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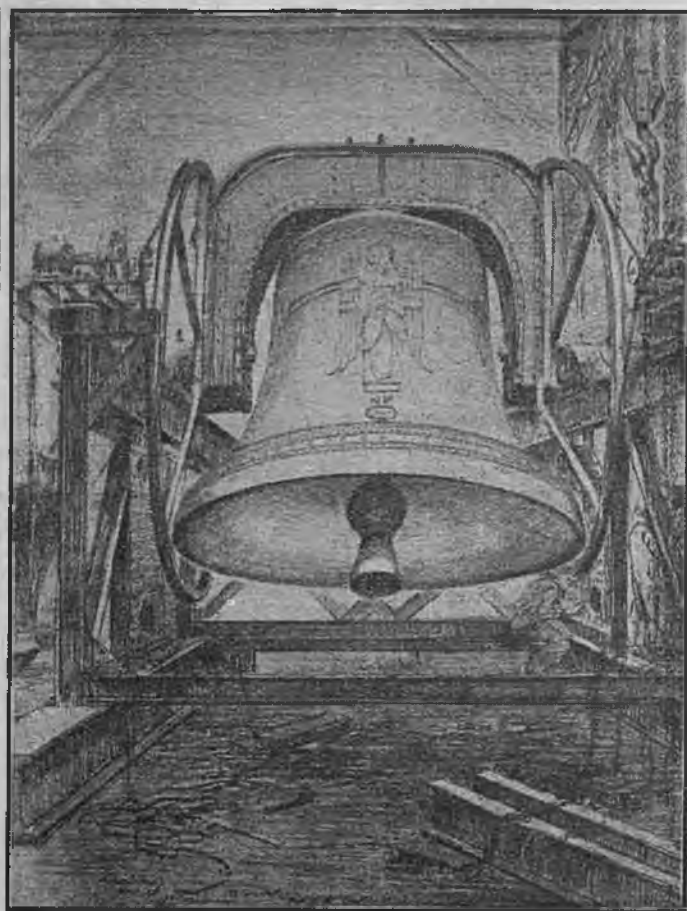
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At many of the churches where the services of ringers are appreciated by the authorities a good deal more consideration is now being given to the convenience and comfort of the men and women who ring the bells than was once the case. It is all part of the spirit of reform which has been steadily progressing for the last fifty years or so. It began with efforts to banish the idea, at one time very prevalent, that the belfry, and especially the ringing chamber, was primarily designed as the lumber room of the church. Here and there are still to be found isolated cases where the derelict furniture of the church, the gravedigger's tools, and any unwanted articles find storage place in the tower, but, happily, these instances, at one time common, are fast disappearing.

It has been the ringers who have wrought the change. The application of steady pressure on the clergy and officials and the energies of the ringers themselves have effected vast changes in hundreds of our belfries. Into the great majority of ringing rooms anyone may now venture without risk of spoiling clothes, while in numerous instances the care of the belfry is obviously a matter of real pride. This is only as it should be, of course; for the belfry is as much a part of the church as the vestry or the chancel. But in the treatment of certain important matters many churches still lag behind. In regard to the lighting of the tower and the ventilation of the ringing chamber a number of belfries continue to leave much to be desired. There are ringing rooms with practically no effective means of ventilation; with windows which are too small, or inaccessible, or will not open, and some even without windows at all.

The lighting, too, is primitive, and particularly is this so on the dark and dangerous staircases which, being generally spiral, might easily prove a death trap. Indeed, it is almost a miracle that there are not frequent serious accidents in the unlit stairways, where the steps, often, are irregular and there is seldom any handrail. Then, too, the provision made in the bell chamber itself, where it is constantly necessary for a man to go and where, in the absence of effective lighting, accidents may easily happen, is, generally speaking, notoriously bad. An unprotected candle, which may be blown out at any moment by the wind; or, perhaps, a stable lantern is often the only means of lighting one's way across a bell frame at night, which, even if the bells be 'down,' is a risky thing. It is up among the bells that, most of all, it is important that there should be efficient illumination.

Another but lesser evil often to be found is the position of the light in the ringing room. Cases are numer-

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ous where it comes close to, if not actually in, the line of vision and is trying to the eyes as well as making rope sight difficult. This defect in lighting is sometimes due to the necessity of keeping the gas or oil lamps at a safe distance from the ceilings, but even where electricity is not available, it ought to be possible in most of such cases to devise some improvement. There can be no doubt, however, that an electric lighting installation wherever it is possible lends itself best of all to the requirements of a church tower, and we hope that the ringers at many belfries may profit by improvements carried out on lines suggested in recent letters in 'The Ringing World.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(S. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

REGINALD RADFORD Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
FREDERICK W. RADFORD 3	EDWARD RADDON 8
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN 9
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 5	GEORGE GIBBS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH. Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN
This is the first peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor and four treble bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 6057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 2 qr.

J. GOODMAN, JUN. Treble	*CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER 6
J. ROUND 2	BENJAMIN GOGHE 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 8
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	WILLIAM GREEN 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Cater on a working bell. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Goodman, sen., 'Father' of the Dudley band.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
JACK CARMAN 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5	* NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARLON.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* Elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Cave.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
AMOS W. CLARK 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 8
GEORGE H. DAYNES 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	* WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALBERT W. COLES 2	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal by the Guild.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

* FRANK ROWSELL Treble	FRANK J. BAILEY 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	GEORGE POPNELL 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 8
GEORGE LARGE 4	WILLIAM BOLTON 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. BENSTEAD Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5
JAMES SAXBY 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Paice, this being the first opportunity of making the attempt.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* ARTHUR SHROBB, JUN. ... Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
FREDERICK C. WOODISS ... 2	* HARRY ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	* FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ERNEST GREENWOOD ... Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
† HAROLD HAMER 2	† JAMES B. SHAW 6
* FRANK GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
WALTER STAFF 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* CECIL E. CARR Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
† ALFRED BALLARD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	† LEONARD E. TOWERS 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDRAM ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by D. WOODS. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method away from treble. ‡ First peal of Major.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (258). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Arranged for Mr. J. A. W. Downing, of Blacklands, Hastings. It was his first peal of Major and first 'touch' in the method.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK JEFFS Treble	BEN JARMAN 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	CHARLES JEFFS 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	HORACE GOODENOUGH ... 7
THOMAS BLOW 4	WILLIAM NASH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. H. BILLINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
WALTER STONE 2	JOHN MORETON 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	* JOHN THOMPSON 7
CHARLES RAYSON 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Ven. Hugh Cairns Alexander Back, Archdeacon of Warwick, ten years president of the Guild, interred at Berkswell the previous Monday.

