nowhere. In fact the whole lead should be carefully studied beforehand so that he shall have a very clear idea of what he is to do, and know the spacing between the bells change by change.

The lead may be summed up thus: Fifth make seconds, tenor dodge back into 3rd's place, striking together in $2-3$. Fifth lealls again, two bells in between; fifith leads, three in between; three in between, three in between (sixth behind); two in between, meet and cross $4-5$ under the treble; two in between, three in between, three in between (fifth now at lead); two in between; meet in $2-3$ over treble, sixth makes seconds, and the fifth dodges back into fourth's bringing the pair in course.
The same applies in the parted lead of the tenors in Bols Major: only there are two extra changes both up
and down with three belis in between to cover the extra places.

It will be seen that the work of a coursing pair in Bob Minor consists of four leads in course and one parted lead; the whole is known as the $5-6$ position. During the parted lead the pair are said to be working round the treble.

The $3^{-4}$ position consists of three leads with three beils in between, like the parted lead of $5-6$, but with the pair working round the second, and consequently crossing in $2-3$ as well as in 4-5. The ciodges at the lead-ends should be studied; they are known as " scissors" and consist in dodging apart (to an interval of two bells) before or after crossing in 4-5. The other two leads in the $3-4$ position, those at the beginning and end of the course, are known as "opposites," since when one ol the pair leads the other is behind. These leads must ulso be worked out by spacing from the leading bell.

## TWO BELLS SHOULD WORK AS ONE.

We now find that we have the whole of the work of inside pairs in Bob Minor, since at all times these pairs are ringing some part of one or other of the $3-4$ or $5-6$ positions. A pair cannot change its position without a call; and calls at certain places in the course have only the effect of changing the pair from one part of the course to another in the same position; while at other places the pair will be changed from one position to the other. Having mastered the positions in the plain course the work at the calls may be studied with diagrams; with a certain amount of practice this work becones evident.

It will be found in Major that there are three positions, those of $7-8$ (coursing) ; $3-4$, which contains leads simifar to the parted lead of $7-8$, and two others with five leils in between; and $5-6$, which contains leads similar to those of the $3-4$ position (with five bells in between) and leads at opposites.

The frebles start and finish in course, separating lead by lead to the position of opposites, thereafter coming together lead by lead. They thus have coursing in all positions, but not the internal work at the lead-ends.

If all the band are beginners on handbells the work may be easier by starting the course from ${ }^{1} 32456$ (or [2345678 for Major) when all the pairs will be in the coursing position. This will give all a chance of becoming familiar with the easiest posilion before embarking 013 the more difficult parted positions.

The leading bell may be hunted by means of its course bell going down, and by following the bell which followed it ' on the way up; when coursing, this will be the bell which struck in between the pair in the preceding change. Another method is by counting, laying emphasis on the places in which the leading bell is due to strike, thus: $I-2-3-4-5-6$,

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& \mathrm{I}-2-3-4-5-6, \\
& \mathrm{I}-2-3-4-5-6,
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I-2-3-4-5-6, etc.

After some practice the ringing of the various positions should become entirely automatic and involve no more mental effort than is required in the tower for the ringing of one bell. The above recommendations, that each different type of lead should be studied in line and analysed, are made in the absolute conviction that the two bells should work together as one, and that the learner must have a very clear idea of what he has to do (Continued is next colman.)

## CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS. (Continued from previous column.)

before he attempts to do it. This system requires mucha modification later, because when a more advanced stage is reached the work involved in learning all the leads in the different positions in quite simple methods becomes far too big a job to be practicable-besides becoming unnecessary. The system by which more intricate


## MR. G. F. AYMONDS ABVICF: ON RINGIN: IN TAND.

Sir--The letters publistied in your issue of Septemiser 29ibl wero very interesting to me as one who has called peals of lirandsire, Plain Rah and Treble Bols on 8, 10 and 12 handbells douhle-laated.
I should like to make known what is, in my opinion, the ensiest wity to overcome many diffeculties.
Do not try to ring two handbells by the same rule as lower bells, that in, by course method or by passing the treble, lut luunt lentls beils in a plain hunt until you see the treble lead.
In Gramalife dodge one step backwards when it goes into 2nd's after leading, the two landbells will then be in exactly the sane positions as thay were when it led at handatroke and then continue the plain hunting again. It is importent to have a religeble ringer on 1-2, also always to follows one's course bell alter hunting all the way up.
In Plain Boh the step backwards is one blow earlier, ard in Trehle Boh the dodge occurs when the bell on the slow makes its second blow in second's place.
By using the above I ring and aleo call the bobs with less mentni exertion than is required for ringing one tower bell, ns mentioned hy MT Jones. Ipswick. GEORGE F. SYMONDE.

## DEATH OF AN OLD TOTTENHAM RINGER

on September 26th last, at Old Quarry, Nettlestead, Kent, William Pye Einglish pnssed away pencefully at the ego of 84 .
Ffity years ago the deceased was an active member of the band at All Hallows', Tottenham, and took part in several peals at Tot Lenham, Southgate and other tawers in North Middlesez.
He was a pioneer cyclist who was well known as a tong distance amd track rinter, and, according to the local paper, it was principarly uwing to lise efforts and the late Mr. Justice Serutton's that danger hourds ware erected on kteep hills leating to the saving of many lives.

## TINTAGEL BELLS RESTORED.

## NEW TEAK FRAME.

The strikingly situated Gharch of Tintagel, Corowall, built on the headlard overlouking the Ablantic, was the scene of monsidenable interest on suluriny afternoun, Eeptember $30 t h$, when tho peal of five belle, with tenar just over 7 cwi ., was rededicated by the Ficmr, the Rey. E. D. Aramdel.
For all practical purposes the bells have been unringable for many years, und, allfough l hé question ol restoratiot was considered from time in tirne, holling stame of ibowing to lach off tha bedessary funds. Somns mix mills ago, however, the prosent, Vimer romived an nefer which enuhhes him to rovive the scheme.

Messrs. (ill, It and Italnalals, of Croydon, were adled in fand found everything to la in a deplorables condition. Mriwir delailed proposals for a somplete restoration were submitted to the Biaceran authorities and fully approved by the Advigory Committee, and an arder was placed with the firm tor the worls to be put in hand. This has nows beens completed.
The restoration was made possible by the great generosity of Lady Baron and onco again Tintagel possobses a liandy and useful ring.
Tho work, which has heen most adnirably cerried out consists of completcly rehenging the hella with new fitilng: of modern deaign, including ball baarings, in a now frame.

Owing to the expered situation of the church near the sen and the consequent prewalence of salt spray, apocial precautions were taken to obwiate as Iur as possible the effects of corroston. The new framework is constructed entirely in Beazoned tcale wood and the headstecks also made of the same timber.
Tha balls have heen carefully thmed and it is agreed by everyane that they bave heen considerably enriched in their fonal quality. The ringers who attmaded also expressed the greatest pleasure in the "go" and timing of the peal.
Incidentally, on the suggestion of the Diocesan Advisory Commiteee. tho fromework lias heen desigand with accommodation for a Ireble ta make siz and the Vicar hopes if, may not be long bofore it will be possible to complete the gelieme by the addition of thif betl. No doulb lie would lve very pleased ta receive contributions! The eost of the additional part of the new framo is being defrayed by some members of the Parochial Churels Council.

IBSTOGK, LEICS.-At St. Denys' Church an Sundey, Octoher 8th, for harweat lestival service, o quarter-peal of Doubles 1480 Boln Doulbles and 780 Grandsire) : Miss F. Iris Rewley \#, C. Verey 2, F. A. Fowkes 3 , A. F. Thowley (conductor) 4, A. R. Tonks 5, F. Fowkes 8.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columins, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELERY GOSSIP

We have yes another grudge against Hitler. He is yesponsible for the dislocation of our postal gervice. Will correspondents kindiy note that, unless they forward communications to reach us by the first post on Tuesday, they may be too lata for the fallowing issue of 'The Ringing World.' Moreover, the arrival on Tuesday of long distance letters is very uncertain unless posted early on Monday.

Southover Guild, Lewes, Sushex, had arranged to celebrate the centanary of the openjug of the bells on Saturday, October 28th, It was feared at first that the war might prevent the arrangements being carried out, but it is now hoped tinat a suitable commemoration may take place. The bells will bo rung in the afternoon avd a dinner is to be held in the evening, all being well.
Tho celebration of a centenary is not quite like an ordinary ennual dinner. A centenary comes only once.

To-day is the 145 th anniversary of a peal of Oxford Treble Bola Major rung ab St. Giles', Camberwell, by the Cumberlands, and condueted by the elder George Gross. The composition was Jolm Reeves' five-part. contuining 6,720 changes, and Wilian Shipway, who was iu the band, says ihat this was the first time a peal of Troble Bob cantaining the 120 course ends was ever periormed.
Shipwsy probably was wrong in this statement, for on March 4 th, 1791, the Kensington band, with James Bartlett calling the bobs, had rugg the same length, aud, as William Jones, the chief author of the - Clavis, was in the baniz, almost certainly the arme composition,

Five inonths earlier on October $2 l$ st the same men (excepl that Edward Rumball was in William Jones' peal) rang Reeves' 8,448 of Treble Eob. This was for many years thought to be the full extent in the method without partige the tenors. The Junior Cumberlends liad already rung the composition to Kent, but this wes the first time it was rung to the Oxford variation.

To-day is also the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Cinques, zung in 1751 at St. Bridget's, otherwise St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the Society of Union Sctiolars. It was composed and conducted by Johu Holt.

Charles Henry Fattersley, one of the foremost and best known ringers of the generation that belonged to the later years of the nineteenth century, died on Octaber 21 st, 1915.
On Octoher 21st, 1876, the St. Martin's Society rang the only peal as yet accomplisined of Stedmen Royal. It was at Aston, and the number of changes was 5,184 . Hemry Johnson composed the peal and called it from the sirth, and the hand included men like amos Cresser, Henry Bastable and Johnson's son, Henry, who were wellknown ringers in the distriet at that time.

Stedman on even numbers is an obvious misfit, It was rung by making each bell lie for three blows in fourth's place both going out sud coming in, which giver back-stroke douile dodging in 5-6, 7-8 ant S-10, but the simes behind do not coizeide with the sixes in front.
The vice-president of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Associahion spoke of the great difficulties in travelling some 40 years ago when abtending meetings. We understend thet he had the utmost difficulty in geting home from Shipleq, what with black-out restricfions and disjointed bus services-and this in 1939.

Among the peals recorded in this week's issue is one rung to celebrat? the 民lst, birthday of Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, now serving with the Royal Air Force. Never, we believe, itt blie history of the Exercise has anyome reached his insjority witly a peal ringing record anything like his. Our readers will join us in congratulating lim, and wishing him trek for his own sake and for the sake of his grandfather and father, whose friezds among ringers are conatless.
Another handbell peal has also been rung for the 72nd birthisy of $\mathbf{M r}$. Thomas Groambridge. sen., These recovery from his serious accident on August 12th will give great ploasure to his many frients. We are gelad to he able to report that ho is now agaire ranging nor tower belts and as well as ever.

## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir, When, in my original lether to you about the B.B.C. jnterval signal, said 'the record which is now used was not made specially for the purpose, 1 aremen th fmply that an interval signat as anpecia item whedz a special reeord was nemesary
If the iden of such a sigual is analysed it can be looked at from the point of riew of the B.B.C. or from the point of view of the man in the living room (the "1man in the street' does not apply for unce!). The B.B.C, regsrd it as something to laelpa listener to tune in when thene is no programane. Hence its indiseriminate use afiter ull programmes, iachuding news bullelius, with the result wat the outhreat of war, the Russian stab-in-the-back for Poland and the sinkiag of slips like F.M.S. Royal Oak are greeted with a peat of hells to accord with the shouls of joy in our own hearts! In the first instance I was reminded of Wulpole's remark on the outbreak of "the war of Jemkins" enr" in 1739-" They are singing the bells now, but they will soon be wringing their hands.'
The listener wants some sound to tane in to when no programme is available. The present signal is much pleasanter than those used by foreign stations, though, in my opimion, the ringing fraternity could produce something more sutitable. The listener is not interested in the ringers or the method used. He merely desires a smooth and undulating sound which does not jar on his nerves every so often.
No existing record of bells 'foots the bill.' The main thing to remember about it is that people liave to listen to it eeveral times a day. It does not eome into the category of a Sunday service touch, which has a definite beginning and a definite esd (usuallyl). In the signal there should be no beginning or end to it " (thank you, Mr. Whittington, for those words). Rounds should be avoided bath at the beginning and the end. As it is, one of the announcers starts the record in the middle to avoid them, and they all lave to take the record off befere it has finished.
On this assumption, therefore, Triples will not do. They are pleasant anough to ring and pleasant enough to listen to for a short while. Bul to hear them repentadly is very tedious, They negin to sound like a small child doing four finger exercises with an irate music mishress stamping her foot to keep time! If, on a consensns of opinion, the tenor behind is preferred, let us have Cingues, when its 'hlows' will be few and far between.

What is really wanted is at "fantasia' of bells. The whimsical character of Major with its eratchets aud quavers provides a much more suitable medium. Moreover, the record should be 'faded in' after the bells insve gone into changes, and 'faded out' before they come tank into rounds. The record should be made at some distance from thz tower, as a 'blare' could wever be pleasant. Given these conditions, Double Norwich on the back eiglat at Bow would provide alow heav ringing, with no jars or mountonous ropetitions, on the worle's most famous peal.

## A. TROTMAN.

## Langbredy, Dorsel

P.S.-The best ringers obtainable should be procured for the jobthose who arn faniliar witl Bow bells, including perhaps some of those who made the record now used. It would be bighly undesirable for C3 ringers like muself ever to turn Bow benor in excopt as a
werning for an air raid, earthquake or some obther major catastroplie!

## FARIETY OF RECORDS ADVOCATED.

Sir, Since the war hegan I have turned to the pages of 'The items of inlerest from rour many contributorg convincingly appeal Your journat has transformed itself into a magazise of internst to alt lovers of bells, peals and historic customs
The corzenpondence on the B.B.C. interval signal provokes one to express admiration for the ringers who produced and permanently recnrded for all time the real heauty of a magnifieent peal of bells. The work wrs done by expert ringers. When the R.B.C. operator adjusts the gramophone to the correct speed the "harmonics, and - hum 'tones distinctily tell on the air. Hence the ringing and the hells are admired lyy ringers, who "live" for skriking only, and hy the common folk. Seldom is a blow very faulty.
Still, we grow tired even of the very best in time, and it has oecurred to me that the Regional transmitters might have regional variations. Whet nbout a course of Stedman on the minor eight with the eleventh as tener from Fixeter Cathedral for the west? Or a course of Bristal on that fine peal at Slirewsbury for the Midhand Regional or come nther fine peel in the North wifh a really musical method well struck for the North Regional? Fwerybady loves bells: particularly in this trup in rural areas. where there is never much diffeultey in getting mortey for the bells if it be required.

If such records were made, and, if necessary, تe-made, and presented to the B.B.C. If feel convinced they would thank you for them and use them. Fven a word of approcintion, to my knowledge, has been montanusly replient to.

FRTD C. SMALT.

## O|-rhampton

A number of ather latters on this subject are unavoidably hold over.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHSTERN DIVISION AND THE LEEDS SOCIETY MEET

## Visit to Shiploy

A wery enjoyable joint meeting of the Western Division of the Yorishire Assaciation with the Leeds and District Society was held on Saturalay at St. Paul's Church, Shipley. This was the first meeting of the two societies since the commencentent of the war, and the result proved beyond doubt that, where it is possible to arrange a ringing mecting, the members from the surrounding distriets give their fuliest suppori. Some members travelled a considerable distance using no less than four different hus routns, in order to kave a few briat touches. ['ractices in mast distrints ure eilher yesy mach rur failod, il nol, shopped aitugelaer, andi the few meetings whiols atr possiblo can las sure of a gond attendance.

Ringing commenced abeut 2 Dolock and continued andil almost "black-out," time. During the afternoan touclies of the following melhods were enjoyed: Man Hob, I'rehle Bob, Stedman Tripies, Juthe Norwich, Caubridge, Superlative and Airedale Surprise, and the standard of ringing and striking wis wory much above the average for meetings.
The business meeting was held in the Insitute, with the wicerresident, Mr. P. I. Inhasor, in tha chair, supported by the Rev. W. J. Perrett, Viowr of Slibley; the president, of the Leeds and District Society (the Rev. J. F. B. Andrews) having had to leave barly owing to arother appointment.
The Chairman in very characteristic style proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Slipley for wery kindly granting the use of the bells, and alan to the tocal company for making such excellcut preparations for the members' comfort and the other arrangements He mentioned a lumorous incident when be attonded his first "country meeting' at Shiploy many years ago, when traveling facilities mere rather primitive and were nof leiped by a thick fog which incidentally preveuted him from reaching home at night. He was sure that wherever ringers went. they would not find a more genia! spirit than that which was found in the belfry at Shipley. There was always \& hearty welcome for ringers, and the way in which the belfry was kept was a model which other places miglit try and emulate. CYader the guidance of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Kendall, the Shipley company were keeping up the grent traditions of those gone before, and the heped they wehld conbinue to make such good progress for it very long time to come.

The Rov. W. T. Terreth, in replying, spoke of his very great pleasure in welcoming the assoniations lo Shipley. He took the greatest interest in his ringers, and whenever ho wisited the belfry he wes always conscions of the spirit of mrobheriood amongst them. He was sure that there was a greak deal more unity in the heliry than in other parts of churelt work. Tnfortutuately, they, life nther towns, were laving difficulty is mainaining a fult band, but he hoped that when the efairs of the country were more sottled they would lave to trouble in obtaining a plentifal supply of young ringers to carry on this wonderful wark. He lad enjoyed listening to the beils all the afternoon, but he loped that next time he wauld bo able to fisten to them under more pleasing astional conditions.
Mr. Ernest Simpsom., in replying for the local company, spoke of their plensure in reneiving the gesociations and assured everyone thatthere would always he a ready welcome at Shipley.

The Chairman mentioned that the mext meeting was due to be held in December, tut owing to the many difficulties-of travelling and rationing. to asp nothing of the short time available for ringing owng to dorkuess which would no dcubt provail at that time-the committen were under the mprossion that it would be wise to cut out this and to lold the mext manting in March. He mentioned that the Leeds and District Society would ennenvour to continue with their monthly meetings whenever possible within the radius of that society, and he hoped that as many as passible werld take advantage of this and give their fuliext, support.
It was therefore, decided on the proposition of Mr. John Ambler, seconded by Mr. Armitage, fhat the next meeting be at Queenshury. and unless more हntfled condibions previlea in the meantime, tha? this be held rext March.
[t whe gancunced that a meating of the Leeds and District Saciety will be held in November, if at all possible, and members are asked to leok for an announceneent in "The Ringing Warld' [or furlher detsils

A request was made 蛙帾 all tower secretaries in Yorkshire shoult keep a record of nembers serving in H.M. Forces, and that parkiculars shnuld be sent to the district secrefarics for inclusion in the annual report. It was also mentioned that a number of subscriptions were still outstanding for the year which lans just closed, and that these sfoald be paid without delay, in order to keen the membershio intact Tha towers reprefented diving the day were as follows: Addingham Armley, Rradford Cathedral, Bramley. Drighlington, Flland. Quisefey Headingiey (St. Chad's and Si. Michael's), Huddersfield. Idle. Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudser, Queensbury and Shipley.

BORFAT, NORTHANTS.On Oct. 15th at the Church of Our Lady for morning serrife, a quarter-neal of Dmbles, 360 each of Canierbury and Plain Bob, 120 of April Dap and 420 of Grandsire: D. Perkins (first quarter-peal) 1. E. Smart 2, M. Lipughtom 3, D. Comkings (eondigntari 4. T. Fleming 5 .

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM HISTORY OF ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

By J. Armiger Trollope.
St. Margaret's, Westminster, was not only a prominent church, with a large and important parish; it was the parish clurch of the royal palace and of the Houses of Parliament. There was, iberefore, at lul wh paid ringing in the steeple. A large part of it was on the days that the King or Queen arrived at or left Whitehall, or on royal birthdays or the Coronation Day. This last was a special ringing day and in 1626 the vestry agreed to pay the ringers $x i$, which was a large sum and probably means that the belts were rung on and of the whole of the day. The same amount was paid orn that day in every succeeding year right down to $16 \notin 8$, it few months before the exccution of King Charles I . It was resumed after the Restoration in 1660.

An early and interesting entry in the accounts records the receipt by the parish atte burying of William Caxton for iiij torches vjs. viijd Item for the belle atte same butrying vje.'

The fees for the bells in connection with deaths and burials formed a considerable item in the parish revenue at St. Margaret's as well as at most other places. They were for passing bells and for knells; and we seldom find an entry for a funeral peal rung by all the bells. Yet they were common enough. Probably the ringers were paid directly through the clerk. The parish paid for bell ringing at the funerals of King Henry VIIf. and Queen Elizabeth.

In $55^{86}$, when Bablington's plot was discovered, the bells were rung, and in the next year, when the new:s came that Mary, Queen of Scols, had been twhearled. In t6iz her body was removed from Peterborough to the Abbey, and again the bells were rung, but this time as a mark of respect.

There was ringing in ${ }^{1} 588$ when Queen Elizabeth went to the camp at Tilbury, where the English army was waiting for the expected landing of the Spaniards, but there is no mention in the accounts of any when, a week or two later, the news came that the Armada had been defeated at sea. No doubt the ringers did not wait for any official orders or promise of pay. A few years earlier, when the Spaniards beat the Turks at the battle of Tepanto, all I.ondon's bells, and St. Margaret's among them, were set ringing.

St. Margaret's was more than the church of the parish in which the Houses of Parliament were situated; it was alsn from 1614 ' as it were a National Charch for the use of the House of Commons,' and this was the cause of a certain amount of ringing. In 3 fos, as soon as Guy Fawkes' plot was discovered, the bells were rung; in 1628 when Charles 1. accepted the Petition of Right; in 1640 when the Triennial Act was passed; in 1651 when the Scots were beaten at Worcester; in 1653 when Oliver Cromwell was installed as Lord Protector; and always when a new Speaker was elected.

The tower was reconstructed, refaced, heightened, and given its present appearance in 1735 ; the cost being partly paid by a grant from Parliament.
The churchwardens did not deal directly with the ringers, but employed a steeplekeeper, probably the parish sexton, and he provided the ringers when they were needed. In the early seventeenth century the
stecplekeeper was Michael Stockrlale and his wages for attending to the bells for a year were une shilling and eightpence. Later on Edward Rogers was steeplekeeper.

In 1674 a boy of fourteen was dragged up by one of the ropes and killed. An inquiry was held and it was proved that the steeplekeeper had been very negligent in thu slishtarge of his clutios and, insteral of heing ramstanly in the beffy when a knell was beong rong, le had


## ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

Ieft a number of boys there and absented himself 'on no occasion of the parisli.' Other misdemeanours being proved against him, he was dismissed from his employment.

From ancient times the morning bell was rung at five o'clock and the curfew at eight. When the custom ceased is unknown.

Besides the paid ringing there was a lot of 'pleasure ringing by people like the College Youtlis and the Esquire Youths. When the octave was completed in 1670 , the vestry at the instance of the curate and some of the neighlsouring parishioners, ordered that there should be no ringing in peal before seven in the morning or after eight at night.

No record survives of any five thousand rung on the first octave. The earliest known peal on Knight's bells
was 5040 changes of Double Bub Major on February 1211, 1742 , by the Eastern Sclolars. No claim is made in the peal book that it was the first on the bells and quite possibly one had already been scored by another company.

From that time until the present a steady succession of pcals has been rung in the steeple, some of them of more than ordinary interest. In 1751 Annable called a peal of Reverse Bob Major for the College Youths. It was ctaimed as the first that was done in that steeple, which suggests that one had already been rung elsewhere. If so, no account of it survives.

In the sanse year John Holt called his original peal of Grandsire Triples for the first time. The band were nembers of the Suciety of Union Scholars, and Holl, Thinking it beyond the powers'of any man to call the peat and ring at the same time, sat in the tower and called it from the manuscript. A board was erected to commemorate the performance, but there is now no entry of it in the peal book. Osborn thought that it was omitted because it was considered irregular for a man to call and not ring. Snowdon thought it was omitted because Annable ' clid not approve ' of the composition. Neither explanation is convincing.

The company which had rung the peal and erected the peal looard can hardly have had scruples about entering the record in the peal book, or would have been likely to pay much attention to the criticisms of a man belonging to another and rival society. Most likely the peal was entered in the usual way and the sheet afterwards taken oul by someone when the book became dilapidated. The peals were not numbered and so the loss of a Icaf ratnot be traced. So far as we can telf, Annable did not ubject to the composition, nor hold the opinion that a peal of firandsire Triples must be protuced by bobs only.

In 1752 the Eastern Scholars rang a peal of Double Eastern Bob Major, a very interesting method of which they said it was "unparali'l for music, though derided lyy Ben, who says it is lopsided.' Anmbie liad fearnt something about the symmetry of methods since the days when he had composed, antl prestmably rusig, lopsided six-tuell methools himself.

George Meakins called the first peat on the Len betls; 5040 changes of Grandsire Caters rung by the College Youths in 1761 .

The tongest peal on the lxells dering the eighteenth century was fooo clanges of Rols Major ly ithe Union Scholars is :747 composed and conducted by Jolm Holl. In 1805 the Westminster Youths rang 6ori changes of (irandsire Caters, which length was beaten in 1814 by the Junior Cumberlands, who rang 6 ros changes in the same method, and again in 1823 ly a peal of 7002 changes.

\section*{an ancient abbey bell.

## an ancient abbey bell. <br> REPLY TO MR. E. J. THOMAS' JNQUUIRY. <br> Ta the Editor

Dear Sir,-In reply to the question by Mr. Edward J. Thomas as to what becane of the furge befl from Tilley Abhey, Carmarthenshire, wher dismantled in 1772, there is no evidence that it ever came to Fxeter.

According to the 'Histork of bhe Churein Bells of Devon' by the Iate Rer, H. 'S. Ellaronbe, 'Grandisoas, the tenor' betl in Eneter Cathedral. אas recast by Pennineton in 1629 , and again by Willian? Fwans in 1729 . When the Cathedrul bells were restored is 1902 this hell was finally zecost by Messre. Jolin Taylor and Co.

Great Peter, the clock bell, hanging in the north lower, is said to have been brought Eram Lhandoff by Bishop Courtenay in 1484 in exchange For five bella from Exeter. This bell was recest by Thomas Purdue in 1676 . Its reputed weight is 61 tons, end it is gtill in use. Heavitree, Exeter.

T, LAVER.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

- EVENBNG RINGTNG AT ROCHDALE BRANCH MEFTING.

Thet Rochdale Branch ol the Lameashire Association zuet at Aloorsidr, near 01dlaw, on October 7Lh. The bells were set going by the local ringers it the apprinted time and a fouch of Stedman Triples was first brought romad. As more people arrived so the variaty of methand ruing increased, ald before um adjoumment was mede for tea all thas standard methods had beea rurg.
The busiuess ineeting was afterwards held in the tower, and while waitiag For the Vicar, the Rev. A. Calderloy, who had expressed his willingness to take the charr, the handbell enthusiasts rang wellstruck courses of Plain Bob, Sitedman and Grandsire.
The Secretary said how disappointed they were that at the lost meeting, held at Middicton on the Saturday prior to the declaration of war, the Rector had refused peranission to ring, and ho hoped this would not be a common occurrence.
"Ilse question was raised as to whether poople serving in His Majesty" 3 Forces would retwin their memberslip without the necessity of paynig further subsuriptions.
After a ghorl discussion the meeting decided that the General Consmithee ought lo give a lead in this maiter.
In lais closing femarks tho secretary was very emphatis on the point Whal the monthly meetings should be kept going at all costs, ami Lhase present promised to do their best to attain tlis end.
Bofore leuving tiae baliry the Vicar gave lis permission to ase Hue bells unlil 8.30 , wfich wes appreciated by ull those presett.

The hells were, lherefore, woon set going agein of Stedmull. Other mebliods followed in rupid succession, including a touch of Londna schalars Plomare for the six-bell ringers.
Atter a loug course of Oxford Treble Bob, everyoue thought thuy hud had sufficient for ows dey, and so with pronises to atitend the noxt matetiag at Shore, near Littleborough, , he riugers disappeared into line darkness.

## RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

WHAT THE TOWISRS ARE DOING.
Staverlon, Desveniry, 6 j 3-m. Tractice, Mondays, 7.30 p.n.
Disiey, 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Bud 230 to 3 p.m.
Murple, 10 to 10.30 a.m. atad 2.30 to 3 p.m.

Nortury, 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
 Swilldon, Uhrigt. Chureln, 10.30 н.m. sha $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Swindon, SL. Mark's, $10.15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 3.15 p .m.
Rodhourbe Cheney, 10.30 a.נा. aud 2 p.m.
Burton Lutimer Parish Church, 10 is.mu. and 2.15 p.zı. I'ractice, altermala Aaturdays berfinning Octoher 219t, 2.45 p.m.
Walsall, St. Matilhew's, 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 3.30 f.m.
Mistley, Fssex, 10 to 11 a.m.
 Triog, $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. $1011 \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{m}$. and 2.30 to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

hournembuth, sit. Juhn's, surrey Ruad. 10.15 to 11 a.an. and $2.30 \mathrm{~L}_{1}$ $3.15 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$ -
Bureal. Norliants, 9.15 to 10 in.m. und 5.15 to 6 1utu. Itractire, Frimiay. 7.30 to 9 p.Tn.
Wellestmaraugh, Keat, 10.15 tua 10.35 a.m. and 2.15 to 2.55 j .m].
Aughlan, Lanus, 10 н.лा. and 2.30 p.m.
A special open practice has been arranged at Staverton, Davendry, fnr Elio first Shlardey in eacl month, from 5.30 to E p. 1 , all visitors will le most welcome.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## To the editor.

Dear Sir, May I, tlorough the columns of "The kinging Worlkh," ask what has happencd to the Kent County Association? Have tho asticials got the wind up or have they abandoned the ship? Fwe weeks lare gone and there in not a word from headquarters, lacal or weeks hare gone and theremsual district meptings arg due to be helif, atherwise. Now that kise ancual astact meetings ara due to be hela, is there any valid reasoa why they should not take plece? Trumsport
in tine county during the afternoon and early evening is practically in tine county during the afternoon and early evening is practically normal, train services ure fairly grod and there is no food rationing at present. Although ringing might be limited, surely the busidess is sufficiently important to hold e meeting epart from the very high value many ringers seb to the social aide.
Is an association such gs this to be ellowed to go to sloep at Hitler's ofiers. and, if so, will it wake up again when lue gets his merching orders?
'ENQITIRER.'

## BELFRY BLACKED OUT

Weekley belfry is "blacked outr" and Mr. B. P. Morris will Ler pleased to arrange prastices there for any Kettering District ringers who care to communicate with him.
It is hoped to maintain rimging at Hugglescote throughout the coming winter and visitors will be leartily welcomed. There will be an 'operi ' practice aftarnoon on Caturday, November 18 th.

## NOTICES.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.-North-East Brancla, - A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, Oct. 2 Ist. Bells from 2 p.m1. Time of service and tea to be announced at meeting. Come early. Will those wishing to have tea please notify me as early as possible?-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

WARWICKSHIRE GLIILD.-The quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Rugby bells not available) on Saturday, Oct 215 L . Bells available during afternoon and evening. Business meeting in the Vestry at +30 . Please make own arangements for tea-Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy [anc, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckiey District.-The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, Oct. 21 st . Bells available 2.30 until dark. Tea can be obtained at the Church Institute, and names shoutd be sent to the Rector as early as possible to allow for any delay in the post. Handbells, etc., for the rest of the evening. P'lease make an effort to attend. These meetings now depend on YOU.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec. BUSHEY SOCIETY. - The bells (8) at Bushey, Herts, will be available on Saturday, Oct. 2 1st, from 3.45 to 5.I5 p.n. Everybody welcomed. Most methods available. Handbells after. No time limit.-E. Jennings.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUlLD.-portsmouth District. - A quarterly meeting will be held at Si. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Oct. 2ist. Bells (8) evailable from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.nı. Tea in the Parish Hall 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwhorl, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsnotth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATJON.-South-Eastern District. The next meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Oct. arst. Ringing from 3 p.m1. Service 5 p.m., folm lowed by tea and busiress meeting. -H. W. Shatrack, Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-A special meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, Oct. 2ist. Bells available at 2.15. Important meeting in Rectory at $5 \cdot 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All district members should attend to consider how to fix a winter programme. All ringers will be given a cordial wel-come.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDIAND COCNTIES- ASSOCIATION. - Derby Bistrict.-Calling all riagers. The next meeting will be leld at St. Alknumel's, Derby, on Oct. $21 s t$. Ringing from 2.30 till dusk. Come and let's hear your suggeslions for carrying on the good work. All ringers welcome. - W. Lancaster, Sec., 83. Albert Kd., Chaddesden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, - Bedford District. - A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 2 Ist. The bells (8) will be available from 2 p.mi till blackout. The future programme of this district will be discussed at this meeting. All ringers very welcome. The service ringing at Brombans on Sundays is cartied on as usual- Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec,, 10 , Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOClATION. - Chesierfield District.-The next meeting will be held at Clownc on Saturday, Oct. 21 st . Bells available from ả p.m. till dusk, followed by meeting and refteshments (is. each). Names, please, to Mr. J. Keenan, r3. Creswell Road, Clowne. A short service will be belal during the afternoon, at the most suitable time according to the number of members present. 'This tower asks for help and instruction. Please come along and give what yot cam. Sam Scaltergood, Local Hon. Scc.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGI YOUTHS.-A meeting will be held at headquarters on Oct. $24^{1_{1}}$ at 7 p.m. Nomination of officers.-A. B. Ieck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Roal, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION (Souts and West District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Cherisey District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District)-A conbined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 5 p.1n. Tea at 5.15 p.inn. in the Parish latl, followed by al short business meeting. Numbers lor tea to be sont 10 Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Quecn's Road, Thames Ditton, by Thursday, Oct. 26th.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.
l.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley (ro bells), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock to 6.30. All other brancha members cordially invited. No ringing after 6.30 p.m.-J. H. Ridyard, Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

GLOLTCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Eight bells. Ringing from ${ }^{2.30}$ p.m. to 5 p.m.-W, B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COLINTY ASSOCIATION. -. Lewisham Dis-trict.-The annual districe meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Erith, on Saturday, Oct. 28 th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 . Tea will be arranged at a reasonable price for all who notify Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78 , West Street, Erith, not later Llan Tuesday, Oct. 24 th. Catering is difficult, so please support the effort made on your behalf and apply early.- $A$. $G$. Hitl, Hon. Dis. Sec

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Luton Dis-trict.-Ihe annual meeting will be hela at I.eighton Buzzaud on Saturday, Oct. 281 h . The ten bells will be available from 2.30 p.m7, to 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited. - $F$. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -By the kind permission of the Rector there will be an open practice at Halewood from 3.30 to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Saturday, Oct. 281h. No tea will be provided. No business meeting. Ali ringers cordially invited. It is hoped that the ordinary monthly meetings will be resumed on and from Nuv. Ith.-G. R. Newlon, Branch Sec.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GLILD.-Northern Branch. -Gainsborough District.-A meeting will be beld at Lea on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) available from I. 30 to 5 p.m. Short service. Tea at 5.30 in the Women's Institute, which will be available for a social evening. Should events take a more serious turn and the meeting have to be cancelled, all those who let me know before Thursclay, Oct. 26 th, that they will be present will be notified. P.S.-There is still a very convenient train service to and from Lincoln.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GLILD.-Guildford Dis-trict-A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 4 th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and handbell ringing. It is essential that all those requiring tea should notify me not later than Monday, Oct. 3oth.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guillford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GLiLLD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. $4^{\text {th }}$ (instead of Oct. 2rst). Ringing from 3 till 6 p.m. All welcome. - W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS -A commemoration luncheon to celebrate the zoand anniversary of the society will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 4 th, at r. 30 p.m. The price of the luncheon will be 4s. per head. The names of those intending to be present must be sent in by Tuesday, Oct. 24 th.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfieid Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C. - The tower of the above will be open for practices each Saturday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.-James E. Davis, Tower Keeper.

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## MORE MEETINGS.

There is plenty of evidence that widespread efforts are being made to bring Sunday service ringing back as nearly to normal as the changed conditions of war time will allow. Ringing before morning service has been resumed at the majority of towers where it appertained before the war began, and afternoon ringing, where evening service has been fixed for daylight hours, is taking place in many towers. Where service ringing is not taking place it is, apart from the tingers' own difficulty in raising a band, due principally to the Church authorities, and only in a small proportion of cases is it caused by any action of the police. There are still a few instances where A.R.P. demands make it necessary that the bells should not be rung, bat as time goes on, and defence preparations are worked out to meet the actual needs of the moment, the civic powers are ready nearly everywhere to remove their first embargo and, subject to local safeguards, to allow church bells to be rung for normal Sunday putposes. There are, however, still a number of clergy who, for one reason or another, desire their bells to remain silent. Every such instance must, of course, be judged upon its merits, but it does seem that, unless there is some special local reason, connected with the public safety, permission should be given for service ringing to be resumed everywhere where it can be done without infringing the black-out regulations.

The attitude of the police towards church bellringin during these weeks of war has been entirely sympathetic and, while the anti-noise Order specially exempts church bells rung for normal purposes and the police have no iegal authority to stop them, it is a thoroughly sensible action, especially in populous areas, to consult the police on any ringing that it is proposed to do on other occasions than Sundays. The wisdom of this has been revealed more than once in these past weeks. Not only does it give official authority for the use of the bells on such occasions as meetings, but it enables a co-operation to be established that, in a sudden emergency, would be of great value in the interests of public safety. The plan of having someone on duty outside the tower to be ready, in the event of an air-raid warning, to stop the bells has proved an acceptable arrangement to the authorities, and should be employed everywhere where ringing takes place for any period beyond a few minutes. To-morrow there is to be a joint meeting of three associations at Kingston-on-Thames. This Surrey town is within the Metropolitan Police area, and the church stands by the market square. The police have been approached and, subject to having a watcher on duty to communicate with the belfry (Continuied on page 654.1

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if a warning is given, the authorities have not only consented to ringing during the afternoon, but also in the evening from seven to nine o'clock. If ringing can be permitted at a meeting under such conditions, conditions which, we imagine, are hardly likely to be more diflicult anywhere, there seems no reasonable ground why meetings should not be arranged at any towers in the country. The police at Kingston must obviously be satisfied that, with the precautions agreed to, there is no danger to the public, otherwise they would not have given their consent, and what can be done at Kingston can be done elsewhere. We do not know the exact circumstances prevailing at Chilvers Coton, but it is surprising to read, in the report of last Saturday's Warwickshire Guild meeting, that the police superiatendent forbade any ringing there after clark. If it was necessary, for the sake of any possible warning, to stop the bells in the evening, it must have been equally necessary to stop them in the afternoon. There are, in this war, no Zeppelins to hover over a town at night, yet this possibility seems still to be in the minds of some people in inlluencing their attitude towards ringing after dark. It would be interesting to know the exact reason for the police action in this case.

There is good reason why ringing meetings should be resumed more generally, but in view of transport difficulties attendances are bound to be smaller than in peace time. For that reason it should be the policy of associations to arrange a greater number of these gatherings covering a small area instead of large districts. Two meetings, each within reach of, say, half a dozen towers, will do more good than one intended for twelve towers spread over a wider radius, and, rather than curtailing meetings, it would be wise to consider doubling the number. The aim is not only to bring the members together, but to maintain interest and activity, so that in brighter days the art may quickly recover the ground it must inevitably lose during these strenuous times. Meetings beyond the range of the majority of members under present conditions will dampen, instead of encourage, the enthusiasm of those whom circumstances exclude, and it should be the endeavour of those who are responsible for mectings to develop them in a greater number of centres. The fact that attenfances may be small will not be the criterion of the success attained-success will be measured by future results when we return to peace and happier rlays.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

 ro the Enitor.Dear Sir, -If 'Fnquirer' will pobliah his name and address in 'The Ringing Worla ' his questions will be answered.
1 refuse to enter into newspaper correspondence with anyone who is either afraid or ashamed to add his name to a letier, and I jeel sure my fellow-secretaries hold this view
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## half Muffled belld for curate.

Tlis combined practice at North Stonebam, Hants, arranged for Saturday, October 14th, was fairly well attended. Resides members of the local band, the following were present: Messrs. A. Davis, E. T. Griffen, F. Eaton (Christchurch District), L. Tremeer and Payne (Winchester Distriot), F. B. Bayley, W. Linter, jun.; T. Worsfold and Mrs. Guy (Portsmouth District).

The methods rong were Grandsire Triples ane Caters, Stedman Catars, Bob and Cambridge Royal, Saperlative and Londoy Major. The bells were rung balf-mufled as a mark of deep respect to the Rep. Cyril Wood (junior curate at North Stomeham), who was interred the same day. Hie was only ordained e priest as recently eis jask Trimity Sunday. He had been at North stanelim only just over a year and died at the age of 26 .

## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Ottobey 21, 1939, in Two Jowy and Thiz Iy-Thee dinutes,

## Ax tee Ball Foondry,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 50E6 CHANGES; MDDLETON's.

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| Mrs, H. J. Poole | - 3 | Colin Harrison ... .... | 7 |
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A birthday compliment to Mr. H
. J. Poole.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

DПWYN, HEREFORDSHTRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUM.D

On Sunday, October 15, 1939, ix 1 tho Howrs anc Fo:by.Seven Minutes,
At ine Cbuace of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, BOH CHANGESI Being 42 six-scores, 10 cullings,


## Conducted by Lestie EVans.

* 50th peal, rung in 28 towers. Rung in bonour of the christeming of George, son and loir of Mr, and Mrs. G. Bray, of Henwood, Didwyn, which took place at the service previous to the penI.


## TEMPSEORD, BEDS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tmasdsy, Ocfober 17, 1939, 施 1 wo Hours and Forty-Si* Minwtes,
Az the Chorce of Sy. Peter.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 GHANGE

Being an extent each of Norwiclı Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Orford Trebie Bob, Kent Treble Bub, St. Clemessts', Oxford Bob and Plain


## Conducted by C. E. Jeprribs.

* 2sth peal together. Iturg as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ream, tw, higlily xespected viliagers, on the occasion of their golden weddiug.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

## EINCOLN

THE LINCOLN DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, Octobey 17, 1939, in I wo Hours and hirly-Seven Minmter, At 1 9, Munes Road,

## A PEAL OF SPLIEED PLAIN AND CANSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5060 EHANCES ।

Tenor size 15 in $C$.

## -P. Micgarl. Freman <br> 1-2 Harold Cbant <br> †Jobe Freeman <br> KEnNETa <br> 3-4 Jace L Millhouse

## Arranged by Jacr Bray.

* First peal on teu bells. and First ten-bell peal in hand. First peal of Spliced Royal by all the band. Each course rung P.P.G.P.P.


## BUSHEY, HEתTS.

THE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOAIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, Oclober 22, 1939, im One Howy and Fifty-Eight Mantes Ax 50, Rodolpa Road
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 GHANGES; Being seven diferent extente
Chais. W. Woolley ..* ... $1-2 \mid$ Edwim A. Barnety ... ... $3-4$ -EDWIN ] EMNLMGS .... ... 5-6 Conducted by C. W, Woolley.
4 First peal of Minor on handbells. E. A. Barmett hes now rung Plain Bob on all even bumbers from Minor to Maximos.

## A WARWICKSHIRE GUILD MEETING.

EVENING RLNGING FORBIDDEN BY POLICE.
Tha first quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held under waz-time conditions at Chilvers Cotom on Saturday. A big crowd was not to be expected, but nearly 20 enthusiasts arrived and esjoyed ringing on the handy eight. Permission liad been given by the Vicar (ile Jev. F. W. Moyle) for ringing during the efternoon ard cvening, and the belfy was biacked out specially in time for the meeting. Unfortunately a message was received from the Superintendent of Police forbiding any ringing after dark, thus upgetting carefully jaid plans for the comfort and convenience of the wisitors. Howevor, ringing continued antil 6 o'clock, a good course of London rounding of some good ringing
The bubiness meeting followed imnediakely in the vestry, presided over by the Master (Mr. J. H. W. White). The routine busiuess was quickly disposed of, but the changed conditions created some discussion gs to the future, resuluing in a determination to carry on until April with quarteriy mectings eud possibly monthly practices on Saturdny afternoons at convenient towers.
At the elose of the meeting Mr. A. F. Beamislı produced a portable Eramophone aud a record of the talented landbeli hand of the Ferks County Association ringing a toucls of Spliced Surprise Major, which was much appreciated by the members present.
Towers represented were Allesley, Bilton, Keresley, Noneaton and the "locals.' A welcome was matended to Mr. O. J. Hunt, of Manchester, a former aunitar of the Guild.
A move was ther rande to a local hotel, whero the reeds of the Inner man ${ }^{3}$ were fius gatisfied. Tunes and changes on handbella brought to a close a hapay and successful meeting.

## WAR TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

WHAT THE TOWERS ARE DOING.
Glasgow Caticedral, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Fenlam, Newcasile-on-Tyne, 10. 15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Practice thand bells oaly), Fridays, 7.45 p.in.
Portsmouth Cafhedral, 9.45 to 11 e.m.
Portemouth, 5st, Mrry's, 1.45 to 2.30 p.m.
Nortoll, Stafis, 9.45 to 10.45 a.Ts. and 5.30 to 6 p.me.
Stepney, St. Dunstan's, 9.45 to 10.15 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Practice, Monday, 8 to $9.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Brierley Hill, 10.75 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Thursday, 7.30 to

Thormo, Yortas, 10.15 to $10.45 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$. Bnd 2 to $3 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$.
Watford, SL, Mary's, 10.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Busliey, Herts, 10 to 10.45 a.na. and 2 to 3 p.mp.
Charing, SS, Peter and Paut, $10.15 \pi$,m, (except fourth Sunday in the month) and 3 p.m.
Bexley, practice Salurday next from 3 to 5 p.m,
Darley Dale, 10 to 10.30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Practice, Siaturdays, 2.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Isleworth, $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{mn}_{\text {. }}$ and $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Practice, 3aturdays, 3.30 to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Lincoln, St. Giles, Sundeys, 8.45 ta 9 a.m., 10.30 to 11 a a.m., 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.

Kotherfield. Sussex, Sundays, 10.30 to 11 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m.
Brieqley Hill. Staffs, Sundays, 10.15 s.m., 5.45 p.m. Also on first Sunday in the month 2 to 3 p.m. Practice, Thursday, 7.30 to 9 p.m.
Ciralicester, Glos. : Holy Trithity. Watermoor ( 8 bells), 9.15 to 10 f.nt.; Parish Chureh ( 12 bells), 2.30 to 3.30 p.na., except first Sunday in the month, when ringing will be at Parish Church 8.45 to 9.30 a.m.. and watermoor 2.30 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.. when a guarter-peal is usually attempted.
The Willesden band have arranged to liold a practice on alteruate Saturday aiternoons from 2.30 p.m. untif dusk, heginning on November 4 t /h
At Burbege, near Leicester, practices will be held on Salurday afternoms thetween 2.30 and 4 p.ra. A bandbell practice is also held on Wednesday evenimg lor the beginners.
Fisitors to Derly may be interested to know that ringing may be had at the folinwing churches in Derby previous to services held at: Cathedral, 10.45 a.m. Bnd 3 p m. ( 10 hels ) ; St. Andrew's, 10.45 mam . and 3 p.m. ( 10 liellis): St. Luke's, 10.45 a.m, and 3.15 p.m. ( 8 bells): St. Peter's, $10.45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .$, no ringing for eftemioon service ( 8 bells).
The bellringers of Much Hadham Parish Church, where there is a ring of six, decided at a meeting held on Sunday, October $8 t h$, to ring every Sundey morning, commencing ot 10 o'blonk lexcept the third Sunday in the montli), and, when possible, for eveniug service, commencirg et $2.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. They also decided to hold a practice every Thursuav at 7 oclock in the tower, withs handbells. The ringers extend a hearty weicome to all who would lite to come, and especially to any ringer serving in H.M. Forces.

It is hoped to maintain ringing at Lianirechfa throughout the coming wirter and visitors will be heartily welcomed. There will be an open practice on Saturday afterncan. Novenher 4 th, at 3.30 p.m.. when it is hoped that a number of ringers will talre this oppertmaty of being able to Have a ring. A bus leaves Corns Street. Newnort, at 3.15 D.m., look for bus No. 7. There will be trains leaving Nexport at $2.85 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} ., 4.8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} ., 5.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .$, and book to Ponthir Siation. Will ringers please take note of this date?

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER. COURSING ORDER-PLAIN, REVERSE AND DOUBLE BOB.

Turn back to 'The Ringing Worid' of September $22 n d$ and refresh your memory with what we said there. We saw that in Bob Major the bells keep the same Coursing Order throughout the plain course, except that, at the end of every lead, the treble alters its position among the other bells. The point at which this alteration takes place is the change in which second's place is made; and the result is that the bell, which in the previous lead had coursed in front of the treble, now courses behind the treble, the relative positions of the other bells being unaltered.

Any operation which alters the position of the treble in Coursing Order we will call a 'Shunt,' and, as in this case second's is made instead of eighths (which would have been made if all the bells continued plain hunting), we will call this an Extreme Shunt.

It is not a good thing, as a rule, to multiply technical terms, but sometimes it is necessary, and in this case we shall find it useful.

Next prick down Reverse Bob Major, a full course if you have time, but in any case, two or three leads. In this method all the bells plain hunt except when the treble lies its whole pull behind. Seventh's is then made by the bell coursing in front of the treble, the other bells dodging in pairs.

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Now compare this carefully with your course of Bob Major, and you will see that all we said about the latter will apply to the former, except that the points where the treble alters its position in Coursing Order are different.

If we take a pair of scissors and cut our course of Bob Major into fourteen pieces, each piece consisting of half a lead, we can put the pieces together again in a different order and produce a course of Reverse Bob. The actual rows in both courses are the same. We have now got a second Shunt similar to the first in everything except position, and to distinguish them we will call the first an Extreme Shunt A and the second an Extreme Shunt B.

If we use both Shunts in every lead we get a plain course of Double Bob Major. Prick out a course, or at any rate two or three leads, and study the position of the treble in Coursing Oider.

The treble's path in Coursing Order through the other bells is a cyclical one, and it has to occupy each position
in turn. There are seven working bells and consequently seven positions between them. Therefore, as soon as seven of these Shunts are made the bells are in the necessary Coursing Order for coming round, with the treble between the third and the second. See what has happened when the seventl Shunt has been made in Double Bob. The following are the actual changes:$876543{ }^{12}$
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If we carry on with plain hunting the bells would run round at the lead end. Actually in Double Bob we make second place and seven more Shunts are necessary before the course is completed.

We saw just now that we can cut the plain course of Bob Major into fourteen pieces and rearrange them as Reverse Bob Major. If we rearrange them in a different order we can get Double Bob.

But any combination of Shunts A and B, provided they are seven in number, will bring the bells round. For instance, prick out B.A.A.A.B.B.A. and see what happens. Or take any other combination you may think of. Or, to put it another way, take the haff leads into which we have cut the plain course of Bob Major and see in how many ways you can arrange them into a round block.

You will be sure to have some pieces left over because none of these round blocks (except the courses of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob) will consist of the full 112 changes. But the experiment is worth doing because you will not only get a good insight into the foundation of method construction, but you will understand a good deal about how the three methods Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob can be spliced into one composition.

Method splicing is probably going to be the great development of the art in the future. Up till now it has been almost entirely in the hands of the more advanced bands, because only the most difficult methods have been spliced. But the idea can be applied to the simpler methods quite easily, and there is no reason why a band which can ring Plain Bob should not splice it with Reverse and Double when once the principle of the thing is understood. To make the alterations is not much harder than to make bobs and singles, and anyhow it is a thing excellently well adapted for handbell ringing, as the Cambridge University Guild found out several years ago.

## LADIES' GUILD.

## GOOD MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

Over 20 ringers took the opportunity of having a good afterncon's ringing at the Ladies' Guild meeting held nt Handsworth (Shesfeld) on Saturday week. Early comers lina the pleasure of seeing a pretify wedding and, at the suggestion of Mr. Lewis, the belle were 'fired. es the bride and bridegroom left the church.
Following this good start, touches were rung in warious methods, including Stedman, Yorkshire, London, Pinin Bob and a tourlh of Camhridge, which was a delight to lear and a joy to take part in.
At the business meeting the secretary (Mrs. Kelly) regretted that the allendance of ladies was poor, and read letiars of apology from Miss Bowling, Mrs. Cotterell and Mrs. Haywood.
The following meetings will take place: Shipley (March), Todmorden (June), while lowal meetings may also be arranged between these periods.
On returning to the tower the serretary was thanked by Mr. G. Lewis and Mr. Palmer on behalf of the gentiemen for making possible guch a useful meeting under present conditions. Tbe bells, which are a war memorial, were rung down at 6.10 p .m.

## AN OLD-TIME WEST COUNTRY BAND.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-There has recently been a good deal tn "The Ringing Word ' about rising and falling in peal, ringing a bell with a broken stay, some mention of the West Country term 'scientific' for change ringing proper, and, more important still, of change tinging in the great centres like London and Norwich a century ago.
It may interest some people to know, eapecially in the West, that at the village of Cheddar there were ringers who were adepts in all these mateary except 'scientific, but even in that they came pretty close, for they ramg half-pull changes over 100 years ago.
I should like to say first of all that to ring at all was pretty difficult. Until 1886 the bells were rung from the ground floor, the height to the vaulted ceiling is upwards of 35ft, and there were, of course, no guides for the ropes. It is amazing how elusive and skittish the sallies could be, and it was a rare thing to fipd a stranger able to handle a bell at all.

In spite of difficulties, Mr. Charles Cobley (son of the Vicer, who leit there in 1835) taught the ringers to riag the "Vowr an' twenties in half-pull changes. They learned no method, each man always rang the same bell, and he learnt the changes in a kind of sing-songe, - Up after the first, down after the third, In' after something eise eto. I do not know if up and down meant hunking up and down, or hand and backstrokes, or whether the 'In 'meant stepping back at a dodge, or leading, or what it might be. Some of the men who were farmers rang in smoeks, and two or three were noted for their physical strength.
I heve been told that their favourite feats, for which they enjoyed some local fame, was to remove the sliders, ring the belts up in peal, which was done very slowly and perfectly, then ring the 'Vowr an' twenties,' 'Stand ' by holding the bells on the balance, another ring and lower them. Some people claimed that they lave evell passed a nider cup from hand to band, and took a drink with the bells held on the balance, and it wes the meation of beer in Mr. Trollope's articles which brought the whole thing back to my mind. R. ALSOP.
P.S.-Most of the foreroing (not the cider incident) I learned from the late Mr. George Hill, postmaster, whose name may be seen on the trebles of the present octave. Mr. Hill's father, a former postmasater, sometimes rang the troble before the old band broke up. Cheddar bells were, until 1884, a ring of five, three of them remein untouclied, the treble (1618), tha pre-Raformation second, and the 1759 Bilbie tenor in $D$.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.
A mecting of this district was held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday last, and was attended by members [rom Fareham, North Stoneham, Liss, Petersfield, Porlsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mery's) and Titehfield. Mr. C. E. Snith (Godalming) was also present.
Ringing took place from 2.30 p.m., and evensong was adtended in the ohurch at 5 p.m., at which the Guild form of sersice was used, concucted by the Rev. A. Van der Byl, who gave the address. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which the businesa meeting was held In the unavoidable absence of the secretary (Mr. A. T. Greenweod), his duties were carried out by the general secretary (Mr, F. W. Rogers), supported by the Master (Mr. G. Willians).

It was decided to Lold the next quarterly meeting at Fareham on April 20th. 1940.
A talk on the future arrangements of ringing in the district took place, and Mr. W. Linter (Farehnm) was thanked for his gerwicem in arranging mid-week practices for towers in the district, and it was egreed to rpcommen the mnnual district meeting to defray has expenses for postages, ete., incurred in arranging these meetings.

The Cathedral authorities would welcome their bells being used Eor practices on Saturdey afternonis, and it was egreed to hold meetings for this purpose on November 18th and December 10th pext, Future practices beng fixed from each quarter! $\bar{y}$ meating.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the ladies who had protided lea, Ringirg during the day consiated of Grandsire and Stedman Triplen, Double Norwich, Cambeidge, Briatol, London and Spliced Surprise Major.

## WEDNESDAY BAND HING FOR ORGAN DEDICATHON

The rebullt organ at Bishop's Waltham Church, Hants, was opened at a special service on October th. The address was given by the fuev. Canob L, B. Etheridge, Rector of Droxford, the service heving bees conducted hy the Rev. N. H. Stubbs (Rector). The bells were rung for ma hour before the service, and toucles brought round in the four standerd methads ay members of the lacal band, assisted by members of the "Wednesday " band, including Mpssrs. F. S. Beyley, W. Linter. qen., W. Linter, jun., H. Becket, G. Wiliams, L. Knote and Mrs. Guy.
The newly-constructed organ was played for the first time at the Sunday service on the following Sunday, when Mr. Haydn Hull was the organist. A small lnalance is still wanted to wipe of the sum which has been expended, vis, between 8700 and s 5800 .

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We nannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that sacretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELERY GOSSIP.

Ringers proposing to wisit Kingston-on-Tliames ta-morrow for the joint meeting of the Surrey, Middlesex and Guildford Associafions will be pleased to learn that, with the approtal of the police authorities, the bells at tine Tarisla Church will be available in the evening as well as in the afternoon.

One hundred pears ago to-Dtorrow a new ring of eight bells was apened at Southower Church, Lewes, Sussex. The centenary will be duly celebrated by ringing aud a dimuer. By request of the police, bowever, the singing will be limited to about three-quarters of an hour, and consequently devoted to an sttempt for a quarter-peal.
The practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, which Mr. Jius Davis is trying to hold on Saturday afternoons is proving, so far, a success. Last Saturday the four slandard Surprige Major methods were rung, botl scparately and spliced.
Ninely years ago to-morrow, Henry Dains, so long and so well known as a ringer, a composer, and a menber of the Central Council, was horn at Tibentiam, a village in Norfolk, where there is a ring of gix bells. Here, before the war, was one of the first bands to tako a part in the great development of Minor ringing in these last 30 years or so.
On October 26th, 1892, the Wakefield ringers, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, rang the earliest geal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. After that the method was practically forgolten, and when it was rediscovered 40 years ago, the peal rung at Cheltenham was ciaimed as the first in the method.
On tha same date in 1837 Thomes Tolladay called a peal of 7.325 Grandsire Cinques fur the St. James Sociely at St. Martin-in-theFiel तs.

On Wednescas grening, Octoher 30th, 1813, was rung on a peal of cight bells at the house of Mr. William Baoth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield, a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes, in 2 hours and 34 minutes, by the following artists, viz. : William Hudson 1-2, Wjlliam Boath $\mathbf{3}$ 4, Henry Grayton 5-6, George Hudsan 7-8. The conductor of the peal was Br. George Eudson.' This was probalily the first foulle-handed peal rung "in hand."
On October 15th, 1876, the bells of St. Albans Abbey, which had recentiy been rohulg after a silence of nore flan 40 years, were rung by Souire Practer and his band fron Benington. Tliey raskg a toucli of 2,500 chavges in seven methods, viz.; Double Norwich Coust Boh Majar, Superlative Surprise Major, London Surprise Major, Kent Treble Boh Major, Oxford Trable Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples. It was, of course, not spliced ' ringing, for each metlod was started from rounds, but at the time it was a very fine performayce.
The report of the handbell peal at Crayford on October 35th, as 5ent to us, was ind ccurate. Mr. G. V, Murply rang $1-2$ and Mr. E. A. Barnett 3-4, not rice versa as prined.

## SALEHURST RINGER'S DEATH

## OTER FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

On Suturder, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples war rung at Salehurst, Sussex, with bells half-muffled, as a last token of reapect to the late Mr. James Goodsell, a respected member of the local band for 51 vears. The ringing took place immediately after the intermant at the Parish Church: E. Avery 1, F. Morgan 2, W. H. Hoad (conductor) 3 , A. E. Edwards 4, L. Jarvis 5, W. Gorringe 6, E, Mills 7, \& Haxd 8.

## DEATH OF MRS. PREDERICK DAY.

The death has taken place at Eye, Sufolk, of $\begin{aligned} & \text { Its. Day, widow of }\end{aligned}$ the late Frederick Day, wha 40 years ago was well known in the Fastern Counties as a beljhanger and bellringer. The deceased lady, who was 81 years of age, was buried at Eye Cemetery.

## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL.

THE MLNOR OCTAVE AT FXETER RECOMMENDED

Dear Sir,-In Mr. Smale's letter under the above tinle in this week's ssue of out paper lie asks, "What ahout a course of Stedman Triples on thie ninor eight, with the eleventh as telroc, from Facter Cnthedral?
I once had the pleasure of taking a rope in a course of Stedaan Triples an this oclave, and in over 40 years of ringing on practically cvery important peal in England I heve never heard anythug so beautiful.
Being in a winor key jo is particularly appeating, and to me was an inspiration to higher things. We all know that for services of prayer and mitercession, such as are held in Lent, many hymos and chants are written in minor key, and in my view a record sueh as Mr. Smale auggests would be particularly appropriate for the use of the B.E.C. before their studiv services and in times of national jutercession It would. I feel sure, create the same foeling in its hearers as it did with me.
I do wat suggeat that this should take the place of Bow Bells, but merely, ms Mr. Trotman describes, a Sunday service toucl, As is well knowr, the eleventh at Excter is one of ine best bells in the West of England, and to my ear Jias most of the tonal qualities of the beautiful tenor at Lavenham. It can be inngined what a wonderful effect a bell (and peal) twice the weigly of the latter would have

## Croydon

s. R. ROPER

## NO BETTER ALTERNATIVT:

Dear Six,-I huve been surprised to read the lelters from Mr lrohman and others on the above subject. In my opinion, Caters, with the tenor covering, of call chamges on similar lines, ure far superior, from a musical point of riow, to Major, or, indeed, even-hell ohanges on any number of bells, while plain courses or short touches of Grandsire or Stednan would be unsatisinctory because the intervel sigual is used for such short periads that they would almost invariably he faded out in the midde and so leave al impression of mcompletestess.
It is not dear what "Nema' means by 'fiddling about with 7-8.9.' Tlie clanates are made in a methodical manmer, one pair of liells at a time, until the 'Quens' position is reached, first on the back bells and finally on the whole ten. Witll 6-8-0 behind most of the time, not only is the musical effect good, bot some sort of finish is obtamed, no matter where the bells art faded out, and, taking everything into consideration, I cannot imagine ally allernative which would be an thiprovement on the present record. G. A. PECK.
Claygete, Surrey.

## TYPICALLI RNGLISH

Dent Bir, I have read with interest the letters that have appeared n the columns of "The Rirging World' wilh regrard to the B.B.C. sigual To ne the signal is almost perfect. The ringing is magnificent, a eample of what good striking soands like. That sigual is heard by millions of people all over the world; it is byaically Faglish, becauge the helle are Figlish, the ringing is English. It starts from rounds and fintshes sith rounds. whicle is the system our forefathers taught us. Why spoil a splendid record of ringing which no other nation cau produce for a mere 30,000 Fnglish ringers? Let it rest as typical and unique English signal which none enn copy. HUNT

NO CHANGE NEEDED.
Dear Sir,-How bella are the most famous bells in the warld, so Why change them? But, thet, some people are 'always never setisfied.

JOHN JAGGAR.
Birminglaam.

## A FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

In examining the compositions rung in the past by members of the Yorlishire Ascociation, Mr. W. Barton, the honorary peals secretary, has discovered that the peal of 5.152 Treble Boh Major by J. Thorpe, rung at Drighlington on Murch 23 rd, 1919, is false. The peal is No. 2.594 of the association's performances, and was conducled by Joseph E. Sykes. Tnternal falseneas occurs in the ffth and last courses of the peal.

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

## AN INTERRUPTED MEETING AT DERBY. <br> On Saturday, Octoter 2lst, the Derby District of the Midand

 Connties Association held a meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby. Members attended frons Sawley, Ripley, Heanor and lacal ringers from St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's. Stedman Doubles was the first method rung, followed by Cambridge Minor. Deutle Norwich uníarianately came to grief, but a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successiully brought round. Then followed a touch of Stedman Doubleg, and when everything was going mplendidly the clapper of tho fiftlo bels came out. As the bell chamber was focked and the caretaker had gone into town, taking the key with him, the meeting lind to be abandoned so far as St. Alkinund's was concermed. Fortunalely ringing for a wedidug was taking place at St. Peter's, 0 a. cyclist was quickly dispatched to tell them to carry on fill the meeting was transferred, which was necomplisled in about 20 mirutes. Fere Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stednam and Grandsire Triples were rung.Tho business meeting which followed afterwards whe held in 6he belfry, Mr. Jeck Bailey presiding. It was decided to enrry on with the montily meetings, but to confine them to the immediate vicinity of Derly an account of the bus services, and also to the limited period of daylight, especiblly when summer time is terminated. Spondon was propmsed ats the next towar to lse visited, and if the hells were not avaidsle, to try Alvasion as an alternative, the meeting to be held on November 18th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar of $\mathrm{St}^{\circ}$ Alkmund's and to the caretaker, and to those friendes at St. Peter's for so readily placing the hells at, the disposal of the wembers, were proposed by Mr. Jack Bailey sand carried wannimously.

## HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING.

An atiendance of 20 was recorded at the Finckley Distriet meeting at Shamford on Saturday, Oetuber 21st, members and friends attending from a wide ares. An early start was the order of the day and soon Granlisire and Stedman Doubles for the yonagsters were fallowed by Kent and Oxford Treble Bols, Plan Bols, Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Double Court, including one touch of what was stated to be 'Spliced Doulsle Court,' which, however, came round, auch to the surprise of everyore, includirs, it must he whispored, the conductora ringer of some renown. Ringitg continued until about 5.45 , when the bells were lowered in peal. Sileneers had been fitted to the bells for the heneft of the local inliakitants and niso to enalsle the coaductors to 'conduct,' the bells loing somewhat noisy.
Sonse splendid tune ringing hy Mr. C. H. Wekls and his "Iads* premded the short meeting, presided over by Mr. A. Ballard, at which the following towers were repreaented: Broughtou Astley, Buthage. Croft, Ear! Shilton, Hinckley, Snpeoto and the local company. There werc also present Mr. C. F. Webb and paty from Kersley, Coventry and Mr. W. Tolnson, of Hugglescote. Mr. E. Morris was also present earlicr in the afternoon, but laad, unforfunstely, to leave early.
It was decided to hold a meeting at Groft on Novemther 18t5-the last day of summer time-nad also one at Hincliny an Decenber gilb, providing these daios were suitable to local conditions.

By fixing the dates of botly mectings it tus loped that local towers would be able to arrange their nwn Saturday practices in between.
It wrs poinied out flat the Croft date would fall on the regular meeting date of the Warzickshive Guild, lut it was felt that, while normally the Warwickshire date would be avoided, under preseat conditions, whes regard had to be given to the periods of moonlight available, the clashime of mectings was unavoidalie.
It was annommed that Burbace hoped to he glale to arrange fortmiglitly Saturday practices and that Earl Shilton were trying to black-out their tower in readiaess for regular mid-week prnctice nymit.

Thanks to the Rector coneluded the meeting.
The general opinion of all was that, the meeting had been the hest some time and that other mectings should the on the same lones. th is mid that a mevious inctument at Sharnford was keen on cock fighting. One sunday, after the birds had been in ection, he hentd Stanton bells ringing. 'Come on,' he said, "there's time for andiler fialt before service.
On arother occasion he warmed a visiting parsan that on mo aceount was he tn use the pulpit as he had a hers "gitting' there and she must not the disturbed

## A BELL RESTORATION.

chhe Rev. G. Shorpe, Rector and bon wreasurer of Lpdford Churelı Bells Rehanging Fund, las announced that he lias received E72 13s. in cash and promises, inclading n erant oir $£ 76 \mathrm{~s}$. from Tavistoolk Ruri-dncancl Bell Ringing Festival Fund towards the cost of rehanging the bells. This ig suffecient to pay for the coatract (571) and small incidental expenses incurred. the cost of the faculty having been paid by the church expencer account. The relnanging of the bells is to he nompleted by Deremher lst.

## PEAL IN BLACKED-OUT BELFRY.

A man! of Minor has heen rung at Tpmpsord, Reafordshire, as it compliment to Mr. And Mrs. Resm, two hiphly zesperted rillacers. on their golden wedding. The helfry was hlackpal out for the ofcasion. Afterwards the tingers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ream.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.
By J. Armicer Trollope.
In olden times, London consisted of what is now the city. Round about it, outside, was open and sparsely populated country, dotted here and there with a few villages and small towns, and between them farmhouses and hamlets.

To meet the reeds of these latter, a few churches were built, and when men talked or wrote about them they spoke of them as "in the fields, ${ }^{\text {, }}$ to distinguish them from the other churches with the sanse dedication inside the walls. Thus the tiny church that 'standeth all alone as utterly forsaken, old, and weather beaten,' beyond the village of Islington, was called St. Pancras-in-the-Fields, to distinguish it from St. Pancras, Soper Lase; the humble church by Charing Cross was called St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to distinguish it from the important and weaithy church of St. Martin-le-Grand; and, further north, where the country lane, which ran north from St. Martin's joined the main road from London to Oxford, was another small church, called St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, to distinguish it from St. Gile's-without-Cripplegate.
To-day you have to travel very many miles from the sites on which those churches stood before you come to anything remotely resembling a field, but the names still survive, at least in the last two instances; and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Giles'-in-the-Fields are two important churches, both of which have played a very distinguished part in the history of the ringing Exercise.

The story of St. Giles' goes back to the first year of the twelfth century. In 1101 Qtieen Matilda, wife of Henry I., built and endowed a hospital for lepers. This hospital was suppressed in the reign of Henry VIII., and the buildings and lands passed into lay hands; but the chapel still continued to serve the surrounding population and became a parish church in 1547. According to the inventory taken in 1552, it possessed 'a payre of organs, iij bells wytlie a saunce bell,' and, in their returns to the Royal Commissioners, the churchwardens included among their expenses for the year, 'Item for makying of a bell whele ijs viijd,' showing that the bells were hung for ringing.

In 1600 the district was still surrounded by open fields, but soon afterwards London began to push itself outwards in that direction, and preparations began to be made for building a new church. Four persons were appointed by the vestry in $1617^{\prime}$ ' to inspect the account of Mr. Bigg concerning the charge of building the steeple and casting the bells and also of buying some new bells, when $f 125 \quad 17 \mathrm{~s} .5 \mathrm{~d}$. ठue to him for money expended thereon was ordered to be paid.
The new church, a small building, was consecrated on June 26th, 1623, and in the steeple was hung a ring of six belts by Ellis Knight, of Reading. Two of Knight's bells, the present third and fourth, are still in the tower.

In 1685 the two largest were recast by William and Philip Wightman, the tenor at the expense of the Düchess of Dudley, into whose family the old hospital lands had passed, anc who had been a great benefactor to the church. These two bells also still survive.

By 1700 there were many houses in Drusy Lane, and by the middle of the eighteenth century the whole of St. Giles' was covered with buildings. They were for the most part a network of mean and sordid streets, the haunts of vice and poverty, and for long afterwards the district had
almost the worst reputation of any in London. The once notorious Seven Dials is in the heart of the parish and [ittle more than a stone's throw from the church.

The church of 1630 was small and inconvenient, and a century later, after Parliament had voted money to provide new churches for London, it was decided to rebuild the structure. The design, which was by Henry Flit-


ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS IN THE YEAR 1800.
croft, a pupil of James Gibbs, the architect of St. Martin's, is not without merit. The church was begun in 1730 and opened four years later, the total cost of building being $610,05915 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d ., of which $£ 8,000$ was supplied by the Parliamentary grant.

Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, was employed to overhaul the bells for the new church. He recast the old third and fourth and added two trebles, thus completing the octave which is still in the steeple.

Musically, the bells are rather a poor lof, but they have played an important part in the story of change ringing, and several very interesting peals have been rung on them.
(T'o be continued.)

## CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NEIGHBOURING TOWERS.

To the EZitor.
Dear Sir-A practice is to be held at Ibstock on Saturday to meet any ringers who care to pey us a visit, more especially those from neighbouring towers, and wo aro prepared to consider visiting other local towers on difereat Saturday aftermoons in order to keop up the interest I personally feel that much improvement could be mede if other groups of towers would do the same.

May I take this onportunity of appealing to rivgers in the Loughhorough District, M.C.A., not to let the present shortage of officisl meetings interfere with the work of the district tunaecessarily?
A. E. ROWLET.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

日IRMENGHAM RINGERS' GINT TO MR. AND MRS. G. E. FEARN In spite of the "black-out' and the curtailment of travelling facilities, the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's fuild for the Diocese of Birminegham held on Saturday, October 7ih, proved quite a success and justified the initiative of the officers in holding it. No doubt the fact that it was held in the belfry of St. Martin's Clurch in the Bull Ring Birmingham, and that it was possible to have one hour's ringing helped towards its success, It was also a representatwo eathering, as members attended from the following towers: St. Martin's, the Gathedral, Aston, Erdington, King's Norton, Coventry, Shirley, Perry Barr and Selly Oak.
In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the vicepresident (Mr. Albert Walker) occupied the chair at the business meeting.
A letter was read from the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, apologising for his absence, which whs unavoidable, on account of his having been evacuated with his school. as it whs ancertain how long he would be asay, une felt in the interests of the Guild he should place his resignation in the luands of the members.

After some discussion it was unenimously agreed that he should remain in office until tie anaual meeting, when it was homed the position would be clearer.
the Henry Johmson Comme to make preliminury arrangements for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, but in the present cir cumstances it was agreed to defer this until the anmual preeting
The tower election of Mr. R. H. Robinson, of Portsmouth, was duly satified.

It wes decided to hold the ennual meeting at lieadquarters on Saturday, January 6th.
Under the heading of 'Any other busincss,' the gecretary referred to the recert wedding of Mr G. E. Fearn the Finging Mrster at the Cathedral. His personal friends in the Guild hed decided to give Mr. and Mrs. Pearn a wedding present, and although this had not yet been procured, he thought that as Mr. and Mrs. Fearn were present it would be well to take the opportunity of presentiag it to them that evening. They had expressed a wish for a frameless mirror which would be obtained and given them shortly. JFe had moch pleasure in agking the chairman to make the preaentation.

Mr. Albert Walker, in making the presentation fwhich took the form of toucling the belfry mirror by Mr, and Mrs, Fearn), wighed them both long life and happiness. Mr. Feuru, he sajd, was a first-cinss Finger, and, he felt sure, would make a first-class husband. He had no doutht, either, that Mrs. Fearn would make an excellent wife. On behalf of all the arsembled company, he wished them every happiness with good fortune.
Mr, Fearn responded an behalf of his wife and himself. He thanked Mr. Walker for the good wighes he had so happily exparssed. and thanked his many friends in the Guild for their kind gift, which, needless to say, he and his wife very much appreciated.
Several geod touches on lianabells, including Stedman and Erin Cinques, conclutied the evening, and everyone present expressed the opinion that the meeting had been a succers.

## CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS. <br> MR. W. KEEBLES ADYICE.

Doar Sir, As one who lies lied some past experience in handhell ringing, I should like to make a few comunents on this interesting part of the r.rt. At the outset I must warmly thank your able contributor, Mr. C. W. Woolley, on his well thought out article ith last Week's issue, and I hope to see fuxther artirles from such an able pen I should like alsa to thank both my frieuds,Mr. J. Funt and Mr. G.
Syronds, for their lethers. I am in eutire agreement with Mr. Hunt Syronds, for their letters. I am in eutire agreement with Mr. Hunt
whea he says do nof try to ring two handbells. I jresume he meaus do not atart with two-that will come later. Practice makes perfect. Mr. Symonds appears to favour two bells, hut in my experience it is more difficult with some ringing single-handed and others double. I should, therefore, prefer to start all single-handed. Witll a good
haradhell band, thoraughly converant with ringing fouble-landed, it handbell band, thoraughy conversant with rigging double-lanarded, it views on this point. Which is easier for beginmers-all single-handed or some single and some double? Yont readers may life to know that I was recenlly usked for some advice on this interesting subject by a brother ringer, which $T$ gave to the lyest of my ability and it so happens that the advice I sent was the fiven ly Mr. J. Hunt. Now, sir, I come to the P's. Pencil, paper, punctuality, practice and
berseverance will, in the end, all heln to produce success; but success will pow come linless all the athove P's are combined.

## W. KEEBLT

## AT CIRENCESTER

A touch of 547 Stedman Caters was rang at Cirencester, Glos., n Gundav. October 1st, by A. Peinter 1, H. L. Cooke 2, H, S. Parcous F. J. Tewis, sen. (conductor) 4. W. Goiwin $5, ~ F$, , Lexis, jun. 6 This was the longest length of Stednan Caters by Messrs. W. and J Godwin. On tho previous Sunday for evening service two courses of Granäsire Cincques were rung, this being E. Cooper's firat attempt on twelve bella.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

## A会 INTERESTING MEMENTO.

The late Mr. W. Roughton wes for many years one of the most ardeat supporters of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Its recent tercentenary aroused his kevnest interest and be largely contributed to the success of the Festival connected with it,
About a year ago, Mr. Rougliton's proposal that a memorial book should be made for futaze reference was adopted by the society and he was authorised to earry out his idea. It wilh be remembercd that lue had artistic gifts as a printer, and his arrangement of both type and format waz atways admired. His production of the rociety's booklet in 1928, giving its history and rules, is an excellent example of the revival of the art of printing. The manbers present, therefore were conlident that the result would be one worthy of the festival aad all concerned.
The resulting memorial book was received by the society from Mr. Rougliton's son on Septamber 19th last and was wuch admired by the members present, for it exceuled all their expectations. It was Mr. Roughtom s last work, and just es the architect Brunetleschi was whecled to his window for one farewell look at lis masterpiece-tho Duomo, at Tlorence-so Mr. Rouglaton approsed the final detaila of tho work and saw its completion as he lay dying opon his siel bed. It is thue, also, his own memarial.
The volmme is large folio, bound in brown morocco leather. After n simple but striking tible page there come, mounted on and in the strong juory tinted leaves, the Orders of Service at St. Paul's Cathedral and at $S t$. Dionis Jackchurch; the dimer booklet and the invitation shcet (reproduced from the society's 1Bth century one); photographa depicting events of the chay, and, fimally, several pages of news cutting from 'The Ringing World," Times,' ete., yiving together a detalled account of all twat was dome on that eventful day. The titing and explanatory lettering are a fine accompaniment to this remarkable collection and the work is quite au acquisition. It is well wortly the place which it is sure to maintain amongst the society's oftar unique and valuable books.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The effects of the siduation and black-out were evident at the quarterly meeting of the weilinglerough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which was lield at lozent on October 14th, wnen 20 ringers were present, compared with a pre-war average of 46. Howewer, the following belfies ware represented: Inliligghorough, Wollaston, Mears Aslaty, Wilby, Laston Maudit, Trafeld, Turvey, Farraln, Bromham aud Bozeat.
A bhort gervice was lield, conducted loy the Vicar (the Kev. J. H. Marlow who is also bratult president. He gave an interceting fiddress from the text taken from I. Chronicles, Ivi., 42: 'And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that shculd makt a sound. and with musical instruments of God.'
This the preacher likened to the woris of the ringer. He urged tine members to do their lyest to carry on this wark, which he cousidered was mora than ever necessary now in these datk days, when people needed the message of hope which the church bellis were meant to prowide. He referred also ta the various messeges cast on their own provide. Fle
Tea was provided in the Church Hall by willing lady helpers. Marlow, strpported by the braoch gecretary, Mr. A. Bigley-
Tha gathering stood a moment in silent trihute to the memory of the late Rector of Isham, the Rev. E. J. Atking, who was for many years an honorary member of the Guild.
The secretary mentioned that the Fev. L. Crowther Green had cancelled the proposed special meetiag, which should have taken place earlier. The wext metting was fxed for Irthlingborough and will be held in January.
Tiventhe prachice meetings are still being held, and teke place as follow: Woilnston, Monday night, 7.30; Bozent, Priday niagut, 7.30 ; Turvey, Thesday night, 7 : Brafield, Thursday night. 7. 15.
Five first peal certificates were preserted to the following raombere: J. Stuart and W. Griges, of Wollastan. Miss E. Scam (Mearg Ashby), C. W. Partridee (Wiby), and G. Brafield (Wallingborough), who, with their conductors, were congraculated on their performance.
A lotter was read from the Fienr of Great Dodflington, asking for assistance to teach mew ringers at that wiliage, and it was decided to seok further particulars.
Good wishes were received from Mr. F. Barber, the former secretary.
The secretary asked that the names of all members joining the Forces should be sent to firm, so that they might be kept on the books.
A vote of thanks was given to the ladies for mroviding the tea, also to the Vicat and orgenist (Mr. E. Holbray, of Follaston) for their services.
After the meeting the Viear's linadbefts were breught out. and three courses of Boh Minor were rung by A. Bigley, A. Y. Tyler and D. Conkinge. nad the Rozead team amissed the company by lapping a course of Bob Roval. The church bells, f hesva peal of five, were rung during the afternoon and evering to various methods of Donbles.

## OVERCOMING THE BLACK-OUT.

HOW A VILLAGF BAND HAS PROGRESSSD.
No metbod ringing has been done at tine bitile viltage of Wadhurst, Sussex, for over a yuarter of a century, and the band attached to the church when the war started uight well have bees sondent to excuse any attempt to rovive it at sucll a time ag this- Here, however, is the record of what has been tome. Mr. C. A. Bassett, assistant secretary of the Enst Grinsteud and Distuict Guild, writes:-
Since the outbreak of way the loca! band at Wadhurst have been practising on the lines descrihed lyy Mr. \#. Funt in bis letter in the Iast issus of "The Ringing Warld 'and it has met with considerable sucaess.

When we started five weeks ago only three of us could ring by rope-sight, so we set to work with the other serea, who could just Fing one certain bell to call changes off a blackboard. In the blacked out vestry rope-siglat was tharoughly explained, and after twe prac tices, at least cour of the seven could take any bell and ring a plain course of Original Minor.
Last Monday night two more recruits were roped in, und they picked it up qo quickly that with ane on the treble and one inside we atterapted Boh Minor and got into the fourth lead before breaking down. Fe are now busy oll Sunday mornings teaching these two to landie a tower bell, and we are pleased to say the others are slowly getting rope-sight on the tower bells.

We have every reason to beliave that *mothod ' ringing will return to Wadmurst after a lapse of over 25 years. The local record is very pror. The tower has never been affliated to the county, a local band has never rung a peat, until last yeer only one local (flie lato Sam Wallis) bad ever joined an guild or rung a peal. Only one meeting has ever been held at Wadhurst, about 1901, and the Hawhinurst Guild, which hed arrsuged ode for next Saturday, Oetoler $28 t h$, lias cancelled it. So, whatever liappens, we shell not let anyone down, berause the tower has never been on the 'up.'

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## WARY WELCOME AT WIDFORD.

Memberg of the Snuth-Eastern Division of the Frsex Association were warmly weleomed to a meeting at Widford on Satirday by the Wicar (that Rev. H. Leslie Pike).

Between 3 and 5 a'clock in the afternoon various meihods wore rung and afterwards a serfice was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the Master Dr. Spencer Phillips,

Tea was served in the British Legion Hall by Mrs. Jennings and her helpers, but unfortuately several ringers were ulable to stay owing to the 'black-out' making travelling difficult and some having to go on duty.

The business meeting was presided over by the Revtar, and Mr. Booly, of Ingutestone, was elected a ringing member.
It was proposed to hold the ammual meeting at Writtle on November 18tls if permission could be obtained.

It was considered that sinee practice nights at present are impussible, it would lue of great vaiue if Saturday afternoon practices were lield, so Great Baddow, Danlury and Borelsam wexe decided upon for the next three weeks, ringing to commenee at 2.30 p.m.

The towers represented were Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Maldod, Springfield, Little Waltham, Widford, Bruintree, Bocking and Xewmarket.

## DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN SHROPSHIRE RINGER

The death recertly occurred at Owvestry, after a somewhat pratracted illness, of Mr. Robert T. Tivans, a well-kiown Shropshire ringer. Deceased, wha was affectionately known to his friends as where lie resuded practically all his life. Although me rang only ahout 40 peals be was always a keer ringer and did a lot of "spadework ' in the Norih Shropshire districk, no didance being too far for him to travel for a practice, meeting or peal, ete, or to assist beginners

It ona period alout 15 years aro, le used to travel the eightmile journey to Filesmere quite regularly in order to make up band to practise Stedman Triples there, and he regularly attender the meetings of the Shropshire Aesuciation. His peals consisted of grand sire Dothles and Triples (some of which he conducted). Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Bob Major. He was aleo a keev bandsman and was for several yeare a member of the Oswestry Town Band.
At his futseral the bells were rung laslf-nuffled and six rimgers acted as bearers. His passing will be keenly regrethed by all win knew lim, and his loss sadly felt by all his ringing collengues in the distriet.

## NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN MONDAY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).-A combined meeting of merrbers of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 . Tea at 5.15 p.n7. in the Parish Hall, followed by a short business meeting.-J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.-The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley (io bells), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28 th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock to 6.30 . All other branch members cordially invited. No ringing after 6.30 p.m.-J. H. Ridyard, Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Lewisham Dis-trict.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. Jolin the Baptist, Erith, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 .-A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Luton Dis-trict.-The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Oct. 28 th. The ten bells will be available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{nl}$. Tea and business meeting at $5.3^{\circ} \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{ml}$. All ringers invited.-F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -By the kind permission of the Rector there will be an open practice at Halewood from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 tl . No tea will be provided. No business meeting. All ringers cordially invited. It is hoped that the ordinary monthly meetings will be resumed on and from Nov. ith.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -Gainsborough District.-A meeting will be held at Lea on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) available from r. 30 to 5 p.m. Short service. Tea at 5.30 in the Women's Institute, which will be available for a social evening. Should events take a more serious turn and the meeting have to be cancelled, all those who have let ne know before Thursday, Oct. 26 th, that they will be present will be notified. P.S.-There is still a very convenient train service to and from Lincoln.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, October 28 th. Ringing from 2 to $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Short service and tea 10 follow, concluding with business meeting--H. Baxter, 21. Charles Street, Rothwell.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The meeting arranged for Westhoughton on October 28th has been cancelled.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.-A practice will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Octow ber 28th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch. -Owing to many difficulties, the Grimsby District meeting at Scunthorpe, on Saturday, October 28th, is can-celled.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

RAMPTON CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.-The new treble to make five will be decicated by the Archdeacon of Ely on Wednesday, November 1st, at 3.30 p.m. Ringers welcomed. The bell cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

GULLDFORD DIOCESAN GUIID.-Guidford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. $4^{\text {th. }}$. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and handbell ringing. It is essential that all those requiring tea should notify ne not later than Monday, Oct. 3oth.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.- A practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. th $_{\text {th (instead of Oct. 2Ist). Ringing from } 3}$ till 6 p.m. All welcome. - W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokinglsan?.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.--A commemoration luncheon to celebrate the 3oznd arniversary of the society will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 4 th, at 1.30 p.m. -A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Special meeting at Malins Lee on Saturday, November 4 th . Refreshments only for those notifying Mr. A. Woodvine, Meadow House, Dawley, Salop. Ringing afternoon and evening. -W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-Forget the war and come and enjoy Withyham's nice octave, $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. till dusk, on Saturday, November 4 th. AlI make own arrangements for tea. Handbells available. C. A. Bassett, Asst. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, November 4 th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m, until dark. Please don't expect tea. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.-C. I. Bal!, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch -The next meeting of the Lincoln District due to take place at Caythorp on Saturday, Nov. 4 th, will be held instead at Lincoln Catheiral ( 12 bells, temor 24 cwt .). Bells available from I. 30 to 4 p.m. Short service and meeting to follow. No tea arrangements.-K. W. Maver, Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT AS-SOCIATION.-A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (10) available from 3
p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Wednesday? Annual committee meeting at 3 p.m.-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be Held at Shore on Saturday, November 4 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions due. All ringers and friends welcome. -Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, November 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting ö p.mi. All ringers welcomed.-C. Sliarples, Fylde Branch Sec.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.-The bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of eight bells tuned and rehung and four new bells instalied by Joln Taylor and Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division.-The anmual meeting of the division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. until dusk. Short service followed by tea and business meeting. Please note: Under the present circumstances tea can be provided only for those who notify Mr. R. Suckling, 334, Church Street, Booking, Essex, by Wednesday, November 8th. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-Annual quarterly meeting que to be held this month at Rochester postponed, Cathedral bells not being rung. Members' views for or against holding of meetings in the Rochester district during the war period would be giladly received, and should be sent without delay to G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

RICKMANSWORTH.-Grandsire and Stedman Caters are rung every Sunday at Rickmansworth Parish Church. Visitors welcone. 5.30 p.m. sharp.-J. H. Freeborn.

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## PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES.

One of the troubles with which associations may be confronted ir the present conditions is that of obtaining competent officers if any of the posts become vacant. There is always a dearth of men, particularly when it comes to filling secretarial jobs, and the present demands upon everyone are likely to make the task of filling vacancies even more difficult. At a meeting of the Surrey Association, on Saturday, when nominations for an important district secretaryship should have been received, not only were there no volunteers but no one could be pressed into office. After several years of valuable work, the present occupant of the post, after having given the members due notice at the last annual meeting of his intended retirement, definitely declined to continue, and the district is threatened with a position which will leave it without its chief executive officer. It is usually the idea that, when such a vacancy occurs by the resignation of a senior member, a younger man should step into the breach, but in the present uncertainty, of course, it is hardly safe to put young men into office, because of the risk that, in the emergency, they may be called away to other service. Indeed, that is a liability which all associations are now carrying, wherever men of likely military age are filling important offices, and it would be a wise plan if everywhere, where this probability exists, there should be some suitable, if older, member held in reserve to fill the gap should it occur.
Too often in the past a district and even an association has been badly let down by the hurried appointment of a secretary who has been unfitted for the post. It is not necessarily the most enthusiastic ringer who makes the most efficient secretary. Other qualifications are necessary if he is to make a success of his job, and it is a mistake to appoint anyone merely on the strength of his ringing capacity. There is no more important office in connection with ringing than that filled by a secretary, and, however well intentioned he may be, he can make or mar a district by his organising ability or the lack of it. If he has to have any standing with the people with whom he must come into contact, he must also have a certain amount of business ability, and we have seen more than one district badly let down by a secretary lacking tact and the necessary education to conduct correspondence. We emplasise this because members of associations are prone, when they are faced with a vacancy which is difficult to fitl, to pitchfork into the job the first man who is willing to take it. The interests of the organisation demand that such appointments should be made only after the most careful consideration of the nominee's fitness for the ap-
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pointment, and personal feeling ought not to be allowed to enter into the election. It may be contended that when choice is limited an association must take what it can get; but it should be the duty of the other responsible officials to make a survey of the possible material and, especially when they have lengthy notice of a coming vacancy, to take time by the forelock and be ready with a suitable nomination. It is all very well to put the onus on the general body of members, but they often fail to make the best selection when suddenly confronted with the task of filling a vacancy. They have probably given the matter little or no thought, and yet the question of who is going to shoulder the work may be of vital importance to the future of the association. We have been tempted 10 express these views in the light of present prospects. Sudden removals in national service may, at any moment, cause vacancies in association offices, and it behoves all the organisations to look ahead so that they may not be caught unawares if it should happen that the occupant of some key office is called away. Even if appointments are made only temporarily, until a man has proved himself, it is better thus than to make a permanent but unsatisfactory choice, for it is seldom that a man once in office is relieved of his duties except at his own request.

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On Monday, Ottober 23, 7939, in Two Howrs ard Four Minutes, Ay jo, Rodolph Road.
A PEAL DF MTTLE EOE MANOR, SOOO GHAMOF8:
Harold G. Casampre ... $5-2 \mid$ Edwin A. Barmett ... ... 5-6 Casts. W. Woolley ... $\ldots .$. Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by C. W. Woocery.
First peal of Little Bob Major "in hand" by all the band. H. G. Caslinure's 200 th pesl.

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## A BELL OPENING CENTENARY. CELEBRATION AT SOUTHOVER, LEWES, What Happened One Hundred Years Ago.

## The centemary of the epening of a ring of eight bells at St. Jolbn

 the Baptist's Cburclh, Southover, Lewes, was eelebrated last Saturday. Througlout the intervening one butadred years the bells of Southover lave held an houroured place in the appreciation of Susses ringers, and there nre few towers in the county where more poals havo been rung. The ciloxch itself is of Norman origin, as its big, circular pillars and zounded arches tesilify. Its tower of later date is a massive pile buit of rock clielk and faced with brick, supported by $\neq$ int and stone butitesses. Of the early history of the bells jittle is known, but the tower keid four bellis, probndly of consideralle size, at the end of the seventeenit century. In 1738 it was agreed at a yeatry meeting 'to send the four bells belonging to the said parish by Capt, William Headley to Loandon in order to be new cast.' THus they weru taken, probably by water, to the foundry of Sauuel Knight

ST, JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH, SOUTHDVER, LEWES.
and Robert Catliny who recast them into six. Southover, we are told, gave ate 10s. Bd.; Lewes and the Cliffe, which were then separate parishes that arc now combined to form the horough of Lawes, in which Southover is also now included, gave f97 19s. 3 d. : Mr. Edward Trayton gave one bell, value e32 0s. 6d.: country gentlemen 557 145. Gd. That is how the money was rained.

Probably these bells were not altogether satisfactory. for a hundred years later they were again recast and, with new metal added, made into eight. Their inscriptions show how the maney was provided on that accosion:-

## Treble- The gift of Henry Ferrall, 1839 . <br> 2 and 3.-The gift of the good people, 1839.

4.--Tlue gift. af the Ferrall family.
5.-John Verrall, Gabriel Eagles, Churehwardens, 1839.
6.-The Revd. John Scohell, Rector, 1839.
7.-Tlie gift of Wm Verrall, Esqre. 1839.

Tenor. The gift of Willinzu Verrall, Eegre, Lord of the Manor,
It wns a great occasion for Southoves when on Monday, October $28 \mathrm{th}, 1839$, the bolls were opened. Most of the day was devoted to the celobrstion, for the proceedipgs began with ringing in the morniog, which was continued in the aftemoon, and there was a public dimer in the erening, the jubilations being kept up until a late hour.

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION
For some time past the ringers at Southover hare been contemplating the fitting celebration of the one hundredth anniversary, but the we: naturnlly caused a modification of the plans. However, the
bells were rung and a dinner was held, so the event did not go unmarked, although the peal which it was originally hoped for ring uad to be abandozed.
The palice gave their consent to threc-quarters of an hour"s zinging in the late afterncon, subject to arrangements for an immediate stoppage if becessary. is a suitable touch for the occasion one lumured leads ( 1,400 changes) of Grandsire Triples wns ruug by $G$. Wrekias (Ringmar) 1, G. P. Elphick 2, W. J. Copparis 3, F. Bumett (Brıghton) 4, J. S. Goldsnitit (Waking) (conductor) 5, F. H. Dalaway Easibourie) 6, R. W. E. Dewe 7, A. A. Eughes (Loudon) 8.
The dinner was served at Holloway's Restararant and attendea uy about 45 ringers and Friends. The Rector (tho Ref. D. G. Mathews) who is president of the Southover Church Bellingers Guild, was in tho chair, and was gupported by Mre, Mattlzews, Mr. H. R. Butches (Master of the Susser Counly Associntion), Mr. E. H. Fullez and Mr. A. T. Corner (churchwardens and Fice-presidents) and Mrs. Conger, Mra. Dridge, Mr. H. ふ̇. White and Mr. G. W. Townerd (vicepresidents), Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr, G. B. Ciphichc (hon secretary) and Jfr, R. W, E. Duwe (captain). In addition to ather members of the Guild, ringers were presant from Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Easthourme (Christ Church and St. Saviour's), Rot lierfield, Seaforả, Ringmer, Waldrou and Twineham, Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Prank Verrall (a grundsols of Willinm Verinil, one of the donms of the bells), Mr. J. Thornton Ricknau (Brighton), who at the beginning of this sentury gave the present trebles which increased the bells to ten, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong, hon, sectetary of the Sussex Association,
The Rector, having progosed the loyal toast, welcomed als the sisitors and commented ort the fact that they wero thble to hatd that commemoration on the actual dhy of the centenary, for the bells were opened on October 28th, 1889 . He gave a briof outline of the history of the bells and paid a tribute to the work of the present hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. Elphick). It whs, he snid, largely dute to him that they werc able to keep the bells of Southover ringing, and they were also greatly indobted to bim for arranging that evening'a gathering (applaure)

THI WORK OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATIOX.
Mr. C. J. Rugg, who proposed the tonst of "The Sussex County Association,' said lie felt like the prodigal son, for, after laarieg been ussociated with the Guild for several years, but having since theen is the far combry for two years, he had returned when the fatted calf appeared in the ofling (iaughter). Proceeding, be recalled the these primeipal objects of the assopiation, the cullivation of cliange ringing, the due care and use of church bells nud belfies, and the recognition of true position of ringers as church officiats. The association, he said, had carried out its objects most successfully, and last ycar, despite the emormous counter-atometions, its membership of neurly 700 ringers inad declined by only thirteen. He wha very pleased to seo linat Ir Elphick was a member of the sssociation Committee and of the Com mittee of Advice. The asoocietion hod done wigely in selectity him for that post, and probably ong of the beat things lam (Mr. Rugg ever didi in eannection with ringing was to persunde Wr. Elphick to join the Guild (applause). In these times it was difficult to talk of the future of the association, but he loped sincarely that it would emerge from the present atate of nffairs stronger than ever and would continue to flourish along with the other arts and exercises which we in this country had taken a stand to preserve \{applatase).
Mr. H. R. Bulcher in responding thanked the hon. secretary for the kind invitation to be present on that unique occasion in the history of five tower. It was a great pleasure to the association to know that the ringers of Southover were keeping in such close tauch with the bells and tower. These were diffinlt days for ringiag, with the restrictions that were imposed, but, he thaught, as time went on, t might be possible to resume junctices in most places. The commithee and officials of the association Fould do all thoy coald to encourage bands to resume nnd to continue their work. In thinking of the centenary of Southover bells they could not help easting their mindis back over the bundred years and realling the memorable oceasions for which the bells had been rung. For a huadred gears they had called people to the services of the churcti, they bed rung for state occasions, for the accession of kings und the death of sovereigna; they had rung for great aational eveuts and for parochial celebrations, and those present that night must feel they had met to celobrate i. wonderful occesion. He extended to the Guild the comgratulations and good wishes of the nasociation (applasse)

THE STORY OF 1839.
Mr. I. S. Goldsmith proposed the tonst of 'Success to Southover Churels Bollmingers Guild. They bod met that diay, he said, to celebrate an listoric anniversary in tho annals of Southover Church. and they were to be congratulated that, Lespite the prevaling war conditions, they had deeided to carry ou, even in a modified way, with the commemoration of the openisg of the bella ane hundred years agu that day. Continuing, he referrod to the formation of tho Guild, in which be took a part some 45 years ago. and said he re gretted that one other of the foundation memhers, Mis. Alfred Turner, now the oldest ringer in Lewes, was absent from that gathering Mr. Goldsmith recalled that the formaion of the Guild, under the then Rector (the Rev, W. F. Riehardson) was the first oftial recognition which the ringers af Soathover had received from the churcti authorities, and he looked upon it as a very wise step in the right direction. Previons to that there had, of course, been ringers attached (Continued on next page.'

## AN OLD TIME BELL OPENING.

(Continued irom previous page.)
to the elnsch, but they had liad no authorised position in the charch organisation.
Mr. Galdsmith went on to dascribe what loppened in southover one hurdred wears ago that dey. He lad, he said, obtained lrom the British Museum of copg of the reports of tle proceedings which appeared in the local newspajers at the trime. The procecdings began at 11 o'clock in the raorning, when Southover ringers raised fine new bells. Rimgera from Rrightou then led of with a quactor-jpeal of Grandeire Friples, enndacted by Mr. Tester. Thereafter yarjous bands from Waldron, Uekfield and Chailey rant ama occopied themselves with the bells throwghout the afternoon. Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that at that time there whs no rail commumication with Lewes, so all these men must have walked many miles to take part in the proceedings, winch indimated their enthusiestn. Fe doubted if, to-day, there were many ampng
At five o'clook the ringers adjourned to the Swan Inn, where a compang of geventy or eighty, fmeluding parishioners, partook of dinner. Mr. Churchwarden Eagles was in trie chair and the vice-chas was taken lyy Mr. John Werrall, lis co-churchwaxden. Mr. William Terrall, Lord of the Manor, wha geve some of the bells, wes present, as was Mr. Thomas Mears, the fownder. Ihere was no indication that the Rector (the Rev. John Soobel'l) wne preseat, and there was no raligjous service held in connection with the openongr as there would have beer in similar circumstances to-day. Indeed, the proceedings were entirely secular, as was almost everything connected witlinging it handred years ago.
The surprise of the evenimg was furnished when a large bos was delivered from the London Coach Offon, and, on being opened, was found to contain a set of inandoells, presented by the Bell Founder. Chenge rivging on the handbells by the Brighton ringers boak place, and the newrpapar report cuncluded with the remark: "Many loyal and convivial toasts were given and mongs and good humour kept the company together till a late hour. A better feeling anomg all classes perhaps was newer witnessed than on this occasiou, and all parties retized plessed and delighted with, the resuld of the day.

RENTERS OF A CENTURY AGO.
Hr. Galdsmith added thet he had no doulb his owt grandiather was onc of those who took part in the events of the day, for he was Perish cherk, and almost certaming one of the ringers, and lie (tlie speaker) therefore felt that he lad a personal link with that great oocasion, when the new hells came to Soldhover. As to what manner of men the ringers werg in that day, Mr. Goldsmith quoted fram the reminiscemces of a contemporury writer, who described the ringers of another little Sussex town, Hailcham, and there was no reason to suppose that the ringers of Southover were thy different in bye. The writer in question wrote of the ringers:-

- Tha mester tradesmen thought it no degradation but rather an honcurable distinction to be one to minister fo the rites of the belfry To be a ringer was a privilege.

Each bell liad jts regular hand. There was the latter, glover, thilor. shoemaker and blachemith in succession and a few olhersodd mea to take a turn as oceasion required, aud one, the street driver, who was always needed to feloin the beer from the tavern. rhey were all profecsionully earnest, devoted men, anc to do them justice as a rule-atd what rale is mot more or less hroken?-they were sober men.
Mr. Goldsmith concluded ly remarking tlan the members of the Guild had, in the bells, a goodly heritage. He hoped they would take new life and energy from this notahle anmuersary; that they would soon be rimging for fintory and long contimue to ring through years of unbraken peace in the future (upplause)

Mr R W. F. Dawe responded wa the foast nind expreased great satisfaction that they had beon macecestul that day is ringing one hundred letds of Grandsire Triples for the ocession. If lisd given lifm and the rest of the band freal chjoyment.to take part in it, At present the Guild was continumg the Sunday ringing and practices, and wanld go on doing so urless someone else gtopped them.

## dGLINtSS Ny the belfry

Mr G. P. Elphick gave the tanst of "The Founders." He stid he wondered what this country would inve been like without the founders of bells. The founders were a small group of men whose work was of the highest order. In Sussex they had 25 examples of bells cast by London founders which had been calling nien to higher things for over five hundred years. The founders of to-dny had deas which led along a different math to the founders of old. They tarned their attention to hetter tuming, hut he feared that, in so doing they had last something in beauty of form. Modern belfries wre full of upliaess. The cold steel Mame, covered with rust, was the product of the engineer and had renlaced hoarts of oals. They had steel cages, sted stocks, steel skays and steel sliders and he hnd even found steet wheels-lie hoped they wonld never come to using steel ropes (laughter). Steal bells were, happily, now obsolete. He would plead for beauty of form in hells as well as beauty in tone, to help to counteract the ugliness in the world in which we live. They were, he adued. pleased to welcome Mr. Hughes that evening. He represented the foundry from which Sontlover bells came a hundred years ago. (Continued in next column.)

## DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR PAYNE.

EX-PRESIDENT, DURFAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCLATION.

## Ala old and valued member of the Durhan and Neweastle Assacia

 tion, Mr. Arthur Paytue, passed away on Octoher Gth at Harrogate, where he had gove to recuperate his health. He was an man of many parts. By profession be was a chemist and eventueliy occupied the position of namaging director of Mawson and Swan, Ltd., which his father had ftled before him. He was chairman of Atlas Woodworkers Ltd., and a director of Mawson and Proctor, clacmists, Newcastle Ha was alsa well known is the photograplic crade aud originated the process of taking a half-tone photo direct uporz the metal plate without the intervention of a megative. For his services during the Great War he was created a Member of the Order of British Empire and Homorary Serving Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was wade a J.F. For Gateshead in 1931, and represented the South Ward on the Town Council for siz years.Mr. Payne joined the Durlam and Newcastle Diocesen $A$ ssociation in 1911 as a member of the St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, brauch and enrat his ringirg with the celobrated Gofton family. He rang his first peal, one of Stedman Triples, iu that belfry on May $23 \mathrm{rcl}, 1913$. and took part in muny peals with the Whitley Bay company before leaving the const to live in Gateshead. He joined the Newcastle Cathedral Guild in 1921 and was a very active member, acting for some years as secretary.
For some tine he was assistant and editorial secretary of the assoniation and eventnally occupied the presidency from 1933 to 1936. Duriug his leadership the rules of the essociation were revised-a latorious task, but all to the good of the swoother and more efficint Forking of the Hssociation.
In aiी, Mr. Payne rang in 36 peals on tower and handluells, in His peala ware was useful and reliable on $1-2$ in Major and Royal. His peals ware rung in all the standard methods, sad included, in The fineral service was held fat Newcostle Cathedral, the Very Ret the Provost, Canon G. E. Brigstocke, ofticiating. A large concourse of fellow-ringers, works representalives and Freemasons attended, while the Gateshead Town Council were there, headed by the Mayor (Councillor Pickring), and many of the councillors and Town Fiell
The nembers of the Durlam and Neweaslle Diocesan Association were represented by the presideat, Mr. Murray Oubridge, the Cathedral Ringing Master and several members of the Guild, Ringers were also present frour Benwell, Fenbam, Whitley Bay, Gatethead and I'anfield towers. The Worslapiul Master of Hotspur Lodge, 1,626. was present with several other brethren. Mr. W. J. Davidson tolled the Major, as no ringing, muffled or otherwise, is allowed at the Cathedral at present.
Afterwards a sliort service was held at the Crematorium, attended only by the faxnily and very old friends, of which tho writer was privileged to be one of his aldest.

Mr. Payne was of genial, heppy and generaus ature and was ary popular in his mamy acimities. He leaves a widow, a son and two dirughters to mourn their loss.
C. H. R.

## THE SOUTHOVER CENTENARY.

## (Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Bughes, who replied, expressed gratitude for the toast. He said it was a privilege to attend that gathering. It was a privilege, too, to be associated with the founder who supplied the bells of Southover Chureh of fundred years ago, 贵hd those foundry, mest year, would be 370 years old. Thare whs a great tradition belind and ane could nothelp thaking of what had been put joto it in the past, in whicls men had put their heart and soul into producing Mr. Elphich's plea for more beaty in the towers. A great deal of ugliness had been infroduced. There was no need far it. Fine things had been done in past days, such as was shown in the beatutiful old enstings. Fortunalely to-day there was a cheek upon the ugliness, a check whicl had come about by the formation of the diocesan committees to give advice on these points.
Promening, Mr. Hughes said that in the days when Thomas Mears cast the bells for Southover the firm did very little hanging, and all they supplied to Southover was the eight bells and eiglit clappers. He would liave liked to find ont something further alout the contract by the correspondence that led up to the transaction, but unfortindately sixty or seventy years ago the firm lost many of their records by fire and all he could tell them was that they supplied the belfs to the parish with the eight clappers.
Mr. Hughes fdided that it was very nice to be there that evenng among some ald friends, and he counted it a great privilege to hava been able to take part in the commemorative touch rung that evening. in conclusion he expresed regret that Mrs. Hughes had been mable to accept the invitation which had heen extended to her as well as to bimself.
During the evening the speches were interspersed with lumorous gongs by Mr. Thylor, courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples rung on handbells, and tuaes on his laudbell carillon cleverly tapped by Mr. G. P. Flplick

After 'Auld Lang Syne ' had been suag, 'all parties,' in the words of the writer of a hundred jears ago, retired pleased and delighted with the result of the day.'

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTON BRANCF.
The annual meeting of tive Luton Disiriot of the Bedfordshire Ascoointion was lyela et Leighton Buzzard on Saturday. Enough ringers werg prosent saon after throc o'clock to ring Steduan Caters, ana up to tea time the bells were rung to various roothods, including Cambridge and Superlative Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Plain and Little Bob Royal.
The business meetirg was presided over by Mr. Ernest Eeribert. The secretary's zeport and balance gleet showed that the district is in a satisfactory position and that all the performing members bave already paid their subscriptions for 1939.
The distriot chairman (Me. A. King) and the vice-chairman (Mr. T. Herbert) were re-elected, and Mr. Belson was elected district necretary,

A discussion followed on the question of future meatings, and it was eventually decided to hoid a full afternoon amd evening nzecting at Duastable on Splurday, November 25th. Mr. W. Bottrill, late of Leiceater, was olected a performing member of the assaciation and he will the a great help to the district. The meetiog ciosed with a wote of thanks to the Vicar for the uge of the belle.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

 NORTRERN DISTRICT.On Saturday, Octoher $88 t h$, the Nortletn District of the Swansea and Bracon Guild held a quarlerly meeting at St. Mary's, Bronllys, Breeknockslire. Considering the transport difficultjes. it was the mast successful meeting which the district has held. Ringing began at hulf-past two and at lhalf-past four the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Ficar, tive Rev. W. J. Dasies, who gave a very inspiring address and a learty welcome to all the visitara.

Following tea the business meeting was held, at which lihe Yicar prasided, supported by the District Mester (Mr. A. Hant) and the distriet secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett). A grant was made from the distriet funds towarde a presentation to the Lord Bishop of Li]andaf, late president of the Swanses and Brecon Guitd, in recognition of his kindness in entertaining the merabers every year. Twelve mew members were elected from the Jacal tower and one from Talgartli.
Aftor votes of thanks to the Wicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, the lady helpers and the local band for the arrangements mane. the ringers returned to the tower and the hells were lowered at 8 p .m. Twenty-five members were presant from Brecon (St. Mary'g), Cefy Coed, Tatgartl, Glasbury-onwye and the local belfry.

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## FTIURE ARRANGEMENTS

The Barnsley District Society held their October meeting at Penistona on Saturday weck, when 14 members were present from Cnwthorne, Felkirk and Wath, besides the local company. Ringing begans at 3 p.m., end the bells, a fine geal of eight, were made good use of until about 6.15 p.m. The ringing was mostly. in Minor methods. ranging from Plain Bab to Cambridge Surprise, with plenty of oppor tunities for the recruits. Touches of Treble Boh Major were also rung, giving some of the members their first chance of a torein on cight bella.
Tha business meeting was held in the tower before the tea, the Vicar, the Rev, E. D. C. Wright, presidirg.
It was decided not to hold any further metinge this year, the next to be the annual general meetiog in Jenuary at Barnsley. If was also decided to hold a commitiee meeting at Burnsley on Saturday, December 9th, to reccive notice of motions and yominations for afficials and any ether items of business which would come up at the ancual meetiag.
Tha Vicar wes thanked for the the of the bells and for preailing and the local company for making the arrangementa.

The Ficar, in reply, said be was marry that ringing had to be curtailed, but hoped conditions would soon change and the bells be ringing peale in celebration of peace.
The party tben adjourned to a nearby cafe for a good meal, which was thoroughly enjoyed, and, after koing led by tite loenls througli the black-out to the lunses for home, a good meebing under war condibions came to an end.

## SATURDAY PRACTICES PLANNED FOR LINCOLN.

The Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held a bymoeting at St, Giles' Church on Salurdey, October 14th, when ringera wero present from the Cathedral, St. Pater-at-Gowts, Blankucy and the lacal linad, together with visitorg from Grantham, Burton-onStathor, Scuathorpe, Barnby-inthe Willows, Pelkirk, nenr Rollierham, and Mr. J. F. Shepherd. from Swindon. Hetween 40 and 50 rineer enjoyed tha privilege of finging on the peal of fight bells, which have a tonor of 18 cwt., during the afternoon. At. 3.15 the corspany attended evensong, and during the evening thase who did nat have to get home before lichting up time assembled in the Parish Fall for handhell ringing until 9 p.m.
It is hoped to nrrange practices on Saturday aftermoons in the near future alternately with flie Cathedral band, that is one weels at St. Giles', the next week at the Catliedral.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We namnot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELERY GOSSIP

We pucla regreh to record the death at Pudsey, Yorkshire, of Mr, Thomas Maude, who was 85 yeare of age. He passed away on October 23.d and was buried on Tharseny of last week. An account of hs unique connection with ringing mill appear in our next issue.

To-morrow nembers of the Ancient Society of College Youtls will aelebrate its thrae hundred and serond anniversary by a lunclueon at the London Pavern, and, Eespite the difficulties incident to wartime monditions, a numerous company is expected.

The Rev. Ivar J. Richards, hon treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Assomation, is serving with the Forces as Chaplain in Fradace.

Wedneaday was the anniversary of a peal of Bob Major rung in I 747 at St. Giles'-iu-the-Fields by the Union Seholars and conducted ly Jolun Holt.

On the sane date, in 1746 , what seems to have been the second peal of Double Norwich Court Boh Major ever rung was accomplished at St. Michacl's, Coslany, Norwich, and iu 1831 in the same tower a later generation of the Norwich Scholars $\quad$ ang 6,160 changes of the came metinod.
November 1st ${ }^{3}$ aliso the anniversary of the opening of the belis of St. Paul's Cathedral, which took place in 1878.

Five jears ago to-day the hand of ringers who were touring in Australis rang the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major ever accomAlished outside the Bribish Isles. It was rung at Holy Trinity Church. Hohart, in Tasmanis, Mr. George Martin conducting and Mr. Ruperi Richardson at the tenor.
On November $56 \mathrm{~h}, 1787$, the Sheltield ringels rang at St. Peter's Church, now the Cathedral. 6,048 clvanges of Cambridge Surprase Major, and on the same clate in 1821 the Fuddersfeld ringers rang 5,152 changes of Superlative Surprise Major. The former peal was false, but the latter, which was composed and conducted by Benjamin Thackrah, end was the first in the method, was true.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-There was no question of fear or shame in the signafure of my lefter, the only mistake being I omitted the 's' from the end and I cea assure Mr. Mitchell it would take up far too much space to print alt the names. Anywny, no 'newspaper carrespondence ' is needed now. The Lewisham District have answered the query in a practical way (and most surprisingly that is the disirich where one would expect the most difficulty), so it does appear strange that the safer areas have not made any apparent effort, and the longer the delay the shorter are the hours available.
I promise the general secretary that if and when a mecting is held in this distrint I will be pleased to disclose my name, but at present I'm still

ENQUIRTER.'

## THE ANCIENT BELL OF TALLEY ABEEY.

## To the Editar.

Dear Sir,-I wish to thank Mr. T. Laver, Rzecer, for his great kindness in replying to my query. Mr. George Eyre Evang, the secreary of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarien Society, who has broadcast on numerous oceasions, and was for many years a member of chss an numerous ocessions, Comnission on Ancient Monuments for Wales, would never accept the riew expressed कy vsrious authorjkies that the great bell of Fialley Abbey went to Exeter.
Strange to sav, the inhabitants of Talley firmly believe that the hell is at Exeter. I showed the correspondence in "The Bringing World, to one of the leading residents, a member of the Iegal profession, and althourlh le admitted that Mr . Lever bad suppied convincing proof, still thaught it nusy be somewhere in that etty.

EDWARD J. THONAS.

## RINGING IN WAR TIME

## SUCCDSSFUL MEETING AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES,

A good gathering was held at Kingston on Seturday last, when ringers from the connties of London, Middlesex and Surrey nut for a conbined meeting of the Surrey, Middesex and Guildford Assocntions. The co-pperation of the police had been sought and obtained with the result that the bells were kept, going from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The stipulation was made that a listener should be on duty to inform the ringers to stop the bells in the event of an air raid waruing being given.
About 60 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening includirg Mrjor J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. D. K. O. Birt (Master of the Surrey Association) and Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middleser Association). Vikitors were elso present from Twyford, Berks, and West Grinstead, Sussex. The Vicar of Kingston (the Rev. T. B. Scruttot) called at the Parish Hall duriag tea time and welcomed the gathering to Kingston, He aid he was sorry he could not remain for tea, as he had to get away to attend to parious other parochinl duties. He complimented the meeting on the quality of the ringing lie had heard during the afternoon, which + for novices' was very good indeed (laugliter) (most of lis listeners were experienced ritgers). Before he left the jiall a vote of thanks to him, for the use of the bells, was passed with gcelamation
After tea, Mr. Birt, on behelf of the North-Wesiern District of the Surrey Association, weleomen their friends of the Midalesex Association and of the Guildford Guild. 'That misguided person, Mr. Adolf Hitler,' he said, 'would very much like to stop all our normal activities and pretent us from carrying out our ordinary duties, Therefore, I fed that it is up to us to do all we can to keep our ringing going. When the changes which are taking pluce in the world are so fast and frightening as they are to-day, and when we are figliting a diotatorslip of the Fight in the form of Nazism on the one hand and menaced by a dictatorship of the Eeft such as Bolahevism on the other ft becomes increasimgly diflictif to keep our miads riear and steady. Opposed to such doctrines we have the feaching of Christ and His method ef carrying on: with love and gervice to mankind as a basis for the direation of our activitien, and I feel that mankind as a basis tor the direction of our activitien, and I ceel doat our ringing at the present timo.
Mr Ernest C. S. Turier, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, thanked Mr. Birt for his words of welcome, and conveyed to the mecting apologiea for absence from Mr. Lowis Cockey and Mr. Wilson A short business meeting of the North-West District of the Surrey Associetion followed, presided over by Mr. D. Cooper (District Master). Arising out of the minuter, Mr. E. A. Talbot asked whether anything Juad yet been done by the Guildiond Guild in the mather of the appointment of a representative to serve on the committee of the Surrer Association. He was informed that this subject was to be placed on the agenda for tho next anaual genersl meeting

With the exception of the secretary, all the distriet officers were nominated for re-election for the ensuing year. Appeals were made to Mr. Woodiss to induce him to earry on with the duties of secretary during the prosent national emergency. Itr reply, Wi. Woodiss pointed ouf that ho informed [lo association as loag ago as November 1938, of hig wish to retire (reported in "The Ringing World" dated December 2nd, 1938). Although there was nothing in the rules requiring an officer to give twelve months aotice of retirement, he did so in order to give nuemhers ample time in whicly to find a suitatio successor for election in 1940. He was disappointed to find that no nomination was forthcoming and hoped the position would be rectified by Jnuuary. Fe further expressed the opinion that it was but another instance, common to most associations unfortunately, of learing everything to the officers.
The connpany then returted to the tower, where the bells were kept going to various methods from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge foysl until 9 o'clock, no sir raid warning having been $^{\text {a }}$ sounded.

## RNGING ARRANGFMERTS IN BRIGHTON <br> To the Elitor

Sir, It may he of interest to your readerg that the following artangentents for ringing are now in operafion in Brightols, and that sitors will be cordially welcomed:-Sundays.-St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd Churches, 10.30 to 11 a.m.: St. Nicholas', 2.30 to 3 p.m.

Combined practices on alternate Saturdays as under, first mentioned churcli 2 to 3 p.man second 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. :-
November 4th: The Gmod Shepherd and St. Nicholas'
Nopember 18th: St. Nichaias' and St, Peter's.
December Znd : St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd.
December 16th: The Good Shepherd and St. Nicholas
If any ringer wishes to bo kept informed of any changes in the nubve time-table which may bo necessitated by emergency regulations, will he please let me have a stamped and addressed postoard for reply as soon as possible? This will be kept filed and dispatched at once when and if the ocession arises.
S. E. ARMSTRONG,

Hon. General Secretary, Siusex County Association.
70. Hollinghury Park Averue.

Brighton 6.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED TAR-TIME ARHANGEMENT\&
A meeting of the officials of the Guild was held at Truro ons Saturday, October 2ist, 1839, to discuss the working of the Guild in war time.

It was decided that this meeting take the place of the one which would have been held in February, 1940.
All the offcers were re-electet except Miss Angwin, now Mrs. Roherts, who bas left the diocese.
The following resolutions were oarried
(1) Report.-Not to issue a report till 1941, but this report to contain en account of the activities of the Guild during 1939 and 1940. In the place of the report the decisions of this meeting to be printed and three copies to he scis to eaci tower, one for the incumbent, one for the representafive and one to be posted in the lower.
(2) Affilialion fees.-These to be paidi as usual.
(3) Fertivals.-The diocesan Iestival to be held in some ptace easy of access, Lostwithiel suggested. One minor festival at least to be held in each branch every year. That picnic teas be brought by those attending these festivals.
(4) Branch secretaries should fincu bonseone who would be ready to take their place in case they are called asay on military or other national service.
(5) Finging.-Every effort slyould bo made to maintain Sunday ringing. To encure this youlg rivgers must be hrought on continualir to fill gaps, and in consequence practices musis be feefd. If it should loe inpossible to obtain woung ringers, and a tower finds iteelf Elorthanded, an appeal should be made to a neiglabouring Eower for lielp and ringug done in the two towers nlternately. It is up to members of toe Guild to see that none of its towers aro silent for the duration of the war
(6) Roll of lonobr- Secretaries or captaikn of towers to keep a list of these serving their country with tloeir service, rauks and honours, and this should eventualy be sent to the diocesun secretary, who will forward it to tho secretary of the Central Council to be preserved amone its records

## RINGING EN LEEDS AREA.

Tha following is a list of war-Lime ringing arrangements for most of the towors in the Lecds and District Society's area:-

Armley : 9.45 a.m. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. only.
Batley: 9.45 n.m. to $10,30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. only.
Birslall: 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. : $2.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Bradford Cathedral : No ringing until further notice.
Bramley = $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. only.
Burley: $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. only.
Drighlington : 9.30 a.m. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. $\mathrm{i} 5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Guiseley: 9.30 n.m. to $10.30 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m} \cdot ; 2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{mi}$. to 3 p.ti.
Herdimgley, St. Chad'g: $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{k} . ; 2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
Headingley, St. Michael'm: 9.30 a.sur. to 10.30 a.m. only-
Idle. $9.45 \mathrm{3} . \mathrm{m}$. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} . ; 2.15$ p.m. to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Leds Parish Church: No ringing until further notice.
Pudsey: 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Shipley : $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$; $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 3.15 p.m
The committee of the society have decided to continue with the monthly meetings, which will be advertised in "The Ringing World." The next meeting will be at Birstall on November 25 th。

## DEATH OF A BEDWELLTY RINGER.

## MR. T. POPNELL DIFS IN JFRSEX.

Mr. T. Popnell, father of Mr. George Poppell, this year's Master of tho Liandaff and Mommoutl Diccesan Associstion, pasged away on Priday, Octoher 20h. He was holidaying in Jersey with his daughter when, a hout threo weeks ago, he had a sehare and lost consciousness. From this he never rathief.
With great diffirulty (owing to passenger restrickions), his son, Mr. George Popnell was eble to cross to Jersey. For a fortmight he remaiged with his father and was there when the end came.
The funeral took place at the Old Parish Church, St. Helier, where he attended and where his daughter was married.
Mr. T. Popnell was an enthusiastio member of the Liandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and rarely missed a meeting-
THETRNE, YORKS, At St, Nicholas' on Suaday, Ontober 22nd, B quatcer-peal of Grandsire Triphes; E. Thorley 1, T. Leask Ry, Wous 3 T. A. Hepworth 4, 8 .
ducter) 7 , J. Ihorley 8.

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## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIEIDS. ITS PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF LONDON RINGING.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

Of the many London stecples, few have taken a part in the history of ringing equal to that of St. Giles', and annong the eight-bell towers it almost stands supreme.

In the old tower, the first six-bell peal of which we have any notice was rung shortly before 1730. It consisted of fourteen 360 's, but the particulars of what the methods were, who calied the bobs, and what the society was are lost. All we know is that Laughton says that he was one of the band and that James Newcombe, the steeplekeeper, at Westminster Abbey was another

The first peal in the present steeple was 5,040 changes of Bob Major in 1736 by the Union Scholars, conducted by John Denmead. In the following year Annable called 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob for the College Youths, and four months later the Union Scholars rang a peal of Triples, the name of which, owing to the ornamental writing of the peal book, cannot be read. Osborn thought the word was Hack Trebles, and Jasper Snowdon suggested Ham Trebles, but thought it might be Hick Triples, which was the title the Union Scholars gave to John Garthon's peal of Grandsire Triples. The writing, however, can be anything you like to make it.

The Union Scholars aiso rang the first peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples in the tower, this latter being their last peal before the society finally broke up. It was in 1757 , and was one of the carliest performances of Holt's Ten-part peal.

In 1759 the College Youths rang 5,280 changes of Morning Exercise Major, and a month later 5,040 of Double Boh. Morning Exercise Major was an extension of a six-bel! method, which was widely rung. The composition, however, was false. In 1778, John Reeves called $\overline{5}, 264$ changes of Real Double Bob Major, with two bobs in a lead, for the London Youths, and in 1780, for the same society, 5,088 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first peal of any Surprise Major method ever achieved.

Up to the year 1768 it had never occurred to anyone that a peat of Treble Bob Major might be true at the lead ends, and yet have repetitions in the interior of the leads. Then Christopher Wells discovered the falseness of Oxford when the treble is in 1-2, but still the matter was not fully investigated or understood. So it was that Reeves, though one of the cleverest composers that the Exercise has produced, called a false peal.
About that time William Jones was writing the - Clavis,' and he enlisted the services of Reeves as chief composer. Reeves went thoroughly into the proof of Treble Bob and put the matter on a sound basis so far as peals with the tenors together were concerned. He now found out that the Cambridge he had called was false, and so the same hand (save for one man) who had joined the ancient Society of College Youths rang another peal in the method. Reeves had satisfied himself by what, so far as it went, was sound reasoning, that only fifteen courses were to be obtained in Cambridge with the tenors together. To make up the length required, he parted the tenors, but as he does not seem to have ever considered the effect on the truth of the method by so doing, his peal was again false.

In the same year that the Cambridge was rung, Reeves called a peal of Bob Major for the ancient Society of College Youths, which was the only peal in which all three authors of the 'Clavis' took part together.

The next interesting peal in the steeple was one of London Union Trebbles, in 1782, by the ancient Society of I.ondon Youths, "being the first that ever was rung in that method.' It was composed and conducted by John Frazier, but the figures are lost, and we have no hint as to what the method was like.
On Sunday, October 23rd, 1791, the men from St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, who were nembers of the Society of College Youths, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. James Barlet\% called Holt's Original from the seventh, and the claim was made, and for a century accepted as valid, that he was the first man to call that peal and ring at the same time. The feat, however, had been performed several years before at Norwich. Holt himself, it will be rensembered, called from manuscript while seated in the belfry.
In 1884, on the ninety-third anniversary of Bartlett's peal, the Original was rung at St. Giles' non-conducted for the first time.
Bartlett called the peal several times, at Battersea, Kensington, Bishopsgate, Hackney, Cambridge and Horsham, and from several bells.

On Wednesday, May 22nd, 1799 , the Society of Junior Cunnberlands rang at St. Giles' John Noonan's peal of Stedman Triples. It was the first seven-bell peal in the method since the two at Norwich in 1731, and is often considered as the first true peal in the method. That, however, is by no means certain, for the figures as given by Shipway are unintelligible, and some at least of the peals of Stednan composed by Noonan were false.
During the nineteenth century the peals rung at St . Giles' were of little interest, until we come to one of Cambridge Surprise by the Cumberiands in 1882 . This was the first true peal in the method in London.
Of late years a good many peals have been scored in the tower, the most notable being the first of Bristol Surprise Major in London ( 1904 ) and the first ever rung in cleven Spliced Surprise Major methods (1930). The same hand almost succeeded in ringing in the tower a peal in twelve Spliced Surprise Major methods, but lost it a very little way from home. A few days later, however, they were successful at St. Mary's, Ealing.

These peals and the Bristol Surprise were rung by the Middlesex County Association and were conducted by William Pye.

The bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at the expense of the Barron Belt Trust.

## DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAMS, OF NEWENT, GLOS.

The many friends of Sergt. Joseph Williams will regret to hear of the pasming of his wife at. the age of 86 , after a married life of 67 years The veterans, including the Serceant, who ramg a peal Inst Juns had looked Forward to foyous ringing to commemornte the Sergeant.'s 87tin lioflhday on Saturday last, but it had to be cancelled. A heautiful choral eervice was held in the Parish Charch, condueted by the Vicar and assistant therey. The hells were rumg half-miffipd hefore the service and also whilp the cortege mroceeded to Newent Cemetery. Despite dise had traveling facilities, the rineers came from a Ione distance. They were F. Austin. F. T. Austin and S. E. Ramans, of Glourester: J. Clark, Ross. J. Davis and W. H. Harris, of Lydney: and J. W. Joner, Newport.

Mtrs. Williams was a nost lowahle lady who lived for others and a eal good charchworker. She will he ssadly missed, not only by her fusband and family, lut hy the people of Newent. The ringers, too, havo losk in goed friend, as slie always extended the utwost hospitality.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

HOW COURT BOB IS CONSTRUCTED.
Last week we were discussing Plain Reverse anct Double Bob, and we saw that in those methods all the bells keep the same Coursing Order throughout the plain course, except that when either second's or seventh's place is made the treble takes one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other beils. We called such a step a Shunt, and those particular steps we called Extreme Shunts.

These Shunts are used not only in Plain Bob, but also in thousands of other methods, and always they have exactly the same effect.

We now come to the next important Shunt, and since it produces Double Court Bob Minor we will call it the Court Shunt.

Alongside is the first lead of the plain $123456{ }^{2} 8$ course of a method, and to understand its construction it will be well to pick out the full course, or, at any rate, two or three leads.

It is not a method that you will ever want to ring, because it is not what is called symmetrical, but that is a point which does not for the moment concern us.

When we examine this lead we find that it consists entirely of plain hunting, in which all the bells, including the treble, keep the same coursing order, except that there are two places-third's and fourth's-which are made by the same bell.

Now observe what has happened to this bell. It was the bell which was coursing im21436587
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13527486 mediately in front of the treble. It stops and makes fourth's, crosses the treble's path, makes third's, and then follows the treble up behind. Before the first place was made, the Coursing Order was 875312468. After the second place is made, the Coursing Order is 875132468 . The treble has changerl positions in Coursing Order with the bell next in front of it, and made one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells.

Turn back and compare all this with what we found out about the Extremes, and you will see that, except for the position in which they are made, the Court Shunts are exactly similar to the Extremes, and have exactly the same effect. But the two places, one on cither side of the treble, and the attending dodging, must be considered as all part of one operation.

Set down in general terms, a Court Shunt consists of two places made by the bell coursing immediately in front of the treble, and made next the treble's path. In the example we have given, the piaces are fourth's and third's; but directly you begin to experiment with figures you will find that they are rot the only places that can be made.

Prick out a lead in which sixth's and 42618375
ffth's are made, and compare it with the 46281357 other lead. You will find that you get 64823175 exactly the same result, the only difference 46283715 being the position in which the shunt is made.

Not only so, but the shunts can be made round the treble as it is hunting down, just as well as when it is
hunting up, and again with the same result. Prick out the leads and test it for yourself, first with fifth's and sixth's, and then with third's and fourth's.

All the places which we have made up to now are backstroke places, and Court Slunts so made we will call for convenience $R$. Court Slunts.

