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TIME TO PREPARE.

Now is the time when associations should busy themselves in arranging their summer programmes, and the enterprising among them are doubtless already looking ahead in this matter. There are many ringers who do not look upon the summer as the best period for ringing, and it must be admitted that the long days offer many counter attractions to the belfry. On the other hand, there is a type of 'missionary' work which the summer calls forth. It is important that ringing organisations should use their best endeavours to prevent their members' from temporarily losing interest through the best six months of the year, when there is an inclination to leave the belfry severely alone for the pursuit of outdoor recreations. In many places it is still the rule to drop the weekly practice night as soon as winter is past, and the usual result is that when the band meets again in the autumn it has to begin where it started a year before, and very likely has to fill more than one vacancy which has developed by the complete loss of interest on the part of some of the more indifferent members.

It ought to be the aim of every local society to maintain regular practices throughout the year, and, after all, there is not much sacrifice required, even from the least enthusiastic, to put in an hour or so in the belfry once a week. It is the only real way of maintaining efficiency, for it is noticeable that in numerous cases where the practice is dropped the Sunday service ringing also suffers from slack attendance. This, it is true, is a matter which chiefly concerns individual bands of ringers, and it provides a good opportunity for the leader to show the quality of his leadership. The right man in the right place will keep his men together; indifference or lack of enthusiasm will leave members to fall away in their attendance, even if by so doing they are not following the example of their captain. The greatest drawback to a state of suspended animation in the summer is the lost ground that has to be made up when ringing is resumed, and one finds very few instances of real progress where ringing is looked upon as a winter pursuit only. All the bands that are counted among the best are those who keep up their practices all the year round.

But while, as we have said, this is a matter mostly concerning individual bands, the associations, on their part, ought to make a point of using every possible endeavour to prevent any lapse by their individual branches. Where influence fails, more energetic steps in the shape of informal meetings and joint practices at the towers in question could be tried. The essential point is that it should be a duty upon an association to induce activity

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into any of its towers where summer lethargy creeps in. Unfortunately, many of the county and other organisations hardly look upon such work as this as part of their responsibility, but in our view it would prove in time one of the most useful to which they could turn attention; for any action which will maintain interest in a tower must eventually react to the prosperity of the parent society. The subject of summer somnolence is not so much out of season at the end of February as some may think, for ringing associations do not bestir themselves rapidly, and this reminder may induce those who have not already done so to begin to plan a programme for the coming months.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANCES:

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT... ..	Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS	7
FRANK COLE... ..	2	ALFRED HANNIS	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	GEORGE HARRIS	9
THOMAS BALDWIN	4	CHARLES GARDINER	10
HUBERT SCRIVENS	5	JOHN BALLINGER... ..	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	CHARLES BARNFIELD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung on the 2nd anniversary of the record peal of Grandsire Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6050 CHANCES:

THOMAS RUSSAN	Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	A. PADDOON SMITH	8
ALBERT WALKER... ..	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	JAMES E. GROVES	10
PERCY O. LARLIN	5	JOHN NEAL	11
THOMAS H. REEVES	6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, in four parts, has the inverted titlums and handstroke home position, natural titlums and backstroke home position, and was specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kendal, prominent members of St. Martin's Church, Mr. Kendal having been Rector's warden for the past 22 years.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES:

Tenor 28 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARKE	Treble	*ARTHUR MASON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS... ..	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	9
WILLIAM HEWETT	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	10
ALBERT W. COLES	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
JOHN ARMSTRONG... ..	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains the 6th six courses at home and is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6010 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	HENRY G. MILES 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	RICHARD F. FORWARD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

SURREY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. in F.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	JOHN CURRY 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	ERNEST FLOWERS 7
ARTHUR FARR 3	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS 8
JOHN W. WOOD 4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 9
JOHN G. AMES 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Adapted from JOHN HOLT. Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FRED J. PITSTOW Treble	ALFRED PITSTOW 6
LEONARD PITSTOW 2	FREDERICK HOUSDEN 7
ROBERT STRONG 3	GEORGE JORDAN 8
ERNEST PITSTOW 4	FREDERICK DENCH 9
GEORGE SPARROW 5	WALTER PARISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

Rung on the conductor's birthday and on the 80th birthday of the father of Mr. Dench. Mr. G. Jordan hails from Stansted.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR N. WOOFF Treble	ALBERT BEST 6
*WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT 7
*HERBERT G. LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 8
*LEONARD G. STONE 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
WILLIAM G. STONE 5	BERT J. KERLEY Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal on 10 bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all the band except G. Preston. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor and rung at the first attempt. The peal was arranged to commemorate the unveiling and dedication of the war memorial in the church by the Bishop of Southampton. All the ringers are members of the local band and are Sunday service ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH Treble	*FRED W. HILL 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
*FRYCE TAYLOR 3	FRED H. DEXTER 8
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	JOHN OLDHAM 9
SHIRLEY BURTON 5	SAM THOMAS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLY. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY A. FARLOW 6
HEBBERT KNIGHT 2	*THOMAS SMITH 7
JOHN PERRY 3	*ALFRED FALLON 8
*GEORGE TUDOR 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 9
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sir Alfred Bird, Bart., M.P. (member for Wolverhampton West), who was accidentally killed at Hyde Park Corner on the 7th inst. This peal has the 6th 24 courses at home, both in the titmums and handstroke home positions, and has no singles. * First peal away from the tenor and first on ten. † First peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD 5
T. HARRISON 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
SAMUEL LORD 3	J. T. WRIGHT 7
LAW TAYLOR 4	J. W. ORMEROD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EVANS Treble	SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
EDWARD HORTON 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
WILLIAM E. WATHEN 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
DAVID APPLEBY 4	ALBERT WARD Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolverson, who were married at the above church 25th Dec., 1896 Mr. Wolverson has been connected with St. Giles' Church for 25 years as sidesman and churchwarden.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. HINSALL Treble	J. BLOORE 5
A. BOWYER 2	A. GAMSTON 6
F. HICKMAN 3	E. G. BOWYER 7
S. WINSLEY 4	T. GAMSTON Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

This is considered a very fine performance, as the above ringers are all members of the Penn band, and no one except the conductor had any knowledge of change ringing prior to July, 1917. First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 5
JAMES FORD 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
PERCY BRETT-SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 15, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDLE Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
*VICTOR KERRY 2	WILLIAM J. GROOM 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES 7
GEORGE S. ROWE 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. GROOM.
* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHERSMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
HERBERT AUDSLEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
SPENCER MARSHALL 4	REGINALD CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, Feb. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
ALFRED PITSTOW 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. J. PITSTOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 4th, 7th and 8th hail from Saffron Walden.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, Feb. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	PRYCE TAYLOR 6
ERNEST LESLIE 3	EDWARD READER 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	JOHN OLDBAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OLDBAM.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,

A PEAL OF GRANISIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... Treble	JOHN RANCE 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
GILBERT BULL 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOHN BRANT 4	*LEVI BRISTOW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANISIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*MISS E. FISHER Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
GEORGE COOK 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(SS. PHILIP & JACOB'S GUILD.)

On Monday, Feb. 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. J. BROWN Treble	*JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
*EDWIN J. BROWN 2	*PERCY C. WILLIAMS 6
MISS ANNIE BROWN 3	*FREDERICK E. TYLER 7
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial to the men of St. Philip's who gave their lives in the war, including the late Mr. F. E. Williams, a ringer at the above church, who died of wounds on Feb. 7th, 1917. It was also rung to the memory of the late Dr. George Shepley Page.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSEPH FARMER Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
ALBERT D. STONE 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED S. PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM A. JAMES 6
WM. CLIFFORD, SEN. 3	ARTHUR LOWE 7
*ALFRED B. MOSS 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First peal in the method by all. First in the method on the bells and first in the county of Notts by a local band, all the men being regular Sunday ringers at this church. The ringer of the 3rd is 73 years of age.
* First Surprise peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE CLAXTON Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM B. DONCAN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS JENNION Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	JOHN ALLEN 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	ARTHUR LINTOTT 7
*BENJAMIN TREVIIT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. This is the 100th peal which the ringers of the 5th and tenor have taken part in together.

CROSTHWAITHE CHURCH, KESWICK.—On Friday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Usher (first 720) 1, T. Hogarth 2, Miss C. Grisdale 3, T. Wilson 4, F. Grisdale 5, A. W. Brighton (London) 6.—On Monday, January 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. Hartley 1, Fred Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, T. Hogarth 4, F. Grisdale 5, A. W. Brighton 6. Both conducted by A. W. Brighton.

SKIPTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM BILLOWS Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
GEORGE ROBINSON 2	DR. WALES 6
JAMES B. GARLICK 3	HENRY HORNER 7
FREDERICK W. DIXON 4	WILLIAM D. HILLARY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The tone and 'go' is all that can be desired.

KIRTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	ALEX. SHARP 5
HAROLD PALMER 2	GEORGE COLEMAN 6
HERBERT TAYLOR 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER 7
FRED HILTON 4	FREDERICK LEGGOTT Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by A. H. PALMER.

The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Freiston, 2nd, 7th and tenor from Skirbeck, 3rd and 6th from Frampton and 4th from Old Leake.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb in F.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Cottrell, wife of the ringers of the 2nd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 4040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BERNARD FISHER Treble	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 4
FREDERICK W. BOOTH 2	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5
JACOB LOVELL 3	EDWIN S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Rung in honour of the 79th birthday of the Rector, Rev. G.F. Sams.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS E. SMITH Treble	S. THOMAS 4
A. E. SMITH 2	H. G. TUDBALL 5
*E. DAY 3	*F. MAINE Tenor

Conducted by S. THOMAS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of sympathy upon the death of Mr. F. Headford, a ringer in this tower.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Stedman Caters at Ashton-under-Lyne, on December 31st, was Richard T. Holding, not R. Holden.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

GEORGE PRICE Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN BALLINGER 6
ALFRED HANNIS 3	FRANK COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM CREASBY Treble	NIGEL ROUND-TURNER ... 4
REV. G. H. ROUND-TURNER 2	ARTHUR BALDWIN 5
*CHARLES CADE 3	SIMON CADE Tenor

Conducted by SIMON CADE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are members of the local company except the ringers of the treble and 5th, who hail from Welton.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*OLIVER ATTWOOD Treble	SIDNEY HOLT 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	WILLIAM RADFORD 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

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

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Feb. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley York and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	†GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4
GEORGE LUNT 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	*EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor. First peal in seven Surprise methods in the Wirral Peninsula. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. A. Ball) for his kindness in giving permission for the peal to be attempted.