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QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
ROWLAND MYERS ... 4	HARRY FOSTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD <i>Treble</i>	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURETANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	*ALAN R. PINK ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 4	*JOSEPH SPOONER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman by the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Spooner.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM BOND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST LONDON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM P. DRANE ... 5
THOMAS HURD ... 2	*WALTER LONGMAN ... 6
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
ARTHUR W. HALL ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Oxford Major. 70th peal for the conductor.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHOWN ... 5
GEORGE WATSON ... 2	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 6
HUBERT G. SOMMERS ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... 7
WALTER MALINS ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of J. B. Fenton's first peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*GILBERT HALFPENNY <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BRIERLEY ... 5
WILLIAM SHAW ... 2	SAMUEL BOWKER ... 6
WILLIAM BLACKHURST ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
HARRY NORGROVE ... 4	ALBERT HOUGH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. BERRY.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of esteem and respect for the late Mr. W. Garside Phillips, of Ansley Hall, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, who, previous to leaving Hyde, was a prominent worker for St. George's Church and schools, and had ever since been a generous supporter of the same.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT <i>Treble</i>	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	ERNEST E. BRETT ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD E. TOWERS <i>Treble</i>	PERCY HARRISON ... 5
JAMES HUTCHBY ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
†ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	†CHARLES H. WEBB ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from treble.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR J. LEWIS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
FRANK CORKE ... 4	JAMES H. BURTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN VICKERS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal by ringer of treble. First peal of Grandsire Triples by the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE HAYWARD <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
BASIL REDGWELL ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral, for many years an hon. member of the Essex Association.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on January 7th, 720 Bob Minor: R. S. Denney (first 720 in any method) 1, H. E. Bowers 2, E. Clark 3, M. Windley 4, W. F. Bradley 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STEVENAGE, HEETS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents with different callings.

G. JOHNSON Treble	W. H. STANLEY 4
H. WITTERING 2	A. STANLEY 5
F. TURNER 3	W. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

GEORGE WASLEY Treble	A. GAZEY 4
F. H. HAYWARD 2	A. MARTIN 5
F. HAYWARD 3	C. J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire Doubles.

* T. H. BIRD Treble	A. COLEY 4
T. C. WALTERS 2	C. ALDERMAN 5
J. H. WHITLOCK 3	A. LATHAL Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITLOCK,

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE TEARN Treble	MISS AMY JOHNSON 4
† ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 5
† WALTER H. RANTER 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

TRYSELL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

* HARRY BOSWELL Treble	* HERBERT T. PIPER 4
* JACK W. TAYLOR 2	ROBERT PICKERING 5
* FRANK BROTHERTON 3	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal in the method and first of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one of 720 of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	* ERNEST CALCUTT 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	* RALPH PARTON 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HENNING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Minor, and members of the local band. Quarterly peal for this Branch.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. PARKER Treble	ARTHUR ALLMAN 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
HAROLD G. SMITH 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY LAKIN Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
* MISS ELSIE LAKIN 2	GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 5
* FRANK P. HARWOOD 3	* WILLIAM H. SMALL Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Messrs. Lakin and Small were proposed members of the Guild before starting. All are local Sunday service ringers except 4th.

BLAYDON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF Treble	JAMES W. DAVIDSON 4
HENRY B. TAYLOR 2	JOHN LOWREY 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	EDWARD LOWREY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD LOWREY.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Braintree, Merton, Grove Delight, College Bob IV., Wrangby, Neasden, and Tanner's Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

* F. PRIESTLY Treble	H. CHANT 4
A. COLE 2	D. SMITH 5
M. PERRY 3	J. T. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. H. R. H. Conroy), who was instituted after the peal.

SIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD BAILEY Treble	ERNEST MALLENDER 4
FRED CLARKE 2	ERNEST WILSON 5
VAGGIAN COX 3	FRED KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... Treble	† GEORGE T. HONEYWOOD ... 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS, SEN. ... 5
STANLEY G. MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on inside bell. First peal in the method on the bells. The above band consists of two fathers and four sons, and all are members of the local band.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

* LEONARD TASELAND Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE 4
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
* HARRY WARREN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in more than one method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lord Burghley and Lady Mary Scott, who were married that day at the Church of St. Clement Danes, London.

DENBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, two of Kent, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILSON ALLIN, SEN. Treble	FRED CLARKE 4
ERNEST MALLENDER 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
ERNEST A. WILSON 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Arranged by E. A. WILSON.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

* ALBERT FLEET 1-2	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	EDMUND HOBBS 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal in hand, also first in the method.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 15, LIMB GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
* PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KREBLE 5-6
L. W. WIFFEN 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE
Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

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At St. Andrew's Church, Wyrardisbury, Bucks, on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Sharland 1, Mrs. Wm. Brants 2, W. H. Brants 3, J. E. Nash 4, C. F. Brants 5, W. Budd 6, Wm. Brants (conductor) 7, G. Dawson 8 (4, 6, 8 covering). Rung with bells half-muffled owing to death in the village. First 720 Grandsire Doubles by a local band since 1888.

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HOW THE SURREY ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED.

In the days when many of our ringing associations were in the making, conditions were vastly different from those of to-day, and those who wanted to get on in the art of change ringing had to make their own opportunities. The ringers who are still with us who had any experience of ringing in the now distant '70's are few, but one of them is Mr. J. W. Trappitt, sen., now living in Dublin, who learnt his ringing at the famous church of Beddington, Surrey, and is the last survivor of the little company who formed the Surrey County Association.

Mr. Trappitt was born within the sound of Bow bells, but migrated to Beddington about 1875. He first handled a bell rope in June, 1876, when he was elected a member of the St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Call Change Ringers. In the early summer of 1877 about four of the company walked on a Sunday afternoon to Fulham Parish Church (about ten miles) to get a pull for evening service. The Rector (the Rev. — Fisher), who was at that time a ringer himself, out of courtesy allowed them to have a pull after having come so far, but he informed them that he had made up his mind not to allow any more call change ringing on the bells of his church.

This set the Beddingtonites thinking and talking, with the result that they, as a company, decided that they would never be denied the use of bells if want of knowledge of change ringing was the only obstacle. From that time on, with the late Edgar Bennett as their conductor, their progress was steady. Early in the year 1878 they rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. During the year they rang two other quarter-peals, three half-peals, and three peals, the first peal being on November 8th, 1878, and the first peal by all the hand. It was at All Saints', Carshalton, that they rang the first quarter, half and complete peal, so that Carshalton naturally holds memories dear to him.

It was early in the year 1880, after a practice at Carshalton, that the ringers called in at the King's Arms, and in the parlour Edgar Bennett, Charles Gordon, James Cawley, John Plowman, Samuel Greenwood, George Pell, 'Daddy' Springhall, Mr. Shepherd, and J. Trappitt decided it was time to do something to form a county association of ringers. This was the birthplace of the Surrey Association.

On May 21st, in the schoolroom at Beddington, with the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bridges) in the chair, it was christened and launched on its troublesome life, with a gentleman, named Percival, of Wimbledon, as secretary. Mr. Trappitt is the only one of the original founders left, and his eldest son continues to carry on that which his father had a hand in starting.

But to revert to the Beddington company. On October 27th, 1880, they rang their first peal of Plain Bob Triples, and on May 7th, 1881, their first peal of Grandsire Caters. On February 4th, 1882, they scored John Holt's one-part peal of Plain Bob Triples, the first time this peal had been rung. On October 20th, 1883, they were successful in ringing their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and on December 6th, 1883, Mr. Trappitt called his first peal. On May 4th, 1885, the company rang their first peal of Bob Major, and on August 5th, 1886, their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. The band on this occasion included the Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose first peal of Treble Ten it was also. All these peals, with the exception of the Treble Ten, were rung by the Sunday service ringers of the Beddington Society, and were the first in the different methods by all who took part in them.

On June 6th, 1888, Mr. Trappitt rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. W. Washbrook; on the following day his first peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by the Rev. E. F. Robinson. This was Mr. Trappitt's 50th peal. From this time on he has no record of dates, but he has rung peals of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

In 1895 he migrated to Ireland, where at St. Thomas', Belfast, he managed to teach a band till they rang three courses of Grandsire Triples. He also rang at Hollywood, County Down. In 1896 he went to the south-east of Ireland, with no sound of a peal of bells until in 1897 he met Mr. J. W. Washbrook and Mr. J. W. Taylor with a Loughborough band at the opening of a new church and peal of bells at Arklow, County Wicklow. In January, 1901, he settled in 'dear dirty Dublin,' and was made a member of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, of which he is still a ringing member. Among the memorable peals in which he has taken part in Ireland was one in October, 1901, at Arklow, when J. W. Washbrook rang the 3rd and 4th bells. Mr. Trappitt rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Cinques, in Ireland. Altogether he has rung about 122 peals, of which he has conducted nine. On November 8th last, on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, an attempt for a commemorative peal was made, but it came to grief after ringing three hours.

Mr. Trappitt is one of the few left who rang with the late Henry Haley and John Cox. He had not the pleasure of meeting the late Henry Johnson, but one of the St. Martin's band of his time, Amos Cressor, was an honorary member of the Beddington company for several months while working in the Croydon Bell Foundry, and he rang a peal of Grandsire Caters with them on June 3rd, 1882. Other honorary members of the company were the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. E. F. Cole, and Mr. C. E. Malin, who rarely missed a practice for several years. If these lines should meet the eye of either of these last-named gentlemen or the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, a kindly thought will give pleasure to 'Little Jim.'

OLDSWINFORD RINGER'S SAD DEATH. KILLED WHEN GOING OFF DUTY.

Thomas Joseph Smith, aged 61, of Brook Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, met a sad death on the railway on Saturday night, January 5th. He was a signaller, and was going off duty, when he was run over and killed. The surface of the road was very slippery at the time, and it is thought he may have slipped and fallen on the railway line. At the inquest a verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned, and greatest sympathy with the widow and daughter was expressed by the coroner and jury.—Mr. B. Gordon, stationmaster, associated himself with the expression, and said that deceased had been a very valuable servant. He had been in the company's service for 39 years, and had been a signaller for 37 years. Mr. Hutton also extended sympathy on behalf of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon last week at the Borough Cemetery, Stourbridge, and was attended by about 100 employees of the Great Western Railway Company. Messrs. Arthur E. Whitmore (Stourbridge), Thomas Heathcock (Oldswinford) and John Bass (Wollaston) represented the ringers. A short service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Friessener, curate of Oldswinford, who also gave a brief and fitting address. The burial lesson was read by the Rev. A. E. Buchanan, Rector of Pedmore. The floral tributes were beautiful and numerous.

The late Mr. Smith was held in high esteem by his many colleagues on the railway, with whom he was always bright and genial. A native of Clent, he joined the local band of bellringers, and after removal to Brierley Hill he was a member of the Brierley Hill band. Still more recently he belonged to St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and Oldswinford Parish Church band of bellringers, and although not a great peal ringer he conducted the 1,000th peal for the Worcestershire Association on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. He was ever willing to do what he could to further the interests of ringing.

The following members of the Worcestershire Association, Messrs. J. Bass, William Gibbs, Robert Matthews, Alfred C. Boxley, Clifford Skidmore, Chas. W. Cooper, Walter Farley and Thomas Hemming, attempted a half-muffled peal on Thursday evening, at Christ Church, Lye, as a last token of respect, but, unfortunately, after about an hour, had to stand owing to a rope having slipped the wheel.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On October 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. E. Slater: *W. J. Reynolds 1, *W. G. Good 2, *E. W. Ambrose 3, *A. A. Fitch 4, P. L. Johnson (conductor) 5, T. E. Slater 6.
* First quarter-peal.

IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In sending you these two peals of Ipswich Surprise Major, may I plead with the Exercise to give more consideration to this most excellent method. Produced by Mr. Arthur Craven, it was brought into the limelight by Rev. C. D. P. Davies in 'Surprise Methods' (see pp. 52-54), where the author points out some of its many advantages. While structurally a great improvement on Cambridge, its 'work' resembles the diagram of the latter enough to make it much more easy for a Cambridge ringer to learn than (say) London, and it possesses (to quote Mr. Davies' own words) 'the conspicuous advantage of having one, and only one, course false against the plain course,' thus offering 'wide scope in the way of composition.'

I believe I am correct in saying that since Mr. E. Jenkins called the first peal in the method on May 21st, 1927, only one more peal of it has been rung. Surely this is a method well worth the attention and practice of the many Surprise ringers who ring Middleton's peal of Cambridge regularly about ten times a year.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

21, Peel Street, Partick, Glasgow.

TWO PEALS OF 5,056.

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

No. 1.					No. 2.				
23456	B.	W.	M.	H.	23456	B.	W.	M.	H.
52436	--	--	--	--	23564	--	--	--	--
35426	--	--	--	--	45236	--	--	--	--
42356	--	--	--	--	24536	--	--	--	--
32654	--	--	--	--	52436	--	--	--	--
65324	--	--	--	--	64235	--	--	--	--
36524	--	--	--	--	26435	--	--	--	--
53624	--	--	--	--	46532	--	--	--	--
62534	--	--	--	--	56234	--	--	--	--
56234	--	--	--	--	42635	--	--	--	--
25634	--	--	--	--	62534	--	--	--	--
25346	--	--	--	--	36524	--	--	--	--
32546	--	--	--	--	52364	--	--	--	--
Repeated					32465	--	--	--	--

Repeated, omitting braced hobs.

N.B.—If the braced hobs are not omitted in one half of the peal, it will be false.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Lake, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, whose death at the age of 81 years we recorded last week, only once missed being present at the annual meeting of the Essex Association in 34 years.

Mr. George R. Pye rang 75 peals in 1928.

Harry Bastable, the celebrated Birmingham ringer, who was Master of St. Martin's Guild from 1888, died thirty years ago to-morrow at the age of fifty years.

The first peal on twelve bells ever rung was accomplished at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724, when the College Youths rang 5,060 of Grandsire Cinques. It was an historical event.

On January 20th, 1740, a peal of 5,040 'Garthings Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn. It is believed that this was Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, which was first rung at Norwich.

A peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, on January 21st, 1788.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal after a lapse of 75 years was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1893. The first that was rung was at Wakefield in 1822.

The Sussex County Association was established on January 29th, 1835, and the first peal was rung for the association two days later at Cuckfield by a band from Brighton. Two members of that company survive, Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, and Mr. George King, who has been for many years now in Canada.

Mr. Henry W. Jackson, hon. treasurer, Lancashire Association for the past 47 years, died on Sunday morning at the advanced age of 83 years. He was a member of the College Youths.

HALEY, COX AND JOHNSON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Seeing mention lately of the fact that there are not many now left of those who have rung with the three veteran ringers whose names stand at the head of this letter, perhaps I ought to let it be known that I am one of the few remaining. I do not think that I ever rang a peal with John Cox, but I rang two or three touches with him at odd times. In my London ringing days (1878-80) he was a Cumberland, and I was always a College Youth. With Haley I rang regularly, and, to mention but one peal, I rang the second in the silent Holt's Original, with Haley ringing the treble next me. As regards Johnson, I rang in his last peal, one of Stedman Caters, at Aston, in which, I think, he rang the second, while I rang somewhere near the seventh. He came to see how things were looking, and as we were one short of our number, was—and I have always been thankful for it—persuaded to stand in at the last moment.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

The above fund has now been closed, and the following is the final list of subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	50	6	3
Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge (per Mr. W. Steed)		6	0
Mr. James George		2	6
The Ancient Society of College Youths (per Mr. W. T. Cockerill, second donation)	2	2	0
Nottingham Branch, M.C.A., annual meeting (per Mr. F. W. Bailey)		8	0
Total	£53	4	9

Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, who has been acting as hon. secretary of the fund, thanks all those who have so willingly subscribed and thus assisted the widow and three small children at a time of tragic bereavement and financial worry. Mr. Groombridge has received the following letter from Messrs. J. W. Bates and J. Bates, brothers of the deceased ringer:—

'We wish to thank you and all concerned for the generous help you have given to our brother's widow in response to the appeal you so kindly put forward. It has been a great help to her in her sad loss. Although we have thanked you personally, we feel we would like to express our appreciation in writing. Words do not convey the full extent of our gratitude, but we know you will understand how grateful we feel.'

MRS. BATES' THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly came to my assistance, with the result that I have received the grand total of £53 4s. 9d., and also of thanking you for the use of the columns in your paper, as I realise that, but for this, the appeal would have been impossible. The money has been a great help to me. It tends to soften a great blow when one feels such good friends are at hand. Thanking you all once again,—Yours gratefully,

ANNIE A. BATES.

5, Great Queen Street,
Dartford, Kent.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The motion carried at Hereford is perfectly correct. It states that a peal of Minor must consist of seven true and complete 720's.

Now, consider my brother's arrangement of Cambridge Minor. We make 720 changes of the bells so that we have the correct number of changes made, but the last change made takes us into the next 720. We now ring through that, and the last change made brings us into the next 720, and so on throughout. The last change in the seventh 720 brings us back into the first 720 again, and completes the first 720, so that each of the seven is true and complete.

But the motion carried does not say that each 720 must be completed before the next one is begun; if it did it would rule out every peal of Minor, because it states that the seven 720's must be different. If so, then not only must the row 123456 come up after every 720th change is made, but the same applies to every other row, so that if 123564 comes up after the 12th change from the beginning it must also come up after the 732nd change is made, and this can only be if we ring the same 720 seven times over in the same method.

The motion allows us to ring seven true and complete compositions mixed up in any way we like, and so enables us to get seven 720's, bringing 5-6 up the right way at the back in Cambridge Surprise and also in London Surprise, and this cannot be done in any other way.

H. LAW JAMES.

[If Mr. Law James will look again at the motion passed at Hereford he will see that the word 'different' is not used in the resolution. It may be useful to quote again the exact wording which was adopted for a peal of Minor: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720.' Thus it debars nothing which was not ruled out by the previous definition laid down by the Council.—Ed. 'R.W.']

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—Your comment at the foot of Mr. Morris' letter would appear to put the matter in a nutshell. If we are going to allow 240's of this type, there is nothing to prevent our taking the ten six-scores and splicing them two by two, which can be done, unless my mathematics be rusty, in 1,080 ways. You would have to discard 90 of these as they would consist of two consecutive six-scores, and there would be a number of duplicated 240's, but at any rate there would be rather just under 500 of them, and they would all contain 240 changes—i.e., each possible change twice. If 240's on this plan, why not 360's, 480's, 1,200's?

Mr. Morris' arrangement is good, but contravenes the C.C. resolution—so that would appear to be that.

The letter of the Rev. E. S. Powell is constructive and gives food for thought, but he will agree that, while the Hereford resolution stands, the arrangement under discussion is inadmissible.

Mr. Willson apparently wrote in a hurry. A letter full of slang and unkind words does not get us anywhere. To characterise Mr. Morris' effort as an 'abortion' (a horrible word) and a 'monstrosity,' is going too far. Was Mr. Willson in such violent haste to castigate the five and six-bell men—he does not love them, apparently—that he makes one obvious misstatement and commits an error in his English, both unusual things for W.W. Palpably, you cannot have more than 120 false changes in the 240 of Mr. Morris.

I would venture to state that I think I could exercise W.W.'s mind to some considerable tune in Grandsire Doubles. The 50 six-scores which we rang, all in a different way, some years ago, provided a mental test quite as stiff as does a peal in seven methods of Minor. It is surprising that this method of producing peals of Doubles is not more widely adopted—i.e., that of substituting other bells for the treble.

The number of 'legitimate' methods of Doubles is so small that credit should be given to anyone who makes an effort to ring something different, even though that effort be on lines that are wrong, according to the Central Council.—Yours, etc., J. T. DYKE.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Sir,—The arrangements of Minor and Doubles seem to be taking a prominent place in your columns, at the present time. As to their truth or otherwise, perhaps it would be as well if those concerned would answer the following questions:—

1. We are told that 123456 constitutes the first row or change in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of his peal of Cambridge Minor. Will he inform your readers which is the last row or change?

2. In what way do these freak arrangements contribute to interest or advancement in the art of ringing to five and six-bell ringers?—Yours truly, C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

BURFORD, OXON.—On November 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. (1,260 changes): F. Soden 1, E. Pearson 2, W. Brunedon 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, T. Timms 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman at Burford by a local band.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WORKSOP.

A cordial welcome was extended to the members of the North Notts Association at Worksop on this their first meeting of the new year. The weather being beautifully fine, members attended from Anston, Shireoaks, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, East Markham, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Warsop, Bolsover, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Creswell, Chesterfield, Treeton, Gainsborough, Mistorion, Handsworth, Rotherham, and Staveley Town, with a number of the local company. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, in addition to one or two six-bell methods, some good ringing being done on the Priory bells. There were upwards of 40 ringers present during the afternoon and evening, and a large number sat down to tea at the Co-operative Cafe in Eastgate. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the gathering, and the meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), the Misses Burchinal and others.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tuxford, the date to be arranged by the secretary immediately after Easter.

Frederick Hector Bennett, of Chesterfield, was elected a non-resident life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over tea and meeting, and also to the Vicar of Worksop (Canon D'Arcy) for the use of the bells.

Some good change ringing on handbells took place during the meeting, and afterwards the tower bells were rung up to 9 p.m., and lowered in peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday last. Amongst the visitors were Rev. C. A. Clements, of Grappenhall, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of Lancashire Association. The bells were kept busy until 5.30 p.m., when the service was held. The Ven. Archdeacon Howson and the Rector of Liverpool took the service, and Rev. C. A. Clements preached.

Immediately after the service the members proceeded to St. Nicholas' Institute, where tea was provided for all through the generosity of the Archdeacon.

A short meeting followed, at which the branch secretaries of the Wigan and Liverpool Branches gave a report to the members on the past year's progress.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Liverpool for granting facilities for the meeting, and to the Rev. C. A. Clements for his address. The Archdeacon was warmly thanked for his continued support and his generosity in providing tea.

A return was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going till a late hour. Many of the visitors expressed their satisfaction and approval at the success of the meeting.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the Hertford County Association was held at Hertford on Saturday last, when the bells of All Saints' (ten) and St. Andrew's (eight) were open. Members and friends were present from Romford, Leytonstone, Southgate, Leyton, Broxbourne, Ware, Barley, Braughing, Ragston, Nazcing, Shropshire, together with Mr. C. T. Coles, the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. A. and Mrs. Pulling, of Guildford. Mr. Pulling, after such a marvellous recovery to health, largely due to the care and skill with which he was nursed at the County Hospital at Hertford, felt he would like to visit his many friends; and, needless to say, all were delighted to see him.