When we examine the lengtio of the treble's path on the different numbers of bells, we find that in Minor there is room for one R. Court Sluunt to be made as the treble passes from the front to the back. In Major there is room for two to be made, in Royal three, in Maximus four, and so, in a regularly increasing progression, on all even numbers.

As the treble passes from the back to the front the sanye number of positions are available.

We have now got the Extremes and the R. Court Shunts, each of which produces the same result, and consists of one step in the treble's path through the Coursing Order of the other bells. We can now experiment by using combinations of these. As soon as we have used seven of them, no matter in what order they come, the treble will have got back again between the third and the second, and the bells will run round by plain hunting ; and no combination will produce rounds uniess it consists of seven or a mulliple of seven.

The number of round blocks we can produce by these combinations is very large. Not every one will be the plain course of a method, and not all the methods produced will be what are considered regular methodis. But, since the Coursing Order of the working bells is not altered, we have got the material for making the most musical methods possible, and some of our round blocks, though not themselves the plain courses of regular methods, will turn out to be parts of two or more courses of regular methods spliced together.

## SWANSCOMBE RINGER'S DEATH.

PAESTNG OF AN OLD K.C.A. TRTNGET
At tho latior end of lath ceniury there whs a ver enterprising sixhell baid at Swansmanbe, Kent., whinlo, water the tendership of the late syilliam Harper, scased severnl notequthy peals for the Feth Cownty Assomisliots. Mr. M. T. Dighy a mendier of this hamd, has recently passed thay at kis home ot Btono, forf Dariford, at the age of 71 years.
Age of in years. Mr. Dighy"s employment prevented him trom talsitag a very nctive part in peal ringing, but he was a very conmeientious Sunday serice ringer. EJpon his retirement he looked forward to increased activita in ringing and for ab abort while lie altenden foth Swanscombe and Dartford practices and Sunday ringimg. in mostcases malifing the jourrey of two luiles fo eacly of thase towers on fook Hy was, however, strimken writh a cardiac weakness wone thrme vears ago and from then until the time of his death he was unaibo to taks nमy part in ringing, althougly followiug, the activiltes of others with great interest in Whe Ringing World?

Before ho was compolled to givo up Mr. Dighy added a [ew peals to his amall collection, the most noteworthy being his firsit pera af Surjurge Major at the are of 67 yeara.

Ih all lue rang alout 40 peals in a warigty of melinode. all of thean heing lor the Kent Connby Associntions of whicli be was a mambur for over fifty yenre.

## ACTON RINGERS GIFT TO THE CHURCH.

In the coure of exensong last Sumany, at Acton Parisit Ghurchis the Bishop of Kensington dedicated a ligndsome procenslonal erobs which has been given to the clurcli by dr. J. N. Fruyt to mark the completion of 40 years' acrvice ins ferger and also of bis golden wedding.

Afterwards a pleasing little cerenony was held in the Parish Eitl, when the Bishop presented Mr. Fruit with gifts Irom the choir and congregetion, and rarious spealeers, representing the chair, congrestafion and the ringers, offered him their comgratalationg find thatis. The Vicar had already, in his sermon, expregsed lits opinicon of Mr. Fruin and bis services.

Mr. Frain was m member of the very actave lantid of ringers which the lale Rohert Holloway formed some Fears since at Actom, and lie took part in serestal peals of Trandsire, "Pinin Bob and stedman,

THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

## REASONS FOR NOT USING CHANGE RINGING

Iro the kaitor.
Dear Sir,-Having a particular interest in the attitude of the B.B.C. towards the Exercise, 1 lsave paturally followed ibe correspondence kenaly during the last three weeks, and waited to see a comprehensive reply given ta Mr. Trotman, and beg to congratalate Mr. C. H. Webl onl being the nearest so far.
There are, howeyer, two pointe which he has not touched ofl which I would liko to bring to the notica of all.
Firshly, while the B.B.C. retains the present interval signal, we do still hear tho sound of the Buw Bells whinch made the name so famous, and even if it is 'stoney' it is the old Bow thaor.
Secondy, a point which Mr. Wobb started to make, but did not finish, is the matter of imterrupted change ringivg.
1 would like to put this question wo all those who are advocating the replacement of call-chauges by scienuhic chazge ringug : ' In vew of the egiration in the past agullt the one-hme practice of the 13.B.C. in lading out broadcast raging for annourcements, is there nuy consistency mow asking them to use recorded change ringtug purely for a stop gap ?' Personally, 1 lave do hesstation in answermg No, and I venture to prodint that wero a record of change riaging substituted, those who shoukd bo interested would soon be fed up, whale those autside the Lizercise would tail to appreciate eny mprovement, and mugit even vole it as interior, siate halt-pull ringing is undoultedly more contusing to the ear of the uninitiated.
As an outcome of what might be expected with a record of clange ringimg, itwould ask of any riuger lass ever heard the present record allowed to run home, as I personally have never hearu at come iuto rounds at the finisin, even when there has been plenty of time, and who would wish to hear a well-struels touch mutilated in the last whole pull or so? Finally, i think mauy will agree with me that this corcespondence has been greatly murred by the mud slinging epistle of tue anly nameless correspuadent-in your issue of Uctaver 6ih. One can only ussume that lic knows very little of ragging, eithor call-chunges or bulf-pull, or that he has a grudge against the band who made the recora, hance his shelter belund a nom-de-plume.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

Crayford.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEATH OF ZRESTON BRANCH HON. SECRETARY
By the death on October 7th of Mr. Alfred Blogg at the carly age of 44, the tower at whittle-le-Woods line lost anoher of its accomplished ringers, and the l'restoa branch its efficient and popular secretary.
Learnugg to rimg in 1921, his quick intelligence and eager mind rapidly brought ham inko the frout rank of ringing it the aranch, and athough of a small and slight plysulue, he coulo turn in a heavy bell as well as most ringers of more weighy stature; indoed, be was pover so happy as wheu conducting a peal of treble Bob Major from the 21 cwt . Lenor of lus home tower. He early showed an apkitude for teacaing recruits, and many youeg ringers, bolh male and feuale, owe their ability to his skill as tutor. A member of the College Youths, of which he was proud, je losed rung 78 pauls and conducted 16 for th 3 Lancashire Assountion.
The interment took place on October 11th at Whitile-le-Woods, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Ganner, who spoke of the splendid work dous by the deceased for the church and Buble class. lizingers from Preston, Heawortham, Leylaud; Chorley, Brindle and the home tower rang half-muffled touches of Kent Treble Bob as the cortege approached the rlureh and after tino committal.

Alf" Blogg leaves the memory of an eager aud impulyive spirit, who has burued bimseli out premeturely bothin the service of ringug and church and wherever his interest was kindled. He was a pest officer in the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and took part in both Oddfellow peals rung at Whitle-le-Woods. He attended the apnual meeting al Blaekpool from a strong sense of duty, though obvioukly euffering from the illzess to whicls he succumbed. A balf-muffled peal was rung to his memory on Naturday, Octaber 14th, which has been already recorded.

## DEATH OF MR. ERNEST F. POPPY

We regret to announce tive death of Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, whu for many yoars has becn ove of the best knowit ringers in tho Eye district of Sultolls. Mr. Poppy, who was 64 years of age, woat to Eye some 40 years ago. For 17 years he farmed the Moor Hall Farm near that town, and afterwards tho Lime Tree Farn at Stoke Ash.

He mas a keen churchmon, filling the office of sidesman at Eye and churcinwarden at Stoke Ash, and at the latter place he was mainiy instrunental in getting the bells relung.
Mr. Poppy was for many years a keen ringer; his peals rung with the Norwied Diocesan Association numbering e57, and with the Suffolk Guild 89 His other activities iucluded cycling and membership of the local Rural District Council. He was twite martied, and leavea one son and two daughters in bereavement.

## NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A commemoration Iuncheon to celebrate the 302 nd anniversary of the society will be held at the Loncon "Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. $4^{\text {th, }}$, at r. 30 p.m. -A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guildford Dis~ trict.-A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and handbell ringing.-W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildiord.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. $4^{\text {th }}$ (instead of Oct, 2Ist). Ringing from 3 till 6 p.m. All welicome. - W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Special meeting at Malins Lee on Saturday, November 4 th. Refreshments only for those notifying Mr. A. Woodvine, Meadow House, Dawley, Salop. Ringing afternoon and evening. -W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-Forget the war and come and enjoy Withyham's nice octave, $2.30 \mathrm{p.m}$. till dusk, on Saturday, November 4 th. All make own arrangements for tea. Handbells available. C. A. Bassett, Asst. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Cliftor on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. until dark. Please don't expect tea. All ringers will be welcome. Please come-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch.
The next meeting of the Lincoln District due to take place at Caythorp on Saturday, Nov. \&th, will be held instead at Lincoln Cathedral (i2 hells, tenor 24 cwt ). Bells available from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Short service and meeting to follow. No tea arrangements.-K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec. NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT AS-sOCIATION.-A meeting wiil be held at Hanley on iaturday, November 4th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Annual committee mecting at 3 p.m.-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, November 4 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions due. Ringers and friends welcome - I. Kay, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Charch on Saturday, November 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.-C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec,

MIDDIESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND L.ONDON DIOCESAN GUJLD.-North and East District.A ringing meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November $/$ th. Bells avalable from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.-The bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5 th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of eight bells tuned and rehung and four new bells installed by John Tavlor and Co.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Ringing for service at St. Clement Danes, Strand, November 5th, at 10 a.m.-T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS．－ The next meeting of the society will be held at the Coffee Pot，Warwick Lane，E．C．，on Tuesday，November 7th． Election of officers．－A．B．Peck，Hon．Sec．

ESSEX ASSOCIATION．－Northern Division．－The annual meeting of the division will be held at Bocking on Saturday，Novernber ith．Bells available from 2 p．m． until dusk．Short service followed by tea and business meeting．Please note：Under the present circumstances tea can be provided only for those who notify Mr．R． Suckling，334，Church Street，Bocking，Essex，by Wed－ nesday，November 8th．Please make a special effort to attend this meeting．－Hilda G．Snowden，Hon．Dis．Sec． LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION．－Liverpool Branch． －The next monthly meeting will be held！at S1．I＇eter＇s， Woolzon，on Saturday，November 1 ith．There will be ringing from 2.30 to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．This will be followed by service and the meeting．There will be no ringing after the meeting．Tea will be provided for the nominal price of 6 d ．for those who send their names to Mr．T．Hesketh， 1，Mason Street，Woolton，near Liverpool，not later than Thursday，November 9 gh．It is of the utmost importance those requiring tea should send in their names or num－ bers．－G．R．Newton，Branch Sec．

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．－Newport Pagnell Deanery．－A meeting will be held at Stoke Goldington on November 11th，from $2-5$ p．m．－J．F．Amies，Hon．Sec．

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION．－Preston Branch．－ The next meeting will be held at Adlington St．Paul on Saturday，November 11th．Tower open for ringing at 2．30．Members and non－members are cordially invited to attend．－F．S．Bradley，Branch Chairman．

ESSEX ASSOCIATION．－South－Eastern District．－ The annual district meeting will be heid at Writtie on Saturday，November 18th．Bells available $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．Tea and business meeting after．Further detaiis later．Will those requiring tea please let me know for certain by Wednesday，November 15th？Only those who tet me know will he catered for．There will also be practices on Saturday，November 4th，at Danbury，and on Saturday， November 11 th，at Boreham，commencing at 2.30 ．Alf ringers are welcomed to come and join in these meetings and make them enjoyable and successful．一H．W．Shad－ rack，Hon．Dis．Sec．，7，Upper Arbour Lane，Springfield， Chelmsford．

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．－Farnham Dis－ trict．－A meeting at Bagshot on Saturday，November 48th．Bells（8）available 2.15 p．m．Service 4.30 ．Tea and business 5.15 in Church Hall．Nominations for officers for 1940 at this meeting．Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday，14th．－ C．W．Denyer，Hoa．Sec．，120，Ash Road，Aldershot．
midland counties association．－Hug－ glescote，Leicestershire，Combined practice on Saturday， November 18th．All ringers cordially invited．Bells available 3 p．m．till dark．

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．－Rochester Dis－ trict．－The annual meeting due to be held this month at Rochester has been postponed，Cathedral bells not being rung．Members＂views for or against holding of meet－ ings in the Rochester district during the war period would be gladly received，and should be sent without delay to G．H．Spice，Hon．Dis．Sec．，35，Woodstock Road， Sittingbourne．

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Everpthing went off well on Saturday, and I congratwlate you on the vesults.

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Yours faithfrully, (Signed) EDWARD ARUNDELL.

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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

It is gratifying to find the Ancient Society of College Youths defying the present handicaps and carrying out, in time honoured fashion, the commemoration of their foundation. It is true that last Saturday's proceedings had to be adapted to circumstances, and were shoris of some of their customary formality, but the luncheon held in London to celebrate the 302nd anniversary of the society was, nevertheless, a great success when measured against the prevailing conditions. It was more than a commemoration; it demonstrated the vitality of the society and proved that there is an unquenchable spirit of enthusiasm among ringers which, if directed aright, will triumph over the greatest drawlacks. The gathering was not confined solely to members living in and around London. Many of them came long distances to be present, and the younger members who attended will, in days to come, recall with special interest this war-time experience which makes the gathering notable in the society's annals. This celebration, too, was commendabte, inasmuch as it las maintained the annual feast of the society which has been beld without a break, as far as one can say, from its very foundation. Even in the last war, when a general gathering of members was out of the question, London members upheld the tradition and kept the feast, so that its continuity should not be broken. No one knows what troublous times may lie ahead. The war has already followed an unexpected course; its conduct may change in such a way that a gathering like that of Saturday may be impossible again in London until peaceful times come once more; but it is a significant fact that a little band of provincial College Youths, unable to join the company in the city, arranged their own celebration. If the worst comes to the worst, and London cannot provide for such a celebration, the College Youths may well transfer their festival to some centre in the country where they can maintain the time-honoured custom.
Last Saturday's proceedings were marked by a refreshing informality, and there were some who hoped that it may become eventually a feature of the society's activities to bring together at some other time of the year than November those wio are able to meet. There was a period, of course, when the society's annual celebration was a summer event with a mid-day meal, and the more formal dinner, which for half a century or so has taken place in November, is a revival of an earlier practice. But it is a happy thought that through all the vicissitudes of three centuries the society has been able to maintain this side of its corporate life, although there have (Continued on page 678.)

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been times when its ringing activilies have been far less conspicuous than they are to-day. The social side of ringing is an important link in the chain that binds the members of the Exercise together and, without doubt, the College Youths' annual commemoration has done much to maintain the strength of the society and to add to its prestige.

The annual dinner has been in the past the occasion for publicly recording its activities, and last Saturday the secretary was able to give an indication of "what might have been,' had not the war intervened to break up the programme. But for the interruption, it is probable that no fewer than one hundred ringing meetings would have been held in the twelve months, a really striking piece of evidence of the vigour of the oid society, and one which many a modern ringing organisation might envy. The College Youths who meet at the city churches in these davs are not just Londoners, in the sense that years ago they came from the city or the near vicinity. To-day they come from a widespread area, and within the past few years there have been several Masters who have resided at a considerable distance from the Metropolis, as was not unusual in the seventeenth century. In the same way, the members who take part in the meetings come from a much greater radius, and it is an indication not only that the society is extending the sphere of its active membership, but also, we hope, shedding some of that parochial " outlook that once characterised the more immediate London circles. When, once again, conditions permit, we hope the College Youths will not only quickly return to normal activity, but retain their traditional place in the Exercise by a new spirit of enterprise that will place them as leaders among the ringing organisations of this country in fact as well as in name.

## DEATH OF WEST NORFOLK BRANCH CHAIRMAN PRESENTATTON INKSTAND HANDED TO WIDOW

 Five death occurred in Norwich Hospital on October 17th of Mr. F. R. Heyhoe, of Swaftham.The lat Mr. Heyhoe came of an old Swaftham family and had filled many publis offices in that town. For upwards of 40 years he hed baen a ringer at the Parish Church, many of them as captain of the hand. Although he bad rung no peale and had not appeased much in the ringing news, be had, nevertheless, done an great amount of worl in teaching and trying to gel and keep a band logether.
H: had heen elhairmen of the West Sorfolk Branch of the Norwich Assacintion for the past seren years, resigning earlier this yorr owing
ill-health
At the funeral on Ootober Both the bramh was represented by Mestrs. J. Godfrey (ehairman), Cooke and Tuthith, who, together with the lacal ringers, acted as pall bearers.

On the following Sunday 406 Bob Triples and a tonch of Minor with $6-8$ covering, were fung with the hells helf-mufled, the following taking part: J. Godfrey, T. White, - Bamuer, - Jeffices, G. Hassock, J. Buckenham, F. Mattiews, J. Glarke, E. Barker, C. E. Banham, W, Cousins and I. Houghton. At the close Mr. Whjte, the oldest ringer in Swaffham, talled the deceased's age (68) on the tenor.
The Wext Norfolk Branch lind arranged to present Mr. Heyloe with an inscribed bell inkstand in appreciation of his services as their chairman. Unfortunatelr, lue difin not live to receive this, and, at a meeting held at Swaffam on Saturday week, the gift was banded to his wicow. At this mesting the bells were rung during the afternoon.

## GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER-PEAL

At Barwell Parish Church on Smdar, November 5th, a nuarterpeal of Granisire Triples (1,260 changes): Joseplı Needlam 1, William White 2, Richard Belton 3, albert Lucas 4, Tom Belton 5, Norman Statham 6. Fred Cotton (conductor) 7, Harry England 8. Bung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs, W. Argule, two promunent members of the Parish Church. It was also an 80th hirtheday compli ment to Mrs. C. H. Belton, whose husband is still a regutar Sunday gervice ringer; and whose san and grandson ramg the 3rd and 5th respectively.

## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

## GRTASLEY, NOTTS

 THEE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
## On Saturday, November 4,1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Sewby Minmes,

 At tar Chorch of St, Mary.
## A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 6088 OHANGES;

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## FIVE BELL PEAL.

## STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.

 THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, Novomber 4, 1939, is Two Hours and Forly Minules,
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## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, GO4 GHANGE8

Being 14 extouts each of St. Simon's, Grandsirc and Plain Bob. Tencr 63 cwt .
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## HANDBELL PEALS.

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Arranged by E. A. Barnett, Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
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## ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guild took plave on Satardey week Tea was hindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Howden and was much emoyed by the 14 members presetst, aftar which the president (the Rev. R. Howden) tools the cluair at the business meeting.
The balance sheet was passed and the following ofticers were eleoted Mr. J. S. Hawkine, Ringing Master and hov. secretary; Mr. W. J. Norton, hon. treasurer.
Handball ringing wras indulged in after the meeting
Ringing has now been resumed on Sundays (mornings only), 10 to 11 9.m., wheu visitors will be welcomed as usual.

## A 'SHUNT' IN RINGING PARLANCE. <br> REV. H. DRAKE TAKES EXGEPTION.

To the Reltor.
Dear Sir,-War work and illuess heve prevented sue from writing other letters, but the articles. With peacil and paper,' in which the word 'slunt' is used, have stirred me to gel out the typewriter ugain.
The word 'shunt ' is etymologically known as a factitive form of the word 'shutr.' Therefore, it means what makes one thing "shun' another. The noost cammon use, and that which rises to orie's mind first of alt is thut which applies to railway traing. When a train Is 'shumied,' it is 'made to stun' the monn line, aud until it hes entirely done $k 0_{\text {, }}$ that line cannot be used

Whether the word is used mbout trains, or in any other way, it aways conveys to the mind two things:
Frsb, something must, for the time be discarded. Until the train is off the maim line it is not shuated.
Sccondly, the train thal is shunted must be mationless. If it goes of somewhere else, the train has pot been slaunted at all. It has merely been 'switelied' on to amother tine.

Now, in the use made of the word in the article in question, neither of these requirements applies. As both are aecessary for the truth of what is written, it follows thet the word 'shunt ' is here both false aud mislending. False, because the so-called shant does not do what it professes to do, and misleading because it makes the reeder think of something else than what the writer of the article wante lime.
The fact that thil article, like the others in the series, is so good and clear, except for this word, only makes maiters worse. A begivger, whe had been hepped so fer, would be quile choked of by what ha would see to be an inexplicable error. The more axperienced ringer, while be would see what you are driving at, would bewondering waether he had got your whole meaning, whether there was not sonothing in gour mind of a discard, or of a ceasing of the movement somewherc

In conclusion, it may be pointed out that Fasper Snowdon, in his stendard series of handboaks, uses the word in its correct meaning. It is now too late to contradict him by using the term wrongly or to pretend to be a better ringer or writer than he was. HGRBERT DRAKE.

## Ufford Rectory

Mr. Drake's objection is not a valid one. The Oxford Inglisis Dictionary contradictes him on aImost every point. It gives three or four disinot menniags of the ward 'shunt when used iss a noun.
 device for directing the current from one line to another.? The geath dietionary recognises the use of the word as a teslnical ferm in cliange ringing and describes it as the calling or onission of a hoh ill order to divert the track of a composition from one part to the corresponding point in another part.
Our tise of the word is strictIt in accordance with these definitions, except that we have exercised the right, which belongs to every writer on techaicel matfers, of giving to a techniegl term, by definition and explanation, the precise and limites meaning which is necessary for our immediate purpose. No attempt is made to contradict Jasper Snowdon, bebarse, as far us we cant trace, Janper Snowdon never used the term in connection with ringing,-Ensor, "Rirging World."

## RINGER'S WEDDING AT SANDFURST.

At Sandburst Earigh Church on Saturday, November 4th, a marriage was solenurised between Mr. W. J. H. Parker and Miss Winifred Troster, botla of Samdluast. The bridegroom is one of the rimgers at, Sandlurst and is also a menber of the clumeh choir. The cercmony was performed by the Rev. J. J. T. O'Malley (Recter), one of the bridegroom's brothers acted as best man, and the organist and full choir were present. The popularity of both bride and bridegroom was shown by the presence of a large congregation.
Adrantage was taken of the occasion to hald a combined prackica the tower, and as the heppy couple left the churoh local ringers and others stood to the ropes to set the seal to ths ceremony. It must be quita a unique experience for a ringer to be able to lead his bride between the ropes as his brother rimgers rang a wedding touch. Ringers were present from Furst, Finchampstead, Bramley (Hants), Soming, Twyford, Wulthan St, Lawrence and the local belfry. The methods rung were Gravdsire and Stedman Donbles, Plain Bob. Kcat and Oxford Troble Bob and Cambridge Minor. Ringing continued till dusk and the end of a bappy and most profitable afternoon.

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## ANGIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN LONDON <br> Luncheon Takes Place of Usual Dinner

## War-bime conditions necessitated the ahandonnemt of the usual

 dinner held by the Ancient Society of Collego Youths to colebrate the unniversary of the foundation in 1637. Instead, the expeciment was succeasifully tried of having a luncheon. Il was held at the London Teveru, Fenolareh Street, dte was nitemded by a company of bebween sixty and seventy, ausong whons were a number who, despite tho dificulties sonnected with Iravelliug, had come long distances. Unforturately, the Saster of the Bociety, Mr. E. G. Fenm, was unable through sickness to be present. 'Itie chair was, therefore, taken by the Rev, Canon G. F. Coleritra, who was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. W. Yennington Hick ford (Rector of St, Clement Danes), He Rev. F. Li. Ldwards (hon. secretary of the Salistury Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. J. 末. Goldsmith, Mr. S. H. Green, Mr. F. Fir Dawe ald Mr. J. L. L. Cockey. Those present also ineluded Messrs. A. A. Hugles (treasurer of the socidy), A. B. Peck (hon, secreatry), T. Shand, G. Gross (Master of the Royal Cumberlands), G. W. Steere (hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberlauds), W. H. Shuker (hon, secretary of the Lanceghive Association), J. T. Dyke (Hou, secretary, Bath and Wells Diacesan Association), J, W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff und Monmould Diocesan Assobsation), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Messers. G. F. Hoad (Reigate), A. Bashiford, H. Hodgetts, G. N Price, B. P. Morris, D. Boreham (High Wycombe), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), E. F. Pike, H. R. Crick, H. Warboys, C. W. Roberts, E. H. King, E. H. Nash (Mells, Somerset), W. A. Osborn, G. Debenlzan (St. Alhans), W. H. Seulrook, H. R. Newton, H. I. Miles, H Lamgdon, W. H. Pasmere, F. Hoskins, E. P. Duffield, R. W. Stambard, T. Gruombridge, R. Femm, J. Eumtey, A. Stracey, G. Joomsma, R. Cousins, L. Fox, G. W. Cecit, H deynolds, E. S. Owen, W. A Hughes, W. E. Troke, E. Marrell, J. Shorter, G. Moody, I. A. Prior, T. Fox, H. E. Thompson, F. W. Budgen, J. R. Schilg, etcTWO CELEBRATIONS FOR CHATRMAN
Afte: lunch the Climirnan proposed the toast of "The King," and then gave "The Ancient Society of College Youths." Although, he said, lie had no notion, until he came into the room, that he was to take the chair, he was extremely glad to do so, despite the fact that he wes a junior College Youth (laughter). He was toid lhe was the oidest membey present, although he lad been a member only a little over 60 years (laughtcr). They all keplored the reason which caused the absence of the Master, who should have presided that day. Canon
Coleridge congratalated those who had eagiveered the luncli, upon the success that had attended it. It had been r most delightful meeting, as far as it had gone (applause)-and he had no doubt it would end equelly as well (laughter and applause). Although London liad, in the past, been the neeting place of the College Youths, present circumstances had prompled a certain number of members iving in Reading to have a little commemoration on their own in the evening, and thoy had insisted upon his being present. Fie had no doubt they would have a pleasant meeting. A society was certainly not altogether dead wien they found a little commanity in fhe country mesting to keep the festival with a dinner of their own (hear hear), Canon Coleridge concluded by wishing the society continued prosperity and haped that every memher would try to keep he frg flying-in other words, keep the bells ringing as far as they could The police wore quite amenable in this matter, as a rule, and he was sure the public were flad to henr the belle. There might be time of disaster aliead, but as far as possible be loped they would keep the bells going, and he hoped the suceese of that luncheon would hearten then to go out and do hejeir atmost (applsuse).
The How. Secretary Mr. AERY MESSAGE.
Coleridge for occupying the chair in thi E. G. Fean), from whom, he said, he had received both a telegram and a letter. The telegram wished theus all a successful and happy gathering. In a cheerful letter the Master apologised for his enforeed bisenpe and being prevented from sceepting the highest holrour that ang ringer could atlain to, namely, to preside at the annual gat hering as Master of the Ancient Suciety of College Youths. Owing to his illuess he was unable to do so. He had tried lard to get well enough to be able to attend, but three olistncles liad been placed in the way First, his wife would not lel him go, secondly the doctor had inrfidden him to go out, and, thirdly, to trown all, they tha hidden lis trousers (laughter). But althougli he wotild not be with them in liody, loe would be with them it spirit and would raise his glass and orink (noth in ale, worse luck!) to the good healith and prosperity of the Ancient Society. Mr. Fcon concluded that, alkhough be was feeling much better, he had a lonk way to go before he would be ahle to say he was fit rgain. He wauld be pleased to see any of his ringing friends if they cared to call.
The Hon. Becrefary said a telegram of good wislres for his speudy recovery had been sent to the Master. and he asked Canon Coleridge to colvey the best wishes of that, gathering to the memathers who were meeting in the evening nt Reading.
Proceeding. Mr. Peck ssid ather anologies had veen received from Mr. F. F. Lewis (president of the Central Council and past. Masier) and Mr. J. Waugh (senior stewardl. The former, writing to the Master from Glasgow, said lae trusted there would be a goodiy com-
pany to show that in bad times as well as good times fhe Ancient society continued its good mork. Several week-ends, added Mr hewis. J hare heen abblr to spend at Dut-a-Bhuilg aud each time hitve gone through Inveraray 1 have thought of the happy week-end when you hanoured us by your visit to Scolland.' Fe concluded by sending greeiings

## THE YEARE'S ACITVITES.

Continuing, the Hont. Seretury said that during the yoar the society rang 14 peals, not a long list, perlajpas, but one that was partly curtailed by the war. Therv were four peals of Stedman Ciagues, thres of Steaman Caters, one of Oxford Tireble Bob Maximas, one of Stedman Triples, three of Grandsire Triples, ane of Chambridge Sutprise Royal and ane of Bols Minor. During the year they had held 80 meetings, 77 of which had boen for ringing, and lee thoughi that, lad there lieen no war, they would this fear have croated a record hy halding 100 ringing meetings. The meetings had heen well attended and they were now endeavouring to arrange a Saturday uftemoon riaging upetrag onee a fortnight. The Hon. Secretary said they had electef 23 uew members during the year. It was not a large number but perbaps that was due to the reaction after the large number kiney elected is the resuls of the tercentanaly celchrations ill 1937 H regretted that buere was a rather lang list of members who liad passed away

TILis last Mr. Peck read, while those present stood, and ho added Hat as the name book was in sufe keeping at St. Paul"s, he lad been unable to verify which of the deceased were nuembers of the qociety. He lad, therefore, included the names of all rimgerg of whose deatiss lee had any information. The hon. secretary coucluded by aumn thanking Canon Coleridge for his kindmess in presjding, aud said tor many years the society would have liked to elect bim as Mastor (aprlause), but perhaps the uecrest they would get to it wes laving him in the chair that day
Canon Coleridge thanked Mr. Peck and kaid it was a great pleasurb to him to be there.

## MASTERS ON CFNTURIES AGO

Mi. E. Alex. Young said rhat was an unque occasion and it might very well be punctuated wilh something which they had not done hefore. They often thouglit of the past and he proposed to ask them to drink a toast whicls would chary tien down the years of centurjes hundred years ago bliey find a Master in the chair, as thbey had had a hundred years hefore that, and also liad hail even a hundred years earlier. Witls the permission of the chaiman, he was going to ask them to fonour the memory of those three men. Ife asked them to drink to the honoureal nuemary of Edward Fiower, Mastey of the society in 1639. He was one of the original members of the College Youths and stood beside Lord Brereton when the goctety was founded two years before. A hundred years later, in 1739, William Cox was Mastor. He (the speaker) did not know enything about Willian Cox, except that he must have been ingrained 13 good College Youth lecause for over twenty years he must have attended the meeting. Eventually he was rewarded by being asleed to become Master. He was clected a member in 1712 and Mastur iu 1739. Fe must have hed gn homoured memory. Lastly, in 1839 Richard Mills was Master. They knew wore about Richard Mills. He gave the society that beantiful work of art, the medallion which the Masters wore as their ladge of office for mearly one liundred years, and which was now worn by the immediate Past Master. 'That mednl was struck to commemorate the society's bi-centenary. Hiohard Mills was- elscted in the year of the bi-centenary, 1837, and elso in the years 1838 and 1839 ; 50 in a mysterious way he was a link with the previous centenary. These three struok a fundamettel note; there was harmony between them, and he trusted it might he thought suifable to carry on the idea in future years (applause)
Tho toast of the memory of these three Masters was lonourcd in The Fon. Secretary welcomed Mr. Thomas Groonbridge and said ther were all very pleased to see him so far recovered after his accident.
Mr. Groombridge, in thanking the members, said lie hoped soon to

Mr. J. W. Jones, on hehalf of the provincial members, expreased their pleasure at heing present. They appreciated the opportunity of again meeting old friends, and he hoped by next Nopenlor they would zneet under much more plansant circumstaners (hear, hear). rou Mr. Figat Guise, conveying Weat wishes and greetings in College Yonths from Bristol United Ringing Gailds

The bappy mathering broke up after some of the party laad indulged in handbell ringing.

## RLECTION OF OFFICER

Tast Thenday the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing ear. no ofher nominations havigg been remived: Master, Mr. E. C. Fenat senior steward. Mr. T. Whugh: junior staward, Mr. G. W.


BREPTORTON, WORCS. - On Sunday, October 29tin, at ge. Leonard's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Hends 1, T'. Hands 2. John Perkins 3, Jona Hall, jun. 4. Ruywond Jelp 5. Philip Hall 6. rumg in honour of the fiftieth mnniwemary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrg. Jolm Fall, sen.

## READING COLLEGE YOUTHS

KEFP TH3: FWSTIVAL IN THEIR HOME TOWN,
Those ntembers of the College Youths living in Reading who usually attend the ammal dimner in London, and were unable to be present a. the luacheen this year, determined to keep the festival by a diamer in their home howa, and last Saturday 20 sat down to a welf-conked and well-served mand at The Belgrave.
The company were fortunate in laving it the chair their old friend Canon Coltridge, who had just fulfilled a similar duty at the London Iusulheon. The chatirman proposed the hoalth of the King, nud ar. IR. T. Hibluert that af the College Youths and kindred socteties. Mr. 1. Diserens, of ife Sacjet-y of Royal Cumberlands, responded.

Mr. Hibhert proposed "Good health to every Sailor, Suldier and Airman serving the Empire, and the toasti was drunk with acclamation.

A fine course of Stednan Caters was rung liy the young College Youths irons Busingatoke: R. F. Kiugliam 1-2, D. W. Nash 3-4, W. Hihherl, 5-6, C. W, Munday 7-8, D. H. Anstey 9-10. Aiter a sang or two, Mr. A. Diserens took a pair of bells and a course of Stednyan Ginques wes runy as well as a course of Grandsire Cinques, in which Mr. A. Wiggins took part.

Sougs, yarns of funny expriences by some of the "old uns,' giecs and more handuell ringing. insluding a touch of Stedman Triples ant two courses of Stedman Caters, frought the end all too soon, and everyone got lome safely in the dark.
One thing should he mentioned. Mr. J. Munday, one of the Bnsing stoke bays and a tower of strengll in their haudnell band, was really the instigator of the gathering and was the only atsentee, as ho laxd joined I.M. Fool Guards g fortnight previously. The company present at the dinner wish him a happy life as a guardsman and a safe retirn

## A NEW VICAR FOR OLD WINDSOR.

On Saturday week, the Rep. P. H. D. Ogle, formerly of Sandown, Isle of Wight, was inducted as Vicar of Old Windsor by the Rural Dean Canon Try, of Maidenhead. The service was choral and well attended. The call to arms haviag depleted the local band, an S.O.S. was respronded to ly Messrs. A. D. Barker, W. Henley, W. Birminglam. T. Smith anai G. Barkus, who helped to ring touches of Rob Major. Grandsire and Stedman Triples both before and aiter the service. Their valuable gervices were much appreciated in view of a prearranged hranch meeting which had to be attended and caused a hurried iransfer to Stoke Poges in very inclement weather.

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

## SETCCESSEUL MEETING AT WITHYHAM.

Last Saturday the East Grinstead and District Guild heid at Witlayham its first meeting under war-time conditions, and it proved a great suceess. Twenty-five riugers nutended from Beddimeham, West. Grinstad, Coleman's Hateli, Crovdon Perish Chureh Easihourne (Clorist Church), East Grinstead, Esartiold, Limafield, Father. field, Staplelmist, Tanlurige Welly, Uckfield and Wadhurst. The lovely toned octave was raised at 2.45 p.m. and was put to good use. and a good standard of stribing was maintainent in the following: methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Pob Triples, Plaia Boh, Kent, Douhle Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and the nsual roundt and eall changes

It was decided to lold a meetiag at Coleman's Hateln on December 2ud, when the fower will he blecked out to enalife ringing to be continued after dark.
The tit-bit of the day came just before 6 o'clock, when the hells were perlectly lowered in peal, Queen's rorang out beautifully at the end, a fitiug finale to an excellent aflernoon's ringing. A general move was then made to the Dorset Arms, where all made thom own arrangements for tea. When all were refreslied and the tohnco well aliglrt, out came the bandbells, the mugie of which all withit hearing appreciated. Tlin methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Tripies and Caters and Plain Bob Major, and a! too early a most enjogahle dny ended.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE RINGER WEDS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Edmund"s Cluurch, Oheddeton, when Miss Grace Subton was married to Mr. John Wheeldon. The bridegroom is one of the hand at Bucknall, and his father and uncle are well-knowy ringern in North Staffordshire. The bride's brother is one of the luand at Cheddleton. At tho coneltasion of the ceremony the bells weve rung, and a reception was held at the Cheddeton Village Institute, which was attended by about fifty guesls. Owing to the war the honeymoon, which had been erranged to be spent at Blackpool, had unfortanately to be cancelled.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION <br> METPING AT WORSLET.

Tha Mamelemeter Branch of the Lancashiro Assacintion held its first war-time meeting at Worslay on Snturday week. Ringers from hiver pool, Chorley, Bolton and Warrington, with the hranch mealhers, made the meeting a grent sumcers. The methods rung were Cambridge, Kent and Bols Royal and Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Ringing censed aliout 6 p.m. owing to the necestary restrictions.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absoIutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELFRT GOSSIP

Onr readers will join us in offering congratulations to Gabran G. F. Coleridge, who was born at Codbury Vicarage, Devonshire, 82 yemrs ago to-day. The Canon holds a place in the esteem and affection of riugers which is quite unique. In lis time be has taken part in several famous peals, including 8,800 clanges of Superlative Surprise Major, 12,096 changes of Double Norwich Coust Bob Major, and 13,054 and 15,041 changes of Stedman Caters. Fe also rang the famous old tenor at St, Mary-ie-Bow to a peal.
On November 7th, 1729 , the first, peal ever rung on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, was, accomplished by the College Youths. The method was Grandsire Cinques, the number of changes was 5,126 , and whee men had to be put to the temar, including the conductor, Remjamin Aunable.
On November 8th, 1888, the band of St. Paul's, Burten-on-Trent, rang Wihiam Earrison's peal of Landon Surprise Major, 6,720 changes, the extent of the method with the tenors together. The conduchor was Mr. Joseph Grifin, who is atill alive, alld who attended the meeting of the Central Council at Westmingter last Whitsuntide. If we remember aright only two longer lengths have since been rung in the methad
To-morrow, Armistice Day, if the fifth anniversary of the first fwelve-bell peal achiaved outside the British Isles. It was 5,038 changes of Grandsire Ginques at St, Panl's Oathndral, Melbourne, and was rung partly by members of the visiting band who were then tocring Australia and partly by members of the local band.

The Nineteenth Century and Gfter ' for November contains a wellinformed snd well-written article on bells and ringing by Mr. John Shand. Mr. Shand, who is on the staff of 'The Manchester Gunrdien,' was present at the College Youths' luncheon on Saturday. This is the first time, we believe, that a magazine of the standing of 'The Ningteenth Century ${ }^{\text {* }}$ has printed an article on bells since the year 1854, when a famous article \&ppeared in "The Quarterly.
Members of the Midand Counties Association who intend to visit Hugglescote on Saturday week should note the revised time of meeting. Tha bells will be available from 2.15 p.m., but there will be a breat at $\$$ p.m. to allow for a wedding.
Owing to a telephonic error, a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was anuounced in our last issue to be held at Stoke Goldington instead of at Great Linford.

## A SOUTH WALES RESTORATION.

At St. Bride's Major, near Bridgend, Glamorganshire, a thorough restoration has taken place. The five old bells have been recast and a new bell adided to make a ring of six. The work has been done by Messrs. Taytor and Co.
Tho dedication is to take place on Saturday, November 18th, at 3 p.rn., by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

## HANDBELL RINGING.

## APPRECIATION OF MR. WOOLLEY'S ARTICLE.

 To the Editor.Deaz Sir.-Please accept my sincere thants for getting auch an able man as Mr. Woolley to write the article on double-handed ringing.
It is written and explained so well that I think all ringers interested in handbell ringiag will now be able to go ahead and know that hy practising on the lines set out by Mr. Woolley they will be able to progress.
Please tender my thamk to Mr. Woolley, also to Mr. Symonds. Other articleg writiten by either of these gentlemen at a later date will be very tauch eppreciated.

## RINGING IN WAR TIME

THE: CEATRAT COUNOIL'S RESOLUTION IN THE YEAR 1915. Ts the Editor.
Dear Sir,-It wilt be opportune at this time to recall the resolution unamimously pussed by the Cerstral Council in 1915: "That this Council recognises with amplatic approval the good judgment, and congiderntion slown ly ringers throughout the United Kingdom their spontaneous ahstinence from peal ringing since the ontbreak of war: but at the same time regardes it \&a the privilege and sacred duly of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to lowour with the musie of the bells the Lord's Day and other feaste of the Church, ns also on royal and national anniversuries, to give expression to the thankfulaess of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessiugs vouchssfed to this Enpire and for the preservation of IIiz Most Gracious Majesty preside nver its momentous destimies."
F. Ll. EDWARDS.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## PRACTICE MEETLNG AT DRAYTON.

A highly successful practice was held at Dreyton, Berkshire, on Saturday week ly members of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guid. The towers represented were Brightwell, Sunuingwell, Abingdon, Fast Haghourne, Endley, Wantage, Steventon and Blewbury, and tinere were visitors from Oxford. Swindon and Chenrsley, in all about, 30 rimgers.
Tho hells were nvailalle from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and once they were pulled up little time was wrsted until Lhey were lowered again. Mush good work was done, and the opporthnily whas seized by everyone to ring something 'different.' Even the experts discovercd how quiekly it is possible to get rusty in familiar Surprise methods. The metlods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bristol and Lendon Surprise Major, although the latter just failed to come round. This was rather surprising, as the hells certainly lenow this parkicular method. It will be remembered that in the daya when the late Rev F. E. Robinson was Viear of Drayton, a peal of 11,328 changes of London Surprise, composed and randucted by the late J. W. Waahbrook, was rung in the tower. It was they the record length in the methoi.

Tho next practice will be held at Satarday, November 25th, from 3 p.m. tutil dusk, and it is loped ta arrange it at Wantrgen when all the mistakes made at Drayton can be put right, and fresh ones made, in nev metliode, of course.

## SHREWSBURY RINGERS BUSY

The bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, have been ringing throughout the war, the regular times being 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Althougt the band have experienced some difficulty in raising the bella for inatins, owing to a military service et 10 a.m. a short touch has. always been rung. On Octolier 15 th they visited St. Mary's, by specia request, for the dediention festival, end rang both at 9.30 and 12.15 i.m. These bells, however, are not rung regularly. St, Chad's ringers were presented with sometling of a poser on October 22 nd , when a request for a touch on St. Mary's bells at the conclusion of matins was made by the Vicar and only reached then when the service was in progress.
As there was more than a doubt about the ability of some of those who were able to go to take pert in raising the bells in peal, one member of the band undertook to get covered with dust nud dirt in a successful attempt to lasl the clappers and to raise thern 'dumb.' A nice touch of Grandsire Triples was the rewaril and a fall in peal wes accomplished.

## FOUR TOWERS COMBINE

A very pleasant afternoon and comhinod practice was held at Ewhurst, Surrey, on Oct. 21st. Ringers joined han as froin Guildtord Bramley and Cranleigh and the local band. The belis were rassed in
peal at 3.50 . and ringing in all the standerd methods was carried on peal at 3.30 . and ringing
until just aiter 5 o'clock.
The towers of Cranleigh. Ewhurat, Bramley and Wonersh are trying to arrange these Saturday afternoon practices at one or other of the four towers. The next practice is to be arranged by Mr. Martin, of Bramley.

## WAR TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Bronilys, Brecknockshire, 10.30 to $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 2.30 to 3 p.m. Practice, Wednesdars, 7.30 p.m.
Talgarth, Brecknockshire, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6 p.m. Practice, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's, 'Holhors, to to 11 a.m.
Burton-onsitather. Lincs, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 2.15 to 3 p.m.
Mitcham, Surrey, practice Wedmesdays 5.30 to 7 p.m.
Clieltenliam Parislt Chareh. 10 to 11 a.m.
Readiag, St, Laqrence's, 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.15 to 6 p.m.
Winchester Catinedral, 10.2 A.m. and $2.25 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Kilburn, St. Augustine's, 10.30 A.m. and 5.30 p.m.
Kiugaton, 10 to 10.45 s.m., practice 7.30 to 9 D.m
Birmingham, St. Mary's, Seliy Oak, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Tiokuall, near Derby, practice Saturday afternoons 2 to 4 p.m.

## RAMPTON RING AUGMENTED.

Patronal festrval and dedication of evelyn.whte MEMORIAL BELL
The day was mild and the weather kind on Weduesday, Navember 1st, when the Arclideacon of Wy, Bishop H. MacCartio E. Price, came to dedicate the second treble of the future ring of six. This bell, given by their sons in memary of the Rey. C. H. aud Mrs. EvelynWhite, followe the late Rector's own gift of a bell before he died. The same service was used as in February last, when the existing bells were restored (with the earception of one whose recasting was disallowed by the Chancellior) and a new one added.
Bishop Priee, in lyis address, congratulated the little parish, and dweit on his own and his sikter's memorics both of the friendship and keen charch arelitectural intersai of the late Rector and his wife.
It was a great pleusure to the parish to have with them the Rev. Fr. Kenneth V. Fivelyn-White to read the lesson aud to act as the Bishop's clapgain mad to hesr diss fatliex's bells with their memorial addition ringing in perfect barmony.
Fisitiug elergy present included the Rev. F. G. Weston, Rural Dean, and tle: Revs. Roland Hills, F. J. Bywalers, James A. Rees ant K, F , Evelyn-White.
After the four baek bells had been ohimed for service, owing to the early hour preventing the attendamee of the full band, the Ely Diacesan Association, represented by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss Shorto- (Camliridge), Mr. D. Adams and Mr. L. Thorpe (Over) and Mr. D. Williams and Mr. F. Warrington (Swavesey), rang several 120 's on the five. The 'go' was all that could be desired.
greetings telegram fromb Messrs, Gillett and Johnston was received with evident delight by the grateful little parish. There was a fairly large congregation for so early an hour.
The Bisliop meationce the fact that ous more step was required inwards the final completion of the scheme by the addition of the treble bell to malke the ring of six, for which a fund is still open.
When this is installed, Rampton will heve one of the lightest rings
of sis in the country.
The work hes been cartied ont by Mesars. Gillett and Johnston in Wheir usual satisfactory manner.

## DEATH OF A FINE OLD YORKSHIREMAN.

## MR. TOM YAUDE, OF PUDSEY.

With deep regret, we cecorded in our last isque the passing of Mr. Thomas Maude, who died nt his residence, Height House, Pudgey, Yorkshire, on Monday, October 23rd, aiter ik long illueas, ot the age of 85 years.
Born in the meighouring village of Tong, the deceased, as a boy, was a companion of the fanous six-hell ringer, the late Mr . G. B. Bolland, of that village, and the two were ififelong friends.

It wns the tabit of Mr. Maude, for a great number of yeara, to attend ringing meetings in alt parts of Eagland, and be was respongilbe for organising a band from the towers sarrounding Pudsey, who visited many places and carried the fame of Xorkshire ringing and striking far boyond the county borders. He was well known to a large number of ringers, and it may be recalled that be never appeared nnong them without a flower im his buttonkole. He was a great lover of lisis garden.
Proluably it is uninue to fiud one who was not a practical ringer tahing such a minute interest in everytbing conserted with the Fxercise as did Mr. Maude. His many friends will remember with gratitude tho generosity extended to all and sundry connected with ringitg by the deceased and the members of his family, who entertained their visitors in reyal fashion,
Increasing years made Mr. Meude's appearance more rare at ringing gatherings. but one functions, the Central Council meebing at Leeds in 1938, was a crowning gratification to him. He appeared at everything in connection with that gathering, and was extremely pleased with the large zumber who visited Leeds on that occasion.
The funeral took place at Pudsey on Thursday, October 26thl, the Rer: Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Forkshire Association) officiating. The first part of the servioe took place in Pudsey Parish Church. where, immediately after the first part of the service, a pian course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handhells in the nave by J. Hardcastle 1-2, P. J. Jonnsoul 3-4, F. W. Dixon $5-6$ and J. Ambler 7-8. The interment trick place at Pudscy Cemetery, where a large circle of ringing friends gathered, in addition to Mrs. Maude and family. to whom the sincerest sympritly of their wide circle of friends goes out, us probably few haviv done more to create good fellowslip amone ringers than Mr. Maude, and rarely can one expect to meet his equal as in gentlemsn and friend. The kindness shown to members of the Exercise will long remain a rleasant memory of one who died full of years and homour.
P. J. J.

## DONCASTER BELLS TO BE RECAST.

Mr. W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, informs us that it has been decided to reast the ring at the Parish Church. The new hells will be similar in weight to the present peal, the tenor of which is 30 cwt . in C sharp.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

In the eighteenth century, most of the principal churches of London and its suburbs possessed, as they do now, very fine rings of bells, and on all of them, at one time or other, peals were rung.

But, whether it was because some were easier to ring than others; or that, at some, visitors were made more welcome than at others; or that there was less opposition 10 long ringing from the surrounding people; it so happened that a few of them were much more popular with peal ringers than the rest.

For instance, from the time they were rung in 1728 right down to 1838 , only four peals were rung at $S t$. Michael's, Cornhill; at St. Clement Danes, which had one of the oldest octaves in London, only three peals were rung in the eighteenth century; and at St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells are still older, only three were Jung: So with others.

On the other hand, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Fulham, and several more, there was a steady succession of peals, and for roughly a century, from 1741 until 1830 , no tower was more popular among peal ringers than St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

The church in those years stood in very different surroundings to what it does to-day. Shoreditch had been a village on the high road to the north, and was now a suburb of London, beyond which lay open cornfields and meadows, with pleasant rural walks across to Hackney.

For centuries there had been a church in the place, and no record survives of the first building of St. Leonard's. According to Henry Ellis, who wrote a history of the parish in 1798 , it was in Saxon times. When the eighteenth century opened there was a small building 75 ft . long, with a steeple, the top of which was weather boarded and surmounted by a cupola containing a small bell, originally the saunce bell.

The inventories made in the reign of Edward VI, are missing, and we do not know how many bells there were then, but by the end of the sixteenth century there were five, For these were the bells which Queen Elizabeth is said to have admired so much.

This is a tale which has been told many times with variations, the impression generaliy given being that it was a quotation from a very old book. I set myself the task of trying to trace the origin of the story, and, after some search, I found it in 'A History of Music,' published in 1776 by Sir John Hawkins. He says:-
"It may not be improper to add a little anecdote which perliaps has never yet apponred in print and may serve to show either that she had, or affented to have it thought she had, a nice par. In her lime the bells of the Church of Shoreditch, s parish in the notthern suburb of Lend̈on, were trach adraired for their melody, and in her journeys from Hatheld to London, as soon as she approached the fown they constantly rang by way of congratulation. Tipor these cceasions she seldon failed to stop at some distance from the churcil, and, amid the prayfrs and acclamations of the penple, would listen attentively and commend the music of the lells."

Hawkins was writing two hundred years after the event; hut he evidently was repenting a tradition which had been preserved somehow or other, and we may accept it as substantially correct, because there is good evidence that Elizabeth did like to hear the sound of hells, and did encourage ringing among her people.

Later on, Shoreditch bells did not, it would seem, keep their reputation, for when Laughton and the Rambling Ringers visited the place in 1734 he found then ' not extraordinary,' the second and third being bad, though the others "pretty well told their tale."

The Ramblers met at the Black Spread Eagle near the church, and rang Grandsire, Old Doubles, St. Simon's and New Doubles on the bells.


THE SPIRE OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.
Laughton had a good deal to write about the church, which he says was * old and ruined very much, ${ }^{3}$ and, indeed, by that time it had got into a very dilapidated condition. In 1 '716, during divine service, one of the corners of the tower gave way and caused great alarm among the congregation, so that they rushed in panic to the doors and injured each other in their struggle to escape.

A year later part of the steeple was carried away in a greal storm, and the bells were exposed to view, after which the Bishop notified the parishioners that they must eilher repair the church or rebuild it.

In [735] an Act of Parliament was obtained appointing trustees and enpowering them to cause the said parish church and the steeple thereof to be pulled down and rebuilt after such model and of such dimensions, and such material, and in such a manner as by the said trustees should be agreed upon.
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## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION

Alongside is a lead of method which you should compare carefully with the lead given, in our issue of November 3rd. Like the other, this lead consists entirely of plain hunting, in which all the bells keep the same Coursing Order, except that two places are made in the changes marked by *.
What has happened is that the bell, which previousty had been coursing immedialely in front of the treble, stops and makes third's place, crosses the treble's path, makes second's place, and hunts up behind immediately after the treble.
The result is that the Coursing Order, which hat been 87531246 , is now 87513246 ; and the treble has made one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells.
We have now got another Shunt, whicli has exactly the same effect as the Extremes and the R. Court Shunts, and is identical with the latter, except that it is made at handstroke instcat of at backstroke. For convenience we will call it a P'. Court Shunt.
We saw that there are alternative positions in which R. Coirt Shunts can be made, the number increasing will the number of bells. Sinnilarly, there are alcernative positions for making $P$. Court Shunts. On six hells they are 3rds and 2 nds, and 5 ths and 4 this. On eight bells they are 3 rds and 2nds, 5 ths and 4 ths,

24133857
42613587
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46283715 and 7 ths and 6 ths. On ten bells, there are four positions, on twelve five positions; and so on in a regular progression.

The corresponding places round the treble, when that bell is hunting down, can also be made. It is welf to writc out leads, each one with a P. Court Shunt made in one of the possible positions, and then compare them with the leads produced by the Extremes and the R. Court Shunts.
You will probably thinks to yoursell that these feads are no good, because, not only are they lopsided, but they also contain changes in which one bell leads or lies for four blows. That is so, but we will not bother about it for the moment. What we should realise is that in the Exiremes, the R. Court Stunts, and the P. Court Shunts we have three operations, each of which causes the treble to take one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells, and that these are the only operations which can be used to produce a method in the plain course of which all the bells keep the same Coursing Order, extept for the varying position of the treble. We shall not need, therefore, to stress the importance of these Shunts in method construction.
But before we deal with the methods which are actually suitable for practising in the belfry you should experiment by working out round blocks produred by combinations of these three kinds of shunts. And at first do not attenipl to arrange them in any regular order, nor bother about how many leads the blocks will contain, nor make all the leads alike.
As with our earlier experiments, we shall find that on eight bells directly seven of these shunts are made, or any
multiple of seven, the treble has got back to her original position in Coursing Order between the third and the second, and the bells will run round with plain hunting. alone. When you test this by examining some of the blocks you have written out, don't forget that in the same change there may be the finish of one Court Shunt and the beginning of another.

If on eight bells we make seven of these shunts in al lead, the bells will run round at the first lead-end; but if we make any other possible number we shall have the first lead of the plain course of a method. On ten bells neither three, nor six, nor nine will give a full course, but any other possible number will.

Some of these methods, however, are not now considered suitable for ringing, and the following conditions must be observed:-
(a) No bell must lie for more than two blows in any one position. (b) The lead must be symmetrical.

The other two conditions necessary for a 'regular method are that there should be as many leads as there are working bells, all of them exactly alike; and that the lead-ends shouid be the same as the lead-ends of Bol, Major, though not necessarily in the same order.

The number of the Shunts we use will settle the first of these conditions; the other settles itself antomatically, since no block produced by these Shunts can ever have any but Bob Major lead-ends.

How the other conditions can be complied with we will see presently.

## SHOREDITCH BELLS. <br> (Continued from previous page.)

The foundation stone of the new church was laid on November 13th, 1736, and the first service was held on August 23rd, 1740. The work cost nearly 67,500 , and to raise the sum the trustees horrowed money which was repaid by annuities secured on the rates. George Dance was the architect, and his design for the tower and spire is obviously based on Wren's masterpiece at St. Mary-leBow, but it is less elaborate and in many ways inferior to the older steeple. Wren's towers, in all cases, rise straight from the ground, and that gives them a unity of design which is lacking when the tower rises from above a portico.

In the estimate for the new church a ring of eight bells was allowed for. The old five were a fairly heavy lot, the tenor being 18 cwt , and these, when sold, brought int t219 Is. 3d. Fines paid by parishioners to escape services in parochiai offices contributed $£ 8145 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$, and 6449 8s. Id, was raised by voluntary subscription, making a total of 28005 s .

Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, cast the new bells. It was the first ring made by him on his own account, and he was so pleased with the honour conferred on him that he gave fio to the poor of the parish.

In 1765, Lester and Pack added two trebles, and in 1807 Thomas Mears added two more to make a complete ring of twelve. These two bells were the gift of the Society of Cumberland Youths, and it is said that the money had to be collected twice, since the man appointerl as treasurer absconded with the first amount.
In 1823 the two trebles were replaced; the tenor was recast by Mears in 1826, and again by Blews in 1875; in 1913 the four smallest bells were recast by Warner, and the whole ring rehung in a steel frame at à cost of nearly $£_{500}$

## NOTICES.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division.-The annual meeting of the division will be heid at Bocking on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. until dusk. Short service followed by tea and business meeting. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting.-Hilda G. Snowden, Hon, Dis. Sec.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Liverpool Branch. -The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 11 th. There will be ringing from 2.30 to $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. This will be followed by service and the meeting. There will be no tinging after the meeting.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Newport Pagnell Deanery, North Bucks Branch.-A meeting will be held at Great Linford (not Stoke Goldington, as printed last week) on November ith, from 2 to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 3.30 p.m.-J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Adlington St: Paul on Saturday, Novenber lith. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-F. S. Bradley, Branch Chairman.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Meeting of Southampton District at Upham on Saturday, November 11 th. Bells front 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.-Next meeting November $1 /$ th, 2.30 to 4 p.m., and alternate Saturdays.-E. Murrell, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUII.D.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-Next practice meetings: aturdiny, Novenber 11th, Stoke Poges ( 8 bells), 3 to $5 \mathrm{pm} . \mathrm{m}$; Saturday, November 18th, Clewer ( 6 bells), 3 to 5 p.m. The best we can do at present.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Slough 23260.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 18 tin. Bells available $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and business meeting after. Further details later. Wiill those requiring tea please let me know for certain by Wednesfay, November 15th? Only those who let me know will be catered for. There will also be practice on Saturday, November inth, at Boreham, at 2.30. All ringers are welcomed to come and join in these meetings and make them enjoyable and successful.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.
midland counties association. - Hug. glescote, Leicestershire, Combined practice on Saturday, November 18th. All ringers cordially invited. Bells available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. till dark.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham Dis-trict.-The meeting advertised to be held at Bagshot on Saturday, November 18th, has had to be postponed owing to the iliness of a parishioner living near the church.-C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District.-A combined practice will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, November 18 th. Ringing from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. No service or business meeting. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.Swindon Branch.-Afternoon ringing meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, November 18th. Six bells. Open from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. On Swindon Corporation bus route-W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GU!LD.-Northern District meeting at Woodford on November 18th. Ringing 2.30 to $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea, meeting and social in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Hughes, 92, Stanley Road, Woodford, by 15 th latest.-T. W. Taffender, Hor. Sec.
Bath and wells drocesan association.
-Chew Deanery Branch.-All members are requested to attend a special meeting at Wraxail on Saturday, November 18th, to discuss programme of future meetings. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guilslorough Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Naseby on November i8th, when the bells will be dedicated. Dedication service at 3 o'clock. Names for tea by 14th, please.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., L.ong Buckby, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Towcester Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 18th. Service 3.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday 15th, to Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon, Towcester.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next meeting will be held at St. Werburgh's, Spondon, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 2.30 till dusk. All ringers invited. Nottingham and Burton districts please note and make an effort to attend.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A meeting will be held at Aylestone ( 8 bells) on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. till dusk. Tea and meeting. For particulars, see rext week's 'R.W.' Will all requiring tea notify me by Wednesday, 15 th inst.? It is hoped everyone will make a special effort to attend.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.
SAI.ISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborne Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturlay, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30. -C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.-A meeting for practice will be held at Crawley on Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. No busiress meeting or tea.-O. Sippets, 50 , Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

GI.OUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-The annual meeting witl be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow (election of officers, future meetings, etc.). Handbell practice afterwards. Please advise early for tea to A. M. Tyler, 5, Addison Road, Bristol, 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUlLD.-Newbury Branch.The annual meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. only. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting 5 p.n7. Visitors for tea please notify Mr. H. W. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, not later than Wednesday, November 15th.-T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Southern Branch.-The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, November isth. Bells available from 2.30 and after the meeting. Service +30 . Tea 5.15 , followed by business meeting. Will all members who can possibly do so, attend and make this a good meeting. Numbers Ior tea by Wednesday previous to Rev. Catheart Davies, Cropthorne, Pershore.

NASEBY, NEAR RUGBY.-The ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by Bishop Willis at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 18 th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.--Hinckley District.- Meeting at Croft on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from a p.m. until 5 p.m., when a short service will be held followed by tea (is, each). Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft, Leicester, as early as possible. Handbells available for the rest of the evening. Come and enjoy yourself.-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will he held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available 2.30 to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business: Future meetings.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Eastern Branch.A meeting of the above will be heid at Sutterton on Saturday, November 18th. Beils (8) available from 2 p.m. Service $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please let me know by Tuesday, November 14th, certain?-W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.The next meeting of the society will be held at the Coffee Pot, on Tuesday, November 2 ist, at 7 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells ( 8 ) a available from $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4 p .nn. Further details regarding tea next week. It is hoped that as many ringers as possible will attend this meeting. Note.-Full moon on November 26th, and a bright spot. Ringing after tea!-B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIREASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. James*, Birch-inRusholme, on Saturday afternoon, November 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

YORLSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. -A joint practice meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. until 'black-out.' Short business meeting will be held in the Church Hall immediately afterwards, to be followed by handbells, and also instructional advice on theory and advanced methods by Mr. George Lewis. All welcome. No tea provided, but refreshment obtainable close by. There will be a full moon on this date, therefore no transport difficulties anticipated. Rally up.-Sidney F. Palmer and Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, - Leatherlead District. - A meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, November 25 th, when there is nearly a full moon to counteract the black-out. Ringing from 3 until 5. Tea and business meeting at the Duke's Head, with further ringing until 9 o'clock. Owing to caterer's difficulties, please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24 , Church Walk, Lealherhead, as early as possible. Everybody welcome.-A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

CANNINGTON, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMER-SET.-The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. On Tuesday, November 28 th.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.-The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at 5 p.m. Tickets 4 s . 6d. each. Full social programme ensured. Will all those who hope to attend please (withont obligation) notify me, so that the approximate numbers may be obtained? Full details later.-Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

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## NO BAN ON CHURCH BELLS.

Some confusion has arisen as to the interpretation to be placed upon a new Order, under Delence of the Realm Regulations, relating to noises. The use in public places of certain "noisy' instruments, such as bells, whistles, rattles, horns and the like, have been prohibited since immediately before the war, but among the exemptions were church bells rung 'in such manner as has been customary. "The new Order, which came into force on October 3Ist, and which can be taken to supersede the first one, does not specificatly mention church bells, and the situation was one which might well have caused alarm to all who are concerned with maintaining the use of church bells. What seemed extraordinary was that, when provision was being made against anticipated extreme enemy action, it was thought safe to leave bells to be rung for their customary purposes, and that, when circumstances have shown that the first grave fears have not materialised, it should be thought necessary to put a ban on ringing. Such a situation would have threatened the whole position of ringing, and neither service ringing nor any other customary practice could have taken place. Indeed, even chiming and the funeral knell would have been finally barred.

Already the police in some places have banned ringing. presumably on the strength of the new Order. Before this action had come to our notice, however, "The Ringing World 'had taken steps to raise the question with the Ministry of Home Security, under whose authority the Order was issued. In another column we print the replyreceived from the Air-Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office, which makes it absolutely clear that the intention is that the use of church bells shall be excepted from any restrictions of the Order. What further action can be taken to clarify the position remains to be seen, but we hope, now that attention has been called to it. the Minister of Public Security will take steps to indicate that church and chapel bells are specifically excluded from the operation of the Order.

Despite the clear ruling on the intention of the Order, given by the Minister, it should, of course, be the aim of Church authorities and ringers to comply with the reasonable requests of the police, especially if the safety of the public is concerned, but there is no reason why the ringing of church bells should be entirely stopped everywhere. That there is misunderstanding under the new Order is certain, and until the matter is further elucidated it needs handling with tact, but we have no doubt that eventually the position will be made clear to all authorities throughout the country. In the meantime, unless there(Continued on page 690. )

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[^48]is a direct order from the police to desist from ringing, and they will not accept the assurance given by the letter of the Minister of Defence published in another column, ringers should carry on with their service ringing, and secretaries should go ahead with their arrangements for meetings. An interference with the customary ringing arrangements might well be taken up with the department. Anything that adds to the cheerfulness of the country and the keeping up of the morate of the people is welcomed by authority, and there is nothing, in our opinion, which helps towards this end more than the merry sound of church bells. We have the authority of the Minister that church bells do not conve under the ban on public noises, and ringers can pursue their labours, linowing that the intention of the Home Office is that leels are excepted from the prohibitions of the new Order as they were under the old.

## ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW. HOW THE IRAND IS CARRXING ON <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-We liave been interested in the various accounts in ${ }^{*}$ The Ringing World ' as to how some of the towers lave kept going. With the exception of Sunday, Seprember 3rd, twe have managed to keep our bells going as usual. We are fortunate in laving an A.R.P. post opposite the felfry, 30 can he warned from there without having to pose a man at the bottom of the stairs, which allows us to make use of every availalle ringer.
Ant interesting diversion one Sunday was a party of Jack Tars from H.M.S. (?), who had come to attend morning service. They flady sccepted our invitation io the tower, and took an intelligent interest in the ringing, although this was their first visit to a belfry. Perhaps it may not be their last.
When we held aur postponed, whist drive recently, pacte tban sixty persons defied the hlack-out, and spent an enjoyable eveningThe proceeds are to be devoted to sencing gifis to cur members who aro on service. We huve heen requested by the churth autharities to 'rum 'another whist drive uext month in aid of the Red Cross, so the sooner we get that tune-ringing band started the better.

By the way, since tunt-ringing has been suggested as one means of keeping a depleted hand going, what about starting a ceries of articles in "The Tiogius Wotld" giving a few hints on how to start مund teach a new band, hogether with a list of suitalle tuges and information as to where handbeli music could be obtained?
A. E. STAFFORD, Hou. Secretery.

BADSEP, WORCS.-At St, Tames' on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Perkins 1., W. Spartrow 2, J. Hall, jun. 3, A. Taylor 4. J. Iohnson (conductor) 5, F. Sadler E, P. A. King 7. G. Morsev 8. Tung for the dedication of addilions to the choir stalis as a memorial to the late J. D. Pethard, chorister and ringer at the church.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER8, B029 CHANGEI

William J. Nudos Mrs. J. E. Davis... Alfred H. Poleing Mrs. C. J. Matrabws Grorge H. Cross Composed by Gabribl Limdopr,

Tenor 28 cwt.

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Conducted by Gborge H. Cross
the memory of the bells hal-mufled as a token of respect to the memory of those who have laid cown their lives for ther country.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sahurday, Novender 17, 739, in Two Honys und Forty-Five Mixutes,
Ax thr Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GARBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, GOM CHANGES; Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement.


Conducted by L. H. Bywaters.

* 50th peal. + First peai of Cambridge. Rung balf-muffed for Armistics Day


## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUETOLK THE SUFFOLE GULD.

On Sunday, Noventbey 12, 1939, in Iwo Howy und Forly-Eight Mumber,
At the Cedrce of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, E040 CHANGE8;

Being two ertents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Maia Bob.

## Alpred Locewood <br> Leslif Fostra

George Brown
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Coadncted by S. Arbo
First peal as conductor. Rong hali-mufled as a token af respect to tile late Mr. Ertest F. Poppy

## HANDBLLL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATTON AND LONDON DIOCFSAN GUILD.
In Saturday, November 11, 1939, in Two Hosys and Iurnty-Five Minutes, At 50, Rodolpa Road.
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 EHANGE8 Tenor size 15 in $G$.
Chris. W. Woolley
-Wilfrbd Wicliams.
Composed by S. H. Woog.

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*.. 5-6
Conducted by C. W, Woolesy.
*First peal in the method on bandbelle.
BDSHEY, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSDCIATION AND EONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Siwnday, Nomember 12, 1939, in Two Howrs and Teenty Minutes, At ter Royal Masontc Jomior School,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWIEH GOURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 GHANREB;

## Tenor size 15 in $C$.

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## AMONG OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS. <br> SOME REFLECTIONS ON A SHORT GYCLE TOUR.

O1 Seturday, Noveruber 4th, some half-dozen enthusiaste from Oxford and district decided to visit some of the lesser known towers within casy reach of that city. Promptly et 2.30 the cyclista leftAll Saints' Church, the yendezvous, auc some 15 minutes later ware raising the five bells of St. Nicholas' Church of Marston. Here the parly was aligmented by the Deperty Master, the Rev. C. E, Wigg and three ringers from Dinton. Another walcome guest was Mr . G. H. Spise, eecretary of the Rochester Brancls of the Kent County Assuciation. The belle proved ta be a light and good going peal althongh judging by the thane it took to take the knots out of the treble rope, they are only chimed at presont. Half an hour's ringing, the allowance in each tower, sufficed to give everyone a pull, and Grandsire, Plain Eobl, St. Simon"s Doubles rod rounds were rung with varsing degrees of success. A Larty look round the church revealed a buildigg in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styjles and passeesing a Jacobean pulpit.

Leaving the car party to let down the bells, tie cyclists were quickly under way for the next iower, that of the Churoh of the Holy Cross, Woodeaton. We were now well out into the country, and it was interesting to see, just outside the church, the village well, quite ope 3 to tho elements, and the only source of water cupply in the Fillage It has hever been known to run dry, and the water is perfeotly pare. The half-hour on these bells proved to be more than sufficient for most, it being guite erident that no loving care had been lavished on them for quites a while. In the painy days of the villege, when the Manor House was occupied, the estate supplied the ringers, but alas, to day the Manor House is unoccupied, and, thercfore, there wre no ringers. The church is mainly of the Eatly Engtish and Decornted styles, aad contains of fine mural painting, some old bor pews, and some l4th century woodwork in the slispe of a screet.
Only an intervening hill separated us from our next hait, and on reaching tine sumbit of this a panorama of unforgettable loveliness bursit on us, The bright sunshine revealed the trees in all their autumn bearty, every conceirable shade of brown and yellow being disceraible, whist below us stretched away the broad expanse of Otnoor, the home of the Bicester Hunt. A quick sun dowo brougha us into Islip. where we mede for the Church of St. Niohalas with ita peal of six bells, tenor 9 cwt 1 gr . 12 lb in G, dast by Mears. Rounds. Plain Bob and Hercward were practised here. The church, largely reatored, bag no special features. It is interesting to recall, however, that Islip was the seene of prohably the first recorded ringing of the Oxford University Socjety (dascribed by ' Church Pells 'as 'Gentlemen of Fducation'). It took place in 1871 and consisted of a 'TRO of Grandsire Dcubles.
Having used up our allotted time, we now made for the lash church, that of St. Mary the Virgin, Charlton-on-Otmoor. This was, without doubt, the plum of the day, the only "wasp on the fruit ' being that the dusky imterior was made still 'duskier by clouds of thick smoke which belched from the stowe. The nave of this grand church is Early Eigligh, as are also the two botwom gtagen of the fine tower, the two top stages being 14th century work. There is a magnificently carved rood sereen, and the cross which surmounts it consists of a box tree cut to the required shaps. The bells proved to be a hesvy poal of Gve, tenor 17 cwt, and egain largely uncared for. On inspection the tenor rope appeared to be nearly frayed through, but that was tho least of the troubles of the unfortunake singer of this bell. Every movement of the rope brought down a steady straam of dirt on the head of the unlucky individual. Despite this handicap and the allpermenting smoke, St. Simon's and Plain Bob were rung, together with rounds, before the bells were lowered in peal.

Black-out " broucht activities to a close, and the company departed for home, the cyclists endenyaning, not tao Euccessfully, to stick together. We conclude by saying. ${ }^{\text {A }}$ A good time was had by all.'

## BELLS BEHIND THE LINES

Even close bebind the lines in France the church bells are being rung The son of Mr. C. H. Jenniags, of Wrke Fegis, a FightSergeant in the R.A.F., bas written home to gay that on Sunday November 5th; the three belin in the willage, where we then was, were ruag for service. "They caty ring the changes," he gays. FlightSergt. Jennings was instracied in the rudimenes of ringing by the late Sergt. Fred Holden.

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## MARRIAGE.

MARTIN—PLANTE.-On November 5th, 1939, at Bromser rove Parish Church, by the Rev. T. C. de la Hey, M.A. (Vicar), Harold Frederick, third son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Pernbroke House, Church Fields, Bromsgrove, to Gwendoline Otive, eider daughter of Mrs. Plante, Bronssgrove, and the late Mr. H. Plante, Birmingham.

## CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.

BY C. R. WOOLLEY

In the article which we print below, Mr, Chris. Woolley goes furthar into the subject of double-handed change ringing on handbells. He explains the principles upon which other than simple methods may be mastered.
The last article dealt with the elementary positions in Bobs Minor, and the importance of spacing-that is, knowing the interval, or number of bells separating the pair. Before going further, we might put down a few rules which, when examined, will be seen to be very obvious truths.

To stare with, two bells cannot cross over until they have first met in consecutive places. Secondly, when two bells are hunting in opposite directions the number of bells in between must be increased or decreased by two every change. If, however, one of the pair should lie still, either through leading, lying, or making an internal place, the number of belts between will alter by one. Finally, if both make places simultaneously, the interval will rensain unchanged.

Belore proceeding, the reader is advised to study carefully the type of dodging known as 'scissors ' referred to last time. Examples occur in the $3-4$ position in Bob Minor at the second and third lead-ends. In the first of these the pair have crossed in $4-5$ before the dodge, consequently do not cross again after it; in the second, the dodge occurs before crossing.

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This type of dodging is very common in all methods, and often occurs at wider intervals. It illustrates rule 2 above, that the number of bells in between must alter by two.

The work of 5-6 at a bob at the first lead-end shows the interval changing by one beil, when one of the pair make a place.

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For further practice, Kent Treble Bob is very useful, for, while the bells still ring by position, the method provides plenty of practice both ist parallel and scissors dodging. The way in which coursing pairs come to lead and also the siight difference in work due to the 3-4 places should be studied on paper. The positions are the same, apart from the fact that every movement is doubled by the dodging, and the whole method resembles a continuous series of treble leads of Plain Bob.
Following Kent, there are plenty of simple Minor methods which should prove quite easy to ring; Single and Double Court and Single and Double Oxford are obvious selections. The simple place-making in these provides practice of the work encountered when internal places are made. The fourth's place, when the treble is crossing 2-3 in Single Court, is exactly the same work as the Bob in Bob Minor; and the ringer will learn to watch for the treble, which will te!! him when the place oncurs.
Ability to follow the treble as it moves up and down is essential, as the whole work of a method depends on the position of this bell. For a start it is, therefore, much better to choose methods in which special work occurs
only when the treble is at the front (Bob Minor) or near the lront (Single Court and Oxford Bob) ; but with practice it will be found quite easy to follow it up and down all the way.

So far it will be seen the system recommended depends on knowledge of positions; this system works well for methods in which plain or treble bob hunting is fairly continuous and only varies at certain positions when the treble is near the front and can be easily observed. In methods which contain more internal places, the regular positional work gives way to the work produced by those places, and we have dodging and place-making instead of the regular plain or treble bob hunt. Different leads in the same method then lose their similarity, and it is so longer sufficient to learn one or two types of lead.
Two ways are now open. The first is to learis every lead carefully. This is rather laborious, particuiarly so as it is necessary to learn the whole of the work of all pairs before ringing inside pairs to touches. For example, an inside pair in Double Norwich may be called, in quite a short touch, into any part of the $3-4,5-6$ or $7-8$ positions, so that the complete work of as many as twentyone different leads would have to be learned before touches could be attempted.

The second way, which is very much better, is to ring by the construction of the method. That is to say, to know what internal places are made as the treble moves up and down. Further, in all regular methods the second half lead is the reverse of the first half. This means that if 6th's place is made, for example, as the treble crosses $4-5$ on the way up, another 6 th's must be made as it crosses $5-4$ on the way town. In this way the method can be rung without any special reference to what particular position the pair happen to be in; there is no need to know if they are in any particular part of the $3-4,5-6$ or 7-8 course, and the combined 'blue line' can be dispensed with. Clearly it will onty be possible to those who are thoroughly familiar with the elementary positions and have had a certain amount of practice in simple methods with internal places.

## (To be continued.)

## ERNEST FREDERICK POPPY <br> AN APPRECLATION

Ennest Frederick Poppy was a ringer well known in Fast Anglia and elsewhere and a man well beloved and held irt high regard by all who knew him. His life was a record of service to lis fellow-man.
His tall figure was to be seen at most ringing meatings, where lis genial disposition endeared jim to all with whom he came in contact. He was a veritable storehouse of East Anglian ringing lore, and this, coupled with a retentive memory, made him a very entertaining man to talk to.
He had met and rung with all the old East Anglian stalwarts, and his anesdotes of them-John Souter, Jimmy Mots and so onwere worth listening to.
As a ringer Mr. Poppy was above alt e faultless striker, aud while he had great patience with learners, would not tolerate slovenly ringing. He was a very aafe ringer on all nutabers, and his peal record of 346 shows an unusual variety of methods.
His first peal was rung at Redenhall on February 24th, 1894, for the Norwich Association, and he took jart in 257 peals credited to ithat society.
Mr. Poppy rang in the first peal for the Suffolk Guild at Thornlam Magna on April 3rd, 1923, and his last was rung at Debenhanion August 13th, 1938. He had served the Suffolk Guild on its conmittee since tits formation, and, in addition, he had been assisian aretary to the Eye Branch since 1936.
Ith his own parish of Stoke Ash he luad been a power for gont, and he gave willingly of his time and talents to public work. A very licen and devoted churchman, he held the office of churchwarden for upwards of 20 years, and it was chietty due to his energy that the Wells were rehung and a competent band of ringers trained. Mr. Poppy represented his parish on tha Hartismere Rural District Council, was a manager of the sohool and an honorary member of the local branch of the British Legion.
May he rest in peace.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## GATERING DIFFIOULTIES OVERCOME.

By a happy coincidence the meeting of the Guildford Distriet of the Guildford Diocesan Guill, held ot Shalford on November 4th, took place on the third amniversary of the rededication of the hells, after having been recast from six into eight.

A lest minute breakdown in the catering arrangements upset the ofganiser's platls, but the very sporting gesture of the Vicar of Shialford (the Rev. M. Tobins) saved the siturtion. On learning tinat it was nat possible to obtain ten hacally, the Vicar and his wife volunteered to do the hest they could at the Vicarage. The Vicar journeyed to Guildford in his car and returned laden with supplies. Mrs. Tobias turned the Ficar's atudy inte an impromptit tea room, and pravided an enjoyable tea.
The Yirar took the chair at the short business meeting which Followed, and also invited the company lo bring the handbells into ase. Althaugh mothing more than plain courses of Grandsire came fome, every effort was given $a$ round of applause. The star tarn of the evening, however, was doutble-lianded tune ringing by the brotjore J. end A. Hunter. These loys literally brouglit the house down, aud we understand that they are already booked for the next Guild dinner.
The two poljce officers present saw to it that the Vicarage was blacked out, well before sclieduled time.
M... C. W. Denyer (Farmham district secretary) and Mr, R. Whittingtan (Cranleigh) expressed thanks to the Vicar and Mrs Tobias for all they had done and for the manmer in which they had como to the rescue.

The evening closed with a hearty rendering of 'For he's a jolly gooti fellow' and a cheer that echoed the sincere thanks of aill
The scrice, lield prior to ten, was a real antidote to the troulled times we ere passing througlo. A special argan valuntary, cheeriul hymns. and a bright and interesting address that uade no mention of was", all tended to emphasise the point that the Vioar of Shaliord nlways stresses. It is that our religion should not be a dull and depressing creed, hut something to be happv and joyful aboat.
Full use was made of the bells from 3 to 4.30 p.mpe, end the District Ringing Masler (Mr. C. E. Smith) saw thet everyone who appeared in the belfry bed a touch of some sort.

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE OUARTER-PEAL

For a Confirmation service held by the Bishop of Chelmaford, a puarter-peal of Kent Treble Boh Major (1.280 changes) was rung at Pritilevell, Fssex, on Sundey, Novcmather 5 th, by William James 1 Norman Townsend 2, Jeck Belcham 3, Roy Brown 4, Walfer Taylor 5 , Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 6. Fenry S, Wilson 7, Albert F. Worth 8.

## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL. <br> SHOULD IT BE IMPROVED?

To the Editor.
Dear Sit, Although this correspondemce is Eetting vearer to it, no one fins yet faced up to the question whet her the itterval sigural aught to lise improved or zot.
The jaterval sigual has to be somehning whieh can be switched off at any moment. Therefore, anything whith contains a ploasant succession of somuds is not switable; for every time the pugnal is swithed of in the middle, everyone would be arying ont for the conclemion; or, at any rate, would not be in the hest humour for whal foilows Thus the inlerval signa! ougltt to ba in itself an annoying one, or, at muy rate. something which ons in inore or less glad to have awitehed off. At the same time, it ought not to be tery amoying, or people wotld he alwuys objecting to it, like they did to the former sigeal
There is, therefore, a good deal to be said for the ure of call changes. It is quite certaia that many (probably most) ringers have no fidea how distastcful pall changea ara to all othere, or they would never ring them The liorribly monotonous repetition is, however, jessened when the number of belle is larger than eight; or when the sound is varied to imitate its volume being altered by the wind.

Therefore, if ilhere are to be other records made (and probably we all agree that it would be better to have more variety than at presers., it would seem that they should ha call changes and on twelve bells:
A further point is, who wauld ving them? My experience is that it takes a band of ringers who can sirike changes well to strike call ehanges well. Natice that I do not say satisfactorily, for call changes can never be that; bub well enough to pass muster on a record. Can twelve men be found who would he willing and capable of doing this? I would not be one of them. If I could strike twelve bells in real elanges, nothing would induce me to make a displey of sham or call chazges!

HERBFRT DRAKT.
Ufforil Rectory.

## WAR TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

## Liversedge, 10 to 10.30 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

Rockwell, 9.45 to $10.30 \mathrm{m.m}$, and 3 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
Blackpool, St. Joln's, 10 bo $12.40 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 5.50 to 5.55 p.m. Practice, Thursday, 8 p.m
St. Arue's-on-Sea, 10 to 10.30 a.m, and 2.30 to 3 p.m. Praclice, Mondey, 7 p.m.
Ipswirl. St. 3 ars+le-Tower, 10 a.m
Pentre Rhondda, St. Peter's, 10 to 11 n.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Pracfice. Thursday, $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of ' The Ringing World' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thurstay make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## GELFRY GOSSIP.

Last Sunday tie bells of St. Mary-Ie-Tawer, Ipswich, which have been silent since the war began, were rung for morning service. The police had banned all riuging, but heve now withdrawn the prohibition so far as daylight only is concerned. There is still no practice on Tuezdajs.
The photograph of the spire of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in our last issue, was by Mr. F. E. Dawe.
To-day is the one hundred and fourth anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise Mejor, which was rung et St. Avirew'g Norwich. In our issue of August 25th last, we gave an account of the bells of this church.
On Nowember $15 t h, 1784$, the College Youths rang 5,040 changeg of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Maidstone and claimed the peal as the first on the new belis. A fertnight earlier James Earham'z band from Leedis lad rung 5, 180 clanges in the same method. The Londom men had no great opinion of the others ${ }^{2}$ performanaes, and it looks as if fley did not beliepe thoy had rung a true peal.

Almost a century later, on November 15th, $1873,8,544$ changes of Kent Treble Mob Major were rung at Liversedge, beating John Reeves peal of 8,448 , which for long was considered the exteut with the tenors together. The 8,544 qwas rung as the composition of William SottanExall, but probably was varied by him from one of John Thorp's peala.
On Nowember 16th, 1885 , Jasper Snowdon died at the early age of 41, eftar a comparatively shart ringing career. By his writings, his work and his example lie had infuenced the Riaging Exerciee for good to ail almost greater extent than any other man.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLEEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting held on November 7th for the purpose of electing offeers of the Ancient Sociaty of College Youthe, Mr. W. H. Sluker, general secretary of the Lancaghire Assoaiation, was chairman.

A good attondance augured well for the fortniglaty war-time meetings.
As previously reported, lust year's officers were re-elected en bloc.
The secratary read the tiat of attendences for the past year. Mr. L. Fox headed the list with 79 out of a possible 80 , and, in addition, he rang 150 times for Sunday services and about 120 times for practices at St. Durstan's and other towers.
Four other members of the Steprey band rang almost as many times as he did.

## A. E BAMES' PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. <br> A LETTER FROM AUSTRALTA.

Ta the Editor
Dear Sir, In your issue of July 28 th lest this peal is reported to have been rung at Bridgend, Glamorganshire, which is the first occasion I have seen it rung for many years. It was the first peal rumg on the back eight of the beils at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, conducted by the comproser. It was highly thought of by the Rev. C. D. P. Detries, and on his recommendation the block of 350 ehangea was deferred until end of the peal. Thus ft runs to 4,690 changes by bobs only, when the first Holt sinyle is introduced. Then follow the five calls at 5 , the lest of which produces rounds (at the second Holt aingle). It is a beavtiful and gymmetrical peal, with fwe uniform parts- to 4.690 changes, and from this point of riew is unsurpassed. tt is not difficult to call, and without, I hope, detracting from the merit of such compositians as Holt's Ten-Part or J. J. Parker's TwelvePart, I consider it a superior composition to either. It needs no words of commendation from one in this far off land.

Melbourne, Victoria.

## CHURCH BELLS AND NEW NOISE ORDER.

## EXCEPTED FROM RESTRICTIONS. <br> Home Office Intention.

Under the Control of Noise (Delence) Order, which came into force on September ist, severe restrictions were placed upon the use of certain instruments in public places, but church and chapel bells used for their "customary purposes ' were included among the exceptions.

This exemption enabled church bells to be [reely rung, and on the strength of it Church authorities and ringers were urged, through our columns, to continue, as far as possible, the service and other ringing to which they were accustomed.

On October 3ist, however, another Order, entitled Control of Noise (Defence) (No. 2) Order, was issued, and from its drafting there appeared to be considerable doubt as to whether church bells were in future to be exempted. In view of the importance of the question, the following letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Security (A.R.P. Department) by the Editor of 'The Ringing World '

> The Ringing World ' Office, Lower Pyrford Road,
> Woking,
> November 7 th, 1939 .

## CONTROL OF NOISE.

Sir,-In the Control of Noise (Defence) Order, No. 1169 , dated September ist, 1939, Clause $3(2)$ provided that nosthing in the Order shall be deemed to prevent the use of any church or chapel bell in such manner as has leen customary.

The Control of Noise (Defence) (No. 2) Order, dated October 315t, 1939, does not mention church and chapel bells among the exceptions.

May it be understood that church and chapel bells are still exempted by the original Order, and that they may continue to be used for their customary purposes?

As this is a matter of great importance to the churches of this country, I shall be very much obliged if you will let me have an early reply.-Yours faithfully,

## J. S. GOLDSMITH, Editor.

The following reply has been received, and it is gratifying to know that church bells are still exempted from the operation of the Order:-

> Home Office
> Air-Raid Precautions Dept.,
> Horsefery House, Thorney Street, London, S.W.1, November 10th, 1939.

CONTROL OF NOISE (DEFENCE) (No. 2) ORDER, 1939. Sir,

In reply to your letter of November 7th, I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to say that it is intended that the use of church and chapel bells should be excepted from any restrictions by virtue of
clause 1(b) of the Control of Noise (Defence) (No. 2) Order, 1939

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

## The Editor, (Signed) R, L. POLAND. The Ringing World.'

Confusion had already arisen from the wording of the second Order, and we have, since writing to the Minister of Home Security, received information that the police have banned the ringing of bells in certain places. We shall be glad to hear of any case where such action has been taken, as we hope that some further steps may be taken to have the position made clear.

## WHAT THE NEW ORDIR SAYS.

Clause r of the Order of October 31st, so far as it is relevant, runs as follows :-

Subject to the provisions of the Order, no person shall, in any area in Great Britain, sound any instrument or cause or permit any instrument to be sotuded, except-
(a) for the purpose of making a signal, in accordance with directions given by the local authority or chief officer of police for the aren, to indicate that an air-raid by the enemy is expected or is in progress or has ceased, or that noxious gas is present, or that danger from sucli gas has ceased, or
(b) in such circumstances that the sound of the instrument is not liable to be mistaken for any such signal as aforesaid.
Clause 4 (c) of the Order lays down that the expression 'instrument' means any siren, hooter, whistle, rattle, bell, horn or other like instrument.

## BELLS AND THE A RP. <br> CANCELLED MEETING AT UPHAM. <br> ro the Editar.

Dear Sir,-A district raeeting was arranged to be held at Upham on November 11 th, and was duly advertiged in "The Itinging World,' the ritging to be completed during the hours of daylight.
At the last, minute the mecting had to ho cancelled, es the A.R.P. authority informod the incumbent that the church bells must not be rung at any time other than for Sunday services.
I commanicsted wills as many as possitile and apologise to anyone who may have been overlooked and made tio jourmey to Upham in vaiv.
Uplam is a very quiet willage with few houses gear the church. It appears to mo that the local A.R.P. ahthority acted in a lijeh-handed manner, as the Control of Naisa (Defence) Order, 1939, epecially exempts the ringing of any churoh or chapel hell in such manner as has been eustomary, and it las long been the custom to ring the church bells in Hampshire in connaction with district meetinge.
church bels of your readers with experjence of A.R.P. adranisiration give advice on this point?

GEORGF PULLINGFR.
Bishopstoke, Hants.

## RINGING AFTER SUNSET. <br> To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-I would like to know if you could give me ray belp in the following. We are able to ring each Sunday morting at our tower from 10 to 11 o'clock. We are hiacking out our church windowa so that evening pertice can he held at the ordinary time. and we aro thinking of blacking out our belfry, which can easily be done. Before we da so, however. I would like to know if the law as far as church leells are concerned allows os to ring after sunset? 1 shall be greatly obliged if you can, through 'The Ringing World, give me a reply, so as to give us an idea of what is the hest tring to do.

Grent Tpy, Fissex. J. W. DYFR.
The Order controlling noise in war time specially exempts church bells rung for normal purposes, as will be seen from the article - Church Bells and New Noise Order ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ' in this issue. There is no law agninst the ringing of church bells after sunset, although it might he well to consult the local police suthorities on the mater. The chief obstacle to the ringing of bells arises if there is a "Histening" post nearby, but if there is no objeetion to daylight ringing there camot, we think, be any objection to ringing after nightfat, provided the hlack-ont regulations are observed.-Enmor, 'The Ringing World.'

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

The first peal at Shorediteh of which we have any account was rung on March ist, 1741, by the Society of Eastern Scholars. The method was Double Bob Major, the bolss were called by Joln Sharp, and the band included several men who were prominent ringers at the time, The tenor man, Phitemon Mainwaring, earned a leading position among the feavy bellringers of all time. He was the first man to turn St. Saviour's, Southwark, tenor in to a peal; he rang the 28 cwt. tenor at West IFam lo a fifteer-thousand of Bob Major, and the f 4 cwt . tenor at Spitalfields to a five-thousand of Oxford Treble Bub Major. These bells were hung with the old style fittings, and peals rung on bells with modern fittings cannot be compared with these reats.

Thomas Bennett, who rang the seventh at St . Leonard's, had a long and active ringing career, during which he was a member of nearly every one of the leading London companies.

The peal of Double Bob was not claimed as the first in the tower, and, as it was not rung until the bells had been two years in the steeple, the likelihood is that others had already been scored which are now forgotten, especially as five years clapsed before we have any record of a second performance. This, too, was by the Eastern Sclatars, and was 5,040 changes of Bob Major, composed and conducted by loseph Prior.

It was an interesting composition, being the first that ever was rung with the sixth the extent (twelve times) at home. The earlier peals were on the plan of Annable's Three-part, in which the sixth is nine times in each one of the five available positions at the course-ends.

Later on in the same year Prior called 6,832 changes of Bob Major, and on December 27th, 1747, Thomas Bennett conducted 5,040 changes of 'that excellent new peal called Eastern Bob.

This method was the composition of Joseph Prior. He afterwards extended it to Royal and produced the double variation of Major, and peals of both were rung by the Eastern Scholars. A century later the method was rediscovered by Henry Hubbard and published by him under the name of Yorkshire Court. Thougln it does not now rank as a "regular" method, it has many good qualities.

Meanwhile, on January 12th, 2746 , the College Youths rang the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the bells, Annable calling the bobs.

The ringer of the second was Thomas Prior, who possibly was Joseph Prior's brother, and, like him, was a very active metropolitan ringer. The ' General Advertiser' of ${ }^{1746}$ contains an advertisement by 'Thomas Prior, Esq.,' in which he offers for sale a marvellous tar water which would cure almost any complaint, including asthmas, cancers, small-pox, lowness of spirit, etc." His address was Painter's Court, Bury Street, St. James'. There is nothing beside the mame to identify this man with the ringer, but quite likely they were tha same

In 1747 began the long connection between the belfry of Shoreditch and the Society of Cumberland Youths. Concerning the origin of this company, a number of legends grew up which have been repeated many times and are still believed in, but, unfortunately, like so many other ringing legends, when they are subjected to any real test, turn out to be baseless.

Osborn, writing a hundred years ago, tells us that in his time the tradition was that " when, in 1746 , the Duke of Cumberland returned to London after defeating the Scotch rebels at the battle of Culloden, he entered the Metropolis by the old North Road through Kingsland and Shoreditch. The L.ondon Scholars welcomed him witla merry peal on the bells of Shoreditch Church, and, to show their loyalty and joy at his safe return, they


THE TOWER OF SHORE DITCH CHURGH IN f733.
changed their name, and afterwards, to commemorate the event, an appropriate and ornamental medal, with the likeness of the Royal Duke on his clarger enamelled in gold, was presented to the society; which medal is ustally worn by the master at the society's general meetings."

I-ater writers allowed their fancy some freedom, and we are usually told that the Duke was so pleased with the ringing that he sent and congratulated the ringers, and himself presented the medal.

A History of Shoreditch Churcly,' published some years ago, is still more circumstantial, and relates that the Duke was so charmed with the music that he entered the tower and afterwards gave the two bells which then made the ten. He certainly was a ringer and the founder of the Cumberland Society, and the medal was presented to the Society by the Duke himself in 1746.

The Duke also presented a large oil painting of himscif to the society, and this hung in the centre porch until ihe bells could no longer be rung, when it was removed to St. Martin"s-in-the-Fjelds.'

All this is only fancy run riot, and would hardly deserve notice if it were not that it is sometimes repeated
by responsible people as genuine history. The Duke had no personal connection with either Shoreditch Church or the Society of Cumberfand Youths. He was a German by birth, and a soldier by profession, and his action at Carlisle in 1747 , when his army tried to confiscate the cathedral bells, shows that he had no particular sentiment in favour of church bells.

Osborn's account, it will be noted, was very much more moderate. He does not say that the Duke himself had anything to do with the matter. The tradition had not then devefoped beyond the statement that the London Scholars rang Shoreditch bells to welcome him when he came home, and afterwards changed their name to show their loyalty and joy at his safe return. This is a much more credible statement, but it also fails completely when we apply any real tests to it.

The Society of London Scholars had been lounded some time before the end of the seventeenth century, and for half a century its members ranked with the College Youths as the leading ringers of the country, bath socially and in the belfry. Unfortunately the socicty's records are lost, and all we know about their performances is that they rang three peals, one of Grandsire Caters and two of Grandsire Cinques. The last we hear of their doings is that in 1730 they were proposing to try Rudhall's new bells at Fulham. After that they drop entirely out of history.

They were then at the helght of their prosperity, and we must not suppose that they went to pieces until some time after. Most probably they continued to meet in tower and tavern long after they had given up peal ringing. The mere gap of years is no proof that they did not become the Society of Cumberland Youths. But what is certainly lacking is any signs of continuity.

The London Scholars consisted of "gentlemen and others ' who met and rang in the City and West End; the Cumberlands were men of Shoreditch and district who practised in the northern and eastern suburbs, and, in those days, Shoreditch was a long way from St. Martin's-in-the-Felds. If the tradition were true, we should have to believe that the London Scholars not only changed their name, but they entirely cut themselves apart from their past, destroyed all their old records, and had an entirely fresh start. Moreover, though the battle of Culloden was fought on April i6th, 1746, the new society was not formed until September 6th, 1747 , and it is certain that neither the London Scholars nor any other company greeted the Duke on his return with a merry peal on Shoreditch bells, or any other bells.

The Duke's victory had made him a popular hero, and his return was eagerly awaited. The contemporary newspapers contain several statements that he was expected on such and such a date, and then that his coming had been postponed; and, finally, he arrived unannounced and unexpected by the general public. Six days after he had set out from the North, 'The General Advertiser ' stated that "there is no certain account when H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland will set out from Fort Augustus, and it was not titl the third day after his arrival that it printed a message from Whitehall, dated July 26th, saying that "yesterday about one o'clock in the afternoon his Royal Highness, the Duke of Cumberland, arrived at the Palace of Kensington from the North and immediately waited on his Majesty.
(Continued in next column.)

## NOTICES.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District.-A combined practice will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. No service or business meeting. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.Swindon Branch.-Afternoon ringing meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, November 18th. Six bells. Open from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Swindon Corporation bus route.-W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Brancin--All members are requested to attend a special meeting at Wraxall on Saturday, Novernber 18 th, to discuss programme of future meetings. The belis will be available from 2 o'clock.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Guilsborough Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Naseby on November 181h, when the bells will be dedicated. Dedication service at a'clock.-H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., Long Buckby, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next mecting will be held at St. Werburgh's, Spondon, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells avaijable from 2.30 till dusk. All ringers invited. Nottingham and Burton districts please note and make an effort to attend.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-A meeting will be held at Aylestone ( 6 bells) on Saturday, November 181h. Ringing [rom 3 p.m. till dusk. Tea and meeting. It is hoped everyone will make a special effort to attend.-H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborne Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30. C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.-A meeting for practice will be held at Crawley no Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. No business meeting or tea.-O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol City Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, November 18 th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow (election of officers, future meetings, etc.) . Handbell practice afterwards. Please advise early for tea to A. M. Tyler, 5, Addison Road, Bristol, 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newbury Branch. The annual meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. only. Service $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.-T. I. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

## SHOREDITCH BELLS.

## (Contioved from previous column.)

It is clear, then, that the London Scholars did not welcome the Duke as he came home past Shoreditch Church, and so did not alter their name and become the Cumberland Youths. But the questions still remain: What did become of the former soclety? and How did the latter society originate and get its name?

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA TION.-Southern Branch.-The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, November 18 th. Bells available from 2.30 and after the meeting. Service 4.30 . Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Will all members who can possibly do so, attend and make this a good meeting.
NASEBY, NEAR RUGBY.-The ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by Bishop Willis at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November I8th.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-Meeting at Croft on Saturday, November 18 th . Ringing from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., when a short service will.be held followed by tea (is. each). Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft, Leicester, as eafly as possible. Handbells available for the rest of the evening. Come and enjoy yourself.-W A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Business: Future meetings.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

IINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Eastern Branch.A meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, November 18 th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. lollowed by business meeting. W. E, Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolis Street, Boston, Lincs.

SALISBLIRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborme Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James I'oole, on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30 and after 7 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Rector, the Rev. E, C. Harris. Tea in Old Rectory 5.30 , followed by business meeting-C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available $2.3^{\circ} \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service at 4.15 , followed by tea and business meeting.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsiord.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford District. - A meeting of this district will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) ready from $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. till evening. We shall be pleased to see you. Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-A meeting will be heid on Saturday next, November 18 th. at St. Dusstan's, Stepney. Ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot on Tuesday, November zist, at 7 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. _-The next meeting will he held at St. James', Birch-in Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, November 25 th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m.-T. I-I. Ridvard, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-A meeting will be held at Leatlierhead on Saturday, November 25 th, when there is nearly a full moon to counteract the black-out. Ringing from 3 until 5. Tea and business meeting at the Duke's Head, with further ringing until $90^{\circ}$ clock. Owing to caterer's difficulties, please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible. Everybody welcome.-A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTKICT SOCIETY. - A joint practice meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. until 'black-out.' Short business meeting will be held in the Church Hall immedjately afterwards, to be followed by handbells, and also instructional advice on theory and advanced methods by Mr. George Lewis. All welcome. No tea provided, but refreshment obtainable close by. There will be a fuil moon on this date, therefore no transport difficulties anticipated. Rally up.-Sidney F. Palmet and Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN (iUILD.-Christchurch District.-The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells (12) available from $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at King's Arms Hote1, P.R.H.A. Please advise early for tea to G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND I.ON[OON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District. A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, reservations for which must be sent to Mr. E. M. Atkins, 18, Westbere Road, N.W. 2 (telephone, Hampstead 45 เo), by Wednesday 22nd. Business and handbell ringing afterwards.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -Next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, November $25^{\text {th. Bells }}$ available from 3 p.m. Method to learn, London Scholars'. For tea, please notify Mr. John Butterworth, 3, Society Street, Shaw. Business meeting to follow at 6.30 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. -A branch meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. I'lease note change of tower, and also, in view of present circumstances, kindly advise Mr. T. Wilde, 23, York Ruad, Gee Cross, Hyde, the number requiring tea. -C. k. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting will be held at Lavendon on Saturday, November 25th, from 2 to $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 3.30 p.in. Learners and beginners invited.-J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, November 25 th. Bell foundry bells (io) open alt afternoon. Comnittee meet 4 p.m. General meeting in ringing room 5 p.m. Owing to difficulty of transport, etc., members are asked to cater for themselves. Tea can be got at local cale,-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Novemher 25 th. Bells available 3 p.m. until blackout. Meeting after business; important. Members and non-members cordially invited.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Canterbury Dis-trict.-The meeting which was to have been held at Ospringe on Saturday, November 25 th, is cancelled, owing to a restriction placed on all ringing in that area By the police authorities. Please watch 'The Ringing Worid,' as it is hoped to arrange another meeting else-where.-B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The Luton District.-The quarterly meeting will be feld at Dunstable on Saturday, Novernber 25 th. The eight bells will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited.-E. A. Belson, Dis, Sec., 7 , Queen Street, Leighton Buzzard

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be at Birstall on Saturlay, November $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower.-H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, November 25 th. The cathedrai bells (12) open 2.304 p.m. St. 'Yeter's Lells (ro) open $3.30-5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ringers' service will follow at this church. Tea at McMeckan's Restaurant 5.45 p.m. Business meeting (further meetings, election of officers, secretary's report, etc.) and handbell ringing, All towers in the district should be represented. All ringers and friends welcome, but send me a card if you intend to be present. -Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., $\uparrow$, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.-Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.-A meeting will be held at Upton on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells (5) available from I. 30 to 4.I5 p.m. Short service. Tea at moderate charge to those who notify me by Thursday previous. A whist drive will be held in the Village Hall during the evening. -Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. bec., 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

NEWPORT, MON-St. Woolos' Cathedral.-The augmented ring of twelve will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth during 1 I a.m, service on Sunday, November 26th. The two new trebles added and Nos. 3 , 4 and 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston.

CANNINGTON, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMER-SET.-The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wetls at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Birton District.-The 'black out' will not interfere with the next meeting, to be held at Newhatl on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7.30. Tea and meeting in Church Roon at $4-45$. Appreciation of the efforts made to ring after tea should be shown in attendance. All are welcome. Note: Postcards to me by Thursday previous.-J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseaf, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western DivisionThe annual meeting of the division will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from z p.m. till dusk. Business meeting to follow. Will everyone please make an effort to attend this meeting, when it will be discussed what course should be adopted with regard to practice meetings?-J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec. , 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells of St. Michael at Coslany available from 2-4. Tea in St. Miles Mission Hall at 4.15. Business meeting to discuss plan of campaign and incidental problems at 4.45 , followed by social evening, including the showing of a film in colour by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, taken by him os his recent holiday in Norway and Spitzbergen, and the use of handbells. It is most important that 1 know by Tuesday, November 28 rh, if you are coming.-Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treas., Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.
DEVON GUILD.-Exeter Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. David's Institute, Haldon Road, Exeter, on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea at 5 a'clock, preceded by a short service at 4.45 . Witl those requiring tea please notify me by November 25 th? St. Sidwell's, St. Thomas' and St. David's bells available from 3 to 5 p.m.-W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Raad, Exeter.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, December and. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.I5. Business meeting afterwards. All arrears in subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley, $^{7}$,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after business meeting. Nominations for district officers for 1940 at this meeting. All ringers welcomed. Names for tea to Mr. Ẅ. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, not later than Vednesday, November 2gth.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., with business meeting to follow. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 28 th, without fail.-E. F. Cubberley, Hon. Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester.

LYDFORD, DEVON.-The ring of six belis rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-opened at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 rd.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge District. -Owing to circumstances over which $I$ had no control, it has not been possible for me to arrange the usual annual meeting. I tender my apologies to all concerned. Please note change of address.-Alec E. Richardson, 24, Norton Road, Southborough.

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## THE EXEMPTION OF CHURCH BELLS.

The correspondence which we published last week concerning the new Control of Noise Order cleared up a position which had led to cloubt in the minds of many authorities. It is now abundantly plain, as it was even urder the first Order, that church bells may be rung for all customary purposes, including peal ringing. The new Order which, unlike the first, did not specifically mention the exception of church bells, gave rise to some serious qualms as to ringing in future, but the reply of the Ministry of Home Security to the inquiry made on behalf of "The Ringing World ' has settled any doubts on the matter. Confirmation also comes from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, who has been in touch with the Ministry of Home Security, and we publish elsewhere a statement agreed between the Ministry and the Central Council. As a matter of fact, there is nothing new in this statement bevond what has already lieen printed in our columns, but this fresh authoritative statement puts the position beyond doubt.

There is nothing in the new Order to prevent church bells being rung at any time, but this does not relieve ringers of the responsibility of acting at all times in the interests of public security. It goes without saying that, where the public interest demands it, bells wifl be immediately silenced, and for that reason the step which we have all along advocated, and of which the Binister has approved, of keeping a man posted to give instant notification of any air-raid warning, should be strictly observed. It should be the object of ringers so to act that there can be no cause for reasonable complaint about the ringing, as it concerns public safety, and it is in the interests of ringing that nothing should be done which may jeopardise the freedom from restriction which church bells now enjoy. In times like these there must be give and take, but it is vert satisfactory to know that the now Order in no way curtails the exemption directly laid down by the first Control Order.

When war was declared, there was a sudden cessation of all ringing, more because of the fear of immediate calamitous happenings than anything else, but now the first three months have passed without such anticipated disasters materialising, and life in this country is being adjusted to the abnormal conditions, it is realised that there are some things which can safely be continued without risk. The ringing of church bells is one of them, and not only should service ringing be continued or, where it has ceased, be resumed, but every opportunity should be made to continue practices and hold meetings. There is. indeed, no reason in law why even peals, should not bo (Continued or page 70e.)

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rung, at any rate, for special occasions. There should, of course, be a certain amount of circumspection in doing this, and there may come times when such ringing would be altogether out of place, but, at any rate while conditions remain as they are, a certain amount of peal ringing could not be considered in any way to contravene public feeling. A correspondent this week puts forward reasoned grounds why peal ringing might be resumed, and where the church authorities offer no objection, and where proper precauions are taken, there is something to be said for continuing the ringing of peals.

But the greatest value of the exemption accorded to church bells is the fact that it enables service ringing to be maintained, and makes practices and the continued cultivation of the art of ringing possible. In many towers, of course, the 'black out 'renders practices after nightfall out of question, but in a number of districts ringers are surmounting the obstacle by combining their forces and ringing either before darkness sets in or at towers where the structural conditions make it possible to comply with the lighting restrictions. For the next two months or so the short days will, of course, limit the afternoon practices except at places where lights can be properly obscured, but the opportunities which ringers continue to enjoy should not be neglected, and should be utilised not only to maintain service ringing but the interest of all the ringers who are left at home to carry on and, in addition, to raise additional forces to fill the gaps that, alas, must inevitably occur as the war goes on.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGE, LETCESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCLATION.
On Satwrday, Noyember 18, 7939, in Two Howrs and Fifty-Six Minules,
At tae Bele Fotmdry,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, BOL CHAMGES। Tenar $6 \frac{\mathrm{cwt}}{\mathrm{cw}}$.
Ggoffrey Harrisom ...Trible Sidney O. Cgeeney ... 6
Surrley Bdrion ... .... 2 - 1 Cbarlbs Allsor ...
Ernest Rawson ... .... 3 Colim Harrison ...
Wielian j. Rooz...
"Harry Wayne ... ... ... 5 \#Frbderice H. Dexter ...Tmay
Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by Colim Harrison.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. +100 th peal. $\ddagger 50$ th peal of Surpris: Moval. wORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 18. 1939, in Thyee Howr \& Twenty-Seven Minut At tar Cberce of St. Mare.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 24 cwt.
*Josbpr Boyrr .... ... ...Tvedle |Stanley Harrison ..* ... 6
 Jobe Poztgr ... ... .... 3 Pexcy h. Derbysalrz ... Wilitam H. Sticker ... 4 Joseph H. Ridyard .... ... 9 Frank Reymolds ... ... 5 Cecil Raddon ... .... .... Tmon Composed by A. Knisers. Conducted by Josrpa H. Ridyard,
* Firgt peal of Caters. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Robin Henshaw.



## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

WBST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD

## On Salutdav, Noutmber 11, 1939, in Two Hows and Fifty-Five Minnts

## az the Chorct of Sx. Lawrbace

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHAMGEBj Mideleton's Composition.

Tenor 17 cwt.


Rbv. R. F. R, Rodie ... 4 H. Wingrove ... ... ....Tenor Conducted by Harry Wimgrove
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. H. Marsb and Miss C. A Lester, who were married at the Cluseli of SS. Mary nad George, Sands, that day.

## SIX Bell Peal.

CLTCKNEY, NOTTS.

"THE NORTH NOT"I'S ASSOCLA'HON
On Saturday, Nouenber 11, 1939, in Ttuo Howy and Fifiy-Seven Hinntes.
At tefe Parise Celurce,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, BOAO CHAMGE8

Being three T20's of Oxford 'lreble Bob, one of Keut Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob

\section*{jor Readrr... <br> George E. Foster <br> | ... | ....Trbosh |
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| $\ldots .$. | $\ldots$ |
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 Conducted by H. T. Rooke.}

Rung wrillh tho beils lalf-mafted for Remembrance Day

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSEIRE.

## COUNT Y ASSOCIATIO

dronemar Gulid.<br>On Saturday, Navember 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Nimeteen Minwles,

## At 50, Rodolpa Road.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, EOES CHANEESI
Tenor size 15.
Francis Kire:
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1-2 Edwin A. Baraneit
Composed by T B Wonsey Condur Umpire-C. C. Mayne.

HEVINGFAM, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Susday, Novewber 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fiet Jinmtar,
Az ine Conpucion's Residencr
A PEAL OF BOE MINOR, 040 CHANEEA
Being seven 720 's, three callings.


## THE B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-1 an rabter surprised at the contintued eorrespondence ancerning the interval signal used br the B.B.C. In the first place, t is most unlikely that any change n the way of a now record will be made at this time, and it may be that any steps we tako are an orgatisatian during war time will have just tho opposite effect we dusire, i.e., the disappeuranas of the bells record entirely.
We tugets have much greater protums. Service ringing anust be kept up and practines arranged wherever passible, Recruits must be brought along uader very adverse circumstances white the Exercise in gereral is affected when individuals subceed in using the presem: mational emergency to gain their own way to cuttail or stop the ringing of the hells in their locality.
Such attacks have been made, and with nuccess, by people who have rowed vengernce on the bells for years past, and whetr this happens it presents a pretty problem for the ljand concerned. They have to decide whether it is a legitimate aetion or a little bit of the Hitlerism we are pledged to destroy.

Eournemouth.

## A 'SHUNT' IN RINGING PARLANCE.

## To the Editor.

Dear Siy -I may be very denge, but I fail to understand why you ay than the Oxford English Dictionary contredicts, when actually if cars we out altogether.
What elinches the uather is the defintion you auote: The enlling or anission of a bob in order to divert the trach of a composition frous one part to the cokresponding point in another part. This so rxactly describes tine correct meaning which appeass from the Jesper Snowdon series thet he may lave written it himealf. I expect, howaver, it is more likely that his brolher wrole it. It is to support this defimition that I have writien both now, and ou previous occasions; and if anything 1 lieve written 'contradicts' it, I am only too glad here and now to withuraw any such words.
From his writings I should say thet Jasper Snowdon wes careful of his etymology. In conversation with his brother William I found that the latter was ar etymalogical authority. He was, however, the only such ringer that I liave met. Riugers es a rule have no ure for etymology whatever, aud i must sorrowfully adnuit that you are probably right in not giving much cousideration to my arguments कt that matter. I wiI, thercfore, now give soma matliematical reasons to which rangers may perlaps pay more atfeation.
Mathematicians have divided the scrence of medranics into Statime and Dywamics. In Statics a machine is treated as being in full action at a given moment, but only the monent is considered. That is to say the wort of the machine is alone discussed, apart from its movement: if Dynanies, movement is added.
These two divisions lend themselves well to change ringing. When figures are writtell or printed in a row, they are static: we may writc or print another wow : this also will be static, In [act, what is printed or print bo anjthing else.

Now let iliose two rows be rung. We can hear, or we can feel, each bell rir $i$ ing after another, or each row coming after another That is to say bhere is movement; the work is dynamie. We can further see that some words are static, some dymamic, and that we must keep them distinct.
Take rour sentence: 'An operation which alters the pasition of
we will nal! a shuat." Tho words operation and " Alters" are" dymanic: 'pnsition' nud "slmat " are static. (The remainimg words are indiferent.) Fthe result is always static, The word by whinit it is brougin aloul is dymamic. Irs all the meanings you quote from the Oxford English Diohionary, the word 'slunt." is static; but you equate it with a dymanic word, ant use it in a dynamic sense. Yout are condemmed hy the aththority you have colled in.
Tou speali of a 'right." I am afraid I know of no such right: of "ourse gnyone can he ata puxzling as they wish. Bub why wislif the purzle yout set us is to lenow whelher the word as you employ it is to he static or dynamic. Is a row intended, or is it work row speak of ? You use two ther words iv your description, why not feep to one of these? You could tell ths tery well ahout "Operation, No. $1^{\text { }}$ No. 2, etc.-or 'Alteratian, No. 1,' No. 2 and so on. Or chere are plenty of etlieq worls, such us 'Movr, Xv. I.' I pssure you that the plenty of aticer words, such as Mowr, Nu, I asture you that inc
ase of sucl words would matre very nuein greater the usefulemes of use of sucle words would mate
sour excellent series of artioles.

HERBEET DRAKE.
tiford Rectory, Woodhridge, Suftolk.
The Oxford Euglisjo Dicionary does contradict Mr. Drake. It does not g gres that "shant ' is a 'factitive form" of "shun. "hat eays that the origin of the word is undrown. The various definitions it gives show that there is nothimg static implied in the menning. The general idea belind all the various mmanings is that of something bemp noved from one tracls to another, which is the idia which lies beinnd our use of the word.
Neither Jasper вor Willian Suowdon wace the word 'slumet in manuection with charace ringing. It was first so employed by C. D. P. Drvies as the nathe of the bohs in peals of Grandsire Triples similar to the extra bobs which Reeves addad to Foltrs Ten-Part to produce Rever' Variation. Theae bolos heve an exactly similar cffect, on the Coursing Order of the hells to the "shunts" referred to in our natirles.-Empor, "Ringing World.'

## A NEW RING OF SIX IN SOUTH WALES.

On Saturday last the recast and augmented ring of bells at sit. Bridés Major, Glamorgan, was dealicated lyy the Lord Bieliop of Liandaff, who gave the address.
As the procession of clergy returned to the chaucel the bells were rung for a short while. Tea was provided Ey the Ficar and churchwardens, and in the evening Mr.J. W. Jones guve an address in the chureh on bells and bellriuging.
Rimgers were jresent from Newport, Llanliradach, Newton, Aheravon and Bridgard, as well as Mr. J. H. Shephard, of Swindon. A well-struck 720 of Poh Minor was rung hy I. W. Jones 1. H. Cassells 2. T. Roderick 3. C. W. Perry (conductor) 4. D. R. James 5. T. stiteh $B$.

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## CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.

## BY C. R. WOOLLEY.

(Continued from page 6s2.)
If we examine a method with places we can quite easily see the effects which places have. It can only be possible 10 do so with straightforward methods, having places made ' right ' (that is, at hand- and back-stroke) ; places made wrong (back and hand) are more complicated, so the reader is left to do this himself. The following remarks apply only to places made 'right,'
In3 straightforward methods the changes can be split up into pairs (at hand and back), and in each pair it will be scen that two places occur. In plain hunting these are at front and back. In making these places, bells turn round to hunt the opposite way. Now it will be easily seen that in any pair of changes an odd place (one in 3rd's, 5th's or 7th's) can take the place of the lead; and an even place (in 2nd's, 4 th's or (6th's) can take the place of the lie. These internal places are made by bells which are turning round to hunt the other way before reaching the front or back, consequently odd places are made from the back, even places from the front. Also it will be seen that an odd place causes dodging in front of it without affecting the beils hunting above it; while an even place causes dodging above it, without affecting the plain hunt helow it. Each pair of changes must contain one ocid and one even place (external or internal).
Taking Double Norwich for an example, we see that the construction depends on a series of compartments or boxes formed by places made around the treble as it moves up and down ; these are made as near to its path as possible without, of course, affecting its plain hunt.

Numbering the pairs of changes $£$ to 8 as shown we have:-

In ( $\pm$ ) the treble is crossing 2-3. Fourth's place is made, which, with the lead, forms the 'box' round the treble's path. This fourth's allows hunting in $1-2-3$ but causes dodging in 5-8-7-8.

In (2) the treble is crossing $4-5$. Thirds and sixth's places form the box, and these cause dodging in 1-2 and $7-8$, only allowing hunting between them in $4-5$.

In (3) the trebie is crossing 6-7. Fifth's and eighth's form the box. Dodging in 1-2-3-4.

In (4) a whole pull at lead goes with the treble's lie. This allows plain hunting all through.

Now consider the effect on a pair. Take $7-8$ for a simple example.
In (i) fourth's is made, so the pair dodge together in 7-8.

In (2) sixth's is made, so the pair do another dodge in 7-8.

In (3) fifth's is made; this allows the tenor to hunt down from behind, while the 7th lies the pull.

In (4) the pair hunt down parallel.
At the beginning of (5) the tenor has reached third's and the 7th fifth's. Consequently, the 7th must make the place, and this causes the tenor to dodge back into fourth's. Therefore the pair strike together in 4-5.
In (6) the pair have separated by two bells, and are in third's and sixth's. They thus make the places. Notice that all pairs of places in Double Norwich are made by pairs of coursing bells.

In (7) the pair strike together in $4-5$, and the tenor, being in fourth's, makes the place. This causes the 7th to dodge back into sixth's, and this brings the pair into course again, with one bell in between.
In (8) the tenor goes down to turn the treble, the 7th following in course.

Since in this type of method an even place can only be made while a bell is leading a whole pull and an odd place while it is lying, we need really only know the internal places. So that the half lead may be summed up as: Fourth's, Third's and Sixth's, Fifth's; and the second half, Fifth's, Third's and Sixth's, Fourth's.

Looking at the Surprise methods we find that an internal place is necessary whenever the treble dodges to prevent repetition; or, looked at in another way, to cause the dodge. Also, by definition of the class, an internal place is also needed when the treble moves from one set of dodging places to another (that is, at every crosssection!.

Taking Cambridge Minor as a simple example, we can set out the construction in the following way by the position of the treble; internal place, and its effect:Internal

Position of treble. Place.
Dodging in 1-2. Third's.
Crossing 2-3. Fourth's.
Dodging in 3-4. Second's.
Crossing 4-5.
Dodging in 5-6. Fourth's.
Lying in sixth's. Fifth's.

Effect.
Dodging in 1-2. Plain hunt in $4-5-6$. Dodging in 5-6. Plain hunt in 1-2-3.
Dodging in $3-4$ and 5-6. Dodging in 1-2. Plain hunt in 4-5-6. Dodging in 5-6. Plain hunt in 1-2-3. Dodging in 1-2 and 3-4.

The second half-lead is, of course, a repetition of the above in reverse, so need not be given.

Surprise Major can be treated in exactly the same way. A decided resemblance will be noticed between Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, the two Surprise methods having the same places as the plain method at the cross-sections. London and Bristol both have places made ' wrong ' coupled with backward hunting; such places do not conform to the same rules. For example, place-making bells do not necessarily reverse, nor have they the same effects on the other bells. However, all methods can be similarly treated by construction for double-handed ringing.

## A DOUBLE CELEBRATION

4. quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major mas rang at Great Baddow, Essex, on Sumday, October $22 n \mathrm{n}$, to commemorate MF. George Grean's 52 years as a ringer at Great Baddow and to celebrste tlie engagement of Anthony Tyrell, eldest son of Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Master of the Fissex Association, to Miss J. Ducat Amos, of Reading, Berkslire : R. C. Thrift 1, George Green 2, P. Felton 3, P. Green (cunposer and conductor) 4. H. Carter (first quarter-peal in the melhod) 5, Pat Spencer-Phillips 6, Dr. J. Spencer-Philips 7, L. J. Clark B.

## LADIES' GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRANCH SECREIARY
Her many friends in the Seuth Midlands Branch of the Ladies' Guild heve presented Miss S. Thursfied with a brown leather handbag as a strall token of their affection and of their great gratitude to her for all she has done for thern in liee many years secretaryship. Owing to war conditions it has not been fonnd posaible to fold a meeting at which the prestatation could be made, so the beg has beeu sent by post and Mrs. Powell las received the following letter from Miss Thursfield tn acknowledgment.

Dear Mrs. Powell.-I really do not know how to thank yau all enaugh I an simplr delighted with the lovely bag and I feel gutta n'erwhelned with the kindness of ull my friends in the Ladiea liuild. Fhease, give them my beat thanks; I da so much appreciah the faet of you sll giving me anyilning, and you could not have chosen abylhing that I like more, for it is really a lovely bag. I ant takiyg it into immediate use, as I was badly in need of a nice one, and 1 shuli love to feel that I shall have it es a constant remiuder of my friends in the Guild.
"My association with the Guild has given mo some of the happiest times I have ever had, and I thoroughly look forward to meating everyone agaim. Meanwhile, the best of thanks to everyone. I appreciate it more than I can say.

Miss F. E. Hart, of Weston-by-Wellaud, Market Harborough, has spoceeded Miss Thursfield as district secretary, and a meeting of the brancll is to be held at Rothwell on December 2nd.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## DERBY DISTRICT.

A very succssifut meeting was held nt St. Werburgh's Spondon, last Satirday, when members attended from Notingliam, Breaston, Repton and Dethy. A good variety of methods was rung, including Grandsirc Doubles, Oxfori Treble Boiv, Cambridge Surprise, Boh Minor. Deuble Oxford, Deuble Gourt, Stedman Doubles, Oxferd Bob, spliced Troblo Boin and Lititio Bob Minor.
At the short business meeting held in the belfry it was decided to Ioold the next meeting at St. Iuke's, Derby, on Decenber 16th, Members wero reminded of the meeting to be hold at Loughborough the following Solurday. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the towerkceper for hnving all in readiness were proposed by Mr. Jamas Pagett, seconded by Mr. W. Slater and carried unanlmously. The hells were lowered in peni about 5.15 , after which handbells were brourit into use till ahout 5.45 .

## RINGERS WEDDED AT ALDERSHOT,

Mr. IR. G. CROSS, R.N.-MISS I. S. TLGK.
The wedding took place by special ficence at tho Old Parish Church, Aldershot, on Monday, November 13th, of Miss Irene Stella Tuck, only daughter of the late Mr. Tuck and of Mrs. Tuck, of Ash Road, Aldershat, and Mr. Robert Gordon Gross, R.N., only son of Mr, anul Mrs. Cross, of Twyford, Berks, The bride is secretary of the Floel Iron Lnundry, Aldershot, and a keen member of the local ringing company. The bridegroom is an Instructor-Lieutenant in the Royai Nasy and is well known as an accomplished singer.

The caramony was conducted by the Ficar of Aldershot, the Rev J. B. Rowsell. Mr. R. Tuel gave his sister away, while Miss E C Soutbhy attended Jwo iriend as buidesmanl. The inties of best man waye rartied oul by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

As the brital couple left the cluareh, via Lle beifry, beneati stif archaway of bellomes nud a shower of confetti, the bells rang out merrily. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. I.. C. Cross left for the bridegroom's home at Twyforl, where a brief honeymoon was gneat, Mr. Crose having to retura to his ship on the following Thursday.

## WEDDING BELLS AT THORNE, YORKS.

On Saturday, November 18fh, at tho Parish Church, the marriage took place between Mr. Ernest Thorley nud Miss Violeb E. Willuans. The hridegroom is a member of the local hand, and as the happy couple left the shuroh, 672 Grandsire Triples was rung by his fellow. ringers: J. Thorlev $1_{1}$ T. Leeatk 2, A. Woods 3, T. A. Hepwerth 4. C. H. Thontuy 5, W. Hobson 6, G. Thorley (conductor) 7, F. Cooper 8.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

ARM1STICE DAY MFFTNG AT CREADLE.
By uilu kind invitation of Father Macdonald, priest of the Tomau Catiolic Church at Cheadle, a meeting was beld on Armistice Day, when the hells ware rusg hulf-utufled. Ringers attended from Noton. Kingsley, Leak, Iftoxefer, Inngton, Burslem, Draycott, Stoke and the loonl luelfry. Then metheds rung included Boh Major, Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Boh and Cambridge Surprise, besides rounds and Bob Minor for the young local bend, who are doing well? under tine lenderslip of Mr. A. Hail.
Tea was lemvided at the Wlentabeaf Entel, by the kindness of Father Macdonald, who sent a lettor of welcome, not lsoing able to bo prosent in prorgm, win in return a lirarty vate of thank was passed in him.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of The Ringing World 'into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by MONDAY in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Monday, Mr. James George, of Birmingham, reaches has 861 h birthay, and his friends everywhere will join in offering then congratulations. He hns now recovered from lis loug illuess and is enjoying good health. Few men have accomplished as nuch as Mr. George in the world of cinging, and but for the wat we can imagine be would by this time live bect as busy as ever at the rope end.

Lest Tuesday was tire two hundred and second annjversary of the peal at West Ham (mentioned in Hast week's issue) in which Philemon Afainsaring turned the 28 cwt tenor in to 15,120 changes of Phain 13ob Major.

On November 23rd, 1732, the City Scholars rang 6,012 changes of Graudisu Caters at \&st. Gides', Cripplegate, and on the same date in 1775 the Norwich Selolars sured the first peal on the grand ring of fwelwa at Bt. Peter Mancroft, which lad recendy been erected. The nuethod was Grandsire Cinques.

Noverber 25th is the anniveraty of two other 18 th century peals of Grandsire Cinques. In 1729 the London Scholars rang 6,204 changes at Et. Michael's, Cornhill, and iv 1798 the Union Society of Shrewshury rang 6,006 clanges at St. Chad's.
The hoard which recorded the Comhill peal was in existence 100 years ago, but soon afterwards whs takon down from the wall during some repairs, and ultimately was hroken up and destroyed.

The dedieation of the two new hells, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, ts. asgment to twelve the present ring at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, will take place on Sunday morning, November 26th On the following Saturday there will be an open meeting for ringers.
通r. Arthur Panther, of Wath-on-Dearne, Forks, is at present in the Montagu Hospital, Mexloorough, where be has undergone several operations for interna! trouble. We are pleased to state he is progressing favourably and have no daubt his many friends will wisl him of speedy yetovery.
Tlie peal of Grandsire Caters at Worsley on Saturday was rung to celobrath the coming of age of Mr. Robin Renslaw, son of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Rensham. The ingers were invited to the Vicarage to driuk the young man's hoalthind wish him many happy returns of the dav, all the land thank the vicar for his kindness. The peat was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Prank Reynolds. the nigeer of the fifth.

## RUGBY RINGER'S DEATH

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY LOSES VALUED MEMßER
The passing of Mr. Alberk Bramall on November 7th robs the Rugloy St, Andrew's hand of its oldest member and tho Warwiclishire Gusld of one of its few romajning pioneers. A robust man, he helied his 77 years by his bandling of the heavier bells, and until a month before his death was ever eager to turn in the 25 cut. tenor to a toach of Surprise
Mr. Bramall began his ringing career in 1886 at St. James', Grimshy and rang in a peal of Gramdsire Triples there of March 4th, 1889. His first peal, lowever, for the Lincolashire Guild (also Grandsire Trinles) was scored on August lath in the previous yent at 81 . Andrew's Church, Grimsby, where he may still be remembered as 'Old Blossomy.
His livelihood on the railway took him to Rugby in May, 1899. to be followed a year later by another Lincoln Guild enthusiast, Mr. J. B. Featon, and the present standard of change ringing at Rughy owes much to their early encouragenent on handhells.

Although Mr. Bramall rang but one penl for the warwickshire Guild, he has bren one of the most conscientious service and practice ringers during lis 40 years at Rugby, and he will be much missed for a very long time to come.
On Eunday, November 12 th, his colleazues paid their last tribute to him with balf-mufled touches of Stedman Triples before morning service, one of these being called by his son, Mr. Leslie Bramall, wha is the deputy ringing moster.

## WAR TIME RINGING.

## CFAPRAL COUNCIL AND MINLSTRY OF HOME SECURITY AN AGREED SEATEMENT. Fo the tiditor. <br> Dear Sir, - Since the early days of the war I have been in toucli

 with the Ministry of Home Security as to ringing in general, and am row able to publish the following agrced notice,A copy has been or will be sent to all affiliated associations and all members of the Council, and I an arrunging for a supply to be available for any tower secretary who may desire a copy. In the latter case a stamped addressed envelope will be appreciated.
All ringecs are urged to observe the requirements of the motice and to advise me of auy difficulties they may have with the authorities in theis district. In this way we shall avaid troubles, thely the Ministry and help ourselves.

I hava indicated to the Ministry that we are all prepared to help. and in their last letter they write:-

- I should like to talie this opportunity of cepressing our apprecia. tion of the co-operation which you have so kindly offered."

GEORGE W. F\&ETCHER,
Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

## THE RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS

## CIVIL DEFENCE REGULATIONS

Under the provisions of the Control of Noise (Defence) (No. 2 Order, 1939 , the sonnding of any instrument which might be inistaken by the public for an air ratd or poison gas warning sigasal is, in general, prohibited. The use of church or chapel bells or clock clumes in a customary manner is not, however, considered to be likely to cause confusion, and is not prohibited.
It is, nevertheless, desirable that urangements should be made for ringing (whether the bells he in rounds or changes) to cease immediately an air raid warning is given
To ensure that the bells stop immediately, in ringer ar same other resp onsible person should be posted outside the tower with aleans to como unicate the warning
Kingers are reminded that all ringing chambers, bell clanıbers and slaircases are subject to the lighting vestrictions, aud all lights therein must be adequately screened or, where this is not possible, must not bo used after sunset or hefore sumise.

The foregoing notice las been approved by the Ministry of Home Security All ringerg are rerged to observe the above requirements in the interest of public security and so that further restrictions may wot become necessary.

GEORGE W, FLTTOHRR,
Fon. Secretary, Central Council.

## PEAL RINGING IN WAR TIME

Dear Sir, The Central Council's resolution of 1915, recalled by Rev. F. Ll. Fdwards is 'The Ringiug World ' for Nov, 10 th, regarding alustention from peal ringing during the Great War is interesting, but I hope it will not be taken as a binding precedent to be followed during the present war.

Tie attituda of the authorities is quite definitely in favour of the contimuance of normal activitjes, so loag as they do not lessen the nation's war effort. Forms of entertainment and sport have been ericouraged as far as possible, and peal ringing, which, together with association meetings, forms the secular sido of our art, seems to me to come definitely into this category. It might be argued that would not be desiralile to start for a peal on the day of the announcement of a big loss to our defence forces-though even that does not stop such things ms footbail matehes-but the only other reasons I ean see for stopping peal ripging are those which have already in some places stopped or curtailed service ringing. One of the most necessary things at the mesent time is to keep up the morele of the ordinary population and this will not be done if one's ordinery means of reereation are out off.

Obviously we cannot expect the usual number of peals to be rungdificulties of travelling and of maintaining bends are often too preat, but in places where this can be overcome peal ringing can do no harm to the country.

WIEFRLD G. WILSON.

## WAR-TIME MEETINGS IN LANCASHIRE.

At a meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Associntion on Saturday last, the arrangement of war-time meetings was discussed. It was decided to select a tower where the windows could he blacked out and at a church in the town until the evenings were lighter. Boltor is fortunate in loving seven rings of eight and one of six in the town itcelf. Ta some towers, when and how bells could be rung was a little doubtful, but the meeting felt thankful to the Editor of - The Rirging World' for clearing tho matter up-

The mefting was fairly well adtended, eight locsl towers lieing represented, and the visitors included the president and the secpetary of the Preston Pranch and Mr. Fred F. Rigby, a former branch Facmber, who has come beck from Bourvemouih to reside in the district.

## SUCCESSFUL COMBINED PRACTICES.

## ACTIVITY IB VARIOLS CENTRES.

A very successful combined prectice of the Cranlejgh-Ewhurst-Bramley-Wonersh block of towers was held at Cranleigh on Saturday aftermoon. November 18th, when 16 ringers and learmers were present fram six different towers, together with members of the local band. The eight bells were waised in peal at 3 o'clock, and between that tims and 5 a'clock, when the bells were lowered (again in peal), no time whatever was wasted, and riaging, from rounds to Double Norwich was continuous and enjoyed by all present. The opinion wes genevelly expressed that az enjoyable and useful afternoon had been spent, and that such practices were well worth arranging, especially under present circumstancest.
Arrangements have been aface for further such combined practices from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, to be held at Bramley, November 25th ; Shere, December 2nd; Bramley, December 9th; Ewhurst, December 16tin; Wonersh, Decemher 23rd; and Thamley, December 30th. A11 ringers will be wcleome,

Combined practiees have been held ath varions towers in South Buckinghanskire on most sinturday alternoons since the outbreak of war. Tingers will be welcomed at Hughenden to-morrow and at Chailonl; St. Peter's on Saturday, December 20 d , both at 3 p.tm.
Recent practices at Stoke Poges and Clower Hava been onjoyed by those enthusiasts who put in an appearance, despile the war and the blick-out. Farjous methods were rung, including Surprise, some touches being nearly good chougli fou fluo secrelary. A start has been made with some evacuees, who will be useful when they roturn to London. The next practice is at Cookham to-morrow, but as some of the meetirgs are put on at short notice, it is as well to keep in touch with one of the "rogulars," in case there is not time to edvertise in 'The Ringing World.
It has been decided to visit the following towars on the dates mentioned for combined mractices: Erith (Chrigt Church), November 25th: Crayiord, December 2nai, Erith (St. John's), December 9th; Bexley, Decemher 16th; Dartford, Decenviber 23rd. 'Practices will then be repeakecl in the bame orter. The idea is to keep the goodly number of young ringers at Lhese towera interented.

## WAR TIME RINGING ARRANGEMFNTS

Neweastle Cathedral, 10.15 to $11 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{m}$. and 2.45 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$,
Merstham, Surrey, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 2.30 to 3 p.m. Practice, Friday, $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Worplesdou, 10.15 f.in. Practice, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.
Broxbourne, 10.90 to 17 a.m. and 2.50 to 3.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 6.45 p.m.
Banmemouth, 9.30 to $10.50 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$, and $2.40 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Winchester Catliedral, $10.25 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
St. Alhans, St. Peter's, 10.15 to 11 d.m. and 5.30 to 6 p.m. Practice, Monday, 8 p.m.

## BRISTOL UNTTED GUFTDS.

## DTCISION TO HOLD ANYUSL DINNER

The committee of Bristol Unitcd Ringing Guilds lave decided to nold the annual dimner on the thirī Saturday in January (the 20 thi). The place will he decidea later. Subject to aty rationing conditions that nay prevail, the dinner will be of the usual character and tickeks will be $4 s$. 6d. each. The customary social programme will be arranged. Those who are preposing to attend should communicate with the hon. secretery (Mr. E. Guise) before November $25 t h$.
The committee are also Boping to promote dances on Satarday evenings at St. Michael's Parisli Hall, if sufincient tickets, at ls, each, are sold.

## THE RECORD PEAL OF MINOR CONGRATULATIONS FROM TASMANLA

Dear Sir,-Readers of "The Ringing World "will probably be interested to know how widely interest has been created by the band which rang the 104 metiod peal at Bighy on July 19th last. Amorgst the numerovs letters of congralulation one laas been received by me from Mr. A. R. Wilson, bon. secretnry of the Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, Hobart, Tasmania, The members of the association sent their congratulations to the band who rang the peal.
Since riaging the 104 method peal, which was thought, at thr time, to be the extent of metlods in seven 720's, Mr. C. K. Lewis has found it possible to include 105 methods in seven extents. So the extent of methode has yet to be rung when we are in bappler times. Grasby, Lincoln.

GEORGE E, FERRN.

## MR JOHN SHAND'S ARTICLE. To the Editor.

Dear Sir-Apropos rour note in Belfry Gussip recently of Mr Shand's article in the 'Nineteenth Century and After." I should like to draw your attention io the fact that this gentlenian made a coutritution to the 'Spectator' of Octrher 30th. 1936, on :he 'Bellringer's Art.' In this lie spoke at lengtl on aspects of general interest in campanology and told of the special preparations being made for ringing during the Coronation celehrations in 1937.

Fenlart. Newcastle-on-TYne.
R. ARTH UR.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON

## HOW THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY WAS FORMED.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

Nowadays it is so unusual for any ringer not to lis a nember of one of the large societies or associations that we naturally think it was always so. But such was not the case.

The leading societies formerly were small and exclusive bodies, the members of which were closely associated together and formed one band only. There were, inderd, members who lived in the provinces or the outlying villages of Middlesex and Sutrey, but they hardly counted in the general life of the society. The band at headquarters flected only just a sufficient rumber of recruits to filt vacancies caused by deaths or retirement.

Societies so constituled were very liable to vicissitudes of fortune, and there were many causes which might easily bring the whole thing to an end. A quarrel, the death of the leading members, waning interest, or the slackness which comes with increasing years-any one might cause the break-up of the company; and so the life of most of these societies was not a long one. And especially the fortunes of these bodies depended on the possession of good leaders. Where there was a mast of energy and ability, there the society prospered. When such was lacking, there was decay and, usually, final extinction.

These considerations give us all we really need to know about the fate of the Society of London Scholars. It is most likely that they failed to adapt themselves to the changing conditions of the time, and after Doleman, in the early days of the eighteenth century, they do not appear to have had any leader of outstanding ability such as the College Youths found in Benjamin Annable, and the Union Scholars in John Holt. In 1742 some of their members joined the College Youths, and that probably marks the final Sreak-up of the society.

The Society of Cumberland Youths was formed from quite a different class of people. Outside the leading companies there were many ringers, loosely organised into bands, who met at different towers, and did most of the not inconsiderable amount of paid ringing there was to be done.

Who they were, what they did, and what peals they rang, have mostly been forgotten, but in Laughton's book we get a brief glimpse of some of these people. In all there were forty-two men associated with the Ramblers' Club in 1733 . Ten of them were, at the time, members of the Snciety of College Youths, one or two were, then or afterwards, members of the Eastern Scholars or the London Youths; but for the most part they were not members of any society that we know of.

They were ringers before the club was formed, and (we cannot doubt) they continued to be ringers after it was broken up. The majority of them lived in the north or north-eastern suburbs of the town. They rang at Christ Church, Spitalfields, and when Shoreditch Church was built and the new bells put up, they were the people who usually rang them.

As these men dropped out of ringing others took their places, and though they hadi, so far as we know, no formal society, there were all the materials for making one. All they needed was a first-class leader to organise them, and him they found at last in George Partrick.

Partrick was the real founder of the Society of Cumberland Youths; but for him it probably would never have existed, and since he had appeared it would still have come into being had the battle of Culloden never been fought.

This accounts for the discrepancy of the dates. When the society was founded it reeded a name. It was the fashion at the time all over England to call things after the Duke of Cumberland, and, since be was nowhere more popular than in Spitalfields and Shoreditch, it was natural enongh that the nut eonspany should be the Society of Cumberland Youtls. That special permission was given to use the name, or that the Duke knew anything about it, is not in the least likely. The medal worn by the Master to this day, is an impress of one that had been struck to commemorate Culloden, and it was given to the society, not by the Duke, but by William Manley, a gentleman who lived at Woldham Hall, near Rochester, and who was Master of the society in 1774.

The new socicty was formed on September 6th, $17+\overline{7}$, nearly eighteen months after the battie of Culloden, and the society's book leaves no doubt that it was a new company and not merely a change in the title of an old one.

The list of early members shows the connection, with the Ramblers' Club. Jeremiah Gilbert, Laughton's close friend, was one of the foundation menbers, and so was Joln Harrington, another Rambler, while the names of several others suggest that they were the sons or relatives of men who had been associated with Laughton.

Of George Partrick nothing apart from 'his ringing carcer is known. We are tempted to think he was a nember of a family which supplied more than one eminent ringer. There was a John Patrick, a leading composer at the end of the seventeenth century, two of whose six-bell methods are still rung. A nother John Patrick was Master of the College Youths in ${ }^{5} 736$, and Robert Patrick, laalf a century later, was an excellent ringer and a bell founder, who cast the bells at Bishopsgate and Hackney and the tenor at Cripplegate. At least his name is on these bells as founder, but whether he cast them himself is perliaps doubtful.

George Partrick was a composer, but only one of his compositions has survived. It is the well-known onepart peat of Treble Bob Major in twenty-two courses which, curiously enough, is generally attributed to John Patrick.

At Spitalfields and Shoreditch, a large colony of French refugees had settled and carried on the trade of silk weaving. The names of many the members of the new society show that they were of French extraction, and notably arnong them were Samuel and Francis Wood, whose family name had originally been Dubois. Francis Wood was the grandfather of Matthew Wood, whom older people stili remember to-day as one of the leading London ringers of a past generation.

This, then, is the genesis of the Society of Cumberland Youths, which was for many years so closely associated with the bells and belfry of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. I have mentioned that during the first six or seven years after the bells were put up only a couple of peals are known to have been rung on them, and those by a visiting company. It is a not unlikely explanation that other peals had been rung by these men before they became the Society of Cumberland Youths, for, soon after they had (Continued on next page.)

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NOHTHERN DIVISION'S SUCCUSSFUL YEAR.
The anmual meetmg of the Noriheru Division of tho Easex Assocsatiou took place ou Saturday, November 1lth, at Docking, 33 ringerb attending irom 15 different parishes. In view of the carcunstances which now prevarh, riuging commenced shortly after 2 p.in. aud was continued until 4 p.lln, when a short service was condueted by the Dean the Very Eov. E. Rogers, O.B.E.), and a collection for the Diell Restoration liund amounted to 85 . 4d. After the service ruging was resuaned antal dark, when the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, which wes followed by the business meeting.
Tha District Master (Mr. F. IndgWell) presided, and as splendid report on the year's work in tive division was read by the secretery (Miss Hilda Suowden). Mectings had been held at Coggeshall, Stisted, Delchamp St. Paut's and Bockmg, with an average attendance of 31 . Thu Yeldium weeting had wo bostponed owing to the outbreats of war. Niuc new raming members bad been elected. Tweaty-six peals lad been rung. The number was not so higlt as in other years, uwing to the difficuliy whiels had ariser from september, but the siandard was a great deal higher than ever heiore. The analysis showed that the fieals included three of Spliced Minor in 30,32 and 34 mothods, one each of Netherseale and Hourne Surpriso Minor, obe of Analable's Londou Minor, and soven more in other Minor methods; two of Saliced Londont, Brisuk, Cumbridge and Superlatte Siupprse Major, four Loudan Surprise Mixjor, two of Bristol, one of Superlative, hwo of Chnleridge and two of Bob Major. The conduclors were R. Bird (9), L. W. Wifen (8), C. W. Woolley (3), J. Jennings and I. Suckling ( 2 cadr), J. Filhott nud J, H. Crampion (one each). It was gratifying to note that the Spliced Surprise Major was rung eatirely by members of this division, under the conducturshtip of Mr. L. W. Wiffen. It was also extouraging to note that several young ringers rang their firsb peal
Ior the election of ofticers Mr. L. W. Wiffer took the chair. Mr. F. Ridgwell expressed a wish that sopeone else should be elected to the Masterslip. It was, he said, an office that should go ronnd, and lie proposed that Mr. H. W. Smith be elected Master for the ensumg year.-This was seconded by Mr. F. Cleydon amd carried.
Mr. L. W. Wiffen, on belialf of the members, thanked Mr. Ridgwell for his past services.
WTiss Bild Snowden was re-elected hon, secretury on the proposihimm of R. Suckling, seconded by C. Burton
Three new ringing members were elected.
A difcussion followed as to what shoule be done in the division during the war, and all werc in favour of the proposition that practies be held at available towers every second Saturday in the month, the secretary making the necessary inçuiries nad arrangements.
Thas possibility of future neetings was left to tho secretsry, wlen information was forthcouing regarding towers that were ayailable.
The Mester proposed a vole of thanks to the Dean, and Mrs. Rogers and fist willing liclpers for the tea. He also welcomed the Sulm-Dean's presence.-Tlise Dean briefly replied
Several mentbers them ruade use of the handbells

## ST. LEONARD'S, 'SHOREDITCH.

(Conljured from previoss page.)
been organised and George P'artrick had assumed control, they became one of the most prolific peal-ringing bands in the metropolis.

But, though the Cumberlands looked on St. Leonard's as especially their tower, and practised there regularly, they never enjoyed a monopoly of the bells. The belfry was always open for peal ringing to any band who could get the right side of the steeplekeeper and, presumably, pay the recognised steeplage fee. It was not due to any generosity or tolerance on the part of the Cumberlands, for, as we had evidence in the account of the opening of Horsleydown bells, the relations between rival hands were normally anything but friendly. It seems that there were some towers where the local authorities did not mind how nuuch ringing there was, and raised no objection if the bells were rung on two or three nights in every week.

## NOTICES

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.-A meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, November $25^{\text {th }}$, when there is nearly a full moon to counteract the black-otit. Ringing from 3 until 5. Tea and business meeting at the Duke's Head, with further ringing until 9 o'clock. Owing to caterer's diffizulties, please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Thurch Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible. Everybody welcome. - A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and THE SHEFFIELD AND DISIKICT SOCIETY. -A joint practice meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. until ' black-out.' Short business meeting witl be heid in the Church Hall immediately afterwards, to be followed by handbells, and also instructional advice on theory and advanced methods by Mr. George Lewis. All welcome. No tea provided, but refreshment obtainable close by. There will be a full moon on this date, therefore no transport difficulties anticipated. Rally up.-Sidney F. Palmer and Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Christchurch District.-The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells (12) available from a p.m. Tea at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A.-G. Preston, 42, Water100 Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch.
Next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, November $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available from 3 p.m. Method to learn, London Scholars'. For tea, please notify Mr. John Butterworth, 3, Society Street, Shaw. Business meeting to follow at $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-St. Albans District.-The annual district meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, November 25 th. The cathedral bells (:2) open + to 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) open 2.30 and after tea. Service at St. Peter's 5.15. Tea at McMeekan's Restaurant 5.45 p.m. Business meeting (further meetings, election of officers, secretary's report, efc.) and handbell ringing. All towers in the district should be represented. All ringers and friends welcome. - Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting will be beld at Lavendon on Saturday, November 25 th, from 2 to $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Learners and beginners invited. Tea, is. each, by notice on arrival-J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, November 25 th. Bell foundry bells (10) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. General meeting in ringing room 5 p.rn. Owing to difficulty of transport, etc., members are asked to cater for themselves. Tea can be got at local cafe.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, November $25^{\text {th }}$. Bells available 3 p.m. until blackout. Meeting after business; important. Members and non-members cordially invited.-F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The Luton District. The quarterly meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, November 25 th. The eight bells will be available from 3 till $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers invited.-E. A. Belson, Dis. Sec., 7 , Queen Street, Leighton Buzzard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Stockport Branch. - A branch meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, November 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please note change of tower, and also, in view of present circumstances, kindly advise Mr. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde, the number requiring tea. - C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-

 DON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District. A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Business and handbell ringing afterwards.-T. 1. Lock, Hon. Dis. SecLINCOLN DIOCESAN GUIID.-Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.-A meeting will be held at Upton on Saturday, November 25 th. Bells (5) available from 1.30 to 4.15 p.n. Short service. A whist drive will be held in the Village Hall during the evening.-Geo. I. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 248 , Lea Road, Gainsborough.

ONFORD DIOCESAN GUII.D.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice has been arranged at Cookham ( 6 lyells) on Saturday, November $25 t h, 3$ p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Stay to tea and go home by moonlight. Handbells as well, if possible.-S. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Slough 23260.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUTLD. - Oxford City Branch.-The annual general meeting will be held at Wolvercote to-morrow, Saturday, November 25 th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 , followed by tea and business meeting. All welcome-E. J. Morton, in, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District There will be a practice at Little Waltham on Saturday, November $25 t_{h}$, at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringers wel-come.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NEWPORT, MON.-St. Woolos' Cathedral.-The augmented ring of twelve will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmonth during II a.m. service on Sunday, November 26th. The two new trebles added and Nos. 3 , 4 and 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston.

ST. WOOLOS' CATHEDRAL, NEWPORT, MON. -The to bells, now augnented to is in memory of the late Dr. Egerton Williams, will be dedicated on Sunday morning, November $26 \mathrm{~h}_{1}$, by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. The following Saturday, December 2ndo, the bells will be available for ringing until black-out time. Visitors please notify Mr. C. Greedy, 68, Morden Road.

CANNINGTON, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET. - The ring of six beils rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28 th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burtors District.-The 'black out' will not interlere with the next meeting, to be held at Newhall on Saturday, December and. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 4.45 . Appreciation of the efforts made to ring after tea should be shown in attendance. All are welcome.-J. W. Coltom, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division.The annual meeting of the division will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December and. Bells available from 2 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting to follow. Wil! everyone please make an effort to attend this meeting, when it will be discussed what course should be adopted with regard to practice meetings?-J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells of St. Michael at Coslany available from 2-4. Tea in St. Miles' Mission Hall at 4.15. Business meeting to discuss plan of campaign and incidental problems at 4.45 , foltowed by social evening, including the showing of a film in colour by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, taken by him on his recent holiday in Norway and Spitzbergen, nad the use of handbells. It is most important that I know by Tuesday, November 28th, if you are coming. -Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treas., Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.
DEVON GUILD.-Exeter Branch.-The ansual meeting will be held at St. David's Institute, Haldon Road, Exeter, on Saturdiay, December 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock, preceded by a short service at $4 \cdot 45$. Will those requiring tea please notify me by November 25th? St. Sidwell's, St. Thomas' and St. David's bells available from 2 to 5 p.m.-W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Dccember and. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.-C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey District. - A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after business meeting. Nominations for district officers for 1940 at this meeting. All ringers welcomed. Names for tea to Mr. W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, not later than Wednesday, Nowember 2gth.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OKFORD DIOCESAN GLILD.-Sonning Deanery Branch. - A practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, December $2 n d$, from 2.15 p.m. until dark. All welcome, but please come early.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LADIES' GLTLD.-South Midland District.-The next meeting will be held at Rothwell ( 8 bells) on Saturday: December 2ad, from 2 p.m. till black-out. Please send names for tea by Monday, November 27 th, to F. E. Hart, Hon. Sec., Weston-by-Welland, Market Harborough, Leics.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., with business meeting to follow. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, Novernber 28th, without fail.-E. F. Cubberley, Hon. Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.- The annual meeting will be heid at St. Ambrose's Church on Saturday, December 2ad. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.-R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.-Southern District. The annual district meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, December and. Belis (6) available 2 p.m. until black-out. Service and tea, with meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by November 28th certain.E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December znd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. S. Churton, I, Birks Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Wednesday. All ringers welcome.-Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.Come along to Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, December 2nd, and help keep the East Grinstead flag flying. Bells available $2.30-8.30$ p.m. Mr. R. D. Divall has made arrangements for tea, so play the game, chaps, and send him a postcard before November zoth, at Kewins, Hart-field.-C. A. Bassett, Asst. Sec.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brad-ford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that those requiring tea should inform me not later than Thursday, November 3oth.-W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone, 297.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-North-Eastern Division.The annual meeting will be held at Mistley on December 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Thorne Hotel 5-30. Will all those intending to be there please notity me by Saturday next?-J. R. Sparling.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch.-A meeting will be held at Dalton-inFurness (ro bells) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2 till $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.-N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch.The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, during the afternoon of Saturday, December 2nd.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LYDFORD, DEVON.-The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-opened at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 rd.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division.-A practice will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Decenber 9 th, commencing 2.30 p.m. sharp.-Hilda G. Snow den, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Northern Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, December gth. Buses from Stourbridge Town pass the church. Ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Service and meeting after. Ringing 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Election of officers, so please try and get there.-J. Lloyd, Ringing Master.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.--Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells), on Saturday, Decensber gth. Kindly notify me for tea.-W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District-A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December gth. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at the Parochial Hall, Brighton Road, followed by a business meeting and ringing again from 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Gear, Sandyway, The Cutting, Redhill, by Wednesday, December 6th. All ringers welcome.-H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Hillview, Eastbourne Road, Godstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, December gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. T. Millar, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Wednesday, December 6th?-Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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## REVIVAL OF MEETINGS.

The revival of activity among ringers all over the country is very emphatically evidenced by the large number of meetings advertised in our lasi issue. Nearly forty such gatherings were announced. It is gratifying that the associations are getting back, as nearly as conditions permit, to a normal procedure, and now that they have had time to take stock of the position, we hope they will find it possible to carry on with the good work. One doubtful point, at any rate, has been settled, and the position of church bellringing luas been made absolutely clear by the Ministry of Home Security. There is no need for further hesitation among either clergy or association officials in providing opportunities for meetings. We can only repeat that for the maintenance of the art, and with it service to the Church, as well as providing a contribution to the upkeep of the public morate-for the cessation of all but war activities would quickly have a depressing effect-there is every justification for keeping the hells of the churches ringing for rormal purposes. And in this connection meetings and practices have their. part. The question of peal ringing may come in a slightly different category, but there are occasions when even peals may be ring without any affront to public sentiment.

The " black ous ' is the most serious handicap to ringing at the moment. The lighting restrictions must be complied with, and there are many belfries where the making of effective provision under the regulations is almost out of the question, on account of the size of the belfry windows. The towers with only small window openings, which in ordinary times are often looked upon with disfavour, have come into their own, as it were, for they can now be effectively blacked out, whereas the well-lighted towers are debarred from use after nightfall. Nevertheless ringers are overcoming the difficulties by holding their practices on Saturday aftemoons, as we suggested immediately after war began. There is, however, one point in connection with these Saturday afternoon practices that should he borne in mind. They should not be allowed to clash with association official meetings. Local practices ought always to give way for the larger gatherings of this kind, not only because they are more important, but also because the ringers owe a loyalty to the associations, which demands co-operation in making the meetings a success. In normal times, Saturday meetings do not clash with practices, which ordinarily take place on other evenings of the week, but now that the black-out has put an end to ringing after nightfall in so many places, Saturday afternoons are the (Continued on page 724.)

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only alternative. There seems, however, to be some evidence that these Saturday practices are interfering with the attendance at the association meetings that are now being arranged, and at Kilburn, on Saturday, the question formed the subject of a resolution at a gathering of the Middlesex Association. After all, meetings are in themselves a practice and, indeed, usually provide a more advanced practice than can be got at the average tower by a local band. There is need in these days for every encouragement to be given to ringers to support the efforts of the associations, and it is hardly fair to those responsible for arranging the meetings that there should be rival claims, as it were, in the same locality. There should be a full measure of co-operation in this matter, and we feel sure that ringers have only to give the matter a moment's serious thought to see which way their duty lies.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

POULTON-LE-FTLDE, LANCASEIRE.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nouamber 25. 1939, in Two Howrsand Forty-Seven Minwtes, At the Cburcy of St. Cead.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANEES;

- Albyri Adcocz... ...* ...troble Jo

John Hasby .a. ... ... 3 Bernard H, Hall ... ...Tanor Conducted by C. Searples.
* First peal. Rung to celobrate the wedding of Miss Mary Rameden and Mr. Thomas Swarbrick. First perl of Doubles in the Fylde.


## DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(St. Grorgr's Socigiv.)
On Saturday, November 25, 1939, in Thero Ifours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parise Chorge of St. George,
A PEAL OF RRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANRESI Tenor 21 cwt .

- Williah McGrbgor ...Troble Gabrigl Lindofy ... ... 4
- David McGregor ... .. 3 Frid E. Degre ... ... ... 5
 Coudacted by Frbd E. Dears.
* First peal. First peal by all in the method. First peal as conductor.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKS\#TRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 4, 1939, in Two Howrs and Thirty Minudes, At 27, Ancaster Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5OE CHANQEEI
Miss L. Kateleea Bowlimg 1-2 | William Barton ... ... 5-6

Composed by J. R. Pritceard. Conducted by William Barton.

* First peal on handbeils.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCLATION.
AND THE EAST GRNSTRAD AND DISTRIOF GUHD.
On Wednesday, Novamber 22, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty-Five Minutes At 92, Botcher's Row,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANEEB: Tenor file 20 in $F$.
 Cbcic Longevrst ..- ... 5-6 Condacted by Edgar Rapley,
*First peal "in hand." A Elst birthdey compliment to Dennia Brock, of Sunbury-on-Thames, who is now in the Royal Artillery.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE FORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Noumbey 22, 1939, in 1 wo Hours and Six Minttes, At 9, Pembroke Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

-Miss L. Kathlaen Bowling 3-4
Jobn Ambler ... ... .... 7
Composed by Yorke Grben. Conducted by William Barion.

* First patal on an 'inside ' pair.

WALTON, JIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Weduesday, Novomber 22, 1939, in I wo Hows and Thivty-Two Kinutes
At 56. Chepstow Smrert,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5O40 CHANGES;
'l'enor siza 18 in $a$.
Selwyn H. Deardza ... ... T-2 I William H. Dbacon ... .... 3-4 Thomas S. Horalogr ... ... 5-6 Conducted by W. H. Deacon. Witness-L, J. Horridge.
Fitstr peal 'in land ' by all.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOOIATION AND LONDON DIOCPSAN GUILD.
On Friday, Noyuther 24, 1939, in 7 wo Hours and Eight Minutes,
At tar Royal Masonic Jonior Scbool,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor size 15 inc .
*Edwin H. Lewis ... .... $\quad$-2 $\quad$ Edwin A. Barnett ... ... $5-6$ Cemistopara W. Woolley 3-ұ|Edwin Jennings ... .... .... 7.8 Composed by J. Reevis. Conducted by E. H. Lewis. * First peal of Little Bob Major "in hand."

## DEATH OF A GARSTON RINGER.

The Cluarch of St. Michacl, Garston, Liverpool, has sustained a great loss through tha death of Robert Kelly.

Mr. Kelly for 36 years was a regular service ringer and a devoted churchman. He hat been a member of the Lancashire Associabiont for the 36 yeara of his riuging eareer. He was leeld in high esteem by his fellow-ringers, who deeply moury his death.
The funcral service was attended hy a large gathering of deceased's fellow-workmes, und the Viear of Garston (the Rev. J. M. Swift spoke in lifgh terms of Mr. Kelly's loyalty and zoal when at work and of his value as a Studay service ringer,
The bells were rung half-muffled before and alter the service by his fellow-ringers and ringing friends from the claurches of Woolton and Liverpool St. Nicholes.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CFATTERIS, CAMBS.-At the Farish Church an Sunday, Novemher 26tl, for eversong, 720 Double Court Minor: P. A. Smis 1, S. Murply 2 , W. Young 3, A. J. Abrams 4, W. Seekings 5, F. Warrington (conductor') 6.
CHELSFA.-For afternoon service at St. Luke's Churel on Sundny, November' $26 t h, 1,278$ Grandsire Calers; T. H. Taffender $\overline{1}, ~ \mathrm{~F}$. Howson 2, L. Brown (first quarter-peul inside ${ }^{\text {' }}$ ) 3 , C. W. Ottley 4 , F. Skevington 5, A. F. Udull 6, C. Niclzolls 7, S. J. Hart (first quarter-peal of Grandsira Caters) 8, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 9, C. Bartiett 10. HASTINGS, AL All Saints' Church ou Suaday, November 26th, for moruing service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Boh Triples (1,260 clanges) 1449 minutes: W. White $1, W$. Bradiseld 2, A. Funncil 3, A. Lavelit (conductor) 4, S. Driver 5', G. Piper 6, W. Jainer 7, W. Levett 8.

NEWCASTLE-[T]ON-TYNE.-At SS. James and Basil on Sunday, Novemiher 26tly, for evensolg. a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Iedley 1, M, Anderson 2, A. Drown 3, J. Roacl 4, 1. W. Crowe 5, K. Arbitr 6 , R. Crosby 8. Specially arranged as a compliment to Nancy, dmugluter of Mr. M. Anderson, on the occasion of her marriage, which took place on the previous day.
COLOFESTER.-AL St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 19th, on the ocmsion of tive state risit of the Mayor and Town Council, 992 Oxford Treble Bols Diajor: Mys. G. Burch 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. Rashbrools 3, T. L. Bumpstead 4, R. Cadany 5, C.Q.M.S. R. W. Pye (Lissex Regt.) E, W. Clualk 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8 .
OVFA, CAMISB. At the Clumelh of St. Mary on Novemior gth for evensong. H48 Cambridge Surprise Mujor E. J. Parish 1, G. E. Crisp 2, R. Smith 3, A. W. T. Gins 4, C. Robinson 5, D. Adams E, F. Warrington (conductor) $7, R$. Thoday 8 .

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CANON COLERIDGE'S ADVICE.

The joy and wonflenco which bellringing gives to the public during war time was referred to at the anmual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held ut St. Nicholas Parish Room, Newbury, on Saburday, November 18Lh. This was coupled with appeals to rixgers to carry on as usual duving the troublous fimes ahead.

- We lave got to put oun hauds to the rope aud keep goiny until every tower resounds o'er hill and dale the message of peace, said Canon G. F. Coleridge. 'We are up against plenty of difleulties, but nevertheless the Guild is still full of life.' Ee colagratulated the Newbury Bratrch on their pluck and determination in arranging the meeting and on having such a good attendance under the circumstarnees.
The Rev. W. Kingsley Kelford (chairnan) said there was nothiag like a peal of bells to give cheer and encouragement to the people. On every Sunday, and weekdays as well if poasible, they wanted to hear church bells ringing Írom every tower. If ringing ceased, Sunday services would be liko a garden without fowers.
Mr. R. T' Hiblert ('general gearetary) appealed to those present not to allow either the Guid, the Newbury Branch or the towers to slip buk "lhey should remember that Sunday seryice ringing should be the greatest pleasure of aringer's life.


## DEATH OF MR. 'TED' HADLOW.

STEEPLEKEEPER AT GRAVESEND PARISE CHUREF.
Tlike death ocurred suddenly ou November 20th of Mr. Edward Hadlow, of St. Thomas Almslouses, Wrotham Road, Gravesend. He was 90 years of rge.
Mr. Hindlow was one of the best known men in the district. He was one of the oldest bellmgerg in Kent and lad been in church choirs nearly ail his life.
He had been streplelieeper at St. Gcorge's for many years. One of tha bolls thele is tascribed with lis name, for, when the bells were restored 17 years ago, Mr. Hadlow personally coliected ahout $£ 550$ for the restaration fund.
At in very early age he assisted his father, who was sexton at Harrielsham Church for 50 years.
Some years rgo he took part in a peal in which all the riggers were named Edward. On has bindhday each year special peals were rung in his honour at St. George's.
He lrad had a varied career. He was employed at sevoral windmills, including Lenlaam Feath, Lenham Town, Hendcorn black mid and Headcorn white mill.
He was in tho Canterbury Borougli Police Force and Kent County Cosscolulary; He had also been a 「oreman in a frait stores, engind cleaner, ship's stewrard, book-keeper and, prior to his retirement, a dock labourer.
He came to Gravenend ahout 46 yenrs ago. He lived in Spencer Street fol some 20 years and on his tetircment six years ago moved to St. Thomas A Amshouses.
He was a menther of St. George's Parochial Chureh Council, a member of the Kent County dssociation, abd a momber of the Gravesend Philharmonic Society.
Ta addition to the widow, five sons and a daughter are bereaved. One, Leslic, was recently promated inspectar in the Kent Constabulary and is at Asliford.
The funeral took place on Thursday. A service at St, Georges Parigh Church preceded the interment in Gravesend Cemetery. The Rector and Eural Dean (Canon F. T. Sonthgate) ofliciated. The choir were present.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The lust monthly meeting of the society muder wat-inno arrangements was ledat Birstall on Saturday Inst, Insterd of the fult noon which was expected. laenveran and hoisterous wind were provalent during the day. Pinging began at 3 p,m, aud continued until soon after 7 prm., except for a short breat for tea, whifl was held at the Charch Sale of Work that is always held ou the Fast Saturday in November.
Members were present frona Aumley, Thtley, Bradford, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's), Lends Pnrish Church. Liversedge fand ilve local company, also (hanmer Dennis T. Brock, of Sumbury-on-Thanes, now statimed somewhere in Yorlshire.
No husiness meeting was leid.

## A CHURCH FESTIVAL.

Ou Suturduy, November 4th. For the dedication festival at Fulmer, Bucks 720 Kent. Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. R. Fletcher (Beaconsfield) 1. E. Harding 2, G. H. Grittaridge (conductor) 3, Miss F, Clarke (Chalfont St, Petery 4, W. S. Ohflels (Denham) 5, H. C. Wingrove (Beaconsfield) 6. Also 240 Oxford Trelle Foh and 240 Grandsire Triples, in which Miss F. M. Gulteridge and Miss Gudgin touk part. Fulmer Churel was dedicated hy the Bishop of Lincoln on November 4th. 1610
The Frumer ringers tender their best thanke to their friends for coming to help thent on this ocension.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

## MORE ABOUT METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

The best music, from the point of view of the listener, whether he be a ringer or one of the general public, is produced by those methods, in the plain course of which the natural Coursing Order of the bells is not altered, except by the varying position of the trebie.

The reason is that a regular beat of the bells is sustained which, with good striking, gives that impression of musical rhythm which forms the main charm of change ringing for the listener.

This is usually described as 'keeping the tenors together,' but a good deal of nonsense has been talked about keeping the tenors together. Peaple have argued that because in London Surprise Major the number of changes in which the seventh and the eighth are not parted by more than one or two bells greatly exceed those in which they are so parted, therefore the method preduces excellent music. We have heard that said at Central Council meetings, and by eminent people, but not, we believe, by anyone who had rung much of the method, or had any very keen ear for striking or the finer points of bell music.

Now, the only operations which do maintain the Coursing Order unbroken, except for the varying position of the treble, are those which we have described under the names of the Extreme and Court Shunts. Therefore, when we are studying method construction, the first thing we must do is to see what are the methods which these Shunts produce.

Perhaps, to avoid misunderstanding, we ought to say that there is one other Shunt which comes very near giving the same effect as these do, but that cannot be dealt with now.

If you have written out all the possible leads on eight belis, each with one of these Shunts in a different position, you will find that you have got two possible Extremes, A and B, and two possible R. Court Shunts with the treble going from front to back.

If we work out the combinations of these we shall have all the methods on the plan which are now considered regular.'
For it is a condition required of methods that they should be 'symmetrical,' which, for our present purposes, means that if an R. Court Shunt is made in $3-4$, when the treble is hunting up, another must also be made in 3-4, when the treble is hunting down, and if an R. Court Shunt is made in $5-6$, when the treble is lunting up, another must be made in $5-6$, when the treble is lunting down. So that we can work out our methods by pricking the first half-lead, and the rest follows automatically. .

Now take pencil and paper and work out the methods.
With Extremes alone, we have three-Plain Boh, Reverse Bob, and Double Bob.

With R. Court Shunts alone we have also threeplaces in $3-4$, places in $5-6$, and places in both $3-4$ and 5-6.
To each of the methods produced by the R. Court Shunts we can add one of the three combinations of Extremes, which will give us nine more methods, or fifteen in all.

From a musical point of view these fifteen are the very pick of Major methoós. Some of them (Double Norwich,
for instance, which has the two R. Court Shunts), are well enough known, and are popular, but all of them deserve a greater amount of attention and practice than they have as yet received.

There remain the P. Court Shunts. These, as we said, keep the natural Coursing Order, but have the defect that, wher used by themsetves, they cause bells to lead or lie for four consecutive blows.

We can, however, remove this defect if we use the $P$. Court Shunt in $4^{-5}$ between two R. Court Shunts, as shown in the annexed half-lead.

That will give us a method which is quite distinct from the others and far more difficult to ring.

Every one of the Extremes and Court Shunts, by itseff, will produce the lead-end 3527486 , which is the first leadend of Bob Major. Two of them in a lead will produce a lead-end which is the second lead-end of Bob Major. Three will produce the third lead-end. And so on. You can always tell lead-ends of these methods from the number of Shunts they contain.

In the method just given (which is Double Coslany Cours) there are six Shunts. If we add an Extreme (either A or B), we shall have seven. That means that the treble will have completed its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the working bells, and the bells will run round at the first lead-end. But if we add both Extremes, we shall have a method (Double Mancroft), in which the first lead-end is the same as the first lead-end of Plain Bob.

On ten and twelve bells, combinations of Extremes and Court Shunts will give a large range of most excellent methods. Some of them are very difficult indeed to ring, but all of them, from the point of view of the outside listener, are much superior to the Surprise methods which, up to now, have attracted the attention of ten and twelvebell ringers.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCEATION.

## MEFTING AT Kllbuhn.

The North and East District meeting at st. Augusime's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 25 th, was attenied by upwards of 25 rimgers, and the bells were rung in rounds and a variety of methods until 5 p.m. Frayers and a short address were followed by tea, after which the company sat around a nice coal fire to atitend to husiness. It was the general ppinion of those present that, while local towers showed enthusiagm by holding Saturday afternoon meetinge when the usual week-dap evening proctice was not possible, support, should be giver to the district meatings by cancelling, if necessary, fle local practice.
It was decided to lold the next meeting at St. Matthew's, Dpper Clapton, if available, on Saturday, January 6th, 1940, which would be followed by the annual district meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Seturday, January 27th.
After the business liandbells were brought into gool wse and were the concluding item of an enjovable gathering.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

On Oetoher 21st a general practice was held at Longtar (eight bells), at which the attendance was fairly mood and the following towerz were represented : Leek, Stoke, Burslem, Hanley, Draycott. Cheadle and Longton. The following methods were rung : Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, Kent and Osford Treble Bob Majar, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.
A welcome visitor was a ringer from Loncon, who at present is staying in the district and has been giving a helping hand at the Stoke tower on Sundays. The ringers in the district are doing their best to carry on with the art.
At ah the towers ringing is as usual on Sundays. Some of the members have joined the Forces, but those who are left are struggling on and pushing the young ringers forward.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## HHNCKLEY DISTRICT.

Members and frieuds of the Hinckley District mat at Croft on November 18th. They came from Broughton Astley, Burbage, Croft, Earl Shilkon, Hinckley, Peckleton, Sharniord, Thurlaston and Keresley (Coventry).
Good ves was made of the light six bells until dusk, by which time Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Dubble Court and Cambridge Surprise Miwor had been rung.

The service laving been concelled, the bells were lowered in peal, and tho company, 24 in number, partook of an excellent tea, arranged by the lacal ladies, in the nearby sehoolroam.

At the short business meeting, presided over by the district chairman, it was announced that the zext meeting would be at Hinckley on December 9th, and arrangemeats for tea and the use of a room for the evening were in hand. Although tower ringing would of necessity be of shori duration, there would be ample opportunity for handbell ringing and for the enjoyment of that 'get together' epirit for which the Hinclaley District is notied.
Mr. C. H. Webt asked the meoting to stend for a few moments in token of sympathy with Mrs, Bailess and family in their very recent beresvement. Mr. Webb gaid he had known the lato Mr. Bailess for nany years, and althougli he had not been a ringer, his sons were. One was the local captain. Mrs. Bailess had expressed the wish that the meeting and tea should be carried on as usual.
Ringers were invited to attend the Earl Shilton practice nighte on Wednesdrys from 7.30 to 8.30 , the tawer Feving been paccessfully blacked aut for the purpose.
Thanks to the local latios and to Mr. J. Bajless for their excellent tea arragements comeluded the meeting.
Continuous rain by this time had get in, so the company passed the time handbell ringing until a suitable room over the way had been specially blacked cut. The company then moved over and spent a mosk enjovable time. Handbells were in continual ose, several having their first attempt "inside." Others, more expert, showed how it should be done.

## DUBLIN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Gearge's Parish Churah, Dublin, before remembrance (evening) service on Sunday, November 12th, The Eollowing (all members of St. George's Sociefyl took part: W. MeGrepor 1, D. MoGregor 2, Mies A. Dukes 3 , G. G. Lindoff (ronduttor) 4. G. Lindoff 5, A. Worrell E, W. Hall 7, Mr. Doolan 8. Rumg on the front five with 7.6 .8 covering.

## A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RESTORATION.

## DPARH-WATOH BEETLE AT LANGAR, NOTTS

The Church of St. Aadrew, ut Langar, Notts, which has been called "the Cathedral of the Vate of Belvoir," suffered the revages of the death-watch beetle in the belfry about three years ago.

Originally there were four bells. The frat beil was dated 1671, the second 1636 , the third 1601 , ent the fourth 161I. These were recest in 1859 and, through the magnificent efiort of the late Rev. Thomas Butler, tho then Rector, father of the famous Samuel Butler, a fittl bell was added. The tenor weigha 12 cwt.

Tle mischief caused by the deatll-watch beetle has been repaired by Messrs. Joln Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to the complete satiafaction of all, especially the ringers, who attended the dedication of the work on Sunday afternaon, November 19 th .

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Chaplin, Rector of Cotgrave and Rural Dean of Bingham. Tho bella are ruag on the ground foar, the tewer being in the centrs of the church, and, daring the siaging of the hymo whieh followed the address, the crowded congregation saw the bells raised in peal by Ralph Hardy 1, Leplie Holinand 2, Ralph Narborough 3. Harald Parfrement 4, Walter Nichols 5 all members of St. Mary's, Nottingham. When the bymn finished the beils were ruag for a feg moments in rounds. After the service severa! 120's of Crandsire Doubles were brought round, conducted by Messts. Nichols and Parfrement, to the deliphe of the imhabitants who had not heard their bells for ra\&ny years. Several other ringers then took phrt in tigging, amongal, those present being Mr. W. Whate, of Cotgrave, the hon. Treasurer of the Midiand Counties Association.
Afterwaris the Rector kindy entertained the ringers to lea st the Rectory and thanked Mr. Narharough for all hife efforts in helping to see their restoration saccessfully carried ous. He told the ringers that he wonld mow commence to raise funds to add a treble to meke a peal of six.

## WAR-TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

## Hatfield, 10.15 a.m., fourth Sunday 9.50 a.m.

Brierley Hill, 10.15 to 11 a.m, only. Orring to the fact that a listening post has heen placed not far from the cinurin, other ringing has been stopped by the police.
Ewell, Surrey, 9.30 to 10 a.m. and 2.30 to 3 p.m. Practice, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Chatteris, Cambs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Over, Cambs, 5.20 p.m. Practice, Mondays, 7.30 p.m.
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of ' The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by MONDAY in each week. We camnot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Severn! handbell pcals lave been rung this week, and congralulations will be extended to the band et Walton, Liverpool, all of whou scored their first 'in hand.'
THis peal of seven T20's of Kent Treble Bob Minor is tho result of eight weeks patjent practice. When they first met they tried all the methods they knew and mads no progress mitil they came to their senges, , gs our correspondent puts it, and rang nothing but Kent. Then they achiaved the success recorded elsewhere.
We congratulate Canon Morshall on his first handbell peal rung lagt Saburday, This was the Grst time, wo beliere, that a president of the Yorkshire Association lias rubg a peal in hand.
On November 28th, 1774, tho Society of Al! Saints' Youlhs, of Wormester, rang 7,326 elianges of Grandeire Caters. As the bells came round the tenor clapper feli cut. On the same date its 1829 the Gutaherlands rang the firgt peal on the bells at St. James'. Bermondsey, The wethod wes Oxford Treble Mob Zoyal, and the bobs were called by the younger George Groas.
Willium Douhledey Grofte, nf Nathingham, died on Novamber goth, 1809.

T To-day is the enmiversary of one of the earliest peals. At Greenwicl: 'the Sccietry of Kentish Youths Rung on Fryday ye lst of Decemr, 1732, A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Tripples in the Eiglith Month of their [rective." The record in the helfry, which for many years was hidden, has rocently been uncovered. On Decemher 461 h , 1603 , the Kensington hand, with Edward Bertell from Spitalfields, rang the first peal of Stedman Triples which we know to heve been true. On December $6 h_{\text {, }} 1731$, the Notwich men rang the second five thousand ever accomplished in the method. The conposition is lost, but, short of a miracle, cannot bave heen true.
By calling the peal of Doubles at Poulton-le-Fylde last Saturdey, Mr. Charles Sharples has now rung a peal of Grandsite on all numbers from Doubles to Cirques. The peal of Cinques was that rung in Melbourne, Australia, on November 11th, 1934.
The other liwe thousend of Grandsire Doubles reparted in uur peat column was rung to celebrate the election of the Rector. Whe Rev. E. H. F. Campbell, to a prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was also a hirthday compliment to Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Miss Ada Dukes, who rang the third, is the first resident Irishwoman to ring a peal.
Next Tuesday is the birthday of Mr. J. W. Joncs, the popular eecretary of the Llardaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. We offer bin our congratulations.
Next Wednesday is the seventjeth anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Sauthover, Lewes, Sussex, on December 6th, I869. The band was niade up of six Lewes and two Brighton ringers, and the father and grandfather of the Editor of "The Ringing World' took part. Had it not been for the war a commemorative peal would have beeu attemptect.

## A BAGLEY RELL FRAME.

STTLI, SOUND AFTER 250 YEARS. To the Enitor.
Sir, -I natice in 'The Ringing World ' of a few weeks ago an moticle about Henry Begley.
A few monthe ago I put in many hours cleaning and creosoting the timhers of our bell chamber at Willesbourne, in Waruickshire. These timbers were put in by Herry Bagley when the ring of six was put in in 1681. Thera have been no alterations to the timbers of the ange, but the third and fourth bells had new wheels and stocks fitted about 30 years ago. The timbers are still perfectly sound and the ring still pealable, although some of the bearings need replacing nnd tightening.
Elsiree.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## COMMITTEE AND SERVING MERBERS.

## The commibite of the Kent County Association met at Maidntone

 on Saturday lagt and unanimously agreed that all members who had joimed His Majesty's Forces, and those who may join durimg the progtess of the war should be retained in menbership of the association without fayment for the duration of the war. When tower secretaries gend in their names and subacriptions for 1940, will they please include all serving memberg and math nucordingly.The coumbitlee wished all serving members 'God-speed 'and a sule return to the towers they had loft.
It was also decided (D.Y.), war or no war, to hold the amuun general meeting on Easter Monday next at Maifstone.

## REV. F. J. O. HELMORE MEMORLAL

It las been decided to institute a memoria! to the memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, wha for 38 years wns hon, gecrebary of the Kent County Association. The Bencrolent. Fund of the associaliou was mitiated durimg his term of oflice, and the memorial will take the following form :-

That a fund the innugurated to be lfnown as "The Helmore Memorial Furd " pind the whole smount raised by sulathe Feclesiastical Commissioners and the interest aceruing therefrom be paid into the Benevolent Fund of the association, and that gmount, together wislt any farther sum necessary, bo gaid snurally from that rund and to he known as the " Helmore Grant " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ to of old doserving member of the ersaciation, whosg name aluat have been on the books for at least 25 consecutivo years, the recipient to be determined by the Denevolent Conmittec.
ould like to that many with Jike to be associated the this memorial and meeting agreed to open a fund ant any subseriptions will be gladly received. All cheques and nostal orders should be mads payable to Lloycs Bank, (travesend. Sun Lane, Gravesend, wla


THE LATE REV, F. J. O, HELMORE,

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD-

## MEEPING AT JEATHERHEAD.

No [ewer than 17 towers were represented at the mecting of the Leatherbead Dist rict of the Guilfford Diocesan Guild at Leatherherd on Saturday, and iss spite of the very mixed bauds, the ringme on the whole was good and covered a wide range. includiug rounds and beveral Surprise Major and two Surprise Royal neethods. So it will be gathered that it was a meeting of enthusiasts in all stages.
Owing to the church not being lilacked out, there was no service, hut the Ficar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), with lis usual enthusiesm for ringers, cance and presided at tea and the business meeting, which took place in the club room of the Duke's Head.
The retiring district officers were all renominated, despite a plen by Mr. A. Harman that comeone should take his place as Finging Master. The Ficar gaid he was surry that circumatnmes nande a service impracticable, but he welcomed the ringers to Leatherhead, especially as he noticed niany who were strangers to him, and he loped it might be possible to hold a servfee at the next mecting in February.
Ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock.

## SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

If is 60 years since Mr. Samuel Quintin started his ringing career, nud on Saturday, Nowember 25th, a quarter-pea! wras rqug at St, Mary's Clumeh, Thatcham, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to celebrate the ocration and also as a birthday compliment to this "youth": A. Smith 1, Mise Joan Matthews 2 , T. J. Fisher 3, 8 . Ginintin 4, C. Pearece 5, E. Rex 6, H. W. Gurtis (conductor) 7, A. H. Brown 8.

## ANCIENT CUSTOMS. <br> EARLI RLNGING PRACHICES.

## To the Editor

Dear sir, Whr work and illness have combined to hinder a reply to Wr. Trollope's letter sooncl
In order to show that I aun ' very lititle acquainted ' with the mather of ringing in 1539 , he quotag doenmenls dated 1600 , 1630 and 1636 ; about a century too latel Even then the quotations do not mention changes 'llung in compass,' or "more coupass,' might to-dey imply change ricging, or zhey might not. At the dates mentioned the question is more doubtful stili. However, if Mr. Trollope wants to suggest that they were ringing changos at Halesworth in 1539 I do not wish to contradict hima.
I quite agree with him about call changes. In fact, I dragged thew in,' as loe puts it, for this purpose
As for foreign bells not heimg in tune, all those which I beve heard out of Frigland have been fin tune, which is more than I can say for those in Liggland. Once, for a year, I lived near a well-tuned octave (in a Roman Catholio Cathedral), but it was never rung in rounds, always "jangled.' Thits disposes complevely of Mr. Troflope's argument that bells must hare been rung in rounds, because they wore casti in exalc. Indeed, it is so untiknly that one cannot believe it. All other instrameats are tuned in scale, why ghould bells be any diJerent Rounds are not of ten played on other instrumests (and titen only as exercises), why should they he rang on bells? The answor, of course, is that rounds ara one row in changes. Until clanges were rung, no one would think of ringiag rounds. They whuld be too oljectionable!
If Mr. Trollope had remenilsered the whole of Ophelia's lamens when she believes Famlet to ba mad, le wauld harely have quoted just four words. Here is more of what she says on Hamlet's exit:O, what a noble mind is here o'erthrown!
Now see tint noble and most sovereign renson,
Like sweet hells jangled, tut of tune and harsh;
That aurantehed form and Centure of blown youth,
Blasted wilh ecstasy.
Mr. Trollope 5 ays that Shakespeare uses the word "jangled. in ased the word a few line hach. I think that anyone who has rend so far will have understood quite well what I mernt, and moreover would have used it himself, had he wanted to express the eame meaning. Yet I certainly did not use it in the sense that Sluakespeare nses it, nor would any of your readers. The bells I heard were nether ont of tume nor harsh; nor would anyone hearing them jangled, es I did, lave thought the sound the leask bit like madness. In case anyone may olject that these were modern hells, I may point out that we have in the five-bell tower of St. lawrence, Ipswich, a ring of loells whicil ring now exactly as they did in Shakespeare's time; nay evex in the year 1539, of whel we ure speating, and pertheps yearz hefore that. I Jave Jeard these well-tuhed mad sweet bells jangled by beginners, and I havo heard them well struck by ekilled ringers, but there wus, in either nase, notling that would make me think of one deranged; nor would any why of manipulating them have done so.
Now suyposing a number of vary fiae instruments were gathered logether, and they were piayed at once without any tuning, eibler of the insiruments themselves or with one another, would not that make one think of madiress? It mirit, however, be objected that a crowd of madmen would be conjured up. Suppose, ther, that one sounds a few bolls, taken at random, in tura neither with themselves nor with one anoliner, wauld not the result be liarsin and juat like the crude and disconnected musing of a madman? Is not this what was in Slimespeare's mind, when he wrote of sweet bella jangled? Instruments that might be so sweet, if only theis harsliness and lack of ture were put into proper order.

I have mow shown two things. First that the word "jangled 'took an a new meaning (which it could not heve had before) an the introduction of change ringing. All the ringer would now mean by the word, that bells are not "well struck. but clathing, and with illarranged intervals, and so ara. So much will meet with gemeral As a corollary to this, I would suggest that before change ringing was introduced, luells were always jangled, as we now put, it, and never rang in rounds or call changes. This is more disputable; and Mr. Trollope takes छlie other Fiew from mine.

Tlie sempd thing that I have shown is that Shakespeare used the word ' jangled " in its pre-change ringing meaning. This be must have done, as he was nat accustomed to listen to changes being well struek ar even strucls at all. If. however, Mr. Trollope can prove that Slinkespeare fid hear change ringing, zo one would be better pleased than I But I fear he cannat do so from the words he has quoted
It is a great comfort that Mry. Trollope, at any rate, knows exactiy what was in the mind of Kisiup Grandison and Martin Bucer. But when lo speaks of "particular circumstances' he is agrecing with me. All I olject to is anyone gayiug that drinking connected with ringing aluyys took place in the belfry. Usually there were fend often still are) places oustade the church where ringera mat. And at several places ahere I have seen rixgers' jugs they could not have heen taken up the stairs if foter were full.

Ufford Rectory.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON. <br> FAMOUS RECORDS AT ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH, <br> By J. Armiger Trollope.

The first peat by the Society of Cumberland Youths was rung at Shoreditch on November 19th, 1749. The method was Bob Major, and the conductor was George Partrick. Three days later the same band (except for one man) rang a peal of Double Bob.

For about ten years Partrick continued to be the leader of the society and chief conductor; then he quarrelled with his friends and went over to the ancient Society of College Youths, with whom he rang a few peals. He was soon back again with the Cumberlands, however, and for the rest of his life was an honoured member of the company, but the conducting for the most part felt into the hands of younger men.
Whije Partrick was leader, the society rang at St. Leonard's one or two peals of special interest.
On March 28th, 1750, they scored a peal of New Bob Triples, the first and, I believe, the only one in the method ever rung.
New Bob Triples is the seven-bell extersion of New Bob Doubles, which, notwithstanding its name, is one of the oldest of methods. It was in existence before Richard Duckworth wrote the ' Tintinnalogia,' and both on five and seven bells is worthy of practice to-day.
On October 12th, 1754, Partrick calied 'Mr. John Holt's celebrated peal of Grandsire Tripples with a single at the half-way.' This is usually supposed to be the first performance of the ten-part, and the peal book seems to claim it as stach. But in the previous May and June, William Underwood had called peals of Grandsire Triples at Romford and St. George's-in-the-East for the Eastern Scholars. The second one was said to be with two singles, and it is difficult to suppose what other composition it can have been than the ten-part.
The peal had been composed before 1758 , perhaps a little earlier, for it is written out in the mutilated manuscript which once belonged to the College Youths and is now in the British Museum. We rather wonder why Holt did not call it himself, as he did the earlier Original. His last peal (which he conducted) was one of Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's on the last dav of 1752.
The Cumberlands had a habit of calling by their own name any variation of the standard methods that they rang. Other people did not adopt the names, and so, to-day, we are often at a loss to know what actually was rung. Among the performances at St. Leonard's were Cumberland Bob in 1753, Cumberiand Grand New Double in 1755 , and Cumberland Fancy in 1761. They also rang Cumberland Pleasure at Whitechapel. Cumberland Fight-in at St. George's-in-the-East, and Cumberland Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark. The last two, it is pretty certain, were the first peals ever rung of Grandsire Maior, and Kent Trehle Twelve.
When the bells at St. Leonard's were made into a ring of ten, it was the College Youths who rang the first peal on them, not the Cumberlands. The latter were having a lean time, owing. no doubt, to one of the quarrels which were so frequent in these old companies. From April, 1764, until Oetober, 1766 , they did not score a single five thousand.
The College Youths' peal was 5.112 changes of Grandsire Caters, rung on September 29th, 1765, and conducted
by William Underwood. A little more than a couple of months later the same society rang 5,202 changes of Double Grandsire Caters.

On October 49th, 1766, the College Youths, with George Meakins as conductor, rang the first peal of Royal in the steeple. It was 6,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, and began the series of long lengths on the bells which still forms, perhaps, the most interesting ringing contest in the history of the art.
In the previous year, James Barharn and his band at Leeds in Kent had rung 6,000 changes in the method, but the London men knew nothing of that, or, if they had heard of it, they thought little of the other men's ringing.

Three months after Meakins' peal it was beaten by the London Youths, who rang 6,200 changes. The peal was composed and conducted by Christopher Wells, who was the first man to discover that Treble Bob Major nay be true at the lead-ends and yet have repetition in the interior of the leads. Nevertheless, the peal of Royal that he called was a false one.
So, too, was one of 7,080 changes rung three months later by the Cumberlands with John Reeves as conductor, but whether it was false in the composition or the ringing we do not know. The band was a first-class one. It included Charles Purser, George Gross, John Povey, Francis and Samuel Wood, and Samuel Muggeridge al the tenor.
Muggeridge was, perhaps, the best tenor man of the day; Purser, Gross, Reeves, Povey and Samuel Wood were among the leading conductors of the century; and John Reeves was one of the cleverest composers the Exercise has ever produced.

What happened we do not know, but it looks as if there was a violent quarrel, and the performance was not entered in the peal hook. Reeves left the society and, though he came back again for a short time after a few years, it is clear that there was bad feeling between him and George Gross, which lasted for the rest of their lives. After this the contest died down for a while, but it broke out again in 1777 with redoubled force.

The Cumberlands started on January 20th with 6,240 changes, which they claimed as "the first true 6,000 and the most ever rung.' George Gross was now the society's conductor, and the tenor was again rung by Samuel Muggeridge.
On February 18th, the College Youths, perhaps with the idea of settling the contest once and for all, rang ten thousand changes in 7 hours and 28 minutes. Charles Purser who, in the meanwhile, had left the Cumberlands, called the bobs from the fourth; John Povey, who had also gone over, rang the fifth, and the tenor was rung by Muggeridge's son, who was also named Samutel.

This performance set the Cumberiands a hard nut to crack, but they did not intend to be beaten. Their doubt seems to have been concerning their tenor man. The elder Muggeridge probably did not consider himself young enough to attempt a ten thousand on a 30 cwt . bell, otherwise we should have had the interesting spectacle of the tenor men of the two competing societies being father and son.

The Cumberlands had, therefore, to find a new tenor man, and they solved the difficulty by putting Samuel Wood and Robert Mann, who had rung the eighth and minth to the 6,240 , on to the ninth and tenor.
But, before starting for the record length, as practice
they rang 5,080 changes. on March 12th and 8,120 on April 5th.
On May 10th they rang 10,200 changes, and so gained the record, but they held it for nine days only, for the band of College Youths that had scored the ten thousand, ' insatiated with glory, as they described themselves, rang 11,080 changes, and so grasped the palm of victory, which remained in their hands for seven years. A month earlier, at Southwark, they had also gained the twelvebeil record.
The Cumberlands' long peals at Shoreditch were composed by George Gross, the College Youths' by Charles Purser. We know something, but not much, about Gross as a composer; we know nothing about Purser. All the peals of Treble Bob by both men are lost, and the best we can say is that Gross' may have been true, and that Purser's may not have been false.

The climax of the long peal contest came in 1784 . On March 10th, the College Youths, by ringing 7,008 changes at Southwark, regained the twelve-bell record which in 1778 had gone to Norwich; and on March 27th, by ringing 12,000 changes, at Shoreditch, the Cumberlands finally gatned the ten-bell record.

George Gross called the peal, as he did the other long lengths. The composition was by John Reeves, but on the board and in the peal book it was claimed as the production of Gross. Here we may see one of the causes of the ill-feeling between the two.

Only thrce of the hand who rang the 10,200 in 1777 took part in the 12,000 . The new tenor man was Allen Grant.

No long peal in the history of change ringing has captured the imagination of the Exercise quite as much as this one did. A century later, Jasper Snowdon could still refer to it as a performance which was not likely to be approached, let alone exceeded in his time.

When, late at night, on March 27th, the Cumberlands walked through a cheering lane of people from Shoreditch tower to the White Hart, the society stood at the supreme moment of its history, and its leader had staked out a claim to be the foremost ringer of his generation. Three months later a violent quarrel had split the company, Gross had broken with his friends, had left them and started a new society.

## BEDFARD TOWER'S I.OSS. <br> DEATH OF TWO MEMBERS.

The Bedfordshire Association has lately had to mourn the loss of two of jts memhers, hoth from the St. Pral's, Bediord, company. Mr. Ferbert Sharp, botter known as "Iack' to ringers in Beds nnd Northents, passed away on September 24 th at the age of 68 . He har been in fajling health for soma time, burt in spite of acute deafness kopt on his ringimg till his last illness. He learnt to ring at Clapham and then went to live for some genrs in Northamptonshire, wheye he developed into a very fine heavy heli ringer. Later, returning to Bedford, he was one of the foremost ringers of the day. His meny peals included the first of Cambridge Surprise Major and of seven Surprise Minor methods for the Bedfordshire Association,

Mr. Edgar Tingey died on Novemher $12 t h$ after a paiuful iliness lasing ten weeks. He was 58 years of gge. He started to ring at an early afe and rang a mumber of peala up and down the mountry. He wss secretary to the St. Paul's company and his quiet influence in the tower will be much missed.

## NOTICES.

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## ST. WOOLOS' CATHEDRAL, NEWPORT, MON.

-The 10 bells, now augmented to 12 in memory of the late Dr. Egerton Williams, and dedicated on Sunday morning, November 26th, by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth, will be available for ringing until black-out time on Saturday, December 2nd. Visitors please notify Mr. C. Greedy, 68, Morden Road.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Burton District.-The 'black out will not interfere with the next meeting, to be held at Newhall on Saturday, December and. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7.30 . Tea and meeting in Church Room at 4.45 . Appreciation of the efforts made to ring after tea should be shown in attendance. All are welcome--J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea $4.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., with business meeting to fol-low.-E. F. Cubberley, Hon. Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Bristol Rural Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's Church on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-R. C. Gifford, Hon- Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.-A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, December and. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.-C. Sharples, Bratich Sec.
EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.Come along to Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, December 2nd, and help keep the East Grinstead flag flying. Bells available 2.30-8.30 p.m.-C. A. Bassett, Asst. Sec.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Chertsey Dis-trict-A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after business meeting. Nominations for district officers for 1940 at this meeting. All ringers welcomed.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.--Sonning Deanery Branch.-A practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2.15 p.m. until dark. All welcome, but please come early.-W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LADIES' GUILD.-South Midland District.-The next meeting will be held at Rothwell ( 8 bells) on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2 p.m. till black-out.-F. E. Hart, Hon. Sec., Weston-by-Welland, Market Harborough, Leics.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Western Division.The annual meeting of the division will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting to follow. Will everyone please make an effort to attend this meeting, when it will be discussed what course should be adopted with regard to practice meetings?-J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-The annual district meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. until black-out. Service and tea, with meeting to follow.-E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.-Exeter Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. David's Institute, Haldon Road, Exeter, on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock, preceded by a short service at 4.45 .5 S . Sidwel:'s, St. Thomas' and St. David's bells available from 2 to 5 p.m. -W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-A general meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells of St. Michael at Coslany available from 2-4. Tea in St. Miles' Mission Hall at 4.15. Business meeting to discuss plan of campaign and incidental problems at 4.45 , followed by social evening, including the showing of a film in colour by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, taken by him on his recent holiday in Norway and Spitzbergen, and the use of handleells. - Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treas., Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. -A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brad-ford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.-W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone, 297.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-Nortil-Eastern Division.The annual meeting will be held at Mistley on December 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Thorne Hotel 5.30.-J. R. Sparling.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Furness and Lake District Branch. - A meeting will be held at Dalton-inFurness (io bells) on Saturday, December and. Bells available from 2 till 4.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.-N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bolton Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, during the afternoon of Saturday, December 2nd.-Peter Crook. Нол. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.-A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) avaitable at 3 p.m. Ringing during afternoon and evening. Please don't expect tea. All ringers welcome. Please come, C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern District.Practices will be held at Galleywood on December 2nd and Springfield on December 3 th, both at 2 p.nn. At ringers welcomed.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.
LYDFORD, DEVON.-The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-opened at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.The next meeting of the society will be held at the Coffee Pot on Tuesday, December 51 h , at 7 p.m.-A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.-The ring of six bells tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Winchester at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday next, December 6th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA. TION.-Northern Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, December gth. Buses from Stourbridge Town pass the church. Ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Service and meeting after. Ringing 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Election of officers, so please try and get there,-J. Lloyd, Ringing Master.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells), on Saturday, December gth. Kindly notify me for tea.-W. C. Moore, 5, Williarn's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 9 th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.]5 p.m. at the Parochial Hall, Brighton Road, followed by a business meeting and ringing again from 7 to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Gear, Sandyway, The Cutting, Redhill, by Wednesday, December 6th. All ringers welcome.-H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Hillview, Eastbourne Road, Godstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James ${ }^{3}$, on Saturday, December 9 th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. T. Millar, Oak House, Midge I-Iall, not later than Wednesday, December 6th?-Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUIL.D.-Farnham Dis-trict-A meeting at York Town on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5.15 p.n1. Nominations for officers for 1940 to be made at this meeting. Please notify for tea by December bih.-C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Asli Road, Aldershot.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Dorset Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Marnhat] on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea and meeting 4.30. It is essential that those intending to be present at tea send word by Tuesday, 5th, to the Hon. Sec., Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagneil Deanery.-A meeting will be held at Stoke Goldington, on Saturday, December 9th, from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 3.30. Learners and beginners invited.-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Central Bucks Branch.- A quarterly meeting will be held at Cuddington on Saturday, December 9rh. Bells (6) available 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.-F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The fourth and last war-time meeting for 1939 will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, December 9th. Beils from 2 p.m. until dusk. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, early. A room is being reserved for the evening. Come early, all are welcome, especially friends from Warwickshire.W. A. Wood, Dis, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Chew Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 9ih. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 p.m., with business meeting to follow.-Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Swindon Branch.-Annual branch neeting at Christ Clurch, Swindon, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30 . Tea and meeting. Please advise for tea if possible.-W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LADIES' GUILD.-Western District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please send a postcard?-N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.--Liverpool Branch. -The usual December monthly meeting, which should have been at Garston on Saturday, December 9th, cannot be held this year owing to war-time difficulties. Leaders of towers will be notified in due course, when and where the next meeting will be held.-G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby ( 5 bells) on December 16 th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.-..H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Watford District.-The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at St. Mary's, Watford. Full particulars next week.

CROWAN, CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.-The two new hells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, December 16 th. Peal augmented to a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Mr. A. T. Greenwood, of Portsmouth, has removed to 15, Fir Tree Avenue, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6. The secretarial duties of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild are now being carried on by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Mr. Wilfred Wiltiams has removed to 63 , Kennington Oval, London, S.E.11.

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## RINGING FOR A NEW MAYOR.

On Thursiay, November 9bls, the bells of Tynemouth Parish Church were rung to touches of Stecimars, Grandsure and Kent Treble Bob to celebrate the election of Alderman N. T. Smith as Mayor;-and again on the Kubday morning, wlen the newly-elected Hayor with the Corporation attended dirine service.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

BRALNTREE - At St. Wichael's on Sunday, Novemper 12th, a querter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Hammord I, A. Wiffen 2, B. Redgwell 3, G. Lindridge 4, $\bar{H}$. Felton 5, S. Wame B, L. Wiffen 7, R. Martin 8. Ramg as a birthday compliment zo Mr. C. Howard, late Master of the Essez Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE,-On Sunday, November Sth, for erelling service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changea): Keith Welaby 1, Arthur James 2, Charles J. Ridyard 3, Frark Barrowelough 4, Robert Alred 5, Benjamin Budd $\boldsymbol{6}_{1}$ Fred Graudy 7, Percy H. Derbythire 8, Joseph H. Ridyara (conductor) 9, Robert Jones IO.
HALESOWIEN. On Sunday, Noremher 5th, ior evening gervice, e quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Woodali $1_{3}$ A. H. Harris 2, W. Brown $\boldsymbol{J}_{1}$ H. Shilyock 4, L. Clissett 5. T. Greenhall G, J. H. Cor (cotrducfor) 7, N. Saunders \&. Rulag for the 60th birthday of Mr. W, H. Well, kinging Master.
WREXHAM.-At the Peris], Church on Sunday, October 15rh, for evenisg service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lea, sen. 1 , A. Cluttor 2, W. Jones 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, A. Lea, jun, 5, T. Cathrall 8, J. Capper 7, F. Mitchell 8.

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War's effects upon ringing are felt in many ways. Some of the restrictions compelled by the emergency are being slowly overcome, but the difficulties of man power are likely to increase rather than diminish. National service, in one form or another, is taking men from the belfry, and many bands are already sadly depieted. There is, however, every reason why those who are left should increase their efforts to fill the gaps by enlisting recruits, and it is possible that, when nearly everyone is anxious to do something to help, not only in the national cause, but also in social and other services, it may be easier now to get fresh people interested than it is in normal times, when counter pleasures of less useful character claim more attention. But however badly a band may be hit by the call for men in other and more important spheres, there is never reason for giving up the attempt to improve the standard of ringing by practising to raise the level of striking.

The loss of ringers from a belfry may hold up progress in method ringing, but there need be no slackening of effort to improve what is even more important than the ability to ring a method, and that is the skill to strike a bel! properly. There is some truth in the allegation that striking is often sacrificed to method ringing, and ringers are all too frequently encouraged to take up advanced method ringing before they are able to put a bell accurately in its place in rounds. The fallacious argument is used that if a man learns to ring a method, the striking will come with practice. But very frequently it doesn't. The ringer has to put into ringing the method what he ought to be putting into his striking, and the result is that many a good method ringer continues throughout his career to be an indifferent striker. Not enough attention is paid to the importance of good striking. Bad striking may be due to a variety of causes, but to none, we believe, more than to ton much impatience to push the young ringer into change ringing before he is adequately equipped. Incompetent instruction, inefficient handling, inability to use ears as well as eyes, are all causes of poor ringing, but the erroneous idea of pushing beginners as quickly as possible into change ringing is responsible for more bad striking than perhaps anything else.

The remedy is to devote more time to putting a polish on the beginner as a striker, and leaving method ringing to take care of itself for the time being, instead of pushing the scientific side to the detriment of the manual. In days gone by it was often complained that beginners were leff to sit on the helfry form, white their elders had their (Continued on page 726.)

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change-ringing practice. It may be that in some such cases the beginners' enthusiasm waned, but where it was strong enough to survive a better ringer was almost certainly the result. What practice he got was all put into his striking and, in the long run, he was made a better ringer, as a striker, than many of the beginmers who to-day are either pushed on too last or who, cager to catch up with the rest, endeavour to run before they can walk.

These thoughts lead to the suggestion that, now that method ringing is necessarily limited in many towers, more attention should be paid to cultivating good striking. And if this is a step to be encouraged at local practices, it is certainly equaliy essential at meetings and combined practices. The desire to provide opportunities for method advancement should not be allowed to override the importance of grood striking for, after all, good striking is the essence of chutch beliringing. Bad striking can be an intolerable nuisance to the public, as well as an irritation to good ringers, but it takes only one indifferent hand in a company to spoil the efforts of all the rest. Ringers are often over-sensitive to the correction of faults in their striking, and it needs a good deal of tact, sometimes, to tell a man of his failing without giving offence. It is in this matter that the true leader proves himself, but the risk of offending a bad ringer's susceptibilities is no reason why in touch or peal his persistent faults should not be pointed out; and the practice that is provided at meetings ought always to have as its aim the general improvement of striking as well as the advance of method ringing. A touch of Grandsire well struck is better than a course of London badly rung and, we believe, far more enjoyable to the man who is a really sood ringer in any method. If nothing else can be donc during these restrictive days, there is no reason why, wherever ringing is possible, some definite effort should not be made to raise the standard of striking.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICTV.
1u spite of the dieadrantage of prevailing conditions, a sucressiut meeting was held at St. Albans an Saturday, November 25th, whelt shout 30 ringers harl a pull on int bells at the Calledrul and $\$ 1$, 1'eter's Clurch, and afterwards at St. Peter's sitended a ringers' service where a course on bandbells was rung as a concludmg romintary.
Ten arrampements proved to be very satisiactory, to the relief of the distriet gecretary (Mr. F. अ. Frost).
Ah the business meeting the president of the associatimi (Mr. A. Day) welconed the mewlyers, and fight ringing member's and nine probationers were elected.
It was derided to liold the pext meeting again in St. Albans, (ul the second Saturday in Febroary, when the General Comuittee would be meeting-
'The secretary's report and finamial efatement were adopted. The secretary was re-elected, Mith Mr. A. Day as assistant seeretary to take over the dutics if necessery,
Mr. H. J. Hazell was elected to serve on the committee in plact in Mr. G. E. Debenlram who was unable to sland for re-eluatiuth.
 and ringing on handiells แnid the bells of st. Peler's cuncluded an


## RAMPTON NEW BELLS.

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## To the Editor

Dear sir, -I should be glad to supply trat and biscmith ol khas in Lhe Rectory at 4 a'clock for any visiting teame, to whom the bells would be auailghle (subject to local police regulations if any) on any weekday or on Suiturdav. Bells available from 2 o'clock ouwiards. Te are not hacked nut, ard there is plenty of monnlight. Howe.er, as we are Fen courtry nut nenv East Anglin, we don't ring aflar dayk watha dhgelus at. 6 .

THOMAS L. JAVLELS, lectar.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Salurday, November 25, 1939, in Tuo Hours and Fifiy-Eight Minules. As the Chorct of St. Andrew
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, B040 CHANGE\&;

## 「aursians' Four-part

## - Robert Blond ...

Keite Weite
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Tenor 20 cwt .

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On Saturday, December 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fify-Eight Minutes At zhe Parisa Czorge of St. Jamgs,
A PEAL DF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MASOR, 52BO CHANCE8


Composed by H. W. Wicer. Conducted by H. Hamer.

* First peal of Kent aud Oxford Treble Foh Major. + First penl in the Worcester Arrangenent. Firat, peal in the method as conduchor. first preal on the bells without bols.

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## SIX BELL PEAL.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Salurday, December 2, 1939, in Two Howrsand Fifheen Hinutes, At the Bell Foundey Campanile,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DDUBLES, E046 OHANOE

## Forty-two six-scores, ten callixgs. <br> Reginald M. Hill <br> Tyoble

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Witgess Mr. Josiah Morris, who sat in the bulfry throughout The vertdurtor'c 803ih $\mu$ eal

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## CETGESTEB

THE MDDLAND GOUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Thwrsday, Novenber 30, 1939, in 7 wh Fowrs and Twenty-Five Minwtes At taf Fiftegere Centery Parivis of St. Margaret's Cherce,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANOES;

Wagbbrook's Variations.
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Condacted by Walirr P. Weitreizab.
天 50th peat of Siciman Triples. Specially armanged to math the E6th birthiny of Mr. dames George, which oncurred of Nov. E7hl. The above was his 1,280 th peal.

## 'SWEET BELLS JANGLED.'

Deac Sirr-It is, I fear, rather characteristic of Mr. Drake to read inta fincther man's writings something which is nof these. and on it

Por instance, shatespeare did net. make Ophetian tall whent be-llw leiag ladly tuncol. Her lument, was Io 'see that nothe and must
 fike sweet tuelis jangled "-is a jarenthenical addition in the true Stakespearinn manmer, to extond and fortifs the idea.
That, at least, is what mosk editors have thought is the correet reading of the passage: but no one knows whath, exactly, Shakespeare wrote. The first folk (1623) lias 'jangled put of tuue, 'tune' Ireing used in the cmanum sense of melody. The semord quartur (1604) which is the earliest hook giviog the play substantially os it is petuted In-day, bus 'jangled out af tinue. tin botli these the allusinn is definitedy to bady struck belle.
Jangle is a very old English word, which, for many hunderd years, has been used in commention wilh hells, and did got tas \$r. Brake asserts) take arn it rew meanng with the introduction of change ringing. As eariy $4 s$ 1:194 a wbiter speaks of the changelyng of belles : and another in 1581 mid that the Belles Irom the Turretla nazke, s wonderful jatag]vng.
I sid not suggest thit, they wore ringing changes at Faleawarts in 1539. I did nat say that foreign bells atre nol fir thae. (T said ) thetieved that mrinc: of thew are tumed to the matsical yeale naless they
 ing (Hamlet wha fiss primed in 1603 nisd jlain Bont Doulales was wril rumg uitil about 1640, I did wat say that I karw exactly what wur in the minds of Bishop Grandison mul Hartin Bucer, anel i did sot say that driuleing commeded with rimging entrage took place in the

Thie statemeal I ande, there than once, which Mr. Drake has tally contradicted, is that from the filteontlo century ournerds Eaglishl bells were onst and hined to it musient somlo, ant ring im arrlerly rounds. Anal fron this round ringing change ringing was developer in the early years ut the seventeenth century
For this stalanant there is :mple evidence; and evan were lhere no tarect evidmone, it is dificull to seo how a thing like elange raging could he developed out of such ringiog as there is on bhe Continent and with such bells as are in the churches there.
In Shakesposers time ringing was a wery papuiar sport in England. and especially in tondon. Thle sty le of ringing thempractised surviver unalfered in places down to liviug mentory, and the men who ahont the jeat 1600 witaressed the first performance of Hamint hanw what 'sweet hells jangled' musut just as much ns did the Cornish fish oi 50 ycars ago
I. A TROLLOPF

PSS. Mr Drake shas that ${ }^{5}$ until changes were sade an one would think of ringing wounce "Chey would he too objectionahle!" Johus Milton ovidently did not himls so, as witnext the lines frum J'Allegro : -

When the meerr hello ring round
And the jocmad remectes sommd.'
Mileon had perhops as good an war for muaic as Mr. Dratse His hrotiner was of ringer and it member of the Society of College Yuushs, and I should like to think thet lie hiniself had a nodding ecguaintamen with tho art in his young days at Queen's College, Cambridge, where there werd sone whon foracfised it in its elementary strges.

## BRISTOL CITY MEETINGS.

FITTYRE ARRAKGEMENTS
Daspit-s the fan thal. the wenther conditions were anyluing but encouraging, menty forty rimgers attended the annual meeting of the Bristol City Brancls of the Gloucester and Bristal Diocesan Association at St. Peter's on November 18th. Soun after three a'clock the eight bells were in full swing, and although the methods were not outstending, there was varied practice from 'rounds and Qutera's' to an taruncesaful atiempt at Cambridge Major.

A short service wes vers hindy conducted by the Rer. S. Loveday, atul tea followad in the Parish Hall. Fisitors from Cirencester, Bath and other districte attended, in Epite of the curtailed lus services, but unfortuately several were compelled to leave early rather than face a long and dreary walk home.
Mr. P. C. Willinms (treasurer of the association) took the chair for The election of officere.
Mr. D. G. Clift surceened Mr. H. Burt at ehairman lor the antuing vear (the latter having completed fatr tears in cifice). It was decided Lo elect a vice-chairman, and Mr. T. Hartis was appointed.

After the secretary and the representative on the Management Committem had heen re-elected, froture meetinge were discussed
It was deciked to visit St. Mtichat's for the Decemther monthy meeting, followed by St. Steplsen's and St. Thamas' for the Jmauary and Feamary meetimgs respentively.
Under "any other business," it was agred to leave in abeyance the question of paying the subsctiptions of thase who had heen enllad upon for militart service untill the next quarterly meating.
To monclude the das. eneral rimgers remainat for a handhell practire, which paserd wway the rast of an onjoybhln afternoon.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER. SYMMETRY IN METHODS.

We have seen that by means of Extremes and R. Court Shunts fifteen Major methods are produced. These are the first fifteen given in the Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods, and the whole group is a valuable one, not only because it is one of the main bases on which hundreds of other methods are founded, but also because the methods themseives are eminently suitable for ringing in the belfry.
It is quite likely that some of our readers may think that all this talk about 'shunts' and how methods are constructed, although perhaps interesting enough to experts,' is of no use to practical ringers. If so, they make a mistake.
In his admirable articles on handbell ringing, Mr. Woolley showed us how you can simplify the ringing of two handbel!s to the more complex methods if you take note of the position of the places and the accompanying dodging. We shall not, we hope, be thought to be irespassing on lis ground if we point out that the task can be still more simplified if you know the effect the placemaking has on the Coursing Order of the bells, or, in other words, how the method is constructed. And in tower beliringing the knowledge is not less useful.
But before we go on to consider some points in praclical ringing we must notice two methods, both of them old ones, which are not included among the fifteen, alhough they are constructed by similar means.
The first is the one which Slipway gives in his book on Double Court Bob Major.

Double Court Minor is one of the very best of the sixhell methods. It was practised from early times, and it was natural enough that men should try and extend it to eight bells.
But when they did so, opinions differed as to what is the correct Major extension, and more than one method was practised and called Court Bob Major. Two of them becane popular and were rung to peals. The Norwich men rang 5,040 changes of Court Bob Major at St. Michaed's Coslany in 1742, and the College Youths rang 5,040 changes of Court Bob Major at St. Lawrence Jewry in 1735. The names were the same, but the methods were quite different, so in the course of time, to distinguish them, men called one Norwich Court and the other London Court.

When Shipway wrote his book, he, as he tells us, gave the matter the most careful examination and, rejecting both as correct extensions, introduced a third which he ralled Double Court Bob Major.
This is how he produced it. The bell which the treble turns from the lead, makes the Court Places in 3-4 up, and follows the treble up behind. At the half-lead end, the bells are in natural Coursing Order with the treble between the 3rd and 5th.
The bell which the treble turns from behind makes the Court Places in 5-6 down, and follows the treble down to the lead.
As in the lead there are two R. Court Shunts, one in each half, the lead-end is the same as that of the second lead of Boh Major, viz., 88745218 5738264.

By this means Shipway produced a true double method in which the bells work from the back in the same manner as they do
from the front, one which he believed reproduced the characteristic work of Double Court Minor, and one which, since the Coursing Order of the bells is not broken, will give excellent music.

He thought that he had produced something entirely new, but, as it happened, a very similar method had asready been rung.

In the accounts of London Church Bells, which have recently appeared in our columns, reference was made to peals of Eastern Bob Major, Eastern Bob Royal, and Double Eastern Bob Major rung at Shoreditch, St. Sepulchre's, and Westminster in 1747, 1750 and 1752, by the Eastern Scholars.
In Eastern Bob Major and Royal the bell which is coursing in front of the treble makes the Court Places in $3-4 \mathrm{up}$. No places are made when the treble is hunting down, but at the lead-end the Extreme Shunt is made.
In Double Eastern Bob Major, the same places are made, and in addition the Extreme Shunt is made when the treble is behind, and the bell coursing in front of the treble makes the Court Places in 5-6 down.
A century later, Henry Hubbard rediscovered this method and printed it in lis 'Campanalogia ' under the anmes of Yorkshire Court Major and Double Yorkshisc Cisurt.
Here again you have a method which produces exceilent music. Nevertheless neither it nor Shipway's Double Conrt is to-day considered a 'regular ' method. Why?

The Eastern Scholars thought a lot of their method, when they had rung it, and declared that it was 'unparalleled for music,' but when they showed it to Benfamin Annable he laughed at it, and said it was 'lopsided.' To-day we say the same thing, only we use a Greek word instead of old Ben's Anglo-Saxon, and call it 'unsymmetrical.'

But why should an unsymmetrical method not be rung? This is a question which is hard to answer. Thirty years ago the matter was hotly debated, and one school of experts, led by C. D. P. Davies, poured scorn on the whole thing. What's wrong with a method like Union Triples? they asked, and nobody, so far as we know, could give a really satisfactory answer. Nevertheless, the Exercise has tacitly settled the question, and to-day only symmetrical methods are rung.

It is quite easy to see why symmetry is a necessary quality in some cases. Hubbard gave the six-bell variation of Yorkshire Court in his book, and it was widely rung and included in peals. But what people did not realise for many years was that, owing to the lack of symmetry in the method, no true 720 is possible; and so all the peals which included it, and they were many, were false. With the 'Standard' calling, for instance, you get the two lead-ends-23564 and 46532. Write out the two leads in full and see what happens.
In a similar way you will find that in very many, perhaps the maiority, of unsymmetrical methods, true peals are not possible.

But you can get true peals of Eastern Bob and of the method Shipway called Double Court, so this objection dhes not apply to them. Nevertheless, there is an obicction, as Annable saw two hundred years ago. Perhaps it lies in the fact that symmetry is one of those great qualities like truth and beauty on which all gnod things are basped. Rut we must not go into that now

## DEATH OF WELLKNOWN LONDON RINGER

 FORMER DISTRIOT MASTER OF THF: L.C.A.Mr. Harry Mance, late Master of the Southern District of the London County Association and a wember of ilte Nurtey Association, passed away after two wecks illuoss at his residence at West Norwoul on Monday, November 27th.
Born at Horshum, Sussex, in 1873, lue becsme a ringey at the Parish Church there whun 16 years of age. He canoe to hondon in 1905 and lived in Battersea, where he took up ringing at St. Maryº Church. Later lie joined the St. Luke's, Chelsea, bund and whs Master of that society for a number of years. About four yexrs ago for housivess reasons lhe went to reside at West Norwood. He thew joined the St Leonard's, Streatham, band.

Fe hold office as Districe Master of the Londou County Association for a good number of years, retiring in 1937, owing to health and tusiness reasons. His generel demeanour was always quiet and funssumits. He was it great help to young ringers and was respected by all. He was a conductor of no mean ability and wiled a good wany peale, but there is no record of how many lie rang
At the funeral, which took place at Streathau Cemetery, Magdalen Road. Wandsworth, on Saturday last, many singers were present, Hicludiur Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master, aud Miss O. L. Ashbrook assistant sceretary of the London County Association. The handbeti ringing over the grave consisted of three whole pulls of rounds with intervals tirree times, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples: O. L. Ashbrook 1-2, H. G. Miles 3-4, T. H. Taffender 5-6, J. W. Chapman $7-8$.

In the eveniag half-muffled ringing fook place ut st. Levnark's, Streathem, touches in various methods being rueg lyy his brother members of the loeal band and others,

He leaves widow, twe sons and a daughter to mourn tlseir loss The two sons, H. H. Mance and B. Mance, are also ringers.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSDCIATION

NORTHERN DISTPICT MEETING AT WOODFORD
A meoting of the Northern District of the London County Associatjou was held at Woodford on November 18ih, and, despite the present conditions and inclement weather, the 20 ringers who turned up were rowarded with somo good ringing in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise Mejor. Tea wes served in the Parish Hall, followed by a short business meeting.
A very pleasant bour on the haudbells brought the day wo a close witl the thanks of the district to the Vicar of Woodford, the Rev. T. J. Ison, and Mr. C. R. Morss for making the necessary arrargewernte.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFTFLUD BRANCH OVERCOMES WAR-TIME HANDICAP.
The Macclesficld Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild THe been able to resume quarterly meetings. The September meeting had to be postponed owing to the oational emergency, but on Novermer 18th a meatang was held at St, James', Sublon, Although the attengance was not so good as would have been the case in normal times, the meeting did not lack anything in eythusiasm.

On the bandy and harmonious riug of six the early arrivals were induced to "experinent.' end courses of PIain Dob and St. Simon's Doubles were successinlly accomplished, much to the amusement of certain members, After this preliminary cffort the gathering was considerably augmented, and the bells were kept going ulmost coutinuously antil about 5.30 p.m. Tho methods rung were a goodly sssortment-variety being the spice of life, not to mention ringiug meetings-and catered for the expert and also the struggling apprentice. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were followed by Plain Bob Minor, and eventually Cambridge and Loudon Surprise Minor wero rang, Mention should also be made of a "touch " of Spliced Trable Bob Minor, which uas indeed a joy to at least one momber of the company.
After tine bells bad been brought to rest the Guifd service followed, conducted by the Vicar of St. James' (the Rev, E. G. M. Evans), at the end of which arrangements were made to satispy the demands of the inuer man and fall justice was done to the repast waiting for the party.
at line business meeting which followed immediately afterwards, the Rov. E. C. M. Evans, who acted as chaiman, and ble Rev. S. J. Sharples were elected honorary members of the Guild
A resolution was passed unanimously that the secretary should forward a letter of gaod wishes to the Rev. N. A. Vesey, former president of tho Maccleafeld Branch, who lud left the town to take up an appointment in Bridlington.
The general meeting of the branch was urranged to take place the second Saturday in January, 1840.
A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service and ucting as chairman, also to the local company and especially to Mr. Taylor for huving everything in readiness, and to the ladies who had prepered tea, coucluded the business.
Further ase could not be niade of the tower bells, but the handhells were brought into gervice and courees of Boh Minjor and Grandsire Caters were rung by the fireside. Eventually the las remaining mentbers found that time will wait for no man and departed upon thair rarions weys, thus bringing to an end a very ajoyable day.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE,

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of ' The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by MONDAY in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## BELERY GOSSIP

Mr. Jumes George lias received so many letters of congratulution upou his 86th birthay (including one frum the Lord Biayor of Birminglam) that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such handy messages. A peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, specially aranged at. Leicester on November 304 H in his honour, and int which he took part, was runs in 2 hours and 25 juinutes.
To-dey is the anniversaty of a peal of Stedutan Caters rung by the Ancicut Sokiety of Coltege Youths at All Saints', Fullan, iv 1883. Tho mumber of clatnges was 11,111, which at the time was the record engilh in the rrethot, heating the $20,047 \mathrm{rung}$ at Aston by the $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{N}}$, Martin's Society in 1850. Two of the Fullham band, Mebsrs. C. F. Wintary and F. E. Duwe, are still alive.
On the same date in 1746 fances Bartum and his batud rang 10,080 chatroes of Double Boly Major, which still remaing the longesk length in the methed.
On Desember 9ili, 1835, the Painswick auen rang the then longest leugth of Treble 13oh Meximus, 10,224 clunges, beatiug one of $7,39 \%$ changes rung ul. Oldhan in the prewious year.
Johu Cox was born an December Sth, 1813.
Ons Decenber 10th, 1881 , the first peal was rungr on the bells oi St Paul's Cativedral. The wethad was Stednan Cinques and the conductor was Henry W. Haley. Two men were at the tenor.

A handsonse and wall-restorad tablet in the base of the tower at St. Sepulchre's, Siow Hill, records the ringing oí 5,111 clanges of Grant siru Caters by the Soptety of Junior Cumberlands on Decomber 10th, 1793.

Ou Deccuber 10t 4,1770 , the Cumberlands rang at St. Magnus the Marlst 'the first peal ever cumpheted ' of 'Cunberlauds' Caters real double with the bobs altermately behind as before.' This was the first pea. of real Double Grandsire Caters.
A peal of Bob Mejor on hrndbells was rung on the Indian Ocean ou December 10th, 1934.

The Jianducil pera of Bob Major at Eeadiagley in which Canou Marslanl! took part was ruag on Saturday, Noveniber 25th, wot Satur duy, November tily, ns publisiled in last week's 'Ringing World.'
The number of changes in the peal of Grandsire Caters ruag et Warsley on November $\mathbf{2 8 t h}$ was 5,021 , not 5,100 as stated in our issuc of November 24 tb

On December 7th, 1889, a peal of Ganadsire Triples was rung at Caldicoi, the first peal on the bells. It was intended to ring tho jubilee peal this week, but owing to the war the attempt is postoned indefinitely.
The Rev. F. T. Wisdom, of Worthing, has been gppointed axsistam uriest at the Church oi the Good Slıepherd, Brighton, altil takes ur fix dutica on 1loc first day of the sew year. Be will be aul acquisition to the Exercise in the town. His new address is 25 , Hanpsteed Road, to the Exerc
Brighton 5.

## MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR AND CO. S CALENDAR-

Messrs. John Taylor and Cs. inform us that, owing to dificulties onlisequent on tho war, they have to discontinue temporarily the issuo of their \&unual calendar and uone will be published ior the year 1940.
Sessrs Taylor's calendar, with its tine pholograplis of famous bell lowers, is prized by very many ringers, who will look forward to its re-jstae in happier times.

## ACCIDENT TO MR. W, W. WOLSTENCROFT

Thle meny frientis of Wt. Walter W. Wolstencroft, of Ashtun-underLyar. will he sorry to hear that he mel with an accident while at work lasi. week. As a result he is lafd up with a geverely stramed back, and it will be several weeks before tue is well enougli to enter the belfry again.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## SUCOESSFUL MEETING AT LOUGHBOROUGH FODNDRY.

Owing to the prevailing war conditiong, the second quarteriy mee ing of the Midmind Counties Assoctntion, fixed to take place at Newark in Septrmber, had to be cancelled. However, it was fett that a general meeting should take pluce, bul as no suilable tower in the Nottraghan district was available, Messis. J. Taylor and Co. very kindly granted permission for che use of the ten bells in their bell foundry cenapenile at Loughborough, atd the uneeting was held on Saturdry, Norember 251 h . Despite the diffculties of travel and the very inclement weather, quite a large number of members and friends turmed up, some 30 at moro representatives frona Derhy, Spoudon, Hinchles, Leicester, Syston, Cotgrave, Belgrave, Burton, Overseele, Notting liam, Sawley and other piaces being present and making good use of the bells dusing the rifterncort.
The committee med in the Foundry Housa at 4 p.ns. and carried througlt their routine busiress. The general meeting was helu in the beliry roow an hour later, and in the absence of the president (the Khew. Canou H. E. Fitzheriert), the vice-president (Mr. Colin Harrison) took the chuir. He was supported by the lyont. treasurcr (Mr. W. E. White) and hon. secretary (Mr. Lrneat Morris),
The Chairman spoke of the unusual circumstances under which they had assembled, hut stressed the fact that they nust mol let present conditions curtail thair activities in the art. Esjecially was it up to all of them to kecp the bells going for Sumiay services, That was most essential, and even though pual ringing (which. at the best, was hut it 'side issuo') wes curtailod, service ringing sloula take firsl place. Mr. Harrison velcomed such a good gathernge, and trusted all woulh cujoy their vigit, despite the Lact bibat local vatering could not be carried out this time as bitherto. Fvaryone, however, could get refreshments at cafes gaite comiortably if deaired.

Now members proposed singe the last quarterly mecting. viz., 10 riuging, five rejoined, two life and five honorary, were duly elected.
The hon. secretary mantioned that M.C.A. badpes were avalable and he trusted al! members would now purchase these from locat searetaries aud so belp to alear the initial cost of production.
The questiou of the subscriptions of members now serving in E.M. Forces (as distinct from local A.R.P. duties) was discused, and Mr. O. Hutchence proposed and Mr. Geolfrey Harisan steconded that miy such members should twe exempt from paying their subgeriptions whilo on active service away from home.
Mr. W. E. White proposed and Wr. P. H. Awinfield seconded that a list of these members be compiled and priated in the next annual report.
Will local sceretaries and members, therefore, please note this and send full details to the general hom. secretary, where possible giving name of unit and rank of the menbars now serving.

After a discussion on the Nottingham District management, it was announced that the next general meeting would be held at Earl Shitton on Saturday, January 274 h, 2940.

This concluded the business nis the remainder of the alternony was spent in further vowehes on the Bell Foundry bells.

H1 gTON DISTRICP OVERUOME THE BLACK OUI' CONDITIONS.
A good gathering was held izt St. John's, Newhell, on SaLurdny last, when members from the follawing towers met for the sistrict mecting : Burton (St. Paut's), Ashby, Replon, Measlaw, Netherscale, Oversemic, Tikknall, Derly, Melbourne aad the local company.

The co-operatiou of the police laving leeen sought and ohtained, full advantage was taken of the privilege, and the Sicar (t)e Rey. W. H. Gofina) kindly acted as listenor in ease of any uir raid warning being

It Was unfortunate owiog to the black-out making treveling dificult, that one ar two werc utuble to ktay for tes, which was gerver in the Charch Rootn, and it was noted that food rationing wus not in evidence, for the ladies had prepared ant excellegt tea for a rery Hudesk clarge
The Vicar was voted to the clasir for the short medting, and it was uropased that the anmal district meeting be held at Measham on Jabatry 6th, 1940, and as the tower wal pasily be fitted to comply with lighting restrietions, ringing may vontioue antil a late hour. gining the Forces should be sent to lim so that the: may loe placed ous recard in blie absoriation's yearly report.
The Fioar, in reply to a vole of thanka, sain dua! it was a pieasure Io weloume the members to Nowitall, und althourl his remarls wee rather belated, he assured the ringers they were very sincere, He would always be ready to place Fewhall bells at their disposal if comditions in times that lay aherd made it difficult to arrange meetings at, certain towers, adding that if food control was thea in force, suitathle provision would be ar'rarged for tea.
The bower was revisited and touches in the followizg methods were brouglt round: Plain Boh, Kent and Oxiord Treble Bobs, Cumbridge Surprise, Double Court, single Court and Double Oxford Bob Minor, with plenti of opportunities for the recruits in Plain Bab, Grandsire ต ad Sterimas Deubles.

## WAR-TIME RINGING.

The positiun genernlly in the Guiluford Diocese is that, widh the excention of the fuildford townes, where ringing is prohibited, service lingug on Sundays (fin the majority of eases iu the morning ouly seenss to generaf. Ak some rowezs, itreluding Aldershot, Shalford, Hersham, Crameigh, Loakherhead, Shere und Ewhutst, the rugning Woon has leen blacked oul atid evening prackses continuc as usuad. Where practicen are suspended owiug to blacking out dilliculties. district officers and members of the committes are urged lo organse combried practices for groups of towers on saturday afternoons.
The afficers are of opinion that it is not practicable to hold a diuntr this season. it is mot proposed to eall the Executive Conumitire to. gether to discuss the mister unless a majority of the members send In a written reguest, for menting.

RENGEGG ARRANGEMENTS.
Stoke Poges 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 2.15 to 3 p.hz
Burvlsim, Isucks: 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Yractice, Futselay, 7.3u FuTigni.
Fintam : 1st ath 3rd Sululay's, 5.15 tu 6.15 p.m.
Acton: 1at Sunday, 2 to 3 p.an.
Rumptom, Canalis: 9.30 to 10 anm. and 2.30 to 3 pata.
may time up lo 9 p.us. liy frrengement. There is no regular
practice meeting.
St. Alban's Cathedral : $1^{4}$ ractice Saturday afternoons, 4 to 5.30 p.ri.

## RINGERS' DUTY TO KEEP THE BELLS IN USE. A TEIHER HROM INDIA. Tis the Editer.

Sis, As whe of the riugets who the been called up for service, I theve houn truch inturested in your amleles on singiag during war thme and in the lettert wheh il. hits gives rise to
There ${ }^{5}$, however, gne aspest of the muter whitl: lus not received alitalian, but which is of great impartance. in mstny places there is a strobs wement of hosijlity fa ringing anong a certain section of the population, Hs is well known to ringers. It is only bechuse ringang has been continually kept going in such places that this hostile section has hot heen alle to wark ils will in silencing the bells, and jf, owing Lo the war, or any obther reason, habh towers once cease to operato actively, then the chance of reopening then to the Exercise later on will be practically nit.
1 wond pul forward the plent that rimere who remain at home owe it as a pian duty to tliose who are called up for serwice to band back their leritage of towers and bells unimpaired at the end of the war. c/o Noyy Olice, Bombay, India.
A. R. POYNTZ.

## PEAL RINGING IN WAR TJME.

## To the Editor.

Devar Sir,-in reply to Mtw. Wilson's letter in your issue of Novomber 84th, the abstonion jrom peal ringing moted and comutaded by the Cented Commeil in 1915 whis mot total iahstinence, but a markerl degreve of restrams. Feferente lo back numhers of yubr paper at thut periad will show ithat reports uf an fow poals uppeared regularly weelk by week. At the safue time there is ouvious reason for taking crare? that peals are not rang under such conditions ns 10 jur upen the feelines of the public.

I quila: agroe that peal riagitg on spurial occasions is to be fuouraged. The present munth uffords tulable opportunities. Hisider the Chrishums festival. Monday, illh, will he the anniversary euf the King's Accession, and 'Chursdaiv. 14t $\mathrm{l}_{4}$, the King's hirthday.
F. LI. EDWARD*

## CHURCH BELLS AND THE NOISE ORDER <br> 'J'JE: RNGGIKG WOLLD ' YRODUCFD TO POLILE.

To the Elitor.
Dhat: Sir,-Yus will he pleased to know that we have commencerf
 11 i Shaday evenings 6 to 6.30; atsd proctice, Trueday, 8 p.th-
 the whico muthorities on Lhe subject, taking witi hur the sugy wo TTle Ringhy World ef Novamber 17th containing your leter to the Mintiry of Houte semurity and the letter you received in reply. The Inspector of Folice then made frarther iuquirins, using the eany of The Hinging World. and shortly afterwards we were informed that werything was ill orker and we colud ring th usual when the bieck-dut. restrictions had been complied with.
C. WALLATER

## DEATH OF CAPTAIN OF SALEHURST BAND,

At Salehurst, Sussex, on Sunday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triphes whe rung with the lrelle latif-muffied as a last token of respect to Mr. "Prayton Booth, for over twenty years a respected nember and caplain of the local botud, who passed peacefully away or November 26th: E. DYery 1, F. Morgan 2, J. G. Poweli 3, G. Kina 4. W. F. Hoad (condectar) 5, A. E. Edwarde 6, E. Mildt d. A. Sinith 8.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

In addition to the long peals of Oxford Treble Bols Royal, one or two other lengths of over six thousand changes were rung at St. Leonard's by the Cumberland Youths during the eighteenth century. Of these, perhaps the most interestung was one of 7,001 of Grandisire Caters on November 3rd, 1773. Although it is not definitely so stated, the composition was probably the one by George Gross, which is given in the 'Clavis.' It contains the sixty course ends with the big bells in the tittums, and is an excellent production. Gross seems to have been the first man to use shorl courses in Grandsire Caters, all the other peals being produced by 7-8's and 8-9's.

To get the required length and also, probably, to arrange the changes so that the bells could be brought round at hand, Gross started with eight courses with the ligg bells in the ordinary backstroke position, and John Reeves no doubt thought he had produced a much superior peal when he composed one with the same qualities in the same number of changes and only one long going-oft course.

It was at St. Leonard's that Benjamin Annable rang his last peal, one of Bob Major in 1754 . Although it is incluced in the present pal book of the College Youths, it was not really rung by members of that society. Hall the band were then members of the Society of Eastern Scholars, and the performance was one link in a chain of circumstances which led to the ultimate break-up of both societies and the formation of that Society of College Youths which became the leading metropolitan company in the second haif of the eighteenth century, absorbing all that was best in the older two.

After George Gross had quarrelled with the Cumberlands in 1782, he formed a new company which called themselves the Society of Junior Cumberland Youths. These men rang several peals at different towers, inciuding Shoreditch, none of which are of particular interest. Then came the usual quarrel, and the best men among them drifted back to the old Society of Cumberlands. Among them was William Shipway.

Meanwhile the Ancient Society of College Youtlis had paid their famous visit to Norwich and brought back Stedman Caters and Cinques, which thenceforth became the most esteemed methods among London ringers.

In 1787, John Reeves calied the first peal of Stedman Caters, at Horsleydown, for a band of the ancient Society of College Youths, and shortly afterwards that company hroike up. Some of the hand went to the other Society of College Youths, and helped to make up the band whith rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques.

Reeves joined the Cumberlands, and on Auyust 23rd, 1788, he called for them at Shoreditch the second peal of Stedman Caters ever rung. The figures of the conposition are lost. The fourth was rung by William Shipway and the third by George Gross.

At the first sight we should imagine that this wass the elder George Gross, who had broken with the junior Cumberiands and who was anxious to regain his former position in his old company. Neither the peal book nor the peal board is clear about the matter, but it is not at all likely that Gross would have stood in a peal with his rival
as conductor, and, while the name book records the election of the younger Gross as a new member, it says nothing about the return of his father.

It was not until about six years later, when Reeves had left the society, that Gross got his chance. He then returned, was at once elected to his old office of beadle, and remained the leader of the company for the rest of his life.

After the Stedman Caters, the only peal rung at St. Leonard's for some years was by the Coflege Youths, but with the return of Gross the Cumberlands once more scored peals there.
On December 13th, 1794, Gross calied ' 5,200 changes of Cumberland Royal Treble Bob, the most that can be rung in 9 courses.' There is no direct evidence as to what method was rung, but there is little doubt that it was Reeves' nine-course peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Peals of Kent Treble-ten had already been rung at Leeds in Kent, and the method was printed in the "Clavis ' of 1788, where it is called New Treble Bob, a not very good name, which fortunately did not stick to it. The Cumberlands went on and rang peals of Kent Major and Maximus, but the methad was not regularly practised in London until well on into the next century. The name Kent first appears in print in Shipway's book.

On November 12th, 1796, Shipway called a 'William " peal at Shoreditch. It was not the first name peal, for that had been rung a few years earlier when eight Georyes, with George Gross as conductor, scored a peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Olave's, Southwark. In 1804 George Gross called a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, and the peal book claims it as the "first ever rung in that method.' The claim, however, is not a sound one, for the Norwich men had rung the first peal, and a mixed band, with John Noonan as conductor, rang the second peal at Spitalfields five weeks before the Shoreditch performance.

In 1802 Shipway called a peal of Imperial Place Caters, a method of which he was rather proud and which is produced without any dodging. As, however, the bells which turn and are turned by the treble lie still for three blows, its merits are not great.

The next interesting peal on the bells was in 1805, when the Cumberlands rang 6,129 changes of Stedman Caters at the time the longest length in the method. It was composed and conducted by the younger George Gross.

In 1807, on the opening day after the bells were increased to twelve, the Cumberlands rang 5,390 of Grandsire Cinques, and in 18096,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. Then, during the following twenty years, there were ten or a dozen peals of Grandsire and Treble Bob on ten and twelve beils. The last was 5,040 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in February, 1830, and after that, silence for half a century.

The cause may have been that the bells were getting into a bad condition or that the tenor had become broken and urringable.

The Cumberlands, who for so long had made the tower their principal practice place, now abandoned the belfry and moved first of all to St. Mary-le-Bow, and shortly afterwards, when the College Youths left St. Marlin-in-the-Fields for Soulhwark, to Trafalgar Square.

They took with them one or two of the boards from the belfry and re-erected them in their new home. One is that which records Reeves' peal of Stedman Caters. It has been restored and is now in excellent condition. The
other I was unable to read. Here we probably have the origin of the legend about the Duke of Cumberland's picture and its removal to St. Martin's.

The tenor was recast in 1875 by, Blews, of Birmingham, and the bells put into some sort of repair, and in 1882 the College Youths ended the long break in peal ringing by scoring 5,000 changes of Stedman Citques. Two years later the Cumberiands, mainly through the intluenee of Henry Dains, celebrated the centenary of Gross' long peal of Treble Bob Royal by ringing a five thousand. But they rang Kent and not Oxford, which had become almost a forgotter method except in East Anglia. In the same year the society rang a peal of Treble Twelve and one of Stedman Caters, and then, save for one peal in 1886 , another silence fell on the bells until after they were restored in 1913.

The first peal after restoration was Stedman Cinques, conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, and since then there has been a steady succession of performances in the belfry, most of them, naturally, by the Society of Cumberlind Youths.
We should have imagined that a belfry with a long ringing history like that of Shoreditch would have it large collection of interesting peal boards, but in that respect St. Leonard's is somewhat disappointing. As siated above, two boards were taken to St. Martin's, and it is certain that some were destroyed during the long period of neglect. Fifty years ago two boards, recording Kent Treble Bob Royal rung in 1801 and Gross' long peal of Stedman Caters, were still in existence, but now they have disappeared.
The only old board still actually in the belfry records the peal of New Bob Triples rung in 1750, but two very fine tablets, recording the long peals of Treble Bob Royal by the College Youths and the Cumberlands, have been removed to the base of the tower, which forms the vestibule of the church. Both have been restored and are in good condition. Photographs and descriptions of them are given in the London County Council official Survey of London. The College Youths' record is in gilt letters on a black ground and enclosed in a carved wood frame, whicl was carefully restored by the instructors and pupils of the Shoreditch Technical School. The other is in gilt writing on a copper plate, with an claborate carved and gilded frame. Hung where they now are, these most valuable and interesting records of the past are likely to lof preserved for very many years.

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GULLD.

## MEETING AT COIEMAN'S HATOA

Ithe Fast Grinstead and District Guild held anther successful mectug last Saturday, whem 17 enembers enjoyed ringing on the light tnve at Colemails Hatch.
The hells were ken going froul 3 o'elock to 8, with a break for ies aull mpeting. The methods ranged frora rounds to Cambridg. suryrise. At teat the new Viear was introduced and proved to be n jolly companion who joinea in the usual leg-pulling with great cusin.
The next menting was arranged for January bith at Tunbridge Welts. and the anmual meeting nt Enst Grinstead in February.

## ST. WOOLOS' CATHEDRAL, NEWPORT.

## OPENING OF THE AUGMENTED RING OF TWELVE.

 On Surday. Noveruber 26th, the two new bells at St. Woolos' Sewport, wero cedicated by the Dean in the unevoidable absence of the Bishop.The bells are a memorial to Dr. Egerton Williams and their cost ass well as that of recasting three others was wet by his genercus bequest. Last Saturday the belfry was open to ringers, and visitors fron Caunton, Batb, Bristol and Hereiord turneत up, as wel] as many from Monmouith and Glamorganshire.
Kingine began shorlly after 2 p.m. and continued until black-ont time. Afterwards 42, including the Dean, Mr. Price, the chatwiswarden, and Mr. G. F. Johnaton, of Messis. Gillett and Jolinston, sal down to tea. The Dean welcomed the visitors and congratuleted Mr. Johnston on the way the work was done and the perfect splice that dad been made.
St. Woolos' now possesses the only ring of twelve in the Province of Wales. The tenor is 21 cwt. and the whole rine is a very handy ane which will hear comparison with any other in the country of the same weight.

## MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 800 PEALS.

After many disappointments, Mr. Ernest Morris. of Euncester, has Eecred his 800 th peal. The 799th was a splendidy struck peal of Stedman Triples on handbelly, with Mr. James George at the fanors. He camo three times all the way from Birmingham to Leicester, and Efter two failures was amecessful on lis $86 t h$ birthday.
Mr. Morris' 800th peal was one of Grandsire Doubles at the betl tower of Loughliorough Foundry. It was specially arranged for two hrothers, Messrs, Reginald M. Hill and C. Raymond Hill. The former, who was 21 years old on December 4th, is itu the Roynul Navy end - ame loome nin leave for bis birthday. On the same day his brotluer. who in 19 years old, ieft Leicester also on join the Nayy, the band wishing him God-speed and a safe return.
Mr, Mortis' peal list is a long and variod one, ranging from frandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Four hundred amu eight were condueted by him fnd 52 were rung in hand. Thes were rung in 207 towers, 24 counties and for 23 societies. They include the record length of Canbridge Surprise Major ( 12,896 enanges), the guickesh, tower-bell penls of Minor and Major, the Secretaries peal of Stedman Cincueg, the first. 'Ernest' paal and peads by four sets of lrothers, four fathers and soms, and five fathers and sons.

## YatTENDON BELLS RESTORED

## DOFT I IORNE BY FOLTJNTARY SUBSCRILTION

The ring of six bells at SS. Petier and Paul's Church, Yatendon. Wherk, has recently ween rehurg and the treble aut tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Staintsank. Practically the whole cost of the restoration has beed borne by voluntary subscription.
The treble bell, which bears the inscription, "They owe their mirth to me," was made by Lester and Pacle and was the gitt of Richand Welbourne, Esq., in 1756.
The second is dated 1657, the third 1925 and the fourth 1660.
The fifth is of local interest. It bears the jegcription, 'sanct. Nicollai ora pro nobis, and probably is of tho 15 th century, for it hears the early lion's head stop of the Wokingham foundry and eross composed of four flewrs-de-lys.
The tenor bears the date 1617 and the inscription ' Fenry Knight made mee.'
The dedication service whs performed ly the Ree. H. C. Witder, chairman of the Bradield Deanery Branch of the Orford Diocesnin Guild, and the visiting fiagers were from the Bucklebury tower undrer their foreman, Mr. W. Mathews.
A now band of ringers las been got together and shows grest keenuess They are being jotroduced to the intricacies of change ringing ily Mr. Ward, of Basilcon, and one of the keeneat recruits is the Rector, the \#ev. A. F. G. Fermer.

WALTHAM ST, LAWRGNCE, BERKS. - On Sundry, Novemher $9 t h$, for the marriage of Mr. William Paimer, the son of the paristh letk, 700 Minor, being 240 Plain Boh, 240 Kent Treble Bob and 240 Oxford Trable Piob: Stanley Darvill 1, Pte. A Pearson (Oxford and 13ucks Light Infantry) 2, J. Coope, seu. 3, V. Darvill 4, J. Dervill 5, Tilley (conductor) 6 .
WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.-On November 4th, T20 of Bob Minor was rumg at. St. Mary Magalene's Chtreh by G. W. Brothwelf |first 720) 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, John F. Brotliwel! 3, G. Brothwell 4. fom Brothwell 5, Norman Chaddock (conductor) 6.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-FASTERN DISTRICT MFETING AT MHSTLEY
A maeting of the North-Fasteru District of the Essex Association was held at Mistley last Siturday and was attended by 22 members, I1 towers being represented. Ringing luegan soon after two o'clock und was kept up until half-past eight, a good number of methods heing rumg.

The service was confucticd by the Yicar. who gave a very luarty welcome to the ringers presont, saying that it was the seconil time during his incumbency that he had the pleasure of welcoming the association, and hoped he would be able to do so again under move pleasant conditions when he could extend some hospitality to these present. He complimented the members for getting together to ring the bells. It was a grand thing to fell the peopie that the bells were calling all to worship at their willage church.

A collection was made during the eervice for the Bell Restoration Fund, which amounted to 8s.

After the service and more riuging, the company sat down to tee at the Thore Hotel. At tho business meeting the Master (Mr. G. Waterman) apologised for the absence of the secretary, due to his heing engaged on work of national importance. It was explained why Lho annual district meeting had been arranged to take phace thal duy, for it was only after some considerable trouble that a tower could be obtained at all.
Mr. G. Waterman, of Hawwich, was re-elected Disirict Mastey for Whe next year, and Mr. W. Wright, of Mistley, was elecled temporar, serretary.

The next meeting was arranged to lake place at Tendring at the rond of April next.

A discussion followed regarding ringiug members of f. M. Irorces foril it was proposed by Mr. $\mathfrak{k}$. Ellis that all memters serving in H.M Furces should have their suberiptions paid for thom, and this was married.

Afte: toucties on the handbells a retaris was made ta the tower for mure ringing

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTTRM BRANCF

The last maeting of the rear was held at Byde on Saturday, November $25 t h$, when, despitie torrible weather conditions and tha " hlack-out, some 25 members und friends attended.
The bells were set going early in the afternoou, and touches iu whous methods were rung before service in church at 4.30 . This wus vonducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Victor Dawnan, who also gave a urly interesting address, basing fis renarks on the inseriptions to bin funtrd on bells, and in particular oue isseribed 'Serving the Lord.' He dwell upon the wonderful inspiration which could he patied from the long line of ringers who have served the Church down the ages, and thet devated service in handing tiown to future generations the trutles and that faitls will always win tirough.
Tea foilowed in the Parish Hall under the guidance of the local riugers' wives, whe, despite the diffeulties of these days, had manageal ! u provid= an excellent repast.

After tea the usual business menting was held under the chairmanship of the Ficar, who gave the ringers a warm welcome to Hyde, i ilscussion on the effects of the war on ringing, and the efforts w shurld make to combat them, showed agreement on the following pints: (a) Service ringiug to be mainiained as far as posstble. (b) Practices to be held where feasible. A scheme of 太縝areay afternoon plactices is already in operation in six of the centrat towers of tha H'anch. (c) Peal ringing to be limited to special ocensions. (d) To framard s recommendation to the gemeral secretary suggesting that nembers serving in the Fing's Forees should remain members of thi finitd whetber their subscriptions were prid or not. (e) Meetings in lin lueld es usual, but instead of lixing the list for the year to work frum meeting to meeting, having ragard to the slate of affirs at thit lime.

Reference was made to the passing to higher service of Messta Thrtiv Drvies, of Didisbury; and A. Wright, of Stockport. The revised rules of the Guild were submitted and approved.
Further ringing then took place till a late hour on handbells and twwer bells, the methods ranging from rounds to Camhridge Surprise Mnjor.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

cheerful afterncon was enjoyed by those who turned up al Cuokinam, various methods being suecessfully accomplished throughout Ilien the tea. What a tea for in hob! We just couldn"t rat everything elp.

The handbells haring heen sorted out, a fair course of Grandsive Triples was rung, followed by at lew bunes, fut we could bave dom with one more to ring a touch
Come to Burnhum on Dpcemher 161 h , at litere may be something dantur on Boxing Day", if the screfary ant gel awny "rom work.
A. D. B.

## NOTICES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Northern Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, December gth. Buses from Stourbridge Town pass the church. Ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Service and meeting after. Ringing 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Election of officers, so please try and get there.-I. Lloyd, Ringing Master.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Daventry Branch.-A special meeting will be held at Weedon (sis bells), on Saturday, December 9th.-W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea ut 5.15 p.m. at the Parochial Hall, Brighton Road, followed by a business meeting and ringing again from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welconte.-H. Hancock. Hon. See., Hillview, Easthoturne Rond, Gadstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch.The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, December gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. -Fred Righy, Hon. Branch Ser., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Famham Dis* trict.-A meeting at York Town on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Ronm 5.15 p.m. Nominations for officers for 1940 to be made at this meeting. -C. VV. Denyer. Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Dorset Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Marnhull on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting $4.30-$ Rev. W. Uphill, Hon. Sec. Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. OXFORD DIOCESAN (iUILD.-North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery,-A meeting will be held at Stoke Goldington, on Saiurday, December 9th, from 2 to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 3.30 . Learters and beginners invited,-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

 -Chew Deanery Brancl..-The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December Dth. Bells nvailable from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at f. 30 p.m., with business mecting to follow.-Percy $\mathbf{G}^{\text {i }}$ soax Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-The fourth and last war-time meeting for 1939 will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, December 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. until dusk. A room is being reserved for the evening. Come early, all are welcome, especially friends from Warwickshire-W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.-Western District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 o'eluck. Tea and meeting to follow.-N. G. Wiillians, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

RICKMANSWORTH PARISH CHURCH-Meeting for practice (Stedman Caters, Litlle Bub and Cambridye) on Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.-1. Howard Freeborn.

CROWAN, CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.-The two new bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, December 16th. Peal augmented to a ring of eight by John Tayior and Co.

WATFORD, HERTS ASSOClATION. - Meeling (aunual), Saturday, December 16ih. Bells available from 2.30. Tea and business meeting in Oid School about 5 . Thase requiring tea must let me know by Wednesclay, Decentber 134 , so that arrangements may be made.-C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch
The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday afternoon, December 16 h . Tower open for ringing at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyarel, Branch Sec.
CHESTER DIOCESAN (illil.D.-Crewe Branch. The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Alsager ( 8 bells) on Saturday, December 16 th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Please let me know if you intend to he present-Richard D. langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118 , Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District. The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Alvaston, Derby, on December 16th (SI. luke's not being available). Tower 'blacked onn,' so come and make use of this handy ring of six. All welcome. Belis available 2.30-Wrn. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road. Chaddesden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-The anoual meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Bishops Stortford on December 16th. Ringing from 2 p.m. until dusk. Tea and meeting to be arranged during ringing. -W. Wheeler, Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Harlow, Essex.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUll.D.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice will be held at Burnham ( 8 bells) on Saturday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (send a postcard), and ringing after tea.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Phone, Slough 23260.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Taunton Deanery. -The anntal meeting will be hield at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Derember \{6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and mecting to foliow Further rinying until 7.30 p.m.-R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-ClATION.-The annuaf mecting of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at Barnwood. Bells (8) available from 2 to 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.n. A card lor tea (free) witl nuch oblige.-W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lyảney, Glos.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTIE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-A gathering in lieu of the postponed annual meeting will be held at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, on Saturday, December 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Tuesday, December 12th, in order that definite arrangements can be made for tea.-Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District. - A meeting of this District will be beld at Kempston on Saturday, December 56 th. Bells (6) ready from 2 till 5 p.m. Tea will be at $5 \mathrm{p} \mathrm{m}_{\text {., }}$ followed by handhell ringing. Please make an effort to attend. All ringers welcomed.-Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., ro, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-A ringidg meeting will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Decenber 16th. -F. Warrington.

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## LOOKING AHEAD.

The story of the destruction of the bells at Christ Church, Spitalfields, which is told in this week's article on London Bells, is a reminder of vicissitudes of various kinds which have befallen many famous rings in the city, the worst of all being the neglect which most of them in turn have suffered. Happily few peals of bells have met the fate of Spitalfields, except, of course, in the Great Fire, but Bethnal Green and St. Olave's, Southwark, lost their bells by fire after Spitalfields. The greatest despoiler of London's bells has been negligence, and there are still a large number whose tones have not been heard for years and of whose existence, in all probability, the vast majority of the inhabitants in each parish are unaware. Some of these belis have figured prominently in the past in London history ; they have now gone into decay for want of use. It is a sad story and one for which London ringing societies are not entirely free from blame.

It has to be remembered, of course, that conditions in London are vastly different to those in nearly every other place in England, and the silencing of the many church bells, which now are no longer heard, is not due solely to any one cause. The reasons which from time to time have led to the demolition of city churches, have resulted in others becoming more or less deserted, and the disappearance of the ringers is but a phase of the conditions which have led to the disappearance of the congregation. But there is another cause which must not he overlooked, and that is the policy of the ringers themselves in a past generation. In the South of England, at any rate, Sunday service ringing was not practised, except in isolated cases, until about the 'eighties of tast century. Such ringing as was done was almost entirely for the amusement or profit of the ringers. In London the bells were, prior to that time, and in some cases even later, merely the sport of the different bands that sprang up. The only times the belis at many churches were rung were paid occasions and for peals, and when the former failed and the latter became impossible through the condition of the bells or the inactivity or the loss of interest of the ringers, the bells were just allowed to lapse into permanent silence. For years many of them have hung mute, and it has been surprising to watch, through even this century, how little real effort London ringing societies have made to create any local interest in bell restoration which might lead to a general improvement. There have been one or two notable exceptions, but even so there are literally dozens of rings of bells within the metropolitan area that, up to the outbreak of war, have been abso-
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lutely neglected unless for one reason or other some enthusiast has organised a band to attempt a peal.

Ringers do not need to be reminded that the best way to preserve bells is to ring them, and nothing is more likely to keep them in reasonable ringing order than their regular use on Sundays. Until war broke out we believe that the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral had been rung every Sunday without a break since their opening in the year 1878, and their condition now is a tribute to the care bestowed upon them during that long period. It is doubtful if they would have been so well maintained had they not been regularly rung on Sundays. Regular ringing leads to regular attention being given to the bells and their fittings, and unless they are primarily used in the service of the Church, ringers can hardly expect to raise the authorities" interest in their upkeep.

It is doubly essential in these days, when conditions tend to reduce the ringing of church bells, that no effort should be spared to keep going those that may be rung. For the sake of the bells themselves, as well as for the place they fill in connection with the services, they should be regularly heard at least once on Sunday. Moreover, it will be found to be very difficult to restart those bells which are allowed to become silent. The interest of ringers may wane; the public themselves in some places may object to their revival, although we feel that amongr the majority of people the sound of the bells after the war is likely to be received with general joy. But be that as it may, what is bow required is a determination to keep the bells of this country going, and during this period of enforced partial inactivity in the towers the London ringing societies might well give thought to planning a great revival when happier times come again.

## LUNAR CALENDAR

FOIR THI: BENEFIT OF ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES To the Editor.
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## RINGERS WED AT BATLEY.

On Saturday, December 2nd, the wedding tuok place at Hatley Parish Church isetween Miss Hazel Holmes, who is one of the local rimgers, and Mr. Morris Hodgeon, who until his departure to London a vear ago was also a ringer at the same churcb.
As the bridal pair left the church a touch of Trehle Bob was mung un the bells and the band then rdjourned to $u$ local cafe, where the party was celebrating the event, and a sumptuous tea was partaken of. The bride and hridegroom were presented with a timepiege from the local band, and after the usual compliments the couple wished to ring a farewell touch hefore their departure ta someyhere in Fingland, where Mr. Hodeson if on seroatutical research work. A well-struck course of Treble Bof was brouglit round and then they left to catch their frain, alf wishing them the best of luck and happiness. Mr, and Mra. Hodgson are members of the Yotkshire and the Leeds and District Ascociotions, and Mrs. Hodgson is also membel of the Ladies' Guild.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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* First peal on an 'inside ' bell.


## HANDBELL PEALS.

WFST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Swrday, Decomber 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Two Minutes, Ar g2. Borcher's Row.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANQEBI
Three callings
Tenor size 15 in $C$
-Harold Woos

## Cecil Longaursi ... ... 5 -6 Conducted by E. Rapley.

Wimess-F. Roberts.

* First peal 'in hand.

WOLFEREAMPTON
THE SOOETY EOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Monday, Dectmber 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Minvies, Ax 15, Rugby Streht,

## A PEAL OF BOE MINOR, BOGO CHANGES:

Tenor size 14 in 10.

## Herbert Kniget

1-2 | TFrancis Brotagrton
Rey. A. E. Sabgent
5-6
Conducted by the Rav. A. F. Sargent.

* First peal in the methad 'in hund.' $\dagger$ First peal "in hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to $\mathbf{H}$. Knight. BUSHEY, HERTS.


## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON

 DIOCESAN GULLD.On Suturday, Deamber 9, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twenty Mimwlet, At 50, Rodolph Road,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGE8।

 Tenor size 15 in C .-Cecil C. Mayne 1-2 Edwin A. Barnett<br>\section*{Ceris. W. Woolery.}<br>\section*{Composed by C. H. Martin, Conducted by E. A. Barnert.} * First peal on handbella. First hanabell peal as conductor.<br>BRAINTREE, FSSEX.<br>THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.<br>On Swaday, Dectmber 10, 1939, in Tuo Howrs and l wenty-Nine Hinmer,<br>At 19. Howard Road, Braintreg.

## A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 6050 CHANGE8;



## ' MOURNFUL' BELLS. <br> A NOFTHAMPTON COMPLALNT. To the Bditor.

Sir,-A letter complaining about the sound of bells has appeared in a cewspaper in the tawn in which I live, the text of which I give below: "The local striking of ehurch clacks every quarter of an hour throughout the night with a mournful snatch of melody brings to ninal the followiag lines from the poet, Edgar Allan Poe: "Frough the balmy eir of night, how they ring out their delight! How they clang ana elash and roar, What a lorror they ouwpour. Is there balm in Gilead P-tell me, I implora! Quoth the raven novermore." t'he writer goes on: 'One wonders if the ecelesiastical aatborities beve really considered whetiner they are serving a good purpose in so disturbing the sleep of people wion happen to lire nearby, and, secondly, whether they are immune fram the law relating to nusances which states that every persun who crates an unusuap noine in the aifht time in the neighbourhood of a dwelling house so as to distarb the repose of the inmetes is guilty of a muisance." The writer ajgus linuself ' Ronald Frank.'
It will be seen thas lie considers the sotnd of bella 'mournful." Though the complaint chiefly deals with clock chimes, there is one thing I would like to say a word or two about: In Northampton (and I hove noticed it elsewhere) ringers seem to have fallen inta the lagy and distasterul habit, when meating shore, of picking on the front end bells for chiming and often for riagiag, irrespective of whether their notes present a pleasing or untuceful sound to the car. One church, in the centre of Northampton, in particular has the peculiar habit of chiming the first seven of its octave. Another the first six and sometimes zha firat three. And another church bas more than once begen heard to ring the first five of the eight.
Is this not opering up the fath for complainta about mouraful bells? If any of the peais in question were particularly heavy or went badly there might be a cortain amount of ercuse. But m Northamptor every church which has bells has had tacm rehung since 1927. Whether here or elsewhere, I would ask, do ringers think they ara being fair both to ble Txercize and to tie public by adopting such lazy habita and not sttudying the musical aide to their ort as well as the piysicalif any be needed on auch light-going bella?

Another thing I would like to draw attention to is, after a band has met short and raised tha back gix or flve, often sorneone witl walk in late and without any consideration for the ears of people ontside, up will go the other two or three trebles clanging on top of each other. Is not this also opering up the path for complainta? I krow the old cry-well, we haver't alwayg got time to puly them up singly or in pairs. Which is the best-to sacrifice 'a 120 ' or cause some strong complaint? And a word ahout the ringing of seven bolls: When ringers meet seven strong, is it not bettor and more tuneful to ring seven missing the second of the octave out than to ring the lage seven?
P. AMOS.

## Northampton.

## GLOUCESTER \& BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCOESSFUL MEETING OF BRISTOL RURAL BRANCE.
The ammal meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diotesan Assocition was held on Satarday, December 2nd, at St. Ambrose'g Chureh, Bristol East, where there is a very nice ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 11$\rangle$ cwt. Thene were set going ghortiy after \& p.m. and standard methods were rung until falr-past four, some useful practiee being put in. About 45 members and visitorrs attended the service conducted by the Ticar (the Rev. F. S. Lee). The address was given by the Rev. C. K. Davis, limself a ringer.
Tca was served in the Church Roam, and afterwards the Vicar was thauked for taking the service nad for the use of the bells. Thanks were also giver̉ to the ozganist and choirboys for their attendance. The meating was presided over by the brapch chairman, Mr. C. Harding. The balance sheee having been adopted, the Chairman remarked that, owing to the war, the past year had not bees a pery good one for the branch. When the war started the activitiea of the association were brought practically to a standstill for a time, but they were gradually getting uged to the abnomal conditions, and meetiegs were now being held as often as possible. He aaid be hoped that practices and Sunday riggigg would now go on, and added thet they should keep the rit as much alive an possible duridg these dark days. Mr. C. Harding was re-alected chnirman of the branch and tharked the ruembers for their confidence, Mr. R. C. Giford was re-elected secretary, and the Rer. C. K. Davis was elected as repesentative of the branch on the Management Committee.
Meetings were arranged ns follows: January, St. Werburgh's; February, Westerjeigh; March, Bitton.
A resolation that imembers who liad joined H.an. Forces should remain meabers without payment until their return' was asked to be forwarded to the Monagement Committee for their coasideration.
The Chairman said he would like to thank all those who had mede the meeting so Euccessifl, especially the tower secretary, Mr. F. Skidmore, and the local câtain, Mr. Magge (who also apparently grows at good brand of celery). He also welcomed the risitors from the Bristol City Branch.
A few memhers then indolged in handbell ringing, and this brought a very succesful meeting to a close.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

THE ART OF PRICKING CHANGES.
Before we study our group of fifteen methods in detail it is well to write out a full plain course of each of them. Perhaps some of our readers will think that it means an immense amount of trouble, and others may think that it means unnecessary and useless trouble.

But when you know how to do it the trouble is not so great after all. With a little practice you can prick changes about as fast as you can ring them; and though you can, if you are experienced, find out everything about the course from one lead of it, many hundreds of ringers have discovered from the Diagrams in Snowdon's 'Standard Methods,' the advantages of having a full course.

It may be objected that the goodness of those diagrams lies, not in the figures, but in the 'blue line ' which shows the work of one bell, and that you can draw the 'blue line' as a 'skeleton course,' a much more convenient form, which does away with any necessity for having figures.

It is quite true that many ringers, and those among the most experienced, never use figures at all but always learn their methods from skeleton courses. We should be the last to belittle the value of the skeleton course, but we must point out that, while it will give you the bare essentials which you must know before you can ring a method, it will not help you to understand the method nor tell you those things you must know when you study the conducting and composition. It may be that among our readers there are some beginners who do not know what a skeleton course is. For their benefit we will explann that it is a lined diagram showing the path of one bell only, and, as it can be very much foreshortened, it is possible to draw it on a page of a small note book, which of course makes it very convenient.

Hundreds of ringers, as we said, have realised from Snowdon's ' Standard Methods ' the advantages of having a full course to study; but they would get much more benefit from it if they were to prick it themselves, rather than use one which has already been written or printed by someone else, provided they prick it from a knowledge of the construction of the method, and do not just blindly copy what another has written.

It is worth while, therefore, to say a few things about the pricking of changes.

And first you must realise that a written course of a method is not merely a collection of figures put together in a certain way. The figures are symbols which are intended to represent as nearly as possible that movernent of the bells which is the essential thing in change ringing. Hence the most important thing is not the rows of figures themselves but the way in which one is produced from another.

For our illustration, we will confine ourselves to eight bells, and since plain hunting is the basis of all change ringing, we will start by seeing how we must prick changes to represent plain hunting. We start from the row 12345678 , which represents rounds.

In this row of eight figures there are four pairs, $I$ and 2,3 and 4,5 and 6 , and 7 and 8 . The first thing we do is to transpose each of these pairs and write down 21436587 under 12345678.

We have still got four pairs of bells, but if we trans-
pose them again we shall merely come back to where we started from. We therefore, in the next row, write the first and last bells (in this case 2 and 7 ) in the same positions as they were in the previous row, and alter the positions of the six other bells only.

We have now got three pairs of bells to deal with, those in 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7 (in this case 1 and 4,3 and 6, and 5 and 8). We transpose each of these pairs and write down the result 24163857 as our third row.

What we have done is, first of all, to transpose all four pairs of bells, and then to transpose the three internal pairs of bells, and if we continue to do these alternately we shall produce the plain hunting course.

Now all change ringing consists of plain hunting (forwards or backwards) with certain variations, and in a similar way all pricking consists of the alternate transpositions just described, with certain variations.

The only way we can vary hunting is by the introduction of place making. The making of a place involves certain definite alterations in work of some of the other bells, and so, if we know when and where the places are made, we can also know the whole of the work of the method.

There are two kinds of methods. In one of them all the work (place making and dodging) is at backstroke, In the other, handstroke places and work are introduced.

The latter, both in construction and in actual practice, are much the more complex, and so we will confine our attention for the present to the others. In pricking these backstroke methods (that is, the methods in which the place is completed by the backstroke blow) we note two things. The first is that every alternate row is always produced by transposing all four pairs of bells, just as when we are pricking plain hunting. The second is that all the variations from plain hunting are done by keeping one of the inside bells in the same position as it was in the previous row instead of one of the first or last bells.

This is what we call moving an external place to the interior of the change, and, however we do it, we shall still get three pairs of bells to transpose.
The external place on the front can only be moved to 3rd's, 5th's or 7th's ; the external place at the back can only be moved to 6th's. 4 th's or 2nd's. It follows that place making in 3rd's, 5th's or 7th's affects the bells below those positions, but not the hells ahove. And place making in 6th's, 4 th's and 2nd's affects the bells above those positions, but not the bells below.

When we are pricking, and we know that 3rd's place has got to be made, we transpose the pair in 1-2, keep the bells in thirds in the same position, and transpose the other befls as we should do if we were pricking plain hunting. Simifarly, if we know that 4th's place has to be made we write the bell in fourths in the same position as it was in the previous row, and transpose the pairs in 5-6 and 7-8.

Now experiment by attempting to write out one of our fifteen methods from the position of the places.

Take Edmonton Bob, an excellent method which is produced by the R. Court Shunts in 5-6 and the Extreme at the lead-end.

For the first four changes we have plain hunting, so we prick by alternately transposing four pairs and three pairs. When the troble gets into fifths, 6th's place is made over it, so we transpose the pair in-7-8 instead of (Crotioued in next columin)

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

(Continued from previous columo.)
that in 6-7. Two changes later 5th's piace is made, so we transpose the pairs in 1-2, and $3-4$ instead of those in $2-3$ and $4-5$. Four changes further on we do the same thing, and two changes later still, when 6th's place is made, we transpose the pair in 7-8 instead of that in 6-7. At the lead-end 2ad's is made, so we transpose the pairs іл 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 instead of those in 2-3, 3-4 and 5-6. Except for these variations we prick exactly as if we were pricking plain hunting. You see how simple it is, provided that we know exactly where the places are made.

From Mr. Woolley's article we learn that all this will be a great help in ringing two handbells.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON."

## THE FIRST PEAL OF KENT MAXIMUS

Th the riitor

Derr Sir, -In connection with Mr. J. Armiger Trolfone's interestive article on the above in 'The Ringing World ' December 8 th , will Mr. Trollope kindly inform me when the Cumberlands rang their first peal of New Treble Bols Meximus (otherwise Kcnt Treble Bob Meximus)?
There is a peal tablet in St. Martin's ringing room, Birmingham, recording 7,200 New Treble Bob Maximus rung by tbe St. Martin's Youths on April 17th, 1820, in 5 hours and 8 minutes. The celebrated Thomas Thurstans rang the tenor and Henry Cooper conducted. This peal is also recorded in St. Martin's Guila peal boos as 7,200 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus (Kent Variation) and the first peal rung in this variation on twelve bells. ALBEET WALEFH.
Birmingham.

## WAR-TIME RINGING.

The ringers at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, lave gow been granted permission to ring ffter black-out time, provided the police are notified of the times of ringing. A practice on Saturday next, December 16 th, from 5 to 7 p.m., bas, therefore, been arranged, to which anp rimgors will be very welcome.
Since our last issue we learn that the bells of S. Nicolas', Gulldford, will now be rung on Sunday moruings at 10.15 a.m. Thete will be no ringing for evensong and no practice natil tle new year.

## COURSING ORDER AND METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir, - A system of so-called constructional R Court Sinnts and P Court Sliunts can mever give a true explanation of Coursing Order and Method Construction, ihey ouly deal with the fringe of the subject.
To understand Coursing Order and Methods one needs first of all to understand the Primary Plain Principles and the Treble Bots Principle. I am bired of repeating that every place, or move, in a method counis jusb as much as every Bob in a peal counte.
You, sir, do nat welcome columns of figures in your pages, and as 1 Innow of no other way to prove the trutle of my essertions, I wish to saf that any of your readers who desire to know 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth "about Coursing Order and Method Construction can have their wishes granted by writing to me direct, and I will garantee to astisfy anyone except those people who belong to the class of "There ars none so blind as those that won't see."
2. Nortin Street Quadrant, Brightor.

## CWT. OR CWTS.?

Sir, Will jou mllow me to point out a common error into which your contributars often fall? In speaking of the weiglit of a bell, many of them write exots. and lbs- ; in both cases the 8 is wrong. In the first the migtake is abvious, for no one ever writes or sayg Thundredweiglits $:$ in the second the reason is different, beasuse $l$. atands for the Latin libre (sing.) or librat (plur.) indifferently; and as Librae has no s , it is wrong to write lbs

## A MANCHESTER POLICEMAN JOINS H M FORCES.

FAREWELL QUARTER-PEAL AT DIDSBURY.
At Christ Church, Didsbuyy, Manchester, on Sunday aftarnoon, December उrd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rang as a fareweld to P.C. Alhert Ford, of the Manchegter City Police who is leaving to join F.M. Forces. It was also to celebrate the retirement on persion of P.C. Tohn Carter, who now resides at Saddleworth, Yorifghire: Thomas Jones 1, Harold Hollingworth 2, ex-P.C. Birley Walshaw 3, Alfred Frast 4, Harold Jones 5, P.C. Richard Benson b, P.G. Albert Ford (conductor) 7. ex-P.C. James Turner 8. Composed by the liate Fi. T. Davies, for 40 years head ringer at Christ Church. P.C. Ford would like to thank those taking part and the other ringers who attended in exceptionatly bad weather, acme of them travelling ten miles to be present.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity ol getting the copies of 'The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thurstiay make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by MONDAY in each weok. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the lollowing issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## FWERY GOAS1P

Mr. Roger St. John Smith, of Hesnor, Nottingham, is to be ordainecs deacon hy the Bishop of Manchester, in Manchester Catliedral, on St, Thomas' Day, December 2lst, and licensed to the parish of St. Pati's, Kersal.
Mr. St. Jolin Smith, who took bis B.A. degree at Cambridge and afterwards read Thenlogy as a momber of Jesus College and Ripon Hall, Oxford, halds the unique distinction of having been Master of bot C Cimbridye University Guild and Oxford University Society.
The Rev, A. F. Sargent, who conducted the handbell peat of Minar at Wolverhampton on December 4 th, bis recently been appointed to a title at St. Gjies', Willenhall. He is looking forward with pleasure to the prospect of a happy time in tie district, and will certainly be an asset to the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society as well as to the Willentall band.

Last Tuesday was the 204th anniversary of the first peal at St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 'whien,' said the 'Ipswich Gazette,' 'waE rung by our town ringers, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight bells. It was done in three hours and eight minutes to the satisifuction of all the lovers of that science.

In the records of early peals of Grandsire Triples the expression whola peal' is frequently used and there is good reason to believe that this is a reference to the composition in the J.D. and C.M Campanalogia, which is false.
On Decenter $12 t h, 1848$, the Birmingham men rang 7,392 changes of Stedman Cinques, beating lyy 266 changes the peal rung in 1844 at St. Peter, Mancroft, by the Norwich Scholars. Birminglam held the record until ]851
To-day is the anniversary of the first pesl on the twelve at St. Saviour's, Southwark. It was rung by the College Youths in 1735, the method Fas Grandexire Cinques and the number of changee was 8.008. This length has never been exceeded in the tower, except in 1923. When the College Youths rang the long peal of Stedman Cinques, which, unfortunately, turned out to be false in the composition.
The first peal on the present ring at St. Saviours was Grandsire Caters rung by the Eastern Echolars, and Benjamin Annable called a peal of Bob Triples on the old ring of eight, the tenor of whigh weighed 49 cwt .

On December 16th. 1819, the St. Martin's Society of Birmingham rang tha fist 720 of Sledman Minor. Thomas Thurstans was the tenor man. It is guite possible that this is the only 720 ever rung in the method, which, of course, is only a freak.
Mr. F C. Tysoe informs us that it is hoped the tower belle will be rung after tea at the Bedfordahire Associetion meehing at Kempston to-morrow.

## THE FIRST PEAL AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Pditor.
Deer gir,-In the much appreciated 'Belfry Gossip' in your tast issue I notice there is an error-a very rare occurrence in your retrospective account of past achievements of noteworthy interest-with regard to the first neal at St. Paul'g Cathedral. It was 5.014 Stedman Cinaves, rung in 4 hours 17 minutes, on December 10th, 1881, composed by Henry W. Haley and conducted by James Petat, one of the beat, most reliable and respected members that ever joined the Ancient Society of College Fouths! I was very nearly taking part in the peal, Socicty of College Youths! I was very nearly taking part in the pea,
as one member of the selected band turnd up very late-in fact, the preliminary 'rounds' had been runc! of the two 'spares' present, William Greenleaf was finallw considered to be the most sble of the two of us to tackle the 9th and he took part in the "preliminary.' I spent the whole time at, or near the Goose and Gridiron with mary others, including Fenry W. Hzley, the composer, who was too advanced in age to tale part in it. Mr. Haley frenceatly pointed out to me the progress of the peal, especially when a fresh bell was put "behind the 7th" and who were together behind, or who made the "bobe. The ringing was truly magnificent and accurate, and elicited roara of ampleuse at its conclusion, the arited opinjon beine that the quality of the striking couldn't be beaten' A lidtle while afterwards we had a dinner at the Goose and Gridiron in fonour of the event !
F. E. DAWE

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FARNEAM DJSTRIGT'S USEFUL MEETING.

Forktown Churcb, Surreg, is ane of the places where the black-out restrictions have been suficiently overcome to allow practices to be held in the dark evenings, and there, on Seturday, members of the Farnisam District of the Guildford Diocesam Guild hold a very preful naecting. Theve was not so large an attendance as was usual in
bappier days than these, when aldarshot by itself could provade a good sized meeting, bat about 20 ringers put in an appearnace, anc some eood practice was put in in standard methods. Nothiug higher than Double Norwich pass attempted, but a good meny of those grescnt found the opportanity fo improve their acquaintance with the meflsods rung.
The customary Guild service was held, the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman, officiativg, the sioging bejug led by choirboys,
The Ficar gave an inspiring address, based on words from the Advent Collect, 'Almighty God, give es crace that we may east away the works of darkness and put apon us the armuur of light.' la these times, lhe said, these words seemed to have more reality about them than over, because if ever there was a time when the wors of dackness were very evident, that tinue was the present. We were waging a spiritual war ageinst the powers of darkuess. To do so successfully we must pui on the armour of Jight, and whatever we did. whether in work or recreation, sliould be dane to the glory of God as well as for our own interest. He was glad that the ringers were maintaining thair service to the Ghurch, that they were not only seeping up their own church-going, but were doing their best to bring others to church. It was difficult in these times to keep up the spirit of church-going and to keep up everything is connection with our churches as it should be kept. He found a diference behwaen this war and the last. In the last war their churches were thronged, uut they did not see that now. Although the fact remained that if ever there was a spiriturl cause for which thay fought they were Gighting for that canae row, yet perple did not take the trouble to go to worghip God as they should. He felt deeply grateful to those who not only came to chusch bat tried to bring others by ringing the church bells. It was a great thing to zemind people thet the dear alit church still goes on, that Gad is stili there, waiting to be worshipped. He asked each one of them to do thoir utmost to keep up their bervice to God in this and other ways.

After tea in the Church Room, the Viear, the choir, the orgenist and the local ringers were thanked by Mr. F. Gillians. business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mry the Goldsmith, a viec-president of the Guild. Apologies were received from the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) on account of the indisposition of his wife, and Miss Betty Stewart, of Aldershot, who W日日 also indispaseá
Miss Cottarill and Mr. Nasla, both of Basingstake, were alected compounding members.

Mr. R. Hested (Farmham) waв again nominated as District Ringitag Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Aldershot) hon. secretary atid Mr. P. Hadidge (Faraborough) auditor. Mr. T. Upshell (Farrlam), the retirigg representative on the Execalive Committee, who was unable to be present, had expressed a wish to retire, fid lie was thanked for his services, which tove cxtended from the formetion of the Guild. Mr. Gitlians was rominated to the vacant position,

The Chairman explained that it wes the fecling of those responsible that the annoal dinner should be abandoned bext January. In lis view, he thought it undesirable to hold the dinner, not becarse there was byy reason to make themselves miscrable over the war, but because of the effficulties of travelling in the black-out, whioh would in all probability severely limit the possibie attendance.

The Clairman also referred to the sclicme which it had been proposed to laumeh to provide a sanctus bell for the new Cathedral when the firgt portion of the building was operted in 1941. The coming of the war, he said, had caused the scheme to be delayed, but be hoped after chrisumas it would be possible to go ehead with it, alihough the changed circumstances might involve adopting a different plan to thet originally proposed.

The Chamman went on to remind the meeting that many familiar faces were nissing from that pasthering, called away to perve the country in the forces of the Crawn and elsewhere. The mesting woula, he was sure, send them greetinge and good wishes for a safe return. He suggested that the district seerelaries should keep a list of all the mpmbers who joined the services, with a record of their units, so that when the war was over this information mould be permanently preserved in some suitable form in the Guild fibrary.

The hon. gecratary reminded the nembers that the mext mpeting would be the annual distriot meeting and would be beld at Tarnham. He inoped every effort would be made to ensure a crood attendance.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOURH-WESTERR DIFISION'S EXCELLENT PROGRESS,
The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 2nd, attended by 36 members, repregenting 11 towers. Good use of the exceltent peal of eight was made during the aftermoon, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise, At p.m. tha company adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting, presided over by the Distriet Musfer, Mr. J. Chalk
In opening the meeting the Master mentioned the great loss the district had sustained by the death of Canon Brown, of Leytionstone, one of the association's oldest honorary members, and one who had ulways shown a very great interest in the welfare of the asaciation, and requested that the company stand for a moment in gilence.
The secretary (Mr. J. F. Grampion) then read a report on the worling of the district for the yegr. Meetings bad been held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Nortin Weald and Rayleigh, the average attendance beiug 42. The meeting arragged for Orselt is September untortunately hrd to be cancelled owing to the outbreak of war. Twenty new ringing members liad been elected, and two extra towers, wamely. Stanford-le-Hope and Langdon Hills, had joined the essociation. Two dedications lad taken place, at Staford-le-Hope nod Drgenhant, where in each case the peals had been augmented from gix to eight bells.
Twenty-five peals had been rurar as follows: Oue Cambridge Royal, aze Oxford Trable Bob Royal, one Kant Treble Bob noyal, one Enith Little Bob Royal, ove Stedman Caters, three Cambridge, two Superlative and one Yorkshire Surprise Minjor, one Double Norwich, five Keat Treble Fob Major, threa Bob Major, one Bob Triples, onc Stedman Triples, and three of Minor, being ome ench in one, bluree and seven methods.
The conducting was shered by J. H. Crampion (9), F. B. Luftin (7), H. Turner (3), P. Corby and J. Bemnett (2 cach), and A. Prior and E. A. Barnett ( 1 each). Threo membera rang their first peal and 35 their first pea! in the method. Mr. G. J. Joyee moved the adoption of the report, which was carried.

## FUTURE MEETTNGS.

With regard to future mectings, it was proposed by Mr. E. J. Butler and seconded by Mr. G. L. Joyco that it be left to the discretion of the Master and secretary when and whore they should be held. This was carried, and the zecretary informed the company that he hoped to arrange the zext meehing at Epping Town on Saturday, March 16 th .
For the alection of Master, Mr. A. Prior took the chair fund Mr. E. D. Smith proposed the re-election of Mr. J. Chash. Tlis was seconded by Mr. A. Pye and carried unanimousiy. Mr. Chalt they proposed from the chair the re-election of Mr. J. H. Crampion as secretary, which was carried. Mr. A. Prior proposed and Mr. G. L. Joyce seconded a hearty vote of thanter to the Master and secretary for the able why in which they had performed haje duties during tho past rear. This was responded to by Mr. Chalk, who thanked the menters for their confidence.
Mr. F. W. Housden brouglt up the guestion of members serving n F.M. Forces, and ifter some discussion it was decided thet the General Committee be epproached with a suggestian tha $\mathrm{m}_{\text {all }}$ members be exempt frous subscription while on active service.
The secretary aranuaced that he intended arranging monthly prachices, particulat's of which would appear in "The Bing'ng World.
The meeting concluded with a hearly vote of thanks to the church authorities of St. Jolm's for use of tower and bells, and westry for the bueiresa meeting, and to Mr. Dawson, of the Leytoustone band, for making all arrangements. This was carried with epplause and Fesporded to by Mr. Dawson

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## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

## CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

Spitalfields, originally part of the great parish of Stepney, got its name from a priory and hospital commonly called St. Mary Spital. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, by which the Protestants had enjoyed rights and toleration in France, large numbers of the Huguenots, as these French Protestants were called, came to England and settled in this district, where they followed the trade of silk weaving. By the time of Queen Anne, the population had increased so mucis that, when the Act of Parliament was passed in 1712 to provide new churches for certain parts of London, one of the churches was allotted to this district and a new parish was formed out of Stepney.
As Parliament was fincling the money, everything was done on a grand scale. The new building, designed by Nicholas Hawkesmoor, cost $614,418 \mathrm{3s}$. 6d., and the site $\{1,260$. These are large sums for the time.

The architecture of the church has been criticised as being too heavy, but it certainly does not lack a certain massive grandeur. The building was consecrated by the Bishop of London on July 5th, 1729.

A Mr. Wheatley, a wealthy parishioner, promised to give a ring of eight heavy belts, and on December 20th, 1729, the 'Universal Spectator and Weekly Journal ' announced that ' Mr. Phelps the famous Bell Founder of White-Chappel has orders to cast a Sett of Eight Bells for the new Church in Spittle Fields. The Timber Work and Frame are now making in the Belfry of the said Church. The Tenor is to be 36 hundred weight.'

The weight of the tenor has always been said to be 44 cwt . in C sharp, and, though it is impossible to be quite sure, since the foundry records were destroyed by fire, the information given me by Mr. Albert Hughes of the weights and sizes of the two trebles cast in 1801 seem to show that that weight was correct.

The first recorded peai on the bells was 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung on February 23 rd, 1785, by the Eastern Scholars. Philemon Mainwaring called the bobs and rang the tenor single-handed. This was an outstanding heavy bell performance, for it was not until the present century that a heavier bell had been turned in to a peal of Major.

But Spitalfields tenor must have gone well for its weight. In the year following, John Trenell rang it to a 'fine ' peal of Treble Bob with a band of College Youths. Twenty years later, in 1760, a band belonging to the ancient Society of College Youths, with the eider Samuel Mug geridge on the box, rang 5,120 changes of Treble Bob, and a week later their rivals, the 'junior' Society of Coilege Youths, beat the performance with a peal of 6,080 changes, Joseph Monk ringing the tenor. This in its turn was beaten by the Cumberlands, who, on December 3rd, 1785, rang 6,400 changes. Robert Mann was the tenor ringer. It is worth noting that all these peals were rung in the winter time; and that when William Laughton and the Rambling Ringers visited the belfry in the summer of 1734 he complained of the bad going of the bells.

The ring was augmented to ten in 1789, and on June 25 th in that year the Cumberlands rang 5.201 changes of Grandsire Caters. Two men were needed for the tenor,
and the peal was conducted by Thomas Blakemare, who, owing to the troubles and disputes which were wrecking the ancient Society of College Youths, had come for a few montlis to the Cumberlands. The same society rang the first peal of Royal in the steeple- 5,440 changes of Treble Bob in 1789 conducted by John Reeves.


Christ Church. Spitalfieldes, at the end of the 18 th eantury.
Like the neighbouring tower of St . Leonard's, Shoreditch, Christ Church belfry was the scene of several interesting contests between rival bands. In 1793 the College Youths rang 6.280 changes of Treble Bob Royal, and the Cumberlands immediately followed with 6,360 changes. In 1796, the junior Society of Cumberland Youths rang the first seven thousand on the bells, and in the following year 6,003 changes of Stedman Caters. This was the longest peal at the time in the method, but the composition by John Noonan was a false one. Noonan in 1804 called another notable peal, the first of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal rung away from Norwich.

In 1801 the bells were increased to twelve. The Cumberlands rang 5,170 changes of Grandsire Cinques on March 5 th, 1804 , and a month later 7,104 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, repeating their performance of two years previous at St. Saviour's, Southwark. James Marlton rang the tenors to both peals, and they were outstanding heavy bell feats.

In 1805, a match, with a purse of one hundred guineas, took place between the Norwich Scholars, and a band picked from the London ringers, which was won by the provincial men who scored a seven thousand of Royal. But the tenor proved too much for Charles Purser, who collapsed after ringing four thousand changes and so lost the match for the Londoners.

In 1806 the two societies of Cumberland Youths were contending for the honours of ringing the first peal of Stednan Cinques on the bells. The seniors started on December 13th for a six thousand and yot out after ringing upwards of 5,500 changes. Two days later the juniors rang a peal of 5,080 , and five days after that the first band was successful in their peal attempt.

Following this we have no record of any peal rung in the tower for over twenty years, with the exception of one of Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths in 1808; but in 1829 the Cumberlands scored 5,015 changes of Grandsire Cinques, and that was the last peal on the twelve bells.

For many years Charles Purser had the charge of the bells and belfry. He was followed by Edward Bartell, another well-known ringer, who lived at 16, Union Street, in the parish, and had rung the tenor to the Court Bob Royal in 1804. He, in turn, was followed by a man named Dawson, who died at the end of the year 1835.

The appointment of his successor was in the hands of the vestry, and the churchwardens refrained from filling up the vacancy pending the meeting of that body at the ensuing Easter.

Meanwhile, the parish beadle had the charge of the belfry. He knew nothing about the bells, and cared less, and he employed or allowed a number of the young ringers of the district to do the service chiming. They were a somewhat undisciplined lot of young fellows, and though, for very good reasons, no names are mentioned, it is pretty certain that they included men who were afterwards known as the leading ringers of London. They turned the belfry into a sort of club room, where they met and spent their time talking, and smoking and, no doubt, handbell ringing, which was becoming very popular among the ringers of the district. It was a state of things which the Church authorities would not have tolerated for a moment had they known of it; but, apart from the disastrous sequel, it is impossible to say that there was anything particularly morally wrong about it. It was winter time, and to warm themselves they made a fire in a brazier.

On Wednesday, February 17 th, 1836, they spent some time in the belfry, and then, hearing someone come into the tower, and fearing to be caught where they had no business to be, they pushed the brazier behind the tenor box and decamped.

Later in the afternoon someone saw smoke coming from the belfry windows and raised an alarm. Fire engines were soon on the spot but, owing to the height from the ground, the water could not reach the fire, and the firemen confined their efforts towards saving the church, which they did mainly by cutting away part of the roof. A stiff wind was blowing and the fire burnt fiercely. As the floors, beams and frame perished, the bells crashed to the ground, and every one was broken or melted. By seven o'clock the fire was stopped, when the steeple was completely gutted.

The parochial surveyor reported that, besides the destruction of the bells, the roof of the church was partly burnt, the organ so damaged as to require reconstruction, the clock and chimes destroyed, the massive steeple entirely burnt out, and the stonework of the interior materially injured.

Churches in those days were not insured against fire, the damage had to be repaired by public subscription, and the restoration could not be done on the same lavish scale as the church was built. The twelve bells were not replaced, but sufficient metal was salvaged from the debris to make the present ring of eight, the tenor of which is 34 cwt .

The cause of the fire was never officially known. The beadle had good reason to keep his mouth shut, and fear of the consequences was enough to stop the culprits themselves from talking. Even Osborn who, as secretary of the Society of Cumberland Youths had as good an opportunity as anyone for learning the truth, only knew that the fire was caused by some boys who smoked in the belfry. But many years alterwards men like Mattlew Wood, Henry Haley, John Cox, and their friends used to tell what happened, and I think we may be sure that they gained their knowledge from something more than hearsay. At the time, Mathew Wood, who saw the fire, was only ten years old, and so could hardly have been in the belfry; but Cox was twenty-three and Haley seventeen, and though there is no proof that they were actually among the culprits, there is not much doubt that they belonged to the same party. Samuel Austin, who wrote an account which is now among the papers belonging to the College Youths, was of an earlier generation, and, like Osborn, was not privy to the secret.
The rew bells were cast in 1837, but evidently they did not go too well, and it was not until 1845 that the Cumberlands rang the first peal on them, one of Grandsire Triples with two men to the tenor.

Shortly afterwards eight College Youths rang another peal of Grandsire, and when they published the report in
The Era' they added, "It is only lair to remark that this is the first peal on the bells rung by eight men only, another society having failed to do so with the same number of men after several trials, and having only accomplished the same peal after much trouble with nine men."

But a year later the Cumberlands rang 5,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major single handed.

In 1850 both societies rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and in 1851 the College Youths rang the first non-conducted peal ever accomplished. The composition was Holt's Ten-part, and a Iocal builder had offered a prize of $f 5$ to the first band which should perform the feat.

A few peals have been achicved in the steeple since, the most notable being one of Bristol Surprise, rung just before the Great War on December 20th, 1913, by the Middlesex County Association. Emest Pye rang the tenor, William Pye called the peal from the seventh, and the band included such well-known ringers as Isaac G. Shade, Bertram Prewett and Alfred W. Grimes, besides C. T. Coles and Reuben Saunders, who are still among us. For several years now the bells have been unringable.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED

The first meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association since the war wes held at Normich on December 2nd and was very well supported. Mombers from Acle, Attleborougls, Bergh Apton, Buxtou, Forucett, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Mulbarton, Norwich, Reedlan, Saxlingham, Swaftham (st. Margaret's), Wymondham and Yarmouth overcame the lack of pool petrol and the terrors of the black-out and congregated at St. Michnel-at-Coslany Church, Norwich, and later in St. Miles' Mission Hall.
A zumber of touches in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and Suporlative Surprise, were rung on the historie bells before blackout hour arrived. Then a tea of goody proportions was ass!milated before the busigesg meeting, which wag presided over by the associntion's president, the Rev. Hugh Mchullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft.
The ratification of the belfy elections of four ringers was confirmed, and Mr. Robert Gray, of Northrepps, was elected a ringrig member.

It was decided to publish a roport for the year as woul, and to keep the names of those who had joined the Forees on the books without payment.
A nomewhat leated discussion with regard to the holding of meetiags during the war and carryitg on the other normal activities of the associsition oceupied some time.
The general secsetary gave a resumé of the year's worl. He said, while 46 new members had been elected, 12 bad been lost through death, and, up to date, 42 subscriptions were outstanding, iv spite of charmingly wardec and bequtifully printed reminders which he had sent out There was a balance at present of 937 s . 11 ., and stocks of eertificates and badges were extratasted. Thirteen lwarik meetings had heen held, and all except one bad been very satisfactory. There were three restomtions to report - the recasting and hanging of Hethersett bella, the rchangigg of those at somerlestor and the eugmentation of the five at Paston to six. Fifty-one peals, including two on landihells, bad been rung, 124 ringers taking part, relying on the skill of 15 conductors.
Afler the meeting a number of touches were rung on handbells, and two of the party showed their adroitness at tuae ringing on bells larger than they normally grab at. Then the Rew. A. G. G. Thurlow made his first contribution to a ringing meeting in the diocese by lecturiug on his holiday in Norway, in the Arctic Ocean aud in Spitzbergen during June tlis year.
Mr. Thurlow proved himseif to be an expert cameraman, for he brought home with him a colour film of rare beauty, and this film was bighly appreciated by the meeting, as was tbe commantary thereon. Everybody envies Mr. Thurlow's hours in 'Paradise' with that charning young femalo tind his experiences in "Hell." N. G.

## DEATH OF A VETERAN NORTHANTS RINGER

PHE PASSING OF MR. FRED JONES, OF EARLS BARTON.
We regret to announce the death, at the age of 80 years, of Mr . Fred Jones, of Earls Tatton, who passed away, after an illness of a little over a week, at the home of his brother, Mit. E. Jones, of Easton Maudit.
For more than sixty years he had been a ringer ad Earls Barton. He began his rigging at. Easton Msudit at the age of 18 and joined the Earls Barton band two yoars later. He was made a member of the old Central Northants Guild at a meeting at Earls Bertou on November 271h, 1909, and rang one peal of Minor.
For some years and up to hig deeth he was a member of the coulmittes of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborougli Diocesan Guild. So keen was lie on his art that during recent years he gave up two evenjags a week to the instruction of young men who wished to become ringers. He was very proud of Earls Barton's new peal of eight bells and never happier than when up among them seeing to their maintenance.

Although at sa ripe an ald age, he was a most enthosisstic adtendant at braneh meetings, and many times he has walked six or more miles to the place of gathering. The funerinl took place at Earls Barion Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, when tribute was paid to his worls by the Wicar (the Rev. L. A Ewart), Members of the choir were present, and ' abide with me' and 'Peace, periect peace" were surg.
The members of the district present included Messra. C. W. Partridge, G. Brafield and W. Perkins, and the latter brought with him a wreath as a last tribute of respect from the bratel.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples and a six-score of Stedman Doubles with $4-6-8$ covering were rung witl the bells halfmuttled Messrs. W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby and C. W. Partridge (Wilby) were present, and by the kindness of Mr. D. G. Deighton, of Rashden, Messrs. A. Bigley, H. Chambers and W. Perkins, of Irthingghorouspa, were enabled to help the local band with the ringing.

## (Continued from next column.)

Mr. Morris rang in the peal of Stedman Ciaques hy 12 secretaries, the first 'Eraest' peal, and peals tyy four gets of brothers (Triples), four fathers and sons (Triples) and five fathers and sons (Royal).
As is well hzown, Mr. Morris is the euthor of "History and Art of Change Ringing,' Legeads $0^{\prime}$ the Bells," and other worke, and a Fellow of the Royal Higtorical Society-

## MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 800 PEALS.

## INTERESTHNG RECORDS IN A VARIED LIST.

As was recorded in our last issue, Mr. Ernest Morris, the hon. secretary of the Midland Countiea Association, rang his 800th peal on December 2nd at Loughborough Bell Foundry. His peals have been rung in a great variety of methods and iaclude a number of interesting records. There are among them 76 peals of Doubles, 91 peals of Minor, 155 peals of Triples, 301 peals of Major, 82 peals of Caters, 52 peals of Royal, 32 peals of Cinques and 11 peals of Maximus.
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Spliced Minor and Doubles
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Major:-
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Double Norwich Court Bob
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob

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Liversedge Treble Bob
Granta Treble Bob
Spliced in three methods
Spliced in six methods
Spliced Major and Triples
Superlative Surnmise
'Roal' Superlative Surprise
Cambridge Surprise
"New" Cambridge Surprise
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise
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'New ' Cambridge Surprise
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Pudsey Surprise
Galdshorotan Surprise
York Surprise
Melton Surpriso
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Grandire
Stedman
Masinus :-
Plair Bob
Kent Treble "Bob
Cambridge Surprise
Total

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## 408

The total includes 52 peals 'in hand.' (a) 6,600 M.C.A. record; (b) 7.200 and $10,380 \mathrm{M} . \mathrm{C} . A$, lecord; (c) inclades heaviest and lightest Singles) and $13,440 \mathrm{M} . \mathrm{CA}$. record ; (e) 8,720 record; ( () 6,720 record; Singles) and 13,410 M.C.A. record; (e) 8,720 record; (i) 6,120 record; (f) 8.600 recordi (k) 7,008 and 12,898 record.
(3) 9.600 record ( $k$ ) 7,008 and 12,898 record.

Mr. Morris has conducted the quickest tower-bell peal (Cembridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes) and the quickest peal of Major on tower bells (Domble Norwich in 2 houra 8 minutes). His performances also include the record for towers in one county, viz., i21 in Leicestershire.
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday afternoon, December 16 th. Tower open for ringing at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Mernbers and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Alsager ( 8 bells) on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.-Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.-The next monthly meeting will be held at St . Michael's, Alvaston, Derby, on December 16th (St. Luke's not being available). Tower 'blacked out,' so come and make use of this handy ring of six. All welcome. Bells available 2.30.-Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road. Chaddesden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Bishops Stortford on December 16th. Ringing from 2 p.m, until dusk. Tea and meeting to be arranged during ringing. -W. Wheeler, Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Harlow, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice will be held at Burnham ( 8 belis) on Saturday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and ringing after tea.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Phone, Slough 23260.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Taunton Deanery.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells $2.30 \mathrm{p.m}$. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Further ringing until 7.30 p.m.-R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-A gathering in lieu of the postponed annual meeting will be held at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, on Saturday, December 16 th, at 2.30 p.m. -Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-A ringing meeting will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, December 16 th. -F. Warrington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branein, Newport Pagnell Deanery.-A meeting will be held at Clifton Reynes on Saturday, December 16 th. Service 3.30. Leamers and beginners invited.-Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

WATFORD.-Herts Association. - District annual meeting, Sa\&., December i6th, at Parish Church. Finging from 2.30. Tea in Old School 5. Business meeting after.-C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION,-South-Eastern District.A practice will be beld at Writtle on Saturday, December r6th, at 2 p.m.-H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.The next meeting will be held at headquarters (The Coffee Pot) on Tuesday, December 19th,-A. B. Peck, Нол. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Rochester Dis-trict.-It is hoped that arrangements may be made to hold a meeting about the third week in January. Further particulars will be published in this column in due course. -G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittirgbourne.

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## RINGING FOR CHRISTMAS.

A letter elsewhere in this issue from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council further confirms the information which has already been published on the subject of church bell ringing in war time. There are still places in which eflorts are being made, under the Control of Noise Order, to restrict the ringing of church bells, but it is not the intention of the Ministry of Home Security that local authorities should do this. The Department, we learn, is, therefore, communicating with the Regional Commissioners on the subject. This step would appear to be necessary, for only this week we have received information that the Chief Constable of Cheshire has forbidden any ringing at a village in that county. There may, of course, be exceptional circumstances in this case, which make it desirable that the bells should not be rung, but, in view of the exception which the order provides, it will be interesting to know the exact grounds upon which the ban is based. It seems obvious, from the fact that the Minister is approaching the Regional Commissioners that there is a misunderstanding in some places, and no doubt the action of the Defence Authorities will put the matter right.
It is gratifying to learn that the Ministry is anxious that, as far as possible, normal ringing shall be continued, even to the extent of including in this category peals of ordinary length. In view of the desire of everyone that the morale of the people shall be maintained at a hiph level and of the attitude towards keeping up the usual activities of the public outside their working hours, including the encouragement of sport and entertainment, and everything that will lead to the quenching of pessimism or depression, it is of course a natural corollary that no attempt should be made to curtail the ringing of church bells which, taken by and large, is a thing which the great majority of English people like to hear, particularly on Sundays and on special occasions. Among the latter are the great festivals, and there is no occasion when the sound of church bells strikes the popular imagination more than on Christmas morning. Then, too, the ringing of bells at the passing of the old year, and their jovous pealing in the first minutes of the new year is not only a traditional practice in very many places, but is awaited with pleasant, and we may say, sentimental anticipation by vast numbers of people. It is a little surprising, therefore, to find doubts in the mind of the Ministry concerning ringing early on Christmas morning or at the passing of the old year. We wonder whether doubts would have arisen about these two occasions unless the sug(Coatinued on page 750.)

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gestion had been made to the Ministry. The Hon. Secretary of the Council asks for a voluntary abstention from ringing on these two traditional occasions, principally, it appears, on the ground that it may disturb the rest of those who are engaged on work of national importance. We think this is taking a somewhat exaggerated view of the possible effect. This particular early morning and late night ringing is something which the public expect and, provided a reasonalle spirit is shown in the hour and duration of the ringing, we must say we feel bound to disagree, and we do it somewhat regretfully, with the suggestion of the Council's secretary. The early morning ringing on Christmas Day and late ringing on New Year's Eve will be impossible in many towers, because of the lighting restrictions, but wherever it is possible and has been customary we believe the public will clesire to have the traditional practice maintained and, indeed, will be disappointed if they fail to hear the belis. To ring on these occasions will only be to carry out, in one more direction, the aim which we all desire to achieve, namely, that of keeping up the public spirit and, after all, in as far as Christmas is concerned, what more appropriate action can be taken, in this distracted and warridden world, than to herald the festival with a reminder of the great message of 'Peace on Earth good will to men,' which perhaps summarises, better than any other phrase, what we and our Allies are fighting for-

## OUR I,500th NUMBER.

This is the fifteen hundredth issue of 'The Ringing World." Established in 19II, this paper has endeavoured to foster the interest of ringers and raise the standard of ringing throughout these 28 years. With the exception of one week during the general strike of 1926, when publication was impossible, 'The Ringing. World ' has never failed to appear. Even in the vicissitudes of the last war the paper was published with the greatest regularity and, now that the country is once more in the throes of a similar struggle, we hope we may be able to continue similar service to the Exercise. We hope, also, that ringers will, in these difficult days, continue to give us their full support. It is not only during the present that this support is important to "The Ringing Worle, ' but it is important also for the future of ringing; for recovery from the present difficulties will be infinitely greater if there is no journal to help co-ordinate effort and keep ringers in touch with what is being done. This fifteen hundredth number is a suitable occasion, therefore, once more to direct attention to the imperative needs of this journal to the future fortunes of the Exercise.

OVER. CAMBS.-At St Mary's Parish Church on December 4th, 720 Double Court Mincor: W. 1. Ginn 1, F. Warrimgton (conductor) 2, G. E. Crisp 3 , D. Adams 4, C. Robinson 5, A. W. T. Giun 6, W. Thorpe teupe (covaring). Fitst 720 Double Court by ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 (with no prewious practice).


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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARE DIOCESAN GDILD.
On Saturday, Decemher 16, 1939, in thees Howrs and Twenty-Sixi Minntes,
At the Ceoreg of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN CATER8, SO81 CHANCEII

 Tenor 18 cwt .Charles A. Hegbes ... ... Tveble| Herbert G. Andrews ... 6

Charlrsa. Heghes Miss Olive L, Asp日rook Henry G. Mices..
Charles W. Ortley
Composed by F. Dewer.
First peal in the method Cogducted by Taos. H. Tapfrnder
Rung aith Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Mance, late Southern District Master of this association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDENHAM, HERTE.
THE MDDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Deacmber 9, 1リ39, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutas, At tar Caurca of St, fogn-tar-Baptiet,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, GRISTOL, GAMBRIDCE E BUPERLATIVE 8URPRISE MASOR, 5056 GHANGE8

## Tenor 15 cwt,

Eqward P. Asuby .Tyeble
Ceristoparr W. Woolley
Edwik A. Barnrtit ... ...
Frbdraick W. Brinelow...
Composed by A. I. Firman.
Cbarlas T. Coles ... ... 5 EDWIN IEANMMGS ... ... ... 7 Conducted by H. G. Cashmors. Londor, 1,664 Bristal and 576 each BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, Decenber 16, 1939, in I wo Howrs and Fifly-Six Minstes,

## At the Churce of St. Thomas-ter-Martyr,

A PEAL DF DOULLE NORWICH COURT BOE MAJOR, 5O88 CHANRE8, Tenor 20 cwt in E .
Edward T, Sitca
Ernest W. Furbank ...
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Harry Torner
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Frank B, Lofria $\qquad$ Jogn H. Sitce ... $\qquad$ *.
Composed hy J. Hont. Alerrt E. Prybe 7

Condacted by Frana B. Lofain. cobductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BERMINGHAM
On Satwyday, Decembry 9, 1934, in Three Hows and Nine Minulas,
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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6018 CHANQE8;

Tenor gize 17 in B fat.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Twasday, Decomber 12, 7939, is Two Howrs and Foriy Minules, At Glin Gintin.
A PEAL OF BOD MAJOR, sMA DHANGEOI
Tenor size 13 in ․
Mrs. R. Richardeon ...
Roperi Rictardsom ... Tezor sia ... r-2 ${ }^{\text {Al Albgrt H. Ftrta }}$ $\qquad$ Composta by F. A. Holdse, Conducted by Ropery Ricearoson F First peal 'in hand.'

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Friduy, Decembar 15, 1939, in Two Howrs and Twerly-Three Minutes, Atiyo. Headstone Lane.

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 Cemig. W. Woolley +... ... 3-4 Edwin jennings ... ... ... 7 -8

Composed by J. B. Woolley. Conducted by C. W. Wooley. HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION.
On Surday, Desember 17, 1939, in One Howr and Fiffy-Eight Minutos,

## At the Residenge of W. C. Mzdler,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANOEB; Jack N, A. Yompgexy... ... $1-2$ | Walier C. Medler $\qquad$ Eric Dorrakt $\qquad$ Conducted by Eric Drerami
First handbell peal of Treble Bob by all. First handbell peal us conductor: Beheved to be the first lhanduell peal of Oxford Minor for the association.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNULL MEEYING OF THE WESTEKN BRANGE,
The anmual meeting of the Wegteru Branch was leld on Siaturday, December 2nd, st Kempsey, wiere thare in a peal of six, tenor 15 cwt . There were 38 members present from Chaises, Growle, Grimley, Hallow, Powick, Suckler, Uptor-on-Severn, Worcester Cathedral and St. Jown's and the local bend. Ringing began promptly at 2.30 p.m. and the bells were kept going in a variety of methods, from Grandsire to Loudon Surprise, till 4.15 p.m.t when all the ringers adjourned to the Wicarage for tea, which was generously supplied by tho Vicar (the Rer E. B. R. de Jersey) and Mrs. de Jersey.
Alter toan the business meeting was held, prestded over by the Vicar, who dave a heasty weleome ta all and remarked that, apart from the pleasure ringers obtained from luellringing, it was a work for God and was tumel appreciated in every parigh.
and was theh appreciated in every parigh.
Mr A. Morgan reported that for various reasolis hey fad been Mr A. Morgan reported that for various reasolis hey had been unable to athempt the wost quarterly peal, which should have been rump at Slielsley Beatchamp. Mr. G. E. Large groponed and Mr. E. Wilsou secondad that the next quarterly peal slould be attempted at Kempsey will es many of the local bard as possible and to be coudurted by Mr. E. F. Guhberley.

Alt the officers were re-elecled, vix.: Master, Mr. C. Camm, Upton-on-Severn; हectotary, Mr. E. F. Cubberley, Kempsey: representative to the Central Committec, Mr. W. Tanford, Suckley. Two new members were elected, Miss M. Butclier and Mr. Derrington, both of Kermpsey.

- It was decided that the nexh mecting should be at Claines, wheu two new hells would, most jikely, luave ben added, making on ring oî ton.

Mr ©. T, Holt read a circuinr jssued by the Central Council on the use of bells in war time. He then put forward a suggestion that use of bells practices should be arranged on Saburday aiternaons whate the war lastad This was carmied unanimously, and the arraggeneate for first meeting were left to the Muster and the secretary.
\& colleotion was made for the Belfry Repair Fund, and Mr. J. K. Newman proposed a nearty vole of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Newman propased a nearly vole of applause. The Vicar briefly responded and told all the members to come again.
sponded and told all tha memberg to come again the bells were kepli going till 8 o'clock.

NORTHERN HRANGH MTETINGS TO BE CONTINUED.
A good meeting of the Northern Brench of the Worcesterehire and Districts Asseciation was field at Wollaston on Saturday, December 9th. The election of officeris took place, and ns the lion. secretary (Mr. N. Goodman) had been called up for the Army, a Hew sppointment had to be made. Mr. J Lloyd was elected Ringing Master. Mr. B. Ashiford was appointed to fill the offre of branch secretary. Mr. J. Bass whs flouted is a representative on the Central Commitee.
Ringing was carried ont in various mothods before the serpice and again for about an hour in the evening. Tise tone and go of the beils way farourably commented on. They have recently beep refuned and rehunt by Messrs. Taplor and fo-
Thic curate (the Rev. Graze), whr preaided ut ibe meetimg gave a farl nocoumt of low the moncy for the bells had been raised
Tite Vicar is now achug as a pabre in the Army. The Association Piveing Master (Mr, S.T. Hnit) was present in spite of the itwkward rravoling and black-out,
raveling and black-out,
The quarterls peal was sraged to be rung at Wollaston, the date The quarteris pean was trach Bass, the chairman saymg be wonld do whati he could to eret permission.
It. was decided to carry on with the quarterly meetings and the next will he held in Fanuary af Wordsley, by kivd invitation of Wordslet ringers.

## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

## THE IN AND OUT OF COURSE OF THE CHANGES.

Our tast week's talk on pricking changes will give us a good insight into another important matter connected with change ringing. That is the in and out of course of the changes or, as we more often say now, the nature of the rows.

This is a thing which at a very early time forced itself an the notice of ringers. As far back as the middle of the seventeently century Robert Roan set himself the task of composing a six-score on five bells produced by all double changes. He got as far as a three-score and then found that, in order to get the full extent he must mate two Singles. As he had produced our familiar 120 of Grandsire Doubles he had not laboured in vain.

Roan evidenty was a clever man, and perhaps he could see the reason for it all, and why he failed to get the extent of a five-bell method with all double changes. The men who followed him were just as sure from experience that the thing was not possible, but why it should be so seemed to then too deep to be understood, and the in-and-out-of-course of the changes came to be looked upon is a mathematical mystery which could be recognised, bat which could hardiy be explained.

Scveral of the ofder authors attempted to give an exAlanation, but their writing only showed the fog which was in their own minds, and it was left to Jasper Snowden, first in "Church Bells ' and then in his "Treatise uf 'Ircble Bob,' to yive the first satisfactory explanation wh the matter. Even his description rather defeats its own tods by being overweighted and attempting to explain too much.
fror the only difficulty about the question is its extreme simplicity. This is not a paradox, for simple things, just hecause they are simple and elementary, atre the hardest to explain.

We saw last week that each row is prodiced from the preceding row by transposing a certain number of pairs isf bells. Those rows which are produced directly or in-directly from rounds by transposing an even number of phirs are the even or in-course rows; and those which are produced directly, or indirectly, from rounds by transposing at odd number of pairs of bells are the odd or out-wl-course rows.

That is the full explanation of the matter, but one or two other things should be said.

When we get 21436587 from 12345678 we produce it directly from rounds by transposing four pairs of bells, and as four is an even number the row is an even row.

But very few rows are or can be got directly from rounds in this way. Between most of them and rounds many other rows intervene. In those cases we count all the pairs of bells which have been transposed in the intervening changes, and as the total number is odd or even so is the resultant row an odd or an even row.

For it is at mathematical fact that, though any row can he produced indirectly from tounds in a great number of Wrys, if one of those ways involves the transposition of ill odd number of pairs of bells so do all the ways. And il one involves the transposition of an even number of pairs of bells so do all the ways. You can never get a row Crom rounds in one way by transposing an odd number of pairs, and in amother way by transposing an even
number of pairs, though you may be able to get it by ransposing any one of a great number of pairs, all ol which are even or all of which are odd.

Nowadays we usually talk about rows being odd of even. Some people prefer 'positive' and 'negative,' which are terms not nearly so suitable, although it is customary when marking the nature of rows to use the sign for the even rows and the - sign for the odd rows.
Older writers and, indeed, the whole Exercise, until the last forty or fifty years used the terms "in-course ' and out-of-course.'
Now most of the terms we use in change ringing did not appear because once upon a time someone invented them. Nearly all of them are ordinary English words Which cane into use naturally because they expressed the idea which was in the minds of the people at the timt: Only in the course of time did they harden into technical terms with precise and Iimited meanings.

When we remember this we can often recapture what was in the minds of the old ringers by studying the tems they used.

For instance, 'in-course ' and 'out-of-course' do not seen very good terms to distinguish between rows ol opposite nature, and in fact that was not what the early ringers meant when they use the terms. They knew from experience that if two bells, got shifted, no arrangement of bob calling would bring the belis round at backstroke. So they said the bells were out of course. They did not apply the term to individual rows. From the time a shilt had taken place, or a single had been made, until the: shift had been put right or another single had been made, all the changes were out of course, though the rows might1 be some odd and some even.

To this day the expression 'out of course" is often used with this meaning and quite legitimately. When ringing is groing on, it is a great help to the conductor if he can tell at any time whether the bells are in or out of course in this sense of the words, and there are more that one way of so doing. Ore way is to notice particular rows which come up and of which you know the nature. You know, for instance, that if the course end 42365 turned up, the bells are out of course. The better way is to judge liy the natural coursing order of the bells. Those conductors who have studied coursing order and made use of it when calling peals can tell in a surprisingly quick time whether the bells are in course or out of course.

## DEATH OF MR. E. A. PERRETT, OF ROWDE.

The death took place on Thursday inatuing, December 7th, of Mr . E. A. Perrelt at him residence in Marsh Lane, Rowde. He had been in failing healith for the last two yeass, and took to his bed about ten days before his passing. The funeral was on Saturday week al Rowde Charel, where he had bem a diomman and beltringer for 50 years, and also for some time the sexlou. He took a keer interent ia ringiug, was the captain of the locel buyd and a most loyal member of the Salisbury Diceessm Guild.
There was a large congregation at the gervice, which was choral. Mis Wright, one of the ringers, was at the organ, the choir wern presul, and the Rector (the Rev, P . H. Opperman) officiated. Anong the congregation wera Mr. C. D. Heginootham (represeniag the Salisbury Guild and several members from Deviees.

His own bund of ringers then fang the hells haffotufled, fiter whin 361 chnnges of Grandsire Douhles were tung lyy A. T. Weeks 1 , C. D. Heginhotham 2, S. Hillier 3, G England 4, F. Green 5, 4 . Ferris 6 Among the wreaths was one sent by the Devizes ringers.

CIRENCPSTLRR. GLOS. - On Sundey, November 19tu, to mark the dedication festival of Holy Trinity Cluarch, Weternoor, 120 Kent Trelile Bob Major: E. J. Lewis, acn. (conductor) 1. A. W. Baldwin 2 . H. A. Parsons 3 , A. Paintev 4. H. If. Cooke 5, W. Godwin (longent.


## DEATH OF MR. ABRAHAM HAIGH.

MEMERER OF YORK MTNSTER SOCIETY.
Wo regret to announce the death of Mr. Abraham Fagh, of York, whieh occulrod sadienly on Wednesday, December 13th, after a scizure, $9 t$ the ripe age of 85 yearg. Fe had carried out his dutios shonost to the end, and was present at the Minster on the preveous Sunday morning, after walking the of miles from Now Earswick, hs usual custom each Sunday, no bus service being uvailable to enable lim being present in time to ring.
Mr. Efrigh was elected member of York Minster Societio in the vear 1876, and remained a member with the exception of aboul ten years spent af, Gillinglaxan, Kent, at lis trade of engineer in H.M. Dockyards. He contivued to follow tho art along with his brother Willian Haigh, a respected member of Kent Sounty Association, He leat been member of the Yorkhire Assowation since the yerr 1875. TTutil the Jast year or two, when adwancing years compelled hin to ring one of the samally herls, he was alwags at the heavy end, Insually at the cleventh.
The funeral wis on Friday, December 15the ate SS. Philip and Inmes' Church, Cliftom, wherc he lirst jearne to handle a beld and Where lie continued to he an active ringer aud ahoirman watil the ead (with the exception of the time alpent in Kenl). His remans wree aftelwards interred at Huntington Charchyard.
Whe majority mif the Mmster wingers were present to sinaw their regard far one whose ever jovial smile and good companionship will lin greatly missed.
On Sunday, the $17 \mathrm{th}^{2}$, the bells at Clifton Church were rung halfmanfled lyy the local company, assisted by Mr. W. Haigh, Kent, ancl Mr. Faller, l'amliam. Survey, as a last token of respect.

## DEATH OF MR. ALFRED PYE

We leariz with regret of the death of Mr. Alfred Pye, of Seven Kings. Essex. Fo was turied on Saturday at Aldborough Hateh, hear Mford.
The Inte Mr. Pye whs one of the famous family, which included the Inte William and Ernest Pye and Mr. Gearge R. PWe, of Chadwell Heath.
Althongh fo ind not been so conepinuous in the Exercise an his rothers. Mr. Alired Pye, newertheless, took purt in wany peals. Hr cerved fo: over twenty years in the Army as staff-sergeant.
He was a member of the Joyal Cumborland Foufhs, as well as of the Tssex, Middlesex and Keut Associations.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF MAXIMUS AT BOW.

AN ACCOUNT BY AN OUTBIDER
What is probably the best book ever written on the churches of London contains the following passage in its account of St. Mary-le Bow. Ringers will read with amusement, and it shows how badly astray even clever and well-intormed men gan go when they bry to writo about bolls fand bellringing.

The 1881 set of twelve bells were not rune with all the full honours of at "maximus" or twelve-bell method till January 19th, 1907. On that accasion a select party from the Ancient Society of College Youths-who were estahlished in 1637, and have always since that rate been the bow Church ringers-rang a touch on the method knows nmong cempanologists as Triple Bob Masimus, which, it I mistake not, is the ne plati ridta of twelve-bell ringing.

The completion of the same would linve taken nearly thirty-esgat
 to he if rertain stage in the procecdings, in four hours and one minate, working at thrific speed. This would give four hell strokes per sccond, and ench ringer wutld pull otte ia three seconds. To do this for the larger hells must require enormous skil?

There was a continnous roar of sound, bur one can hardly say monch eampanolagieal beauty, for the whole of the four hours. The noise in tho belfry must have bean pandemonis However, after this ceremony one nass suppose that the bella may lue considered beptiset and ready for any sort of service.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WHST DOREST BRANCH FIFTORTS TO CARRY ON
The nnnuel meeting of the West Dorset Branch was Leld ot Bridport on Decemler 2nd, and was, naturnlly, much affected by trangport difficultica and other restrictions. Arrangementa had bech madn for Bridporl tower to lie open from 1.30 p.m., and eventually some 15 mentiors mustered from Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis.
At the husiness sueeting lyed in the fower the offieers of the branch were unanimnumfy re-clected, nthd tha chairman, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, expressed the hope thet, all hasids would do their utmost to keep together and uphold the ringing for Sunday gervicess at least. Evening practices were likely to be be resmad at. Beaminstar, but were not postible at preserit ab Tyme owing to the close proximity of the elurch so the sea.
It was docided to abandow the Fobriary naceting and hold ane at Bradpole in May.
The belt were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major durimg lle afternoon and evening.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of 'The Ringing World * into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be In our hands by MONDAY in each weok. We sannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

Tbe Edtor of 'Tbe Ringing Tdondo' ertends Gicetings to all bis readers, ano expresses tbe bope tbat, ill these tronblous times, tbey will keep a good beart ano courage.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank liave junt conpleted the rebanging of the eight bells at. St. Mary's, Cftedhead, in new framework,
The bells at Tewin, Herts, have been increased to six by fihc addition of a new treble. The work has been carried out by the addition of a new hr
On December 17th, 1888, the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham in Sussex. The band lad rung peala of Foht Major and Oxford Bob Triples in the same tower on the two previous days Canterbury Pleasure whs generally known as "Bob Mnjur spoilt ${ }_{r}$, not inappropriate name. Also on this date, in 1810, the Sivilt, a not ringers rang 8,448 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major
December dath was the annjversary of the first peal accomplished in the county of Devon. The method was Grandsire Triples and it was rung at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, by a band of ringers From Hurntshan, assifted by William Banister, of Devonport, who conducted. C. A. W Troyte rang the seventh. He did much for the art not only in 1 ine West, but, by means of his mell-known text book, throughout the country
Banister, who had been one of a very skilful band at, Woolwich, was also the author of a text book on ringing, which was largely modelled on Hubbard's 'Campenalogis.'
On December 19th, 1853, a band of the Curnlserland Youths, which included John Cox and Henry Haley, rafg 5,040 chenges of Stednan Triples in hand. William Conter, who heard the peal, seserted that Cox changed his bells and put them right agaia just before a part end came up. As his assertion seems to be a well-founded one, the honour of rifging the fisst double-handed peal in the method belongs to the College Youtis.

On the same date in 1730 Benjamin Annable called a peal of Boh Triples at St. Saviour's, Southwark, the only five thourand ever schieved on the old eight belle in that tower.
It was \& very fine heary bell feat when, on December 19th, 1925 . William Pye turned the fimous old Bow tenor in to 7,392 changes of Cambridge Maximus.

Last Wednesday was the one hundred and thirty-third anniverstry of the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Ghurch, Spitalifelds, mentioned in our last issue. Thirty years later on the same date the Junior Society of College Youths rang 5,001 changes of Staduan Caters at Southwark.

On Cluristmas Eve, 1934, the hast pesl connecled with the Austratian tour was rung. It was a pesl of Bob Major on the Red Sea, rung liy the remnant of the party making the bomeward trip via Sutz. Five of the rest were steaming eastward and two had been left behind in India.

Mr. William B. Curtwripht's Friends no doubs will be interested to hear that he las passed the solicitors' final examination held by the Lam Socjety.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A TALENTED RINGER.
We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Johm H. Cheesman, late of Greenhithe, Kent, who was well known to so many of our readers as a leading ringer and coniuctor. Two years ago Mr. Cheesman fell and broke his arm, and since then he had not been really well, but had spent much time in various hospitals, inclading a month in Guy's, ten weeks in Gravesend General Hospital, and about six weeks in the County Hospital at Dartford.
At the outbreak of the war he and Mrs. Cheesmen removed to Margate, whare at first he seemed to pick up a little, but lo had to enter the lecal hospital, where he underwent three operations, the last on Wednesday, December 13 j , from which le did not recover, but passed away early last Priday.
Mr. Cheerman was born on January 23rd, 1872, at Stontiug, mear Folkestone. He learnt, to ring on the five bells in his native village,


THE LATE MR. J. H. CHEESMAN.
and on his seventeenth birthdey, rang and conducted his first peal at Lyminge, turaing in the 18 ewb. tenor to seven 720's of Bob Minor. Soon afterwhte he moved to North Kent and joined the visy active band at Crafford. At the age of 19 lis rang the temar at St. John's, Erith, to 10,000 charsges of Canterhury Pleasure Major in 5 hours and 50 minutes.
In the year 2894 the went bo Now Zealand, but he felt the absence of ringing there, and four wears later returned home. Erith in those days, was the scene of mach peal ringing, and the late Wijliam Pye and his brothers were often there. On April 3rd, 1899, 15,072 of Double Norwich was rung: on April 9th the first peal of London Surprise by Mr. Cheesman and the brothers Pye; on April 22nd a peal of Dotble Norwich; on May 6ith a peal of Stedman Triples; on Mar 17th a peal of Duffield Major; and on June 1st a peal of SuperIative Surprise. Also at Frith on Boxing Day, 1898. he took pert in 10,464 of Kent Treble Bob Major. Altogether at this tower lie rang about 150 peals, and very nearly as many at Crayford.
His other long lengths jscluded the 18,027 of Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909 , which took 12 hours and 18 minutes, and was at the time the record leugth in any method; the 15,264 of Bristol Surprise Major at Hormehurch in 1912 (in which he never made a trip); the 7.392 of Cambridge Maximus et St. Mary-le-Bow in 1925: ard 1I, 008 of Double Norrich at Esith in 1927.
As a conductor he liad few equals, and no composition was too difficult for him. He was particularly brillient in calling Stedman and conducted about 200 peals in that method on all numbers, in(Continued in nert column.)

## THE RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS. <br> CIVIL DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

## To the Editor

Sir, At the beginning of Norember 1 was able to jeswe a notice regarding the above wheh had the approval of the Ministry of Home Sectrity. This notice had been under discussion for some time prov to its issue, but publication was delayed so as not to anticipate tho Control of Noise No. 2 Order.
Since the issue of this circular many reports of objections by the police hese reached me, those being principally through misinterpretation of the No. 2 Order.
In sompe cases tingers and jucumbents are uncertair as to the positian. I am naw alble to state the followizg :-

1. The approved circular tas confirmed.
2. The words 'customary manner' mean service ringing, i, e., Sumdays, saints' days and other Festivals, ete., weekly praction, associatiou metings, and peals of normal length. The Ministry are anxious than. so far as is possible, all aormal ringing shail be continued. Tlo Ainistry are also aware that peals of sormal length take approximately three to four liours.
3. To overcome the difficulties which have arisen ab various placos the Ministry are communioating with all Regionaj Commissioners on Home Security encloeing a copy of the circular, togethor with the further particularg above.
The one question which is causing some anciety to the Minisiry concerns midnight and early morning ringing at Cluristmas and for the New Year. There is nothing in the Control of Noise Act to probibit this ringiag, so way $I$ ask for a voluntary abandonment of these ancient practices during the present troubles? Ringers are asked to remeraber that many engaged on work of national importanec may be enjoying a well-earned rest, and that it is important that this brief holiday should not be disturbed.
I an grateful to those who lave adviaed me of their difficulties and would ask that they would egain mpproach those who are reeponsible, with a request that the mather be roferred to the Regional Commissioner. If mo satisfaction is ohtaned and they will write to me again, the Ministry wi!! be advised.
In all cases please try to ayoid bad feeling with thoso who are trying to serve us all in the interests of public sceurity.
May I invite all those who commusicate with the Mjnistry to send me a copy of their lether, or write to me direct, as the Ministry arr now referring rimging mathers to me, and wilh full particulars in loand I may be af greater assistance to everyhody.

GEORGE W. FLETOHER
Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

## RINGING THE OLD YEAR OUT.

Dear Sir,-I suppose ringing in the New Tear will be out of the quebtion thig year. And yet ju seems to me there would be no danger. especially so far west as this, in ringing a short touch.

Martock, Somerset. P. FARRANT
There is nothing, in law, to prevent church bells being rang at the teprtture of the old year, provided, of course, the regulations relating to the liglting restrictions are obscrved. The Control of Naisc (Defence) (No. 2) Order provides that no instrument slall be sounded except for air raid signal purposed, or "in such circumstances that the sound of t.te instrameut is not liable to bo mistaken for any buth signal." Claurch bells, ringing in the customary way, could not, of course, be mistaken for an bir raif signal, aud, under the Order. there ts no restriction as to the hours durjeg winch church bells may be rung.-EDitor, 'Rioging Warld."

## WAR-TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

Numeaton: 10 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Stepney, St. Dunstan's: 10 to 10.30 a.m. and 3 to $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (revised times). Practice, Saturdays, $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. fortuightly.
Hereford Cathedral: 2 to 3 p.m. and 10 to 11 m.m. every third Sunday Lyme Regis: 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Maulden, Beds: Practice, Wednesday, 7.15 p.m.
Sihle Hedingham: 10.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
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cluding Carter's Odd Boh one-part peal, all of them from nonobservation bells.
He rang in the first Tolni name peal, one of London Surpriae rit St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, in 1904 ; and called the secoud, one of Superiative Surprise at St. Jomns, Watertoo Road, in 1905. He also called the John peal of Stedman Ginques rung at St. Giles' Gripplegate, on Navember 23rd, 1912.
By calling Middieton's peal of Cambridge at Crayford on December $17 \mathrm{th}, 1935^{\circ}$ he reached its thousandth peal, azd in the following February he was ome of a band, all of whom had gained a similar record, who zang the same composition at St. Olave's, Hart Street.
John Cleesmen wril! be remembered not only as a brilliant ringer. but as a quiet onassuming man with sterling qualities which endeared him to a host of friends, who will meorn his death.
The fumeral took place last Wednesday at Stone Cemetery, near Dartford

## THE MUSIC OF CATERS.

## EFFECTS OF THE TITTUM POSITION

## By Edgar C. Shepherd.

The history of change ringing, like the history of other branches of music, is the story of the growth of Art Forms. Musically, the establishment of Form in change ringing was not possible until ringing was practised on higher numbers than six bells. On the lesser numbers there was mathematical Form and Truth, but beyond an innate desire to keep 5.6 the right way in Minor, nothing could be done on any musical plan.

From the moment, however, when that great genius, Ben Annable, "saw no reason for parting the tenors it a peal of five or six thousand,' a musical liorm may be said to have been established. What was the basis of ibis musical Form? It was undoubtedly the principle of making the heavy bells (perhaps two, or perkiaps more) play a tune of their own and to play it as they coursed to and fro amid the embroidery of sound from the lesser leells.

If you Jisten to one of those grand old chorales of 1. S. Bach you will notice how the simple strong tune is wrapped round and round with a beautiful decoration of other melodies. They weave over and under the tune, and yet the tune stands out from its framework, going on sturdily among the marvellous patterns of the added melodies. In a much lesser degree it is so with the use of the heavy bells on the higher numbers. In Major it may be only the beating of 7 and 8 as they course to and Iro among the pattern their lrethren are making, or it may be the more satisfying tune that 6,7 and 8 can make; but it is this persistence that provides rhythmic pleasure to what would otherwise be an unthythmical succession of sounds.

The ringing of Caters provided, of course, scope for a big advance in musical Form. To judge by the old peats given in 'Campanalogia' (about 1700 ) the early ringing if Caters was a very jumbled business. It was not as if the heavy bells were kept in their plain course positions las is suggested by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies). They were allowed to take their chance. The small bells were the half-hunts, while the big bells wanderecl about quite aimlessly. When, however, Annable threw them 'into the harmonious tittums ' he performed a service for change ringing as great as that performed for instruinental music by Haydn. The Symphony is, of course, far and away above the Tittum position in its sublimity, but both are the products of the love of Form so marked in the 18th century.

The Tittum position provided a satisfying tune, $7-8-9$, and the 'framework' of the bells was big enough for them to be heard a great deal on their journeys from front to back and back to front. The result was a delight that has never palled. In addition we were provided with the beautiful termination $97^{8}$ and the termination -89. The 8.9 termination is worth noting. The 8.9 alone was good, but how much better it was with 7 close at hand.

The position was so satisfying that it was guile a long time before the thought of adding to it became a conscious one. It is true that the peals of Annable, Reeves and Gross show the 6th behind the gth, but it is not until the time of stout old John Martin, of Leicester, that we find this position fully appreciated. For Martin the Tittum position was sublime, and he does not besitate to
record his delight in it. To it he added the joy of using the 6th. We find in his peal book a reverence and admiration for the blocks of changes with the 6th behind the gth, and he loses no opportunity of drawing our attention to compositions in which he has incorporated what he calls. 'the long twelve-hundred course with ye 6th behind ye gth.' And there is no doubt that the 6tly was a royal addition. The tune $7-8-9$ was very pleasant, but 7-8-9-6 was a greater joy. The termination $7-89$ was very good, but 7689 was the quintessence.

The old classical plan of long-course calling, with bobs on 8.9 and 7.8 , did not lend itself to the retention of a bell in Gth's place, and it was not until the time of Tebbs, at the beginning of the igth century, that the short-course plan gave opportunities for the 6th to be fixed in front of the 7 th. Here was a new effect. One missed the 768 , termination, but in place of it there was a grandeur in the new tune $6-7-8-9$ rolling down to the front, and uplifi in the surge of $9-8-7-6$ towards the back.

It is one of those inexplicable mysteries that, while the plain course position 6789 is comparatively uninteresting, the inverted plain course position, usually called the Handstroke Position, is so very beautiful. But it is so. The termination 7698 , followed by 6789 , seems trite and commonplace, but $6-89$, followed at backstroke by 7698 , achieves a great measure of beauty and majesty.

Although the position was found in the middle of the isth century, it does not seem to have been appreciated and exploited unti! nearly a hundred years fater. It was certainly used for bringing the bells round at hand, and Henry Cooper, in his peal, dated 1816 , used two or three courses in the position; but until the middle of the igth century the musical aim seens to have been to keep the bells in the Tittums as long as possible. From the middle of the 19th century, however, the "Handstroke Home' position was exploited fully, and, while it has never equalled the Titturn position, it has been its closest rival.

The effect of 'open leads' is rowhere demonstrated so clearly as in the difference between the Tittums and the Inverted Titums. In the fatter the music is at handstroke, and while it cannot compare with the Tittum position, yet one feels that Mr. Trollope is hardly fair when he calls it very poor stuff. It is certainly the best form for muffled ringing, where the open handstrokes need the best music, and when employed in this way it can be very noble and awe-inspiring.

The earliest attempt to use the position systematically appears in a long touct given in Shipway's book of 1816 , but it was left to the end of the rgth century to adopt it for the specific purpose of muffled ringing. In this particular Form the use of the 6th should be noted. If you wish to get the 7689 termination you must have the 6 th at home, whereas it will be recollected, in the Tittums the 61 h must be fifth's-place bell to produce this termination.

From the middle of the rgth century onwards many experments were carried out in the use of the back bells in different positions, but, apart from the Tittums and the Inverted Tittums, none of these placings is very satisfactory without the constant attendance of the 6th. Lising the 6th in conjunction with variation of the position of 7,8 , and 9 , however, some fine musical effects can be secured. Thus, 7968 is good as a termination, and the 'tune' is $7-6-8-9$. The 7806 position is a handsome
(Continued in nurt columo.)

## THE DEKYNS OF COVENTRY. <br> MEDIAVAL BELL RINGERS.

## By J. Armiger Trollope.

112 the year i834 a man who signed himself - T.S. sent to the ' British Magazine' a transcript of two ancient manuscripts, which were preserved in the vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Coventry. They are a copy of the 'constitutions of the office of the deacons' in that church, drawn up in the year 1462, and they have great historical value, not only as showing the duties of parochial officers at the time, but also (and for us ringers much more important) as throwing a good deal of light on the conditions of early ringing and the genesis of the Exercise. The dekyns were two in number, a senior and his fellow. As we read, we quickiy realise that they were uot deacons in the correct neeaning of the word, but the term is used as the equivalent of ' clerk,' which is freguently employed in the same sense in contemporary writings.
The diaconate was originally foumded, as we know from the Acts of the Apostles, as a body of men who should attend to the temporal and mundane aftairs of the Church and save the apostles from the necessity of 'serving tables'; and much of the original idea still clung (at least in theory) to the office through the succeeding ages. But long before the Middle Ages it had become, which it is Lo-day, litte more than as novitiate to the priesthood, though all along there were men who remained, for some reason or other, in deacon's orders throughout their lives, with no intention of taking the higher step. This was not uncommon in the post-Reformation Churcly of England, notably among the fellows of colleges at the two universities.

One of the duties of the deacuns in early times was to assist the priest at Mass, both by making the necessary preparations and at the actual celebration. At High Sass the three ministers were the priest, the deacon and the sub-deacon, the chief cluties of the two last being to read the gospel and epistle. This custom has been retained in the Churcls of England, whenever it is possible, although the titles aro not used in the Prayer Book.

What we have to notice is that the duties, and, to some extent, the title of the deacon were dissociated from the actual order of deacons. The deacon at High Mass might be, and usually was, in priestly orders, or he

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piece of work, for not only is , the 'tune ' $7-5-5-6-8$, but every so often we get the termination $\boldsymbol{i}-9-68$. It wifl be seen at once that while the termination 68 is grood, its iffect is immeasurably greater because 7 and 9 are close at hand.

The six placings of 689 all have interesting features ancl wisl provide good music. In taking advantage of them there is no need to lose the 7 th. $7689,7968,7896$, -869 and 7698 wili cach vield 24 courses, and it is not too difficult to turn the bellis from one position to another.

To get the best music then, we must aitn at two things:-
(1) Keeping 7,8 and 9 close together:
(2) Making good use of the 6th.

No. I alone will not satisfy us entirely, nor is No. 2 of any use if the th is allowed to get away; but a judicious use of both means will place a wealth of musical possibility at our disposal.
might be a bishop, as is always the case in the Coronation service. Of course, the superior orders included the lesser.

On the other hand, much of the deacon's duties were performed by men who were not in major orders at all.

These Coventry constitutions give an interesting example of this confusion of titles and duties. The senior dekyn had to 'find a dekyn to read the gospel at hye masse every sonday ond woly (holy) day. He was not to read it hinnself-he was not qualified. It is rather a strange order, but it shows that tre was responsible for all the arrangements of the service and for seeing that the necessary ministers were available.

The dekyns of Coventry, ther, were not, strictly speaking, deacons at all, but belonged to that body of men who were usually referred to as 'clerks.' They were not laymen. They were clerics in minor orders and enjoyed the 'benefit of clergy,' which was one of the causes of the bitter disputes between Church and State in the Middle Ages. They claimed exemption from the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts and could not be punished by the king's officers, ever! for such crimes as murder, until they had been condemned by an ecclesiastical court, and degraded from their orders. - This benefit of clergy lingered long after the Reformation and was not finally abolished unti! the beginning of the last century, the last people to enjoy it being, oddly enough, the members of the House of Lords.

The clerks as a body took an important part in Church life. In secular conventual churches, in the many lospitals, in colleges connected with parish churches, and is the parish churches themselves they were indispensable. Socially and in importance they were at least the equals of the chantry priests, and, though they were inferior in status to the incumbents, they all came from much the same class of people, and there was no great social distinction between them.

In the Coventry manuscripts we have a detailed list of the duties of the two dekyns, which do not differ in escentials from those of the clerks throughout the country.

At half past six in the morning of every week day the second dekyn had to be at the church to unlock the doors for Matins. If it was a commemoration, that is, an ordinary saint's day (of which there were many), the first dekyn had to be there, too, to help to ring "all in." They got ready the books and vestments and assisted at Mass, and at High Mass sang in the choir.

After the service was done the first dekyn was responsibie for seeing that the chalice and books were safely locked up in the vestry. At three in the afternoon, if it was a saint's day, a. ' feast of nine lessons ' or a double feast, he had to be in church to help to ring "all in" and to sing in the choir as rector, or leater, on the south side, and afterwards to lock up the church.

His other duties included sweeping the floor of the choir when needed and cleaning away snow; and he and his fellow were specially charged to keep the leads of the church clean. He had to provide holy water for the priest and to bear holy water to every house in his ward, to hang a towel about the font at Easter and Whitsurtide, to vest the altars, to tend the lamps and find oil, to find palms for Palm Sunday, and to watch the sepulchre at Easter.

At Mass he had to see that the holy bread was cut up and distributed to every man according to his quality; (Continued on pext page.)

## THE DEKYNS OF COVENTRY

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and he had to attend the priest when he went to visit the sick, or else find a deputy. He had also to provide 'iij dysciplyn rods,' and presumably to use then on refraclory boys.

In Lent the two deykns helped the churchwardens tu veil the altar and rood 'and $y^{e}$ churche wardens schall gyffe them money to drynke.

To some extent the second dekyn was the assistant ot the first, but he had clearly defined duties of his own. He had his part of the cluurch and the leads to ciean and keep clear of snow. He liad to lead the singing on the north side of the choir; and, while his fellow had to provide a deacon to read the gospel, he had to provide a child to act as server. He had to take charge ol funerals, put on his surplice and escort the body to the church, and to provide candles. 'Also he schall helpe to sarve at ev'y drenkyng after ev'y derige done at $y^{\text { }}$ coste of $y^{*}$ churche.

Two things are especially noticeable in these constitutions. One is the importance of the bells in the services of the church; the other is that all the care and maintenance and use of them was entrusted to the clerks. They took charge in turn. During one quarter the first dekyn had to oil the bells and look to the baldricks and the ropes. If anything was amiss he had to report it to the churchwardens so that it might be put right in due season. The next quarter the second dekyn took charge, and so turn and turn about.

The first dekyn rang the day bell, that is the twelve o'clock bell. The second dekyn rang curfew at eight in the evening, and afterwards "he schall searche $y^{*}$ churche all aboute lest ther be any p'sons lyeing in any sete or corner and yen lokke, $y^{\text {e }}$ churche dur sure.

These were secular bells, rung for secular purposes. There is no mention of the ringing of an angelus or ave bell, though no doubt many pious persons would repeat the 'Hail Mary' when they heard the sound of a bell rung primarily for other reasons.

The fees for the use of the bells at buryings and obiits were given to the dekyns, and they were made responsible for the bells being rung whenever the bishop, king, queen, or prince came to Coventry. Royal visits to the city were rare, and this probably was the general rule and custom throughout the country.

There are many instances of parishes being fined for not ringing on such occasions, and at Holy Trinity it was ordered that if there was such negligence the dekyns should bear any fine that might be incurred.

Throughout the day the services-Matins, Mass and Evensong-were marked by bell ringing, the more important feasts being distinguished by two bells being rung instead of one. There were also special services; during Lent the first dekyn rang the great bell to compline on Saturdays, but on ferial days the second dekyn rang the first bell.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF KENT MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir, The tirst peal which we know without any doubt whatever was Kent Treble Twelve was, as Mr. Walker points out, the 7,200 rung at. St. Martin'e, Birminglum, in 1820

But the Cumberlands rang between December 131k, 1794, and May 26tlu, 1795, 5,200 Cumberland Royal Treble Bob at Shorediteli, "the noost that can be rung in 9 courses '; 5,232 Gumberland Treble Hon Maximus, at Southwitk, the fixst rang on 12 bells in this method 5,504 Cumberland 'J'reble Boly Major at Bishopsgate, and 5,180 of the same at Edmonton.

It is certain that the method was a close variation of Oxford Trelste Bob. Shipway rang in the Lidmonton peal, and we can be almost sure that he would give the trathod iu fis book. The Cumberlands rang th: first peal of 'real' Double Bob Major inl 1769 and called it Cumberland Real Double eight-in" the first peal of "real" Douhle Graudsire Ceters in 1770, and called it Cumberland Caters real double: and tle first peal of 'renl' Double Grandsire Cinques, and called it Cumberland's Cinques. We know from the Claris what methods actually were rung in these instances, though aeither the book idon the Exercise generally accepted the new titaes. The composition of the peal of Raya! rung is 1794 at Shoreditch was obviously Recyes' 9 -course peal of Treble llols, and, taking everything into consideration, it is diffealy to see what ipethod could have been rung except kent Treble Bob.
So I think we may fuirly ecunclude that the peal rung at Southwark on Mondas, Marth 9 th, 1795 , was the first of Kent Treble Bol
Maximus.

## a New bell at eastbourne <br> \section*{RLNGER'S GLFY'.}

A uew bell has been given to Holy Trinity Church, Eastbourue, hy Mr. Albert Piper, depury warden, in mennory of his wife. Mr. Piper is one of the original members of the Sussex Association, and was formerly attached to St: Peler's, Brighton, compaus. Another \#ng ing colleague, Mr. Edward Bray, is sexton and werger, although Holy Trinity las but nne bell. The previous bell, which has been in uate for over a century, has been presented to the Bishop Hamnington Memorial Church, Hove.
The dedication of the new belt at Holy Trinity Church was juerformed by the Vicar, and a tablet hearing the following inscription was then unveiled by the Vicar: "The befl in this tower was given to the glory of God and in metnory of Sarals Ans Piper, who died 14th April, 1939, aged 71 years. Silie was for meny yemre a humble worker for the Charch. Her first thought war for others.'
During ihe dedication ceremony Mr. Yiper was attenced by a manber of his sidesmen colleagues, and afterwards he went into tho tower and tolled the hell several timbes.
Preaching on the fext ' Bells of pure gold.' the Viear expressed the hape that the hell might he instrumental in drawing many to Christ
The betl was cast at the ancient Church Bull Foandry in Whitechapel, and is a deen $C$ sharp. It is intsesting to note that the samic firm (Mears and Stainbank) cast the former bell, which was made for the opening of Trinity Church in 1838.

## ANCIENT BELL FRAMES.

## To the Editor

Sir,-I was very interested in the letter with refereace to ike Mapley frame at Welleshourne, Warwickshire, whict appeared in " The Ringing World, issue of Derember Ist, but there is one in the same locality which is, I think, even older.
At Alderminster Yarish Clarch near Stratford-on-Avon is an uak belf frame. still in use, which is said by the local ringers to be 600 yeard old-at any rate, it was there when the ofdest inell in the tower yeard old-8t any rate, it was thl
was irstalled hy Haplev in 1653 .
 franue with new fittings this year by Messrs. Taylor and ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Co}$, and are datell ns follows: Treble, 1939 , Tayior; 21d. 1714, Ruthal1: 3rd, 1853 , Bagley: 4hh, 1668. Bagley ; 5th, 176. Rudhall: 'tenor, 1676, Begley ( 12 cwt . 2 ll . in F.)
They are descrihed in "Aneient Warwickshire Churches' be a 'most mucient and tuneful peul,' which is certainly irue. It would upplear that the frame dates af least from 1853-6lirty years earlier than the Wellesbourne example.

WILFRED E. BOX.
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## NOTICES.

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CHESTER, ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL.-The ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be rededicated by the Bishop of Chester on Sunday next, Dec. 24 th, at 3 p.m.
S.O.S. - Will any ringers visiting Scarborough at Christmas please come up and help, as we are only 'five'? Ringing, Sunday morning, io a.m., and Christmas morning, io a.m.-H. Ferguson.

ST. GILES', CAMBEKWELL.-Boxing Day, all ringers welcomed, from $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$, to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} . \mathrm{T}$. W. Taffender.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-South Forest Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Lydney ( 8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3oth, at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Election of officers for 1940 , etc. All who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 27 th. - Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., ir, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. The next meeting will be held at headquarters, the Coffee Pot, on Tuesday, January 2nd. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-North-East Branch.- The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 5 th. Bells ( 8 ) $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Time of service and tea will be announced at meeting. It is necessary that those wishing to attend should notify me as soon as possible for the purpose of arranging tea.-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). - Anrual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Further details regarding ringing, etc., in next week's issue. -T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Ringigg St. Clement Danes, Strand, Saturday, January 6th, 2.30 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting, also Sunday, January 7 th, at 10 a.m.-T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. Business important. It is hoped to arrange tea or light refreshment in Church Room at 4.45 p.m., but those intending to be present must notify me by Thursday, Jan. 4 th. Hearty invitation to all. Frequent bus service from Birmingham, Tamworth and Nottingham.-J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Mount Pleasant Lane, U'pper Clapion, on Saturday, January 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. and also after business meeting. Tea at 5 p.111., notifications for which must be sent to me by Tuesday, Jan. 2ad. Handbells will be available.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5\%, Holloways Lane, North Wimms, Hatfield, Herts.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The third annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4 s . each, may be obtained with remittance from Andrew Thompson (Hon. Secretary), 55, Whitehouse Road, Cross Heath, Newcastle, Stafts, until Jar. I8th. Ringing arrangements later.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.-Sunday, ringing 2 to 3 in alternoon; io to is every third Sunday in montly.-W. H. Symonds.

## GREETINGS!

Bloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. - The Rev. Noel E. Hope, Master of the alssociation, sends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members.

Pay S. Liett. C. Glenn, R.N.V.R., sends hearty greet ings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the 'mad band' and a!l ringing friends.

Francis E. Dawe once agair heartily wishes all his many ringing friends, both at home and "at the Front," and in the Dominions beyond the seas, All the Best of the Very Best, for Christmas and the New Year, together with Good Health-the greatest Blessing of All ! -Woking, 1939.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, Southern District. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all ringing friends, from E. Stitch, 2I, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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## LOOKING BACKWARDS.

War came this year to cut off suddenly the activities of ringers, as it disrupted the even flow of almost every phase of normal life, and 1939 goes out amid an upheaval, the effects of which no one can foresee. In attempting a review of ringing in the past twelve months it is only possible to say that a year which opened brightly and showed great prospects of producing results as good as if not better than any of its immediate predecessors has ended in placing the art under a heavy cloud. Compared with the great issues at stake that is a matter of no importance, but one cannot help regretting the setback which ringing has received. That it will recover in the better days which lie ahead, when his conflict is over, and the world, we hope, will be allowed to live in peace, there can be no doubt. Ringing rose after the last war to greater heights than evesbefore, and it will do so again when this country and its Allies come, as assuredly they will, successfully out of the war. But unti! those happier days it is left to the ringers who remain in the belfries to carry on the task as best they can.
Reviewing, in these last days of the old year, the effect of the war on ringing, the most striking thing was the sudden cessation of everything connected with the activities of ringers when war was declared. Nothing could have been more complete than the way in which ringing was abandoned. It was, perhaps, not altogether surprising. Everyone had anticipated that, as soon 25 war broke out, the country would be subjected to devastating attacks from the air, and no one knew where the blows would fall. Until there had been time to measure the effects of the changed world about us, it was natural that ringing, among other things, should be entirely suspended. Slowly, however, after the first two or three weeks, when it was found that the threatened attacks from the air did not materialise, ringers began to retura to their towers. In the limited revival which has followed we think' The Ringing World' can claim some share for the lead it gave. That there was no official reason for the abandonment of belf ringing has been made plain in the Control of Noise Orders which have been issued by the Minister of Home Security. The authorities, except a few local police officials, have seen no objection to the normal use of bells, and. it is now becoming the general practice once again to ring for Sunday services, where blackout restrictions do not intervene. More and more, we hope, ringers will get the bells going in town and village and, with regard to the latter, we think the recent pronouncement of the (Continued on page 782.)

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Minister of Hone Security, that it is not even intended that air raid warnings sha! be sounded in rural areas, gives still greater reason why any local bans which may still remair on the ringing of village church bells should be lifted.

But what of the year 1939 before the war began? The eight months to the enll of August were full of promise. No record lengths were rung, but records were made in other directions which rank equally jigh in merit. Foremost, probably, were the performances by bands in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. A six-bell company, it will be remembered, made three succossive records in spliced method ringing by increasing the number of methods in a peal of Minor fron $8_{4}$ to 100 , then to 102 and afterwards to 104. These were outstanding achievements which only a few years ago were not even dreamed of, for the reason, if for nothing else, that it was not deemed possible to incorporate so many methods in seven true extents of Minor. Then, too, Lincolnshire must be credited witls one of the other notable performances of the year when a band rang a peal in ten Surprise Major methods. Worcestershire men also gathered laurels by ringing a spliced peal in eght Surprise Major methods, and the Hertfordshire handlbell band continued their remarkable achicvements by further peals in Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Yes, the year certainly showed greal promise, for alongside these outstanding performances were many hangs whin indicated progress in many cuarters.

But the blow which fell at the end of August and seemed at firsi entireiy to paralyse ringing will prove to be merely one of the fortunes of war. True, with the calls made uporn the mind and energy of men, such things as ringing must take a very subsidiary place, yet there is, nevertheless, a place even for ringing in the distracted life which we are now living. The coming year may present new difliculties, and in anv event ringing inevitably must be carried on in a very subodued manner, but that is no reason why all concerned, both in towers and associations, should not bend all their available energies towards keeping the art going and strengthening their forces, ats far as possible, against the time wher peate on earth will once more permit the bells to come agyain into their own: when in Tennyson's immortal words, they may indeed:

Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and frec,
The larger hearl, the kindlier iand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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On Satiruday, Detomber 16. 1939, in Three Ifoqys and Six Minutes, At the Cburch of tar Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLEE, boto CHANQEAI
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William Saunders ... ...Trable Josepr Hanley... ... ... G. Litonard Hewity ... 2 "Alan M. Jones ... ... ... 6 E. Dennis Poolr
 6 Conducted by E. V. Roprnaprst.

* I'irsk peal. Rung after neeting short for Grandsire Cabers. Specially urranged and 1 1ung on the oceasion of the marriage al Leone Seueft, dnughter of Dr. and 3rs, C . Underwood Whitney, to Lient. E. Leo Keliett Donaldson Wood, Royal Navy. The bride' brothers, Rupert and Tony, are members of tho Conlbrookdele hond. Also rung as 8 birthdey compliment to the ringer of the fourth.


## SIX Bell PEAL.

CLIFTORD, HEREFORDSHLRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Decomber 16, 1939, in Two Howrs aņ /hirty-Five Minutes, At fhe Ceqreb of St. Mary

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by J. P. Hyett.

* Fhust perl in sevor molhodg. Rung in hanour of His Majesty's birtuday Quickest peal on the back sla holls


## HANDBELL PEALS

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Whadrsday, Dechnbsy 20, 1939, ir Two Howrs and Elever Minntes At the Rectony,
A PEAL DF LITTLE BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANCE: Tenar size 15 in C .
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* First peal of Litite Bob Majow. Rung on the tenth anniversary of E. A. Barnelt's first peal. The band would tike to thank the Rev I. S. R. Beckley for his kindness in providing accommadation and refreshment for them.

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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

INTERESTING ADDI'HONS TO THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIFES. An addition was recently made to the collection of books in the Cockerill Wemorial Bookcase' in St. Paul's Catliedral belfry. This was the book recording the names of the subscrihers to a presentation purst, given to the late James Pettit in the late 'g0'
The following superseription has been added in the form of a $0 y$ leaf: - This book, originallv given to the late Mr. James pettit, a leai: This book, originalivgiven to the College Youths and Lender of Si. Pauls Cathedral ringers, was discovered in after years at Bristol It was then luought and lindly given to the socrety by Messrs, I. IT. Dyke and S. H. Wood, both oif whomere well-known members. The book records the names of those fellow-ringers and members of the sociely who scibscribed to the presentation, A few only now remain, and one of the oldeat, Mr. F. E. Dswe, Past Master, has kindly provided this Faperscription. July, "1939."

## THE LATE MR. J. H. CHEESMAN.

HIS List OF PEALS.
The funcrat of the late Mr. Fohn H. Cheesman, of Greamithe, whose deadt at Margate Huspital on December 15 th we recorded last whoge deadh al Margate Hospital on December leti we recorded hast
week, took place at Store, near Dartford, on Decmber 20th, and was conducted by tlae Rector. In addition to the family mourners the following rivgers were present: Messrs. H. Hoskins (representing the Ancient Socisty of College louths), G. W. Steere (lions, secretary, represerting the Society of Royal Cupuberland Fouths), E. Barnelt (representing the Kent County Association), H. E. Audsley, J. Betrnet1. I. Bailey, E. H. Oxenham and Finn (Lyminge). Mr. Finn fook part, in Mr. Cheesman's first peal, rung 50 years ago.
Mr. Cleessurn, who was hor maty years represphtative of that Kent Cobnty. Assoriation on the Cuntral Council, ramg, in tufl, 1 , woti peals, of which he conducted 433 . Or these 159 were rung at S . Joln the Haptist's Church, Exith, 155 at crayford and 85 at 1)artford. He rompleled livs 1,000 peals in Decemher, 1335, and his last penl was at Hexley ill fune, 1938. There was nuver a nore unnsumivg ringer or one more modest aluout lais melievenemte than Jolm Cheesman, whose passing is motarned liy is large eirels of tinging friente. Appended is tic list of his peals:-

## Minor

Triples-Grandsive
Plain Bols
Cantarhury Pleasure
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Oxford Boit
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Steduman
Major-Plain Bob
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Grantu Treble Bob
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Boh Major and Stedman Triples
Bob Major, Kent and Orford Treble Bob
Boh Major and Canterbury Pleasure
Bobs Major and Double Norwich
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## WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

## SOME RULES OF METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

When, nearly fity years ago, the Central Council was started, it set itself the task of drawing up rujes, formulating definitions, and generally tidying up all matters conrected with the art and science.

In this it was largely influenced by Sir Arthur Heywood (or, as he was then, Mr. Percival Heywood) and naturally so, for he was fully qualified socially and intellectually to be a leader of nen.

Among the things he desired to have settled were the rules which should govern the construction of a method. He had, himself, given the matter a lot of consideration, had published several articles in 'The Bell News,' and in his excellent little book on Duffield had explained many of the qualities which he thought every method should possess.

Quite a number of people were publishing methods which offended his sense of what was reght, and he thought that the way out of the difficulty would be for the Council to draw up a number of definite rules to distinguish what was then called a 'legitimate' method from an 'illegitimate ' one.

He did not actually introduce the matter himself, for he was the President and would, of course, have to occupy the chair, but left it to Henry Earle Bulwer, with whom he had closely collaborated in several investigations into ringing problems, and who was very largely in sympathy with his views.

The result was not quite what was intended. Instead of a few simple rules being agreed to, a committee was appointed to go into the matter. This was the beginning of the Methods Committee and of a long and keenly fought out controversy.

For it speedily became clear that there was anything but agrement on the matter among those people who were called 'experts,' and it is equally clear now that this disagreement was mainly because all those people did not really know so much about the matter as they thought they did.

The question has been settled, not by one set of controversialists being proved to be right and the other wrong (for that can hardly be said), but by bringing to the test of actual experience what was for the most part in those days conjecture and theory.

Heywood's own jdeas were mainty based on the dictum that the only thing which matters is music. Everything must give way to that, and he had formed some definite opinions of what rnade for good music and what lid not.

Not all of then will stand any real test. He accepted the rule, as did everyone else, that the tenors should be kept together as nuch as possible and held, rightly, that double dodging is the finest movement in ringing. But he did not stop to consider what nathematical laws were involved in combining the two. In fact, neither he nor anyone else thought that mathematical laws had anything particular at all to do with the construction of a method. The bells were mixed up in a lead, pretty much as one liked within limits, and if a lead end was produced which would repeat the required number of times, a method, good or bad as the case might be, was the result.

One rule he rather strongly insisted on for the sake of the music. Places should not be made together side by side. He did not go so far as to say that it must never be done, but, in his opinion, it was a defect.

It is difficult to follow him here and to see why, for instance, the first four changes of Oxford Treble Bols, in which third's and fourth's are made together, are musically inferior to the first four changes of Superlative, where third's and sixth's are made.
C. D. P. Davies was a great authority on the composition of Grandsire Triples. In that he did pioneer work of real excelience. When he started, the problen was whether a peal in the nethod was possible with common bobs only, and this coloured and influenced his entire outlook on all ringing problems. A peal of Grandsire on seven bells should (if possible) consist of triple changes and triple changes only, and therefore an eight bell method must consist of alternate quadruple and triple changes without any deviation from the regular succession.

That meant that only those methots which we recently described as 'backstroke' metlools were legitimate. It meant that such methods of London and Bristol and, above all, Cambridge, were to be rejected as 'iilegitimate,' and that he was quite prepared to do. He had the courage of his opinions, and he published one or two pamphlets and his book on the Surprise Methods to spread these ideas.

Heywood rather inclined to the same opinion. He laid it down as an axiom that ' every bell must move that can move,' which, properly understood, is a perfectly sound and important truth. It must be remembered that in those days London was rung only by one or two very expert bands, and Cambridge was rather despised as an early and crude attempt at method building. These ideas, which to us seem rather absurd, could easily be reconciled with the methods then rung.

But Heywood had an advantage which Davies and Bulwer lacked. He was closely associated with the Burton-on-Trent band and had a good band in his own tower and so could bring his theories to the test of personal practical experience. He had rung peals of London and was not prepared to reject it altogether. His conclusion was rather a lame one. London might brcak the strict rule, but the question was how much illegitimacy might be allowed in a legitimate method.

After half a century's experience the conclusion the Exercise has reached is that the regular succession of the nature of the rows is of no importance, except so far as it is necessary for the production of true peals.

There are still, however, a large number of men who hold that a seven-bell merhod must be all triple changes and a nine-bell method all cater changes.

THE LATE MR J H CHEESMANS LIST OF PEALS
(Continued from previous page.)

(8) Including 11,008 and 15,072 . (b) Iucisaing 10,084. (c) Two Combined, one Spliced. (d) Induding 15,072 (recordi). (e) Ibeluding 18,027. (f) Including 7.392 at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheangide.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

## DERBY DISTRICT

The last meeting of the year was held at St. Michael's, Alvasten, on Satarday, December 16th, when members attended from Nottingham, Snwley, Breaston, Burton, Ticknall, Spondon and Derby, with the local ringers. The methods rung included Bob Minor, Granisire mad Stedman Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Treble Bob, Double Cuurt, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob
A short business meetjog was held in the belfry, at which the secretary read a lelter from the Ohief Constable gaymg he did not think it would be wise to ring the bells for any, lengthy period either on Clristmas Eve or any other day, as it might interfere with an asr raid waraing. The meeting interpreted this as referring to peal ringing The secretary stated that lie had left with the police a copy of 'The Ringiag World' containing the correspondance with the authorities on tire subject, and had been advised to carry on as usual unless he beard from them to the contrary.
The annual meeting and the election of officers will be leld at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Sgaturday, Jantuary 13th, 1840.
The seeretary gave a short summary of the meetimg held auring the year. Nize meetiags were held, end one, which was arranged Et Belper just prior to the outbreak of war, had to be postponed, the Vicar eafing that lie considered the bells ought not to be rung, as the public might put a wrong construction on the matter. The average attendance was 24 . Sevon new ringing members had been alected, bix had rejoined and three had beea tranferred from tho Burton district owing to removals, one of them being the Rev. LioydJones, who was now Rector of West Hallem. Two old members, Mr. Walter Wallace and Mr. Charles Davies, of Melbourne, had been added to the list of life members.
This was considered a very aatisfuctory statement in wiew of the war and the fect that meetings had been discontinued in the district. Fandbells were then brought into use and brought to a conclusion what all considered had been a very successful meeting.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS' STEWARD MARRIED.

On Saturday, December 2nd, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, the marriage took place between Mr. G. W. Cecil and Miss Inlig Harrison,
Mr. Cecil js an offece of the St. Dunstan's band ane junier stewnrd of the Ancient Society of College Youths, The bride was attended by her sister, Miss May Harrison, and Mr. Frank Shorler was best man. As the party jeft the clurch 720 of Bob Minor was rung by memberg of the St. Dunstan's Guild: $G$. Boomsma $l_{1}$ H. Stracey 2 , T. G. Fox 3, H. E. Thompson 4, R. G. Cousins 5, L. J. Fox (conductor) 6 .

## FOUR-PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR <br> WHAT THE BARKTNG MEN DID.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,-Recently in "The Ringing World' you pablished the figures of two peals of Bob Major. The firgt one I kyow well.
When wa stacted to learn to ring at Barking in the terrible winter of I895 we were being laught change rimging wader Samuel Hayes and York Green. We went along rather fast and were soon tekea on to ring bandbells. We practised Bob Major at first and we soon mastered thal, those wha tools part being T. Faulsner, A. Herdy, E. Fene end C. Fenn. While we were making heedway York Green gave ps something te do. He wanted one of us to composed a peal so that when wa rang it wa could make it afl Barking
A. Hardy was first to get a compasition and gave his peal to York Green, who proved it. I got one out a fow weeks leter. It was a wariation of Hardy's and was the same as you published in 'The Ringing World ' last weak. Hardy's peal was ruyg on handbells on July 4th, 1896, condacted by T. Faulhmer. I kave enclosed the figures. The one you published was rang at Harwich, Essex, and A. Hardy whs the composer and it whs a variation to his,
Afterwarde Mr. Green asked us to get the sixth the other way. namely, 24 times $\boldsymbol{R}$. and 20 times W. I got the peal out snd geve it to Mr. Green, who asked us to ring it on tower bells, as he would lire to hear it. It was rung, without a clip, on April 18th, 1903, ead Whas the first neal by all axtives of Barking. Sevaral College Youths Were outaide to heas it. The peals ware published with figures in "The Bell News."
Tho Beling

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DAWLEY, SHROPSHIRE-At the Church of the Holy Trinity, e quarter-peal of Grandsirc Doubles (1,260 changes): SSidney Douglab (aged 15) 1, *S. Rurhton 2, F. Atwood 3, H. Jonea 4, 4 . Rirch (conductor) $5, *$ W. Houlston 6 . * First querter-peal. Rung for the weddiag of Dorothy Lewis-Prica and D. James Pearce.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of ' The Ringing World ' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by MONDAY in each week. We eannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their mestings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

## t Tifappy Rlew year to all tringers

 đdberever tbey may be.
## BLLERY GUSSEP.

Messrs Mears and Stumbuas Lave just completed the rehauging of the bells at Milborue Port, somerset, where the tenor is 28 ewt .
The Whitechapel Foundry bes also campletely relung with nitungs the six bells at Priors Marston, Warwickshire. The bell frame has also been strengthened.
Rogate, Sussex, has a timber tower, containing siz bells. Messra. Mears and Stainbank have strenghemed the tower and repaired tho bells
Si: Arthur Heywood, con of Sir Perceval Heywood, the third baronet, wus bora on Cliristmas Day, 1849. He died on April 18th, 1916, durirg the Great War. For many years tie wes the undisputed head of the finging Execcist.
We arc pleased to stute that Mr. A. Parther is now at lis home at 29, Avenue Road, Watlou-Dearne, where he is progressing favourably after bis recent operatious.
The rehanging of shotteswell bells, Warwickshire, las been entrusted to Mir. Thomas Bond, of Burford, Oxon. As lie is at present employed on work of national importance, these bells will be rehung as soon as circumstanges permit.
It may be interesting to add that the fourth belt was recast in 1887 by Mr. Bond.
Folt's Original was rung at Saffron Walden on Cluristmas Day, 1754. by the "Society of Young Ringers of the Town, "to the no small Mortification of their antagonisis (same of the ofd society).' The bobs were called dy Charles Bacos, who rang the second, but whether he had any visible aids to memory in so doing is perliaps rather doubtiul. John Holt, himself, a little more than three years earlier, had ealied from תanuscript without taking a rope.
More long peals lave been rung on December 26ih than on any other diate in the year. Anoug them are the following: 15, 168 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Lilland in 1831: 8,064 Double Norwich Court Treble Bob Major, at Llland in 1812 : 8 , obat ative Surprise Major, at Crawley in 1894: 11,111 Stedman Cingues, at Birminegham in 1901; 9,728 Superletive Surprise Major, at Clent in 1910 ; and 10,442 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923.
On the same date in 1760 the College Foullis rang a peal of College Exercise Major at St. John'g, Huckney. Almost certainly the composition mas a false one.
On December Z7th 1718 , the Union Scholars raug at St. Dunstan's-in-the-Esst the first peal ever achieved of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and, indeed, of any Major method. The five-part composition, which probably was composed oy Robert Baldwin, was true, more we suspect by luck than by wit.
Thirty years fater, on the same date, the "Friendly Society of Ringers "rang at St. Anorew ${ }^{2}$ Folborn, 8,000 clanges of Bob Major. This is the only notice we have of this society and probably the name was taken for the occasion by a band nuade up from more ilian one company. The board, which was still in existence 60 yearg ago, luas long since disappeared.
The 27 th is also the anniversary of geseral lond lengtlis, including 6,000 Bob Major, at Twiekenham in 1749 ; 6,600 Stedman Cinques, af Birmingham in 1820: 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Earlsheaton in 1872 ; und 17, 104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at South Wigsion in 1904.

Doubts were expressed as to the iruth of the Earlabeaton prul, and is is noi now recognisad as a genuine record.
On the last day of the year $1888,15,041$ changet of Stedman Caters were rung at Appleton: aund in 1892, 12,096 elanger of Double Fowwich Court Bab Major at Maidenhead.

## CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET.
By J. Armger Trollope.
St. Olave's is one of the smallest, but one of the must interesting of the City churches. It was built in the fifteenth century, and the inventory made in the reign of Edward VI. records that "there remayneth in the steple iiij greate belles and a saunce bell


ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, LONDON.
Queen Elizabeth is said to have returned thanks in the church on her release from the Tower, where she had been confined in her sister's reign. The tale goes that, to commemorate the event, she presented the church with a set of silken bellropes, and the parish erected a crown above the weathercock on the steeple.

The latter part of the story may be true (there is a crown above the weathercock at the present time), but
the other is clearly a legend, though, since Elizabetly liked to hear church bells rung, it may have had some foundation in fact.

St. Olave's is closely associated with Samnel Pepys. It was his parish church, and in it he is buried. On January 3oth, 1666, he set down in his diary-' This is the first time I have been in the church since I left London for the plague and it frightened me incleed to wo through the church more than I thought it could have done to see so many graves lie so high upon the churchyard where people had been buried of the plague. I was much troubled at it and do not think to go through again a good while.
Anthony Bartlet, of the Whitechapel foundry, had just recently (i662) hung a ring of six bells in the tower, and they are all there still, except the tenor, which was recast by James Bartlet in 1694.

The church escaped the great fire of 1566 , but very narrowly. Burning embers fell into Scething Lanc, which runs by the east end of the building, and the dial of All Hallows' Church at the bottom of the lane was burnt. Tluat was the furthest point reached by the fire sowards the east.

Like all the rings at the other City churches, St. Olave's bells were runy regularly, cluring the following years, but they do not figure in the history of London ringing. The leading socicties, who had rings of eight, ter and twelve bells at their disposal, were inclined to despise six-bell ringing, and no record survives of any peal of Minor rung in une of the hall dozen City toweris which possessed six bells.

The Rambling Ringers paiel a visit to the belfry on December 6tio, 1733, alrd rang one 720 of Plain Bob and another of College Single. Jeremiah Ciilbert rang the treble (he rang the treble to the first peal scored by the Cumberlands), Laughton rang the third, and John Trenell rang the tenor. Trenell was a fine heavy bellringer, when afterwards took part in many peals with the College Youths.

In 1929 the bells of St. Olave's were rehung and two trebles were added by the Whitechapel foundry, making them a very handy octave. A good many peals have since been rung on them in all the Standard methods, the most notable being one in which every member of the band had already scored over a thousand peals.

## A SWEDISH TRANSLATION OF 'THE NINE TAILORS'

## To the Editor.

Dear Si ,-I nolice a suggestion that. a Tro of Stednan Minor Mriny not have treeu rung since Duember ZGth, 1819 . Some 35 years ago I suw Tharstans" composition of a 780 , with the result that it whs rung one evening at St. Michac's, Gurston.
Being confined to my bed in a filaggow hatel wilh influenza, 1 have no means of giving you the date in this letter.
By the same posf, as ' The Ringing World ' Chero arrived For ale a ropy of ' De Nio Malarna, just publisbed in Stockholm. This is a Swedish transiution of 'The Nine Tailors.' With it was a charenıg note from Miss Sonja Bergrall, the translator, thanking me for some slight help I was able to give to har, and to this she kindity relers in the prefece.
My athempts to read Swedish have for far been confined to two ut thee technical papers on cement, but $\bar{I}$ hope to read ' $D$ o Nio Malarna, to Eee how far Miss Bergyall has succeeded in the most difficult task of transtatipg such a book

EDWIN $\boldsymbol{H}$. LEWIS.

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## PEALS OF DOUBLES．

## THE PRESENT ILLOGICAL POSITION．

Now that the activities of ringers are so seriously curtailed，there nay be opportanity to discuss in these columns some of the subjects connected with ringing，which will not be any the worse for ventila－ tion，and may serve to keep interest alive in these clack days．
For instance，althouglt the Central Council，when it met at Center－ bury．settled to its own gatisfaction the question of what should be racognised as a peal of Doubles，it actually left the matter in a very unsatisfactory state．Tho menbers did not visurlisa all the conse－ quences of their decision．What the Council did was to concentrate adtention on Grandsire，mud it is doubtful if any thought at that time was given to Stedman．Aud Stedman Doubles offers an interest－ ing probleni in the light of the decision laid down．
The Council decided that a peal of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changen，rung in：
（a）True and coniplete Six－Scores，without interval between any two Six－Scores，and without rounds or any otber row being struet more than once before the next change is made．
（b）Round blocks consistiag of two or more Six－Scores，provided that esch of the Siz－Scores which comprise the round blocks shell be itself a trite and complete round bloch．
（c）Twelve－Scores known as Morris＇and Pitman＇s．
（d）Combinations of（a），（b）सad（c）above，or any two of them．
Thus the Council saic thet if the following 240 be rung one or more times in a 5,040 ，it may be called a peal．
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But if you want pour peal recornised，you mey not ring the first three blocks and repeat them，although that would produce exactly the bame clasges，with the last half in a different order．Neither may you ring the last three blocis and repeat them，although this arrangement would also produce exactly the same changes as in the original．And yet tirese are $240^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ mede up by repatition of the two belves of Pitman＇s composition I
There are other types of 240 excluded by the resolution which are just as＇true，＇if such things can come within the category of what has hitherto been deemed＇true＇in ringing．
For example，is there any logical rasan for ruling out the following 240＇s，which ore as near iruth，in Łhe separate six－scores，as Pitman＇s and nearer truth than Morris＇？


Thus it will be geen that the Courci］＇s definition of a peal of Doubles，even it Grandsire，excludes compositiong of exacty like chargeter which is entirely absurd，whichever side you take in the arcument as to what should constitute a true peal of Doubler．
Then take Stedman．Peals of Stedman Doubles are not infrequently rung and deserve some coksideration．
It would probably be passible to compose a peal of Stedman Doubles in one part and conform to the Council＇s definition．Equally it would be possible to compoge a peal in one part which did not canform to the definition and jet include each chenge 42 timea and no more．
Festrictions of epace prevent printing examples of such peals here，but below are givem two＇touches＇of Steaman Doublea．One conforms to the Councl＇s ruling；the other doesn＇t．Yet they contain
all the 120 changes the same number of times ench，and they are produced by the same number of calls．
How many risgers are 组ere，even among those who decided the future of＂peal of Doubles，who can say which of the two，incor－ porated in a peal，would be recognised under the definition and which would not and why one should be accepted if the other is rejected？ The rows are the six－ends，and the two 600＇s are divided into five columas representing 120 changes each．

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All this，of course，appeary to favour the argument of those who would admit anything as a pesl of Doubles as long as each change appears 42 times in a recognised method，because once a break is made in the recoguised practice of requiring true extents there is no logical angument against any form of composition，good or bad．

To carry the Council＇m policy to its logical conclusion，both the above ＇touches of Stedmen must be admitted in a peal and so must the alternative 2 赖＂of Grandsire which are printed above．Also，wa ought to admit 240 ＇s made up of：－

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Five times repeated with angle batt－way at end．And having gone that far we should accept the same calling repeated 83 times with a aingle balf－way and end；that is to say a peal of Grandsire Doubles with only two singles．Further，we should recognise 5，040＇e of Stedman Doubles with only two aingles and made up otierwine enlirely of plain courséa！

## THE LATE ALFRED PYE．

FUNERAL AT ALDBOROUGH HATGH
3Ir．Aifred Pye，who，as amounced in our last issue，died suddenly on December 12th at the age of 78 ，was buried at Aldhorough Hatch Churchyard on Saturday，the 16th．

Amonf those present were Mesars．G．W．Steere，C．J．Matthews and Arthur Fardy，of the Cumberland Youths：James E．Davis and George Lucns，of the Midulesex County Associntiow；and E．J．Butler， J．W．Butler，W．Watson，G．Dawson and J．H．Crampion，of the Eseex Associatioz．
We hope to gire gome particulars of Mr．Pye＇s ringing career in a future ispae．

## GLOUCESTER \＆BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION．

ANNUAL MEETING OF SWINDON BRANOH．
The ansual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held on Der．9th and the attendance was rather poor．Ringing took place during the afternoon and ranged from counds and Grandsire Doubles to Kent Royal．Tea and meeting followed，at which all the branch officers were re－clected．The towers for the next three meetiags are（D．V．） Stratton St．Margaret；St．Mark＇s，Swindon，and Rodbourne Cheney． Members attended from varions towers in the branch，with visitorn from Cirencester and Trowbridge．

## THE DEKYNS OF COVENTRY.

THE BIRTH OF THE RINGING EXERCISE. (Continued from page 758.)
In addition to the ringing before the services there was ringing which was done during the services as part of the ritual. The two dekyns took turns monthly to ring the sacring bell at High Mass on Sundays and holy days. Evidently this was not a handbell, but a small bell hung on the screen or wall of the choir. No doubt they also rang the sanctus bell, but of that there is no mention.
There was also ringing during the procession before High Mass, for which the dekyns were responsible. This was not mercly knolling by a single bell, but all the tunable bells in the steeple were rung up as high as they could be.
How, we may ask, could the dekyns, busied with their other duties, attend to this ringing? Of course they could not.
In the early days of the Church, when the buildings were small and the services simple, the priest himself rang the bell that summoned the faithful. In some cases it was a handbell, in others a small bell hung on the roof with a cord coming down inside the building.
As time went on and towers were built and heavier bells were cast, and as the services became more elaborate, the ringing was (with other things) entrusted to assistants, who became the clerks in minor orders. So long as only one bell was used, and that could be rung from the fioor of the church, they could quite easily include the bell ringing among the other things they lad to do to assist the priest at the altar. But when the bellis were heavy, when the ringer had to climb a lofty staircase or ladder and especially when several bells had to be rung and not merely tolled, this was no longer possible.
Part of the difficulty was got over by providing the small saunce bells, which were light enough to be rung by a cord coming down to the floor of the church. It is not, I think, known when these bells were introduced, but they were in general use in the fourteenth century. Soon afterwards, and especially in the fifteenth century, the number of bells in the towers of the parish churches was increased. It was no longer possible for the clerks to ring them and attend to their other duties, and so another set of men had to be employed.
In earlier times that would have meant adding to the number of men in minor orders, and there would have been an order of ringers to take their places alongside the ostiarii or door keepers. But in the fourteenth century the time for that sort of thing had long since gone by. The customs and traditions of the Church had crystalised. In theory the clerks were still supposed to do all the ringing themselves, but in practice they had to get others to help them. It was the natural and obvious thing to pick a few strong, lusty young fellows and send them up into the tower to pull on the ropes. So was born the ringing Exercise.
At Holy Trinity, Coventry, it seems that the first dekyn controlled the ringing at procession time and gave the necessary signals to the ringers by knolling the saunce bell, but the second dekyn was responsible for providing half the number of ringers.
Now we must notice that the ringers, as such, did not receive any regular status in the parochial organisa-
tion. They were not the servants of the church, nor were they employed by the church. The parish dealt with the dekyn and the dekyn dealt with the ringers. It was so everywhere, and it continued to be so for five centuries. How much this fact affected and still affects the ringing Exercise is not easy to say.

Once a year, on All Hallows' Eve, the bells were rung throughout the night. It was a very old custom, the origin of which, I believe, is unknown. Perhaps it was a pagan survival and was connected with the belief in evil spirits, which was strong in the Middle Ages and especially in connection with death. The ringing was supposed in some way to beneft all Christian souls. And much in the same way, that in later years, the people of the parish gave to the ringers at Christmas time, so in these old days they collected for the ringers at All Hallows-tide. At evening on All Saints' Day the two dekyns went through the church, the first dekyn on the north side and the second dekyn on the south side and gathered the money.
Notwithstanding the many changes in doctrine and ritual during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the Church of England is (or, at any rate, until lately was) the most conservative Church in Christendom. Her organisation, customs, and traditions went back to remote ages. And especially was this so in the parochial life. Throughout the Reformation period, and even throughout the time of the Commonwealth, the parochial organisation remained unchanged. The parish clerks and sextons of post-Reformation times were the successors of the clerks in the Middle Ages, holding the same office and discharging the same duties adapted to the changes in ritual and doctrine. The two dekyns of Coventry were the predecessors of the later clerks and sextons, and, indeed, in the regulations drawn up at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, in 1467 , only five years after those at Coventry, they are so called by name. In smaller parishes the two offices were often held by the same man; and, as in early times, the bells and ringing were in the charge of the clerks, so they continued to be in the hands of their successors. For instance, in 1628 the following rule was passed at New-castle-under-Lyme-' June io. It is agreed that Thomas Harrison the Church Clarke shall not suffer any peal to be rung, upor pain of twelve pence, without the consent of Mr. Mayor or his deputy for the time being except to prayers and burials and that sparingly.'

Throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and well down into the nineteenth we never came across an instance where the ringers were appointed or paid by the churchwardens directly, And of any contact between the clergy and the ringers there is absolutely no trace whatever.
I have pointed out elsewhere that the very unsatisfactory state of the Exercise in the nineteenth century was largely due to the fault of the clergy, who grossly neglected their ringers and made no attempt to see that they were recruited from suitable classes. It is easy to attribute this to the sloth and apathy of the eighteenth century, but it would be wrong. The cause is far deeper seated.

It is held by competent authorities that the incumbent has the sole control of the bells, the ringers, and the ringing; and that he alone can say when they shall
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## THE DEKYNS OF COVENTRY.

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be rung and by whom. The church laws (canons they are called) instruct the churchwardens to prevent superstitious ringing, but give them no authority to order or allow any ringing themselves. No doubt this has always been the law, but when we study what we know of the history of the past we get a considerably different impression. The incumbent was the chief man in the parochial organisation, but he was not the only one who held authority. The churchwardens acted independently and on behalf of the laity, to whom very often the bells were important things. The clerk was subordinate to both, but he was not merely their servant. His office was a freehodd and he could not be dismissed at pleasure any more than the parson could. As we have seen, by custom and prescription the belis and ringing were within his province. The clergy did not consider that those matters were their concern, and it is likely that any attempt at interference by them would lave been resented.
The Coventry manuscripts, supplemented by the statutes of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street (1467), and other evidence, give us a good deal of information as to the ringing of bells in mediaval times and the beginnings of the Exercise. We can see that the tale which is sometimes told oi bellis being considered such sacred things that they might only be rung by priests vested in surplices, is a mere fable. We can see also that there was no room for guilds of ringers in the Middle Ages, though we are sometimes told that there were such. The Guild of Westminster was unique and had no compeer or successor. The societies of ringers which sprang up towards the end of the sisteenth century had their origin in the practice of ringing as a secular sport and were totally unconnected with any parochial organisation. Nor did they comprise more than a small and select part of the Exercise.

## MTSCFLLANEOUS.

WINDSOR, BERKS.-Om Thursday evening, December 14th, at Uhe Parish Clurrol of St. John the Beptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Friples (Thurstbans') to commemorate the 44th birthany of His Majesty F. V. H. Sinkins ${ }^{2}$. W. Birminglham 2, T. Smith 3. W. W. Plipps 4, j. A. Giass 5, G. Bargus 6, E. S. T. Fars (conductor) F. Simmonds 8. Also 272 Bob Major, in which Sergt. Ford, of the Grenadier Guards, stationed at windsor, took part. Previous to the outbrenk of war Sergt. Ford whs a membiber of the Manchester Police Force.
SALISBURY.-At St. 3faztin's Churoll for morning service on Sunday, Decenber ioth, a quutter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 minutes 1 y J. Thompson 1, J. E. Figgures 2. A. Bnanete 3. A. Fry 4. W. A. Romaire 5, A. Southey 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7 . W. Chalik 8 . This was also n birthiday coinplingent to the ringer of the 6th on his 7uth birthdar.
Streatham. -On Sunday, November 26th, for mornisg bersice at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-pea? of Stedman Triples 11.280 changes) C. A. Button 1. T. W. Taffender (condituctor) 2. E. L. Miles 3. E. E. Bish 4. T. W. Wellourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6. T. H. Taffender 7. E. Wrikht 8. Rund as a birt hdav compliment to Mr. Janies George. MARSTON MAGNA, sOMFRSET.-At the Parish Church on Sntur. day, Novermber 25 th, a nuarter-peal of Stedman Fonhles: Percy N. G. Raincy (conductar) 1. Frederick I. Reeves 2. Willism A. Ostiorne 3 . Percy H. Wiiham 4. Thomas J. Setter 5, Gilbert C. Bugby 6. First ourarter-peat of Stedman Deubles br the ringers of $2,4,5$ and tenar. Runz fay the wedding of one of the lornl ringers.
WEST MROMWICE. On Sunday. November 19th, for eveneong at All Snints' Church, a auarter-pent of Grandsire Triptec (1.274 changes) tuken from Holt's Original Norman Hadlev 1. Wirliam Peart 2. William ParIridge 3, Herberi Howe 4. Frederick Horefield 5 Maurick G. Turner (conductor) 6. Abburt Mitls 7, Sanuel Loach 8. Rung as a hirthdat compliment to Messs. Herhert Howe and Samuel Loach.
watrord, herts.-On Sundar, November :2th, for Rememhrance Day service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Tripies with the beils fulf-mugled : L. C. Wehb I, D. Lavd 2, A. W. Dix 3, F. Bullock 4 . S. H. Hoare (conductor) 5, F. H. Grook 6, R. G. Bell 7, D. Pearson 8.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION,-South Forest Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Lydney ( 8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3 oth, at 3.30 p.m. Election of officers for 1940, etc. Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., [1, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. The next meeting will be held at headquarters, the Coffee Pot, on Tuesday, January 2nd. - A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, I, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-North-East Branch.- The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2 p.rn. Time of service and tea will be announced at meetimg. It is necessary that those wishing to attend should notify me as soon as possible for the purpose of arranging tea.-R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

ST. MARTIN'S GULLD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established ${ }^{1755}$ ). - Annuat meeting will be held at St. Martin's Chutch on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Further details regarding ringing, etc., in next week's issue.-T. H. Recves, Hon. Sec.
I.ONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Ringing St., Clement Danes, Strand, Saturday, January 6th, 2.30 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting, also Sunday, January 7 th, at io a.m.-T. W. Taflender, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.-The annual district meeting will be held at Meashanl on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) available at $2.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. until $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Business important. It is hoped to arrange tea or light refreshment in Church Room at 4.45 p.m., but those intending to be present must notify me by Thursday, Jan. 4th. Hearty invitation to all. Frequent bus service from Birmingham, Tansworth and Nottingham.-J. W. Cotion, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Mount Pleasant Lane, L'pper Clapton, on Saturday, January 6th. Beils at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and also after business meeting. Tea at 5 p.m., notifications for which must be sent to me by Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Handbells will be available.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57 , Holloways Lane, North Minmms, Hatfield. Herts.

BATH AND WEIIS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - A quarterly meeting will be held at LONG ASHTON on Saturday, Jan, Gith. Belts available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Further ringing after the mecting.-J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUII.D.-Winchester District. - The annual district meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. foth. Service at the Cathedral at 3 p.in., to be followed lyy business meeting and tea, at St. Maurice's Hall. The Cathedral and St. Maurice's Church loells will be avaitable from 1.45 to 3 p.m. It is particularly requested that those requiring tea shall notify me not later than Tuescay, Jan. 2nd.-W. G. Goodchid, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lanc, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-Devizes Branch. The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Janary 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and merting to follow. It is essential that those requiring tea should notify the by January 4 th. -W. C. West, 584 , Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 297.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Dorchester Branch. - The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. $3^{\text {th }}$. Bells at Charminster and Fordington available from 3 p.m., St. Peter's from 4. Service in St. Peter's Church ar 4.30. Tea in the Moule Institute, adjoining lordington Church, at 5.30 . Business meeting to lollow. Please notify by Tuesday, Jan. gth, how many we may expect.-C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.- The amual general meering will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 13 ih. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Tea in Rectory Ronns, Hudclersfield Road, 5.15 p.m.. followed by inisiness meeting. Those requiring teas must motify me not later than Thursday, Jan. 11th. All are weicome.-D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mar-tia's-in-the-Fields on January 20 th, at $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., in the Vestry Hall. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to $\&$ p.m. Owing to the present conditions no arrangements can be made for tea at this meeting.-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milion Aventue, Sutton, Surrey,

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.-The Egth annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 2oth, at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, Tickets $4 / 6$ each. Chairman, Mr. W. Abrahams. The Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol is chief quest. Ringing at Temple Clurch I. 30 p.m. Annual meeting at St. Thomas' Chutch Room 2.30 p ma . Ringing at St. Nicholas' $3 \cdot 45$ p.m. Please obtain tickets early.-Edgar Guise, Hon. Secretary, 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The third annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4 s . eacll, may be obtained with remittance from Andrew Thompson (Hon, Secretary), 55. Whitchouse Road, Cross Heath, Newcastle, Staffs, until jan. 18th. Ringing arrangements later.

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STRFATHAM. On Advent Sunday. December Jrd, at Einmanuel Church, a guarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes: C. A. Button 1, T. H. Tuffender 2, H. G. Andrews 3, C. Pothecary 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Clapman (conductor) 7, F. Eoprond 8.


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[^27]:    TWICKTNHAM．For evensogg on May 2lst，quarter－peal of Grand－ sire Triples from the＂Original＇：सack＂Lorell 1，E．Bradford 2，J． Herbert 3，ith．Pond 4，tw．Wigginton 5，E．D．S．Tmrner（conductor） 6．E．Morris 7，J．Loveil 8．First quarter－peal，＋First quarter－penl ＂inside．＇

[^28]:    * First peal in seven methods and first attempt.

[^29]:    Mnfer to St. Paui's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey. Imperis: Institute, Canterbury, Edinburgh, St. Albans, Linnoln, Durham, Peterborough. Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublir, St. Patrick's, Manchester, Durban and Wercester Cathedrals, etc., etc.

    Mufflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc, etc.

[^30]:    Maker to St. Panl's Catheiral, Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institate, Canterbury, Edinburrh, St. Albens, Lincoln, Durham, Peterborourh. Molbourne (Aunlialia\}, Rochester, Dublia, St. Patrick's: Manchester, Durben and Worcester Cathedrals, etc, etc.

    Muflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc, atc.

[^31]:    -Miss Adprey M. Loor George R. Pye... ...

    | ..$T r i b l e$ | Grorga M. Kilny | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 |
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    | $\ldots$. | Jadis Bensety.... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 6 | J. Armiger Troliope.- .3 tTgomas Collins $\quad 3$... $-\cdots$. Mrs. Jön H. Boteam ... 4 J James C. E. Simpsow Composed by I. Pigotr.

    

    * First peal of Major. + First peal in the method on an 'inside " bell. Rung to honour the memory and long eervice of Thomas Humplureys, for 50 years a ringer at this church, who died last month.

[^32]:    * Firse peal in sever meihicir. E Eat peai as cunductor.

[^33]:    Printed for the Proprietor by the Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, and Published by the Rerin House Publishing Cor, Ltd., Breams Buildinge, London, E.G.4.

[^34]:    Maker to St．Paul＇s Cathedral，Westminster Abbey．Imperial Insti－ tute，Canterbury，Edinburgh，St．Albens，Lincoln，Durham，Peter－ borough．Melborine（Anatralie），Bocheater，Dublin，St．Patrick＇s， Kanchester，Durben and Worcester Cathedrals，otc．，etc．

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[^35]:    * Firgt peel.

[^36]:    Colis T RyDer
    
    Composed by C. Cbarge. Conducted by Hardld Ceans.
    First peal as a conductor 'in hand" and first peal in the ruothod as conduuctor.

[^37]:    * First peal.

[^38]:    Composed by C. Midderion. Conducted by J. H. Crampion.

[^39]:    LINCOLN.-At St. Giles on Sunday, July 16th, for evening service a quartar-peal of Grandire Triples: \#R. Stalibrass 1, Mrs. I. Neal 2, B. G. Foosemar 3, S. Chambers 4, N. Chambers 5, Harold Marcon 6, J. L. Miljhouse (conduchor) 7, 4. HumphreFs 8. : First quarter-pes. SOBERTON, HANTS. - Ou July l\$th, at St. Peter's Chtreh, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: $F$. W. Rogers 1, Mrs. C. L. Guy 2, T. R. Taylor 3. F. S. Bayles 4, L. P. Cook 5, ©. L. Gay ©, W. Linter
    

[^40]:    STEPNET.-A quarter-peal of Boh Toyal was rung at St. Dunstan's on fuly 30 th for evening service : *, B. Boomsma 1, T. Buras 2, T. G. Fox 3, H. E. Thompson 4, G. W. Debenliam 5 , *S. Foskett 6, *A. A. Jarvis 7, L. J. Fex 8, R. G. Cousies 9, *G. W. Cecil (couductor) 10. * First quarter-peal of Bob Royal, Specially arraryed for S. Foskett.

[^41]:    Maker to St. Panl' Oathedral, Wentminater Abbey, Imperiel Intiute, Cantarbury, Edinburgh, St. Albana, Linooln, Durhem, Poterberogik. Melboarne (Avetralis), Hochester, Dublin, St. Pstrick's, Manoheter, Dorben end Foreenar Cathedrals, sta., sto.

[^42]:    J．$A$ TROLLOPE＇S ＇COLLEGE YOUTHS＇

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[^44]:    ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.-On Sunday, Julv 16 th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of (trandsire Triples: R. Herding 1, C. Harding 2, R. Gale 3, 63. Capewell 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, T. Harris (conductor) 7, C. Bussell 8.

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[^47]:    LEFGHTON BUZZARD-At All Saints' Church for the harveat fectival, a quarter-paal of Pian Bob Major: J. Conquest 1, Mirs D. Lidbetter 2, D. Triley 3, H. B. Whitmey 4, J. Nicholls 5, V. Congueat 6, E Corquest 7, E. A. Belson 8. Fissi quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of 1,6 and 7 .

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[^49]:    - Harold G. Cashmore Certs. W. Woolley. 1-2 Edwin A. Barnett

    3-4 Edwin Baraeti... $\qquad$ | 5-6 |
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    | 7.8 | Corposed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by C. W. Woozley. Umpire-Edwin Jenmings.

    * First peal in the method on handbella.

[^50]:    Printed for the Proprietor by the Froodbridge Presa, Led., Guild-

[^51]:    ST. ALBANS -At SI. Peler's Church on Sunday. Novemiver 19th, or evening service, is quarier-peal of Kent Trehle Bob Royal ( 1,480 dhanges) in 61 mins. F. Kirk 1, H. Goodenough 2, G. E. Dobenlaan 3, W. Ayse 4, सE. Gale 5, *ㅍ. Mason 6. +W. Arnold 7, F. Spicer 8. G. W. Debeuham (conductor) 9, F. Frost 10. * lirst quarter-peal of Treble Teu + First quarter-peal of Treble Bob.

[^52]:    JOHN SMITH \& SONS
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[^53]:    EALING.-On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Stephen'e, a quarturpeal of Stedman Triples in 42 minules: J. A. Trollope 1, J. E. Churchill 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, P. E. Clark 4, M. Stacey 5, E. C. S. Turnar 5 W. G. Witson (conductor) 7, F. Miller 8. A birthday comptiment to the ringer of the gecond.