LONDON.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Beverley, London, Cambridge, Durham, Wells and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
JOHN MOOLE 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This is thought to be the first peal of Surprise Minor rung at a six-bell tower in the City of London. Rung in memory of Mr. Thomas, Pallister Young, for many years churchwarden, to whom a memorial had been unveiled in the church during the day. The band wish to thank Mrs. Pallister Young for her kindly consideration after the peal; also Mr. H. Wilson, towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 4
WILLIAM NYE 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
THOMAS JULE 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

Rung as a compliment to conductor on the anniversary of his birthday.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called in 10 different ways. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* BASIL HOLL Treble	JOHN BAYLIS 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	CHARLES ALLEN 5
CHARLES CANN 3	* PERCY CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* ARTHUR DOWDESWELL ... Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4
* JAMES BUTLER 2	JOHN MILLER 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	† WALTER PEACHEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 of Double Bob.

VICTOR NISBETT Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
CHARLES W. BAINES 2	RICHARD W. PORTER 5
GEORGE SCOTT 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by C. L. SIMCOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

* FRED GREEN Treble	† GEO. JAMES 4
JOHN TAYLOR 2	JESSE HALLETT 5
THEO. GRANT 3	HORACE TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells, and rung at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Feb. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Kent, Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. T. Russam.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* FREDERIC GROOMBRIDGE ... 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
† ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3-4	† CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire: T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal 'in hand' and in the method. † First peal 'in hand.'
† First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Groombridge, F. Groombridge, sen., and F. Fraser.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Feb. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.	
CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Radford, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Blondell, of Woking, on their silver wedding day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1922, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. William Bibby,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.	
* JOHN EDWARD BIBBY ... 1-2	* FRANCIS BIBBY ... 3-4
WILLIAM BIBBY 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

Umpire: GEORGE H. RANGLES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal 'in hand' by all and first attempt.
First peal as conductor.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 69, BALFOUR ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1-2	HAROLD P. JAMES ... 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	DOUGLAS HARBOUR ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BIRTHDAY PEAL.

On Feb. 11th, eight members of the Salop Guild met at Shifnal to attempt a peal which proved successful, in honour of Mr. J. Bradney's 72nd birthday. Mr. Bradney, who is one of the oldest members of the Guild, met the company afterwards, and congratulated the band on the excellent ringing. He kindly entertained them to tea at the Star Hotel, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, on the motion of Mr. C. R. Lilley, seconded by Mr. C. Picken, and supported by Mr. F. Fallon (Wolverhampton). There were representatives of six towers in the peal, viz., St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; St. Chad's, Salop; Oswestry, Ightfield, Stockton and Shifnal.

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IRISH NOTES.**DUBLIN TOWERS RECOVERING.—PROPOSED ANNUAL DINNER.**

The various bands of ringers in Dublin are just recovering from a very bad time. Of late years there have been severe losses at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and much time has been spent in making these good. The results of the work which Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and the older members have had to face are now being realised, for the company is just getting back to Cinques again.

The three other towers in the City have also fared badly, but are now beginning to go forward once more.

For the remaining part of Ireland there is little to be said, for with the serious troubles that have been experienced, it has been difficult to keep touch with them. It is interesting to note, however, that Waterford won the Irish Association's shield for attendance at Sunday ringing, with a percentage of 98.

On Saturday, February 4th, a ringers' smoking concert was held in St. Patrick's Schools, Dublin. It was attended by the majority of the members of the various companies in the city. A good programme was carried out, and a very happy evening was spent by all.

It was decided to hold an annual dinner amongst the Dublin ringers, to take place between Christmas Day and the new year.

FIRST SURPRISE MINOR PEAL IN THE CITY.

St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, where what is believed to be the first Surprise Minor peal in the City of London was rung on the 15th inst., though small, is one of the most interesting and historic in the Metropolis, and contains many monuments. It was one of the eight City churches now standing which escaped the Great Fire. The greater part of the building dates from about 1450. The most notable monument is that to Sir Samuel Pepys, the immortal diarist, who regularly worshipped in the church, and, by ordering men up to London from Greenwich Dockyard to blow up a line of houses, saved this church from destruction.

Four of the bells bear the inscription, 'Anthony Bartlett made mee 1662.' Anthony Bartlett was second of three generations of that name who were proprietors of the Whitechapel Foundry in the seventeenth century. The first was Thomas Bartlett, who was foreman under the Carters, and the foundry passed to him in 1619. He died about 1647, and was succeeded by his son Anthony; and the latter by his son, James, in 1676.

WINCHESTER GUILD.**ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH LOSES ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.**

The passing of Bishop Macarthur, formerly Bishop of Southampton, who had lately taken up his residence in the Isle of Wight, is a very heavy blow to the newly-formed Isle of Wight Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which thus early loses its first president. The deceased Bishop took a keen interest in Island ringers, which was evidenced by his kind invitation last summer, at the dedication of Carisbrooke's restored peal, to the whole of the members, and many who were not members of the Guild, to partake of his hospitality. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to all who were privileged to be present on that occasion that a group photograph of the whole party was secured, with the Bishop as the central figure.

In honoured and revered memory of a noble and generous leader, unflinched ringing took place in most Island towers on Sunday, Feb. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grand-ire Triples being rung at Brading on that day, and another at Ryde on Tuesday, the day of the funeral. A floral tribute from the branch, in the form of a bell, of white narcissi, with a clapper of violets, was not the least effective of a huge collection of loving tokens from many who feel the poorer to-day, and who mourn the loss of one who acknowledged the help of his humbler workers in the towers of his diocese.

Two attempts for quarter-peals of Stedman Triples at Newport unfortunately came to grief, one for lack of time, the other owing to a missed bob in the last course but one.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Dorking, on Saturday, February 11th, and was well attended, ringers being present from Cranleigh, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Leatherhead, and Shere, as well as members of the local company. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. B. Hayter), who also gave an excellent address. A capital tea was provided at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting, the Ringing Master's report was read by Mr. W. R. Melville, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Ringing Master (who sent an apology), being unable to attend.

One honorary member and one probationer were elected.

A move was then made for the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods till nine o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

London ringers particularly are likely to be busy on the occasion of the Royal wedding next Tuesday. The new eight at the Abbey will be rung for the service, and afterwards the Abbey band will attempt a peal. At St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin's and other leading churches, there will be ringing during the day.

The Middlesex Association's peal of Cambridge Maximus at Shore-ditch last Saturday is the first in London since the war, although numerous attempts have been made, including that by the Kent Association at Southwark a year ago, when failure came after four hours' ringing. At the same tower in July the Middlesex Association rang 3 hrs. 10 mins., and at Cornhill, Southwark and Bow, the College Youths have made a number of attempts.

The resumption of the College Youths practices at Southwark next week will be welcomed by members of that society. By the way, we understand that peal attempts at this tower are to be limited to one per month, and that the Ancient Society have got it 'hooked' for some months ahead.

Mr. J. J. Kendall, for many years one of the churchwardens of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and Mrs. Kendall, celebrated their golden wedding on February 15th. They have been the recipients of many congratulatory messages, and the congregation of St. Martin's have presented Mrs. Kendall with a handsome pearl pendant, and Mr. Kendall with a gold fountain pen. The presentations took place at a largely attended gathering at the Grand Hotel.

On the previous evening a specially composed peal of 5,050 Stedman Cinques was rung by St. Martin's Guild in honour of the occasion, Mr. Kendall having been a warm supporter of the Guild, in which he has shown keen interest. He has attended the 'Johnson' dinner for many years.

A number of interesting anniversaries fall on February 28th. On that date, in 1801, a peal of Norwich Royal was rung at Spitalfields. At the time it was believed to be the first in the method, and was so described on a peal board which was destroyed in the fire of 1836. The peal board recorded that 'this great performance (being the first in this intricate method) is highly esteemed for the correct striking and harmony it produced, and cannot be equalled, but by the same exertion and perseverance, which must ever reflect honour and credit to the performers.'

The peal was composed and conducted by John Noonan. It is the first in the method of which any details are left to us, but the first peal of Norwich Royal is believed to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1769, and is mentioned in the 'Clavis,' and in the Osborne MS. in the British Museum.

On February 28th, 1809, Henry Johnson was born, and on the same date, in 1838, Edwin Horrex (who we still have with us, active in ringing, and, we all hope, good for his century) first saw the light.

Johnson's 72nd birthday, in 1881, was celebrated with a peal of 9,238 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Birmingham (the longest length in the method at that time), in which the old man took part. In the following year another birthday peal was rung in Birmingham, conducted by C. H. Hattersley. Tom Hattersley, of Sheffield, was also in the peal.

Although this latter peal was rung 40 years ago, there are three survivors, Henry Johnson, junr., John Buffery, and the 'father' of Midland ringers, William Rock Small. After the peal 25 ringers sat down to a supper at the 'Dog and Partridge,' and that gathering was the germ from which sprang the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

On February 25th, 1777, a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and on February 26th, in the same year, a 10,000 of Boh Major was rung at Shrewsbury.

On March 1st, 1734, 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung at Paiswick, and on the same day in the following year (1735), 10,088 Grandsire Caters was rung in the same tower.

March 1st, 1889, was the date upon which the record length of Canterbury Pleasure Major (13,440) was rung at Warham, Sussex, where for a time round about that period, more peal ringing was done than at any other individual tower in the country.

Thirty-three years ago to-morrow, February 25th, 1889, the Birmingham and District Association visited Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, and rang 10,272 Grandsire Major, in 6 hours and 5 mins. The band was: J. Carter 1, J. Jones 2, T. Horton 3, W. Brook 4, C. Carmell 5, F. H. James 6, A. Hackley 7, J. T. Perry 8. The peal, composed and conducted by John Carter, contained the 120 courses with the tenors together throughout, and remains the longest peal ever rung in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Wednesday, Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Hoing 1, E. Coles 2, F. Hayes 3, E. Markham 4, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 5, E. King 6, J. Evans 7, C. Mayne 8, S. Goodchild 9, R. Ingram 10.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' BANQUET.

GREAT SUCCESS OF THE FIRST GATHERING.

The first annual dinner, organised by the Bristol United Guilds, which was held on Saturday at the Grand Hotel, was a great success. The company numbered about 130, and was representative not only of the ringers of Bristol and the West of England, but of many other centres besides. Members of the Exercise were present from London, Bristol, Gloucester, Bath, Southampton, Poole, Taunton, Milverton, Midsomer Norton, Wells, Paulton, Newport, Wotton-under-Edge, Thornbury, Cheltenham, Birmingham, Manchester, Chippenham, and Cardiff.

Mr. H. T. Howell, the Master, presided; Mr. William A. Cave was in the vice-chair; and the company included Bishop Clifford, the Revs. M. E. Thorold and E. J. Phillips, W. J. Heber Thomas, H. Whiteford, and F. H. R. Crews, Capt. A. A. Bennett, C.A., Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Guise, Mr. C. H. Horton (London), Mr. Frank K. Howell, Mr. James George (Birmingham), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. sec. of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild), and Mr. A. Trippier, a member of the Corporation of Manchester.

After the dinner Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary) read letters of apology from Messrs. W. T. Pates, A. Walker, G. H. Tomkins and J. S. Goldsmith.

The Rev. M. E. Thorold said he desired to make one addition. They had hoped to have with them the Archdeacon of Swindon. He was unable to be present, but had sent a letter, in which he said: 'The work of the church bell ringers in my Archdeaconry is much appreciated, and the music, heard over a rich, well-watered shore, or over rolling downs, has woven itself into the hearts of our people. There is nothing sectarian in a bell. It makes a universal appeal to the general breast.'

THE BEAUTY OF BRISTOL'S CHURCHES AND BELLS.

The Master invited the company to honour 'the King,' after which Capt. A. Bennett proposed 'The Church,' and observed that they as bell ringers desired that the Church should be spared from dangers. He wished its unhappy divisions would disappear, and that it would be in a still better position to do its work. Bell ringers, although they had diverse views, were united in one thing, and that was the art of campanology.

Bishop Clifford, responding, said he was glad to address ladies as well as gentlemen. It was a sign of the time. There was a connection between the Church and the ringers, as the latter brought the people to the church. He trusted that there would always be the closest harmony between the Church and the Guilds of ringers. He was a lover of bells and church towers, and Bristolians were proud of their churches and their bells, as they had reason to be. He knew nothing more inspiring than standing in the city on a Sunday evening just before service, and to feel the air pulsating and throbbing with glorious bell sounds. To stand on Brandon Hill and look down on the city, with its beautiful church towers, was a magnificent sight. There caught the eyes the towers of Redcliff, the Cathedral, All Saints', Temple, and the lovely crown of St. Stephen's. That was a sight of which Bristolians were proud. Nothing sweetened the air like the sound of church bells. Having referred to the health of the Church, he said there was still something lacking. There was need for unity among ringers, laity, and clergy. The Church might have been too respectable in the past. They wanted it to be the Church of the man in the street, who would feel that he was part and parcel of it. The Church was awakening, and was seeking the aid of the laity in its management. Everyone had to do his part, and then good would result.

BUILDERS OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' He observed that it had been his pleasure to be connected with the builders of that association for a great number of years. He mentioned among those who had done great service, the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. C. P. D. Davies, Mr. F. R. Howell, Mr. H. T. Howell, Mr. W. Cave, and the four Jacks—Messrs. J. Wilkins, J. Austin, J. Burford and J. Thomas. The last-named was a little Bristol boy, now living in London. He trusted that the younger men would follow in the steps of the older members.

The Master added the name of Mr. Jack Brown, a lad of great promise.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by F. G. Leaker 1-2, C. Horton 3-4, A. Reeves 5-6, J. Burford 7-8, W. A. Cave 9-10.

Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary) having referred to the losses the Association had sustained (among them being Mr. Boufflower and the Rev. H. A. Cockey), said that was the 45th vicar of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. F. K. Howell, their treasurer, had entered on his 41st year as member (applause). Mr. Howell was one of the builders of the Association, and had done magnificent work. He (the speaker) had been a member for 16 years, and yet must

consider himself a junior. Looking back some years, Cheltenham Branch had held some very good records for length, and was allied with Painswick of the Stroud Branch. Gloucester Branch was the first branch to ring Surprise peals, and lastly but not least, Surprise ringing could be heard in Bristol almost every day (applause). The society started in 1878, and had made one continuous progress; and he saw no reason why it should not continue to go forward as it had done in the last few years.

KINDRED GUILDS.

The Rev. M. E. Thorold gave 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' and remarked that their object was to promote brotherly feeling, friendship and fellowship.

Mr. C. H. Horton (London), replying told the company that it was many years ago since he was in his native city of Bristol ringing among them—and when he was a schoolboy with some of them—before the art had reached its present high standard. There was an enormous number of kindred societies doing admirable work in the country. The College Youths, of which he was a member, honoured Bristol and Birmingham, and were always delighted to visit these cities and associate with their brethren (hear, hear). Having spoken of the generosity of ringers to those in need, he said that more ringers could be obtained voluntarily to ring a peal than by payment. They wanted a wider brotherhood, and the laws and science of campanology more generally and willingly taught to the younger ringers, and then at each successive dinner the company would be larger and larger (applause).

In proposing the toast of 'The Press,' the Rev. E. J. Phillips stated that he had never seen an Editor, and wondered what they were like. He (the speaker) had heard it said that a parson was six feet above argument, and he thought that Editors must be about eight miles away. He wondered why a parson had been asked to propose the toast. He himself thought that it was because they were so different. Take, for instance, during the war, newspapers went up to 2d., but the sermons still remained at 1d., at least he gathered so from the amount of copper in the collection (laughter). Then again, a person could feel drowsy and nod over a newspaper, but it would be incorrect to say that anyone could be heard snoring during a sermon. In conclusion, he wished every success to 'The Ringing World,' and hoped that ringers in the West would rally with greater numbers to keep their ringing paper afloat.

The musical programme was a distinct success, so much that the artists were toasted with musical honours. The outstanding items were the exquisite cello solos by Miss Winnie Read (silver medallist), a girl of undoubted promise. Miss Edith Hill delighted the audience with her soprano voice, and Mrs. Howell and Miss Stinchcombe, with their beautiful songs, were loudly applauded. Mr. A. J. Mayo rendered some excellent songs. On the humorous side the entertainment was well sustained by Mr. W. S. Emery, who had arranged the programme. The Devonshire stories of Mr. W. J. Southwood kept the company highly amused, and were followed by a Zummerzet dialect story ('Ben and the Butter'), by Mr. Stowell.

Encores were numerous and responded to by the artists, whose one aim was to make the party a happy family. All their services were voluntary. Special thanks are due to Mr. W. S. Emery for the excellent way in which he arranged the programme, the distinctive feature of which was its variety.

In responding to the toast of the artists, Mr. Emery said it gave them great pleasure to assist one branch of the church, as they themselves belonged to another branch, viz., the choir, although they had no bells at their own church.

SOME IMPRESSIONS BY A BRISTOL RINGER.

The first Bristol United Guild's dinner must be written down as a success. Only one regret was heard, and that was that the date was so near the Henry Johnson Dinner. The first date suggested was January 28th, but it was found impossible to arrange a dinner anywhere on that day. It is hoped that in future the date will be either early in January (2nd or 3rd Saturday), or on the Saturday after Easter, thereby obviating all chance of clashing with our Birmingham friends.

Capt. Bennett spoke well and earnestly in proposing the toast of 'The Church.' Mr. J. W. Jones was in reminiscent mood when proposing 'Success of the Gloucester and Bristol Association,' and his references to past and present stalwarts of the Association were much appreciated. Mr. C. H. Horton, in responding to the toast of 'Kindred Associations and Guilds,' gave some excellent advice with regard to encouragement of beginners at Association meetings, but unfortunately it was, as far as the Gloucester and Bristol are concerned, many years too late. This was testified to by the Rev. E. J. Phillips in proposing 'The Press.' He said that he and his band of beginners had received every possible assistance and encouragement when attending meetings.

In the absence of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' a representative of the 'Western Daily Press,' in an interesting speech, replied, and mentioned that his brother was a ringer, and when visiting Bristol recently he paid a round of visits to local towers, starting

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with Long Ashton (2½ miles) at 7 o'clock in the morning. At the end of the day he was very enthusiastic about the hearty reception he had everywhere received.

The hon. secretary is to be heartily congratulated on the musical programme. All the items were well rendered and received, encores being the rule. Time was fully occupied, and there were no dull moments from start to finish.

The dinner has come to stay.

'MANY HAPPY RETURNS.'

On Sunday last, Mr. Samuel How, who is now residing with his son-in-law, Mr. Warne, at Southall, Middlesex, celebrated his 90th birthday, having been born on February 19th, 1832, at King's Kerswell, Devon.

To convey the congratulations of the College Youths of which Mr. How is probably the oldest member, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton paid the old gentleman a visit, and found him very well, except that he complained that his legs were a bit shaky! His memory is not so good as it was, but the veteran has no bodily ailment.

Rugged in appearance, not unlike the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. How has been an enthusiastic ringer in his day, and took part in 65 peals with many well-known men in London and other parts of the country, including both Charles and Thomas Hattersley.

One of a family of thirteen, Mr. How humorously describes himself as only 'half a one,' the other half being his twin sister, and it is interesting to add that his mother was three times blessed with twins.

Throughout his life, until age forbade it, Mr. How was an indefatigable worker, doing his 16 hours a day, and having 'a kick like a calf' left. He has brought up a large family, all of whom have lived up to the standard they inherited from him.

Many happy returns!

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Stroud, on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, with touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Tea was served in the Corn Hall, the president of the branch (the Rev. W. J. Clay, Vicar of Bisley) being in the chair. The annual business meeting followed. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hale, presented the accounts for the past year, and these were passed. The election of officers for the year followed. The Rev. W. J. Clay was re-elected president, Mr. A. Wright was elected hon. secretary in place of Mr. Hale, who was leaving the district, Mr. G. Orchard was elected joint secretary, and Mr. A. Wright was re-elected representative on the Management Committee of the Diocesan Association.

A vote of most cordial appreciation of Mr. Hale's work, and much regret at his resignation, was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.—The resolution was proposed by Mr. H. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. Wright, and supported by the president.—Mr. Hale thanked the members for their kindness, and said that as he was not going far away he would, he hoped, see them often.

All the officers were thanked for their services for the past year.

A service was afterwards held in the church, when the Association form was used, and an excellent address given by the Vicar (the Rev. — Swaine).

The tower was again visited in the evening, and the bells kept going in Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters until 8.30 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-West district was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. W. J. Summerfield, who was assisted by the Rev. Harold Smith, the latter giving an address on bells and their uses.

After service, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. Dr. H. M. Rulton (Vicar) and churchwardens. Mr. H. Edgeley (churchwarden) presiding, supported by the Rev. W. J. Summerfield and Rev. H. Smith.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, which was very much appreciated by all present.

At the business meeting, the balance sheet was presented and adopted, showing a few pence to the good on the year's working. Thirteen meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 40. Three honorary and 36 ringing members were elected during the year, which was a successful one both in attendance at meetings and in the subscriptions received.

All the officers were heartily thanked for their past services, and re-elected for the ensuing year.

With the usual votes of thanks to all who rendered the Association assistance, the meeting closed.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT TONG.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

On Saturday, February 4th, a gathering of ringers took place at the Greyhound Inn, Tong, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. George Bolland. Some 40 invitations were issued to Mr. Bolland's older associates, and, with a few exceptions, caused by illness and the severe weather prevailing, these were able to attend. In the afternoon a peal was rung by the local band, and was a noteworthy performance on the conductor's part, from the fact that he has suffered for nearly twelve months from the effect of blood poisoning in the right hand.

Mrs. Ashton, the hostess, provided a liberal tea. The Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorks Association) was voted to the chair, and opening the proceedings by giving the toast of 'The King and Queen,' 'The Prince of Wales,' and 'Princess Mary,' the last named whom it is hoped to welcome ere long to the county. The toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman went on to speak of the object of that gathering to honour an old and valued friend and noted bell ringer—not alone in the county of Yorkshire, but throughout the whole ringing fraternity of England. Some of them had known Mr. Bolland a great many more years than he (the speaker) had, but his own knowledge went back 20 years to the early days of ringing at Birstall, where he made the acquaintance of many valued friends. Mr. Bolland he had met in many kinds of places, and times, and had rung with him, and he knew he was one they could depend upon as a safe ringer. He had worked with Mr. Bolland on his farm, and noted the same characteristic of thoroughness and hard work, and although he rose early, he found his friend had preceded him. At the Central Council meeting Mr. Bolland was a welcomed and respected member, and ringers from other parts of England would recall his hearty voice and broad Yorkshire accent. Continuing, Mr. Marshall said Mr. Bolland had brought into the annals of ringing in the Yorkshire Association the very highest traditions, and he was glad to say Mr. Bolland was churchwarden in his own Parish Church (applause).

Mr. Bolland's health was drunk with musical honours, and in responding to the toast, said he did not quite expect such a reception, but he was very pleased to have so much appreciation by the ringers of this county. He had been a ringer at Tong for 54 years, and was glad that he could still ring a peal of 5,000. The average age of his band that day was 59 years, and he gave them credit for their assistance.

Mr. Maude, who was called upon to make a presentation to Mr. Bolland, on behalf of the members who had comprised the various Whitsuntide parties, remarked that their friend had been looked upon as 'father' of the family, and he had pleasure in asking his acceptance of a gold-mounted walking stick, bearing name, date, and a bell engraven thereon. He trusted it would be of assistance in crossing the 3ft. bridge dividing Tong and Pudsey or Tong and Birstall (many of our readers have traversed this link).

The recipient, in acknowledging the gift, remarked that this was even a greater surprise, and he would value it highly. In referring to the various cities, towns and towers he had visited in their company, he mentioned the excellent and cordial greetings always extended to him.

Mr. Percy Johnson (Leeds), Mr. Lawson (Lightcliffe), Mr. Baxendale (Pudsey), Mr. C. Pratt (Calverley), Mr. Holgate (Bramley), Mr. Salmon (Halifax), Mr. John Thackray (Armley), Mr. Pearson (Pontefract), and Mr. Harcastle (Bradford), all added their testimony and good wishes.

It was a matter for regret that the Vicar of Tong was unable, through illness, to attend; but he sent his 'greeting' by letter, and expressed his desire for Mr. Bolland to arrange a weekly practice for young ringers.

The peal of 18 handbells was in much request, but the Yorkshire 'Clinking' course was missed by a few changes.

RINGER'S RECORD SERVICE.

BAND UNBROKEN FOR 25 YEARS.

A remarkable instance of long service of ringers at Marnhall Church, Dorset, has just been recorded, the same six men having given their services voluntarily without break for 25 years.

To suitably acknowledge this unique event, the local parochial Church Council have had testimonials especially designed and presented to each man, framed and suitably worded, and showing pictures of the church, the group of bell ringers, and the three Rectors of Marnhall in office during this quarter of a century. The inscriptions on the bells are also given, which show the various dates of their founding, the whole forming a splendid tribute to and souvenir of a wonderful achievement, of which the ringers and parishioners are very proud.

The presentation took place at the annual choir and bell ringers' supper, when the Rector suitably congratulated the ringers on being able to ring, and on living in the same village at the end of 25 years. He thought it was a wonderful record.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**COUNTY MEETING AT IPSWICH.**

The first meeting of this Association for the whole of its area was held in Ipswich in St. Mary-le-Tower Church Room, on February 4th. The room was crowded, there being a very representative attendance from all parts of the diocese. Most of these, however, were not supporters of the new movement, and had, in fact, come to oppose it; many of the supporters of the Diocesan Association were absent through illness.

The Bishop, who presided, in a few appropriate words welcomed the meeting as the first that had ever been held of all the ringers in the diocese. His Lordship is evidently accustomed to persuade people, and after he had spoken the expected opposition did not materialise, but the meeting settled down to elect officers and a committee, which was authorised to draw up a constitution, new rules, and a scheme of working, and to report to another general meeting. It was mentioned that at present the Association consisted of about 50 members in East Suffolk and over 80 in West Suffolk.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT SAWBRIDGEWORTH.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District of the Herts Association took place at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday week, when some twenty-one members and friends attended from places far apart—Brookley, Cambridge, Bishop's Stortford, Cheshunt, Edmonton, Harlow, Harlow Common, Saffron Walden, and Ware, with the Rev. B. H. Trewitt Drake, Vicar of Thundridge, and the hon. district secretary, Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden). The fine ring of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening, with the tea interval and business meeting between, and well-struck touches from Grandsire to Cambridge were rung.

The Rev. B. H. T. Drake presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. F. J. Pittow, of Saffron Walden, was elected a life member of the Association, and Mr. F. Bird, of Bishop's Stortford an ordinary member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the members, also to Mr. W. Tarling and the local band for kindly making necessary arrangements.

It was gratifying to find that the local band are getting together young hands, and that before long the Sawbridgeworth company may once more figure in the Association's report. Two of the beginners rang their best touch on an inside bell at this meeting, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Baldock, on Saturday, 18th February, when some 30 ringers were present from Royston, Barley, Hitchin, Stevenage, Graveley, Fulbourne, and the local band. At 4.30 p.m., the new Rector (the Rev. C. W. Alington) conducted a short service, with an interesting address and prayers for bell ringers. Tea, at the White Lion, was followed by the business meeting. A hearty welcome was given the new Rector on his election to the chair.

It was decided to hold by-meetings at Great Offley and Barley (both six-bell towers), the former before Easter and the latter after Easter. Six new members were elected, and the new Rector was duly elected an honorary member.

A vote of thanks was passed at this meeting to the late Rector (Rev. Canon Nairne) for his many past kindnesses shown in many ways to the Association and to bell ringers generally, and a letter has been sent to him expressing gratitude, and wishing him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

A collection was again made for the Barley Bell Fund and realised 19s. 2d., for which great thanks was returned.

Baldock bells have had a long silence, and have recently been in the hands of the bell hangers. It is hoped they may have a good record before them.

FORMER RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

At Horbury, Yorkshire, on February 16th, at SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Pickles 1, G. Hunt (conductor) 2, C. D. Potters (Barnsley) 3, G. F. Pickles 4, G. Barstow 5, F. Lockwood 6, Herbert Dransfield (Earsheaton) 7, R. Thickett 8. Rung with bells fully muffled, on receipt of news from Alberta, Canada, of the death of Mr. William H. Giggie, who for many years was a ringer at Horbury, and a most ardent secretary, both for change ringing and handbell societies. He went to America some ten years ago with a party of handbell ringers, and toured the States, later on visiting Canada and other parts, eventually settling in Canada as a schoolmaster. He was well known throughout Yorkshire as a musician, especially in connection with ringing, and the news of his death, at the comparatively early age of 49 was received with expressions of regret from all his old friends.

J. S.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 34th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 3/- to meet the increased cost of the dinner; to other members and friends, 7/6 each. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Padon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 (1/- per head), followed by the business meeting, when the Rev. Canon Whelpton has promised to preside. The bells of All Saints' are available 6 p.m., Christ Church 7.15 p.m. and St. Mary's 6-7 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be provided in Schoolroom adjoining church at 1 o'clock. Tickets 2/6 each. Bells (8) available all day.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorverton on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/-). All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Short service at 5.30. If possible tea will be provided at a charge per head. Half fares up to 2/- will be paid to practising members. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting. Look up Cambridge and Superlative.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street, on Saturday, Feb. 25th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells).—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, February 25th. Tea will be provided (about 1/- per head) for all members who notify me by the 21st inst.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens at 5.45. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staines (St. Peter's), on February 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. St. Mary's bells also available.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Next meeting at Quedgley, Feb. 25. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at moderate charge. Visitors welcomed.—A. Allan Bennett, Hon. Sec., Newton House, London Road, Gloucester.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The dedication of the New Treble Bell will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6). Tea will be provided for all who notify their intention of being present.—R. Howard, Church End, Barley, Royston, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting by arrangement. No ringing between 5 and 6 p.m. by request. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 4th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, at 6 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. H. Ewins, of 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate, not later than Thursday, March 2nd? —Chas. Dean, Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available for 3 p.m. Service in the New Parish Hall, King Street, at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 28th, for which a small charge may be made.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, March 4th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea at a reasonable charge for 5.30. Everyone is welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available 2.45. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on March 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room after service. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmore, Camberley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3 punctually. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5.30; business meeting following. The bells of St. Mary's (10), Walthamstow, will be available for ringing from 7.30 to 9. I shall be glad if all who require tea will advise me by March 8th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Kendal, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) available all day. Tea at 4 o'clock, followed by business meeting. A good attendance of ringers is desired.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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