The Vicar gave an earnest and helpful address, which was much appreciated, and for which he was heartily thanked as he shook hands with each as they left the service.

Tea and business followed, Mr. W. Pickworth, of Southgate, presiding. One new member was elected, namely, Miss C. Welch, of the Benington band.

Grandsire Triples and Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung at All Saints', and Double Norwich, Bob Major and London Surprise brought round at St. Andrew's. All spent a very enjoyable time.

MUFFLED BELLS AT HARROW WEALD

On Wednesday, January 9th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the wife of Mr. S. Holloway, who passed away very suddenly on Friday, January 4th. Mr. Holloway is a very respected member of the choir, and has also been a member of the belfry. The ringers were: Miss Freda Clayton 1, C. Dyke 2, Miss Elsie Fulton 3, N. Genna 4, G. R. Goodship 5, W. Horrod 6. This was followed by two courses of Stedman and 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. R. Goodship.

This is the first 720 by the ringers of the treble, third, fourth and tenor, and the first as conductor. All are members of the new band recently formed, with the exception of Mr. Dyke, who hails from Stanmore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, where the two rings of bells at All Saints' and St. Paul's were utilised in a number of touches in the afternoon and evening. A well-attended service was held in St. Paul's Church, when an eloquent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Speaking from Eph. iii. 11, the Master took as his subject the eternal purpose of God, and asked: 'What would life be without a purpose?' It was a difficult thing to be out of work—without a job, but even with both secured, so many lives, unfortunately, were without purpose. They had no continuity of aim. He, however, was talking to those whose life had a purpose, and who were interested in their work. All their intelligence and ideas were bound up in what they had to do. But even so, there were times when purpose seemed absent, as when ringers failed to turn up at combined practice, and those who did were left with nothing to do. But the text spoke not of theirs, but with an eternal purpose, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus Christ, Creator and Preserver of all things, Who worked not haphazardly but with an eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus Christ, like the architect, unfolded the plan to the workmen. Through His relation to His Father and ours to Him, we came into the eternal purpose, related both to God and to one another. Christ unfolded the eternal purpose to the people of the world. What, he asked, had the Guild of Church Bell Ringers to do with the eternal purpose? If true to their Guild, they were doing what Jesus Christ would have them do, and were working according to plan; with their contribution towards the worship of God, which was central in the thought and heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, who worshipped in the Temple and in the synagogue. Their work called for real occupation of bodily and mental powers. Their fellowship was just a part of the great fellowship which Christ came to bring about, and which had been gradually unfolded in their ringers' Guilds in England—part of the 'eternal purpose.' Not all that they did came under the eternal purpose; but let them live up to their baptismal and sacramental privileges as true Christians acceptable to God. Be faithful each in his own tower and for himself, not another. The preacher referred in moving terms to the eternal purpose as revealed in the light of the removal by death of their great friend, Master and chairman, the late Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and in the illness and recovery of their chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was present with them that day. Let those words, 'the eternal purpose of God,' be their watchword for the coming year—their inspiration as they did all they could to carry on the purpose of God.

The singing of special ringers' hymns was very effective, especially 'Belfry Praise,' by the Rev. J. H. Matthews, with its lovely bell-like phrases and cadences. The Rector and the Rev. F. A. Sheffield took part in the service, while among those present were the chairman of the branch, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Revs. B. Long (Rural Dean), G. H. Stubbs, and A. L. Manby. Miss D. E. M. Plumridge presided at the organ, deputising for Mr. A. H. Lusty, the organist.

High tea followed in the Parish Room, arranged by Mr. W. Houlton and Mrs. W. G. Houlton, and admirably served by ladies and gentlemen of the parish.

The Chairman, amid applause, thanked all the above for their kindness.

Canon Coleridge presided at the business meeting, ringers present numbering about 100, and including several ladies. Among those supporting the chairman were the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Revs. B. Long, H. M. Waller, A. P. Carr, G. H. Francis, W. T. Stubbs and P. A. Sheffield, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), W. J. Paice (branch secretary and treasurer).—The District Secretary presented the balance sheet, which, with a slightly decreased income and larger expenses for combined practice (a new item) and Guild representatives' expenses, provided a balance some five pounds less than that of last year.

The Secretary reported a quiet year. He first congratulated the chairman on his restoration to health and presence amongst them again, to which Canon Coleridge feelingly responded.

Mr. Paice reported a membership of 22 honorary and 149 ringing members, against 21 and 169 last year, a net decrease of 22, accounted for to a large extent by the 'unattached' being transferred direct to the Guild. The Rev. A. L. Manby, of Camberley, Mr. Sabin and Mr. F. Goodyer (Wokingham) were welcomed as new members. Combined practices had been held at Arborfield, East-hampstead, Hurst, Sonning, Sandhurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, All Saints' and St. Paul's (Wokingham).

The Secretary also regretted the absence at their meeting, through illness, of Messrs. Darvell, Lawrence, E. H. Langley and W. Boyles.

The report made feeling reference to the loss of their late chairman, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis. A peal was attempted at Sonning as a memorial, but was lost after an hour. No peals had been rung during the year. A visit to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon was much enjoyed by many of the members. The Secretary thanked all the foremen and members for their help and sympathy, and said there was a keen desire to maintain the standard of Sunday service ringing.

Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected chairman, with expressions of congratulations and esteem, to which he suitably responded.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously thanked and reappointed branch secretary and treasurer. No change was made in the branch committee; and quarterly meetings were arranged for the spring at Sonning; summer, Wargrave or Hurst; autumn, Arborfield.

Branch representatives to Guild Council were re-elected, viz.: Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and Jos. White.

On the recommendation of the branch committee, the date of next annual meeting was fixed for the third (not the second) Saturday in January.

The first of the combined practices was arranged for Hurst in February, the rest to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Rance, and seconded by Mr. Moth, it was unanimously and by acclamation agreed to present the hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, with an honorarium of two guineas as a small token of appreciation of his devoted and valuable services for the branch.—Mr. Paice suitably responded, and expressed pleasure at the help he always received from the members, and said how he valued the fact of their appreciation.

The Secretary said he had been in communication with the secretary (Mr. Clark) of the Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild, as to a joint meeting with Sonning. They would see from 'The Ringing World' how much in vogue were joint meetings, and what a very great help they were.—Mr. Clark, who was present, expressed the pleasure it would give this district to welcome them.

The Master in a few words expressed pleasure at the meeting and at the work of the branch during the year, emphasising the value of the quarterly meetings and combined practice. He closed with an appreciation of Mr. Paice's work as hon. secretary.

Mr. Wright congratulated the branch on its success, and in its secretary. He also spoke of the Restoration Fund (the nucleus of which is formed by 25 per cent. of hon. members' subscriptions), which now stood at £30. Several restorations were due, and the money would be well spent. He was hoping the Guild funds would show a clear 5 per cent. increase. Every year he had been in office he had managed to increase the funds a little (applause). The more members, the more prosperous the Guild. He was glad to see the help given to younger members.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert referred feelingly to the passing of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and to the illness and recovery of Canon Coleridge. The Sonning Branch had, he said, been absolutely blessed in its officers, the Rev. E. E. Broom, Mr. F. Dentry and now Mr. W. J. Paice. Mr. Hibbert spoke highly of the value of joint practices. He congratulated the branch on its working and on its officers.

The Rev. A. P. Carr, who expressed pleasure at being allowed to rejoin the branch, thanked the preacher, the Master for his deeply interesting address, the Rev. H. M. Walter for the use of his church and Parish Room, and the organist for her services, his remarks being heartily endorsed by the meeting.—The Rev. H. M. Walter cordially and briefly responded.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on Saturday last. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available, and various touches were brought round. Service was conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Spread). Tea and the business meeting was held in St. Michael's Hall, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (Ringing Master and vice-president), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. F. H. Rogers (Portsmouth District secretary), and members from Dibden, Eling, Romsey, King's Somborne, Woolton Hill, Ringwood, Titchfield, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Brockenhurst, Winchester and Southampton.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. Geo. Williams; district secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. E. W. Summerfield; Central Committee, Mr. J. W. Faithful.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, January 18th, 1930, and quarterly meetings at Lockerby in April, Dibden in July, Upham in October, on the second Saturday in each case.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Braithwaite, Rev. N. C. Woods, and the Rev. R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton). Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

A BELL ANNIVERSARY.

At Fairford, Glos., on Monday, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for the first anniversary of the new bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. King 7, E. Gardner 8. First quarter-peal in the method for the ringer of the 2nd, who is the first lady to accomplish a quarter-peal on these bells.

BENJAMIN ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Collegian in your issue of the 28th ultimo, I have always understood that the first peal of Bob Triples (if not the first peal ever rung) was rung at St. Peter Mancroft in 1715. Maybe Mr. Philip Sadler, Mr. Theodore Slater, or some other member of the Exercise will be good enough to say whether or not I am correct.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. H. CROSS.

NINETY-TWO METHODS IN A YEAR.

At All Saints' Church, Wathou-Deane, during the year 1928, for Sunday service and practice, there have been 119 720's rung in 92 different methods, and one spliced in three methods, by thirteen members and three visitors, namely: A. Gill 98 (conducted 8), A. Panther 89 (conducted 40), W. Green 87, W. Bramham 73, W. Ashworth 71, H. Chamberlin 67 (conducted 13), R. J. Ricketts 63, C. Walsh 60 (conducted 8), A. Nash 54 (conducted 50), J. W. Champion 29, G. Lord 8, E. G. Nicholls 3, A. Nicholls 2, C. Bell (visitor) 6, C. D. Potter (visitor) 3, and F. W. Thornton (visitor) 1.

MINOR RINGING AT EAST CROMPTON.

At East Crompton, Lancs, during 1928, 126 complete 720's were rung, being 18 Oxford, 16 Kent, 14 Violet, 4 New London, 6 Duke of York, 11 Woodbine, 2 Merchant's Return, 17 London Scholars' Pleasure, 3 Sandal, 4 Kingston, 2 London Scholars', Sandal and Kingston Spliced, 3 London Scholars, Oxford, Sandal and Kingston Spliced, 5 College Exercise, 1 Norbury, 1 Duke of Norfolk, 1 Trowell, 1 Willesden, 1 Bocking, 4 College Bob, 2 Wragby, 3 Neasden, 4 College Bob, Wragby and Neasden Spliced, 2 College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Spliced, 1 Plain Bob.

Of these, 93 720's have been rung for services. There are two hands of ringers at this church, who ring on alternate Sundays.

In addition, 720 Oxford was rung by the Fricland, Saddleworth, band on December 18th. These ringers paid a visit to show the East Crompton men how to ring Oxford in the 'Yorkshire' style. The ringers were J. Smith, C. Parkin, A. Godfrey, J. E. Fielding, G. Perrin (conductor), and J. Burgess.

A RECORD FOR LITTLE MUNDEN.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1928 was 118, in 17 methods, and constitutes a record for the tower.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We read with interest the two letters in 'The Ringing World,' under the above heading.

We cannot agree with Mr. Horner that the words 'nasal twang' have not been used in connection with bells. It was rather a common expression two or three years ago when Simpson tuning was criticised. In our opinion, at York the predominating harmonics of the bells are at a discord with one another, which can only be described as a 'nasal twang.'

Mr. Horner, in remarking about the difference in the weight between Birmingham and York peals, practically admits the latter are really too heavy or resonant to be as satisfactory as Birmingham.

Referring to the most polite and polished missive under the shielded non-de-plume of 'Imp,' does he not realise that if one hears the perfect peal at Lincoln and then hears York again, the latter peal may sound more inferior?

We deeply regret that our opinions are not the same as 'Imp's' and because of that he thinks we have hearing trouble. May we return the compliment and say that as his hearing is not the same as ours, he is the one who is suffering, and we offer our sincere sympathy and wish him a speedy recovery.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
F. E. DARBY.**RING OUT THE OLD.**

LUTON, BEDS.—On December 31st, for watchnight service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Shane 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Burton 4, H. Wood 5, A. J. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

KNIGHTON, RADs.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. J. Price 4, T. F. Preece 5, G. C. Abley 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Wellings 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On December 31st, before watchnight service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob.—On January 1st, after watchnight service, with the bells open, 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, January 6th, before matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Norwich Surprise. Before 6.30 evensong, 720 York Surprise and 360 Double Court. The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch and A. Bradley (conductor).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, E. Taylor 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Parker 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wilkins.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. T. Prior 1, Rev. F. W. Lane 2, F. Springham (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, F. Bird 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. M. White 7, H. Wacey 8.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, January 13th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, W. W. Bailey (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, W. H. Bail 4, C. Moody 5, Rev. C. Carew-Cox 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. C. Williams 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. C. Carew-Cox, who was on a visit.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Bourne 1, G. Farr 2, C. W. Player 3, G. Hodson 4, G. Waghorn 5, J. Downing 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, W. Skinner 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, W. H. Hewett 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. T. Kentish 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday, December 30th, for evensong, 1,260 Bob Triples in 44 mins.: C. Conway 1, G. Moon 2, W. Wright 3, Miss S. Thursfield 4, R. Gilbert 5, A. Gardner 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, L. Hicks 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th.

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LATE NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Prestige District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, January 23rd.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.) — The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Ufford on January 19th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of ringers will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 21, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head. New reports and diagrams to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing commences at 4 o'clock.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (5) ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Club Room, opposite Railway Station, and business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 2.30: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6).—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Eastleaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. The Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 and tea, to be followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the School Rooms in Coventry Road.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2 p.m., to 9 p.m., at Fressingfield Church. Tea at 5 p.m. in Club Room, Fox and Goose Inn, followed by meeting. — L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—C. Fields, Hon. Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, the Schoolroom, at 5. Bells (6) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar of Witley. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall to follow. Bells at both churches available at 3 p.m.—W. R. Melville, Assistant Sec., 17, Bedford Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting of the above will take place at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells at liberty 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Rooms at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the Talbot Inn at 7.45 p.m. All members are urged to make an effort to attend this meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS will hold their eighth annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 6 p.m. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (10), 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Temple (the leaning tower) (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.; St. John's (6), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. — Tea in St. Thomas' Parish Room at 4 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells avail-

able at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea will be provided by the Vicar and local ringers. It is imperative that any member requiring tea shall notify me by first post on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th (owing to Farnham bells being unavailable). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present please advise Miss A. Fisher, 253, High Street, Aldershot, by Jan. 24th? All ringers welcomed and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Church Room. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. P. T. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Next meeting at Widford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at White Horse. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available in the evening. Subscriptions are now due. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday (last post), the 23rd.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5, followed by meeting and social. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me by Jan. 23rd.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Branstion (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Also St. Michael's (8) from 2.30. Divine service, in St. Chad's Church, at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon R. H. Maiden. Tea, 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Hutchinson not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid without delay. A presentation will be made at this meeting to the honorary treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) to mark his completion of 21 years of office, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will assemble to honour the occasion.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Chad's Room 6 o'clock. Meeting 6.45. Kindly send number for tea before Jan. 22nd to the hon. sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A dinner in connection with the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in Mercer's Hall, Cross Keys Lane, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. (sharp). Tickets 3/- each. St. Mary de Lode bells (6) will be open from 4 to 5.30. Anyone requiring dinner kindly let me know by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall and business meeting to follow. All who intend being present at tea must notify me on or before Wednesday, 23rd inst. (first post). Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Watermoor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock, after which Parish Church bells will be open. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by 22nd?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome. Please advise me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, Notts, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Scott, 44, South Street, Thurgroft, Rotherham, Yorks, not later than Thursday, 24th?—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Titchfield (6) also available. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Friday, Jan. 25th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at St. Michael's, City. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 o'clock, followed by the meeting. St. James' (10) will be available in the evening if required.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 o'clock. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be open. Visitors are welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Special business. Election of local officers, etc. It is hoped a good number of members will be present. All ringers and friends are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Grimsby on Jan. 26th. St. Andrew's bells available afternoon and evening. St. James', afternoon 2 to 4, and evening, 7.50 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 9d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 22nd?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rosendale Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Runcorn Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. The hon. secretary will be pleased to hear from ringers requiring tea.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 18th the Hon. Sec., the Rev. D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify Mr. H. Jackson, 81, Beech Road, Stockport, by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, for tea.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by Jan. 23rd?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Willesden, Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome. A peal board, recording the first Spliced Surprise peal rung in the county, will be unveiled during the evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Jan. 30th. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by Wednesday previous. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand; subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill) at 5. Tea, 1s. per member (non-members 1s. 3d.), at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All who require tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 29th. All ringers cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cheap trains to Boxmoor—then regular bus service. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Waverley Hotel. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of All Saints' (10) and Foundry (10) available all afternoon. By the courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the bellfoundry will be open to visitors. Committee meet 4 p.m. at Fearon Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m., at Fearon Hall. General meeting follows. It is of utmost importance that those desiring tea acquaint Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, not later than Thursday, 24th inst., or they will be disappointed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A special service will be held at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall, Orange Street, at 5.15. The Cathedral bells will be available after 4 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 7th? Members' subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

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