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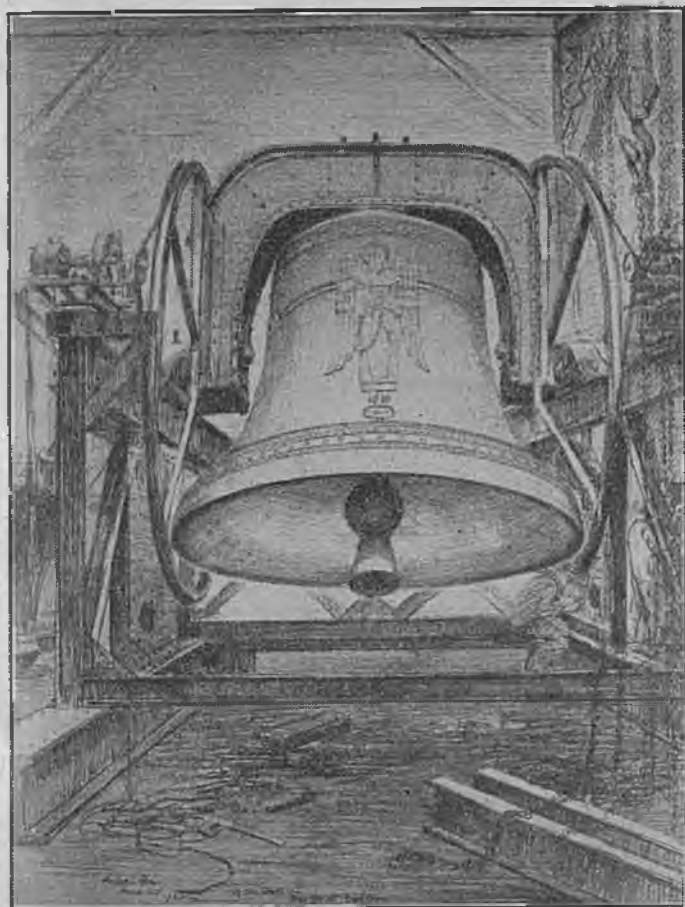
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STATISTICS THAT WOULD BE USEFUL

One of the things about which there is no definite statistical information available is the precise number of rings of bells in the country, and it is consequently impossible to arrive at anything like an accurate idea of the percentage of towers in which there are bands of ringers or in which change ringing is practised. The latest edition of 'The Ringers' Directory' contains a table showing the number of towers in the areas of nearly all the associations, and the total given is 3,349, containing peals of from five to twelve bells. But the figures are admittedly incomplete, and the compilers invite the help of subscribers so that in future an authentic total can be given. There ought not to be any great difficulty in getting these statistics completed, although it will require care to ensure that all towers are included and that none are counted twice, through the overlapping of association areas. Correct information would in itself be interesting, but it would also be of considerable value if, in conjunction with it, particulars were available with regard to the number of towers which are fully or undermanned, and the number at which change ringing is practised. In organisation statistics form the basis of operations and a periodical census would provide a guide as to how the Exercise actually stands and whether it is making real progress, both in gaining numbers and in spreading the art of change ringing.

In all probability the records for the year 1929 will show a falling off in the number of peals rung, compared with the preceding year. It would be interesting, if it were possible, to know whether these peals have been rung in as many towers as in the previous year, and by as many different ringers. If they were, there would be no need to regret the falling off in the peal total, but in the absence of such statistics it is impossible to say what has been the reason for the decline. If we may make a suggestion on the subject, we should like to see appointed in every association a statistical officer (where the secretary is unable to undertake the additional work) who would get out all the necessary information, based upon an agreed form. The details would then be available for the use of the association in planning their own campaign and could be sent on also to the Central Council, by whom they could be collated. Ringers would then have comprehensive and reliable information on the general position of the Exercise, which would be available for a variety of purposes. If each association undertook its own portion of the work, it would impose no great burden on anyone, and the resulting statistics would be not only interesting but illuminating. The falling off in peal ringing last year may or may not be symptomatic of a general decline in the art;

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with the information now available no one can say. If it is, surely it is as well that it should be definitely known, in order that steps may be taken in the right quarters to counter it; but we cannot know without statistics and, in our view, it would be well to lose no time in organising the channels by which the information might be obtained.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF SPICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Maximus by the Association. Fiftieth peal of Surprise Maximus by Messrs. William and George R. Pye.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt.

JESSE TYLER Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 8
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
THOMAS F. KING 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor
	* CECIL MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
HARRY PAGE 2	ALFRED PARNELL 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	FRED LASBURY 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
GEORGE POPNELL 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal of Stedman Cater on the bells by resident members. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's granddaughter; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Page, of Pentre, who unfortunately was unable to take part. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fred Attwell for obtaining permission and making all arrangements for the peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY 5
CHRIS GUDGEON 2	JAMES HOWARTH 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
NORMAN BERRY 4	BRADSHAW KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wheadon.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
* ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	* EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	† ROBERT LEWIS 6
MISS AMY JOHNSON 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
A. OLIVER LEWIS 4	GEORGE PERRY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Johnson, who is shortly leaving the district. Miss Johnson, who has been a highly esteemed member of the local band for the past seven years, is now returning to Evesham. All the above ringers are members of the local band.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Thomas Emsden, who died on December 20th, and was interred at Barking, near Needham Market, on December 27th.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... Treble	* JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	HARRY KILBY 7
* THOMAS LOCK 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bibby.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung on the 10th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
† DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise inside.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY MORGAN Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	ALBERT NASH 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*ERNEST MINGAY Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JOHN C. NEWMAN 2	FREDERICK FLUDDER 6
*STANLEY PYE 3	LESLIE A. CLARK 7
†PERCY GREEN 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 5
ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 7
HARRY C. WALTERS 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Stedman.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5
NORMAN W. GENNA 2	CHARLES DYKE 6
EDWARD ASHEY 3	FREDERICK EDWARDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Goodship, of St. Giles', Reading.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	*ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIFFETTS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	CECIL NICE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	GEORGE FLEMMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
LESLIE WIGHTMAN 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY, JDN. 3	TOM WILDE 7
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt, after a short touch for practice.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	CECIL NICE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIFFETTS Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. Walter Charman's 200th peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH Treble	THOMAS R. FLINT 5
OSCAR GILBEY 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
HERBERT NEVILLE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN LYDDIARD 4	PERCY J. SPICE Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This is the first peal on the bells, since they were rehung by Taylor and Co. in hall bearings, the expense being borne by Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, widow of the donor of the bells.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*G. KNIGHT Treble	L. JONES 5
A. HAWKINS 2	A. L. LUCAS 6
E. PERRY 3	D. G. CLIFT 7
E. W. LOFF 4	G. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by A. HAWKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung at the ninth attempt. First peal on the bells by a purely local band.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower, making the 8th tower in which he has completed the circle and calling peals of Major from each bell with the exception of three bells in one tower.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (271). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Specially arranged at short notice for Mr. G. H. Daynes, of Deptford.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
JOSEPH GARTH 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of 7th.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

HENRY SYCAMORE Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
JOHN E. BEAMS 4	WILLIAM POPLKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

MRS. F. A. CLEMENT ... Treble	HENRY GILLET 5
FREDERICK A. CLEMENT ... 2	ALFRED W. CLAYTON ... 6
JOHN W. SLV 3	JOHN C. ACOCK 7
A. WILLIAM WRIGHT ... 4	† EDWARD G. MUSTOE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. A. CLEMENTS.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th come from Bourton-on-the-Water, the remainder belong to Northleach. Thanks are due to Mr. J. C. Acock, captain of the Northleach band, for having everything in readiness.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* HARRY KEMP Treble	* ERNEST BEAGLEY 5
* JESSE BEAGLEY 2	* FRANK KEMP 6
* CHARLES WELLS 3	* RICHARD HASTED 7
GEORGE UPSHALL 4	THOMAS UPSHALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal on eight bells by the brothers Beagley. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hasted, wife of the conductor, and rung by an entirely local band. On the completion of the peal the band were congratulated by the Rector (Rev. Canon E. M. Girling) on their success and the good striking throughout the peal.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Slatter 1, C. Scarrott 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. Pritchett (conductor) 5, E. Eaglestone 6. First quarter-peal by all the band. All are regular service ringers.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* EDWARD W. HUTCHINSON Treble	* JOHN ROSKELL 4
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	JOHN R. TAYLOR 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 3	JOHN GORNALL Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Mr. E. W. Hutchinson is 73 years of age, and the band congratulate him on attaining his first peal. Mr. H. S. Robinson is shortly leaving the district and commencing new duties in London. The band wish him health and prosperity.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

J. NORTON Treble	J. G. GEARY 3
A. E. MARSH 2	R. RUSSELL 4
A. N. GEARY Tenor	

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

This is the first time the bells have been rung since the day the Armistice was signed. It was the first peal on the bells.

BRANSTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and a 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

* JACK BIXON Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
† CYRIL SPEED 2	HARRY CARTER 5
HERBERT PEARSON 3	CHARLES CLAYDON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CLAYDON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, also first on the bells by a resident band.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES GREEN Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW 3
JOHN CADD 2	ANDREW BROWN 4
ROWLAND ADAMS Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

First peal on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Annable's London, Netherseale, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
* ALFRED PARR 2	W. H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

Pressure on our space has again necessitated the holding over of a number of peal reports.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, York, Durham, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge and 960 of Beverley. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ALBERT NASH 4
*CHARLES WALSH 2	HERBERT S. B. CHAMBERLIN 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR GILL.

First peal as conductor, and rung in honour of his wife's birthday, which occurred on that date, and of the 29th anniversary of Arthur Panther's wedding, which took place on the last day of the last month of the last year of last century. * First peal of Surprise.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILFRED CANVIN Treble	*DENNIS WHEELER 4
†OWEN WRINTMORE 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
*FRANK HARDING... .. 3	*STANLEY MILVERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at Camerton, a neighbouring parish.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 extents, 10 callings.

RALPH LITTLER... .. Treble	HERBERT PICKERING 4
*HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	ALFRED FALLON 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	D. A. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	JOHN COOKE 4
JOSEPH LESLIE 2	LESTER L. GRAY 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Major.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, each called differently, and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

T. ERNEST MALLENDER ... Treble	HAROLD FRADGELEY 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. 2	WILLIAM SWAIN 5
ERNEST A. WILSON 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

DEVONIANS.

At the annual service for Devonians held at St. Clement Danes Church in the Strand, London, the ringers were Devonshire men as follows: Sidney Godfrey (Ottery St. Mary) 1, W. Nelder (Yealmp-ton) 2, Frank A. Smith (Honiton) 3, J. A. Dart (Winkleigh) 4, E. H. Oxenham (Bampton) 5, L. A. Wilson (Ottery St. Mary) 6, A. Newman (Dartmouth) 7, C. Walner (Heavitree) 8, George R. Chan-ner (Hartland) 9, Harold Drawer (Ottery St. Mary) 10.

ARCHDEACON HOWSON'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Liverpool has been celebrating the golden wedding of the Venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. Howson. The Archdeacon is warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, which comprises the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association, and the ringers have commemorated the auspicious event in their own way by ringing the following peals:—

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.

ANTIEN'T FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON, Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1,756 Treble	
BRO. JOHN WILKINSON, Mariner's Lodge, No. 249 2	
BRO. GEORGE LUNT, Dominion Lodge, No. 4,289 3	
BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Temperance Lodge, No. 2,714 4	
BRO. HERBERT LUDKIN, Equity Lodge, No. 1,384 5	
BRO. CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Lancastrian Lodge, No. 3,631 Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. G. R. NEWTON.

All the above lodges are situated in the Province of Lancashire (Western Division).

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST JONES Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
*ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE HESKETH Treble	HARRY GRACE 5
SIDNEY G. HUMPHRIS 2	JOHN BROWN... .. 6
THOMAS HESKETH 3	PERCY GRINDY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 4	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Major for all the band excepting the ringers of the 4th and tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. George Hesketh was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before the commencement of the peal.

LIVERPOOL.—The Lancashire Association.—On Tuesday, January 7th, in 50 mins., at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,248 changes): Claude I. Davies 1, Thomas Hammond 2, Ernest Jones 3, Edward Caunce 4, George R. Newton 5, Lester L. Gray 6, John Brown 7, James C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8.

GILLINGHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

The many friends of Mr. William Haigh, leader of Rochester Cathedral and Gillingham Parish Church bellringers, will learn with regret of the death of his wife on January 4th, after much suffering patiently borne. The sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to him and to his family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 9th, the first part of the service being held in Gillingham Parish Church, the Vicar, Rev. C. Webb officiating, and the interment at Gillingham Cemetery being conducted by the Rev. Buckingham, a member of the Gillingham band of ringers.

The Kent County Association was represented at the funeral, and among the many beautiful wreaths were three sent by the Rochester District, the Rochester Cathedral, and the Gillingham Parish Church bellringers.

A representative company of the Kent County Association assembled at Gillingham Church in the evening, the bells being half-muffled in memory of the deceased lady. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was unfortunately lost.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your anonymous correspondent, who signs himself 'An ordinary ringer' is surely mistaken when he states that had the long peal of Grandsire Cinques been accomplished it could not be in competition with any peal of Maximus. I would refer him to recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Writing without reference (my copies being at the binders), I have a distinct recollection of it being stated that the Painswick ringers were attempting to achieve the 'greatest number of changes on twelve bells.' Again, in the report of the failure of the attempt there is reference to the twelve-bell record. Further, if the peal was being attempted to beat the existing eleven-bell record—well, the Painswick men already hold that, so why trouble?

As I did not hear any of the ringing at Painswick, I cannot say whether or not Mr. Dyke was justified in his comments, but if he was, I do think something better ought to be put up in an attempt to beat the Ashton peal. And why not ring Maximus to beat Maximus?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEATH OF JOSEPH W. SMITH, OF WORCESTER.

The death took place on Sunday, January 5th, of Mr. Joseph William Smith, at The Limes, Bromyard Road, Worcester. The deceased was well known to Worcestershire ringers, and he will be sadly missed. He has held the position of clerk of the works at Worcester Cathedral for the past 20 years, during which time he has done some valuable work. When the Cathedral bells were recast in 1928 he took quite a lot of interest in their removal and return, and the Dean and Chapter, as a reward for his services, had his name inscribed on one of the bells.

Archdeacon Piele, in his address on Sunday, January 5th, spoke very highly of his valuable work, and the Cathedral Guild of Bell ringers rang the bells muffled for evening service on that date.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 8th, the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede) being present, together with several clergy and a great number of friends and relatives. On the same date members of the Cathedral Guild rang 593 Grandsire Cinques: F. Neate 1, J. Morris 2, B. Hill 3, W. Powell 4, W. C. Jones 5, D. Morris 6, W. Page 7, A. Hill 8, W. Lewis 9, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 10, S. T. Holt 11, W. H. Johnson 12. This was followed by 'the whole pull and stand' 59 times, representing the age of the deceased.

'Q SETS' FOR BEGINNERS*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with interest that you may publish an article on 'Q sets' from the pen of the Rev. E. Bankes James. This will undoubtedly be welcomed, and should prove to be instructive to those who care to study it. I should, however, like to offer advance comment, if I may.

Firstly, if specific reference is to be made to the figures and peal of 'Silvester,' they should be embodied in the article itself, as many of us do not keep a 'file' of back numbers, and I do not remember that mention was made of the forthcoming article, when the figures were published.

Secondly, some years back I sat long with an article on 'Proof' by the same gentleman, and found complete understanding very difficult, for two reasons:—

(1) Certain figures were printed in 'heavier type,' the 'heaviness' of which did not happen to mature in my copy. I would suggest that any such 'marking' should be done in another manner.

(2) There was an error in the text—an important one—which remained uncorrected in your following issues. In publishing instructive matter, I think that the author should have errors corrected as soon as possible.

I trust that these remarks offer no offence, and apologise for my pseudonym; it is less obscure than my name, and, in any case, should hide nothing from the gentleman mentioned.—Yours sincerely,

MINORMANIA.

COMPLETE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As notified on page 329, May 24th, 1929, in 'The Ringing World,' I suggested at the Central Council meeting that a ringers' directory would be useful. The 'Bristol United Ringing Guilds Committee' have provided a very useful directory. The one for 1928 contained 489 names, whereas for 1929 it has 1,005, an increase of 516 in one year. I have therefore decided, with very great pleasure, to withdraw my suggestion to the Council.

Mr. Edgar Guise and others of the committee must have worked very hard to form such a useful and valuable directory, and the thanks of the ringing Exercise is due to them.

In conclusion may I ask each and every ringer to support this valuable and necessary cause. If this is done, I see no reason why the Directory for 1930 should not contain at least 20,000 names.—

JAMES GEORGE,

Hon. Member of the Central Council.

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

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

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

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

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

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Tom Lewis has been a ringer at the Parish Church, Eastbourne for 72 years. At the age of 85 years he claims to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, active bellringers in the country. He rang for the weddings of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, the present King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York. He told an interviewer the other day that bells were better than doctor's physic. 'Be a ringer,' he said, 'and you'll never be ill.'

The bells at West Cranmore, Somerset, have been condemned for ringing, and unfortunately it is not likely they will be rehung for a considerable time, as the village is already faced with a big expense in repairing the tower and church.

When the Essex Association met at Bishop's Stortford on December 14th, and nearly 40 ringers were present, ringing in the evening was stopped. The explanation is given in this month's issue of St. Michael's Parish Magazine, which says: 'Owing to a complete misunderstanding on the part of the Vicar as to the object of the gathering, the bells were stopped, and the gentlemen assembled left for home without any further ringing. We hope that next year some amends may be made for a perfectly unintentional discourtesy to our guests.'

After 31 weeks in hospital at Chalfont, Bucks, as a result of a motor-cycle accident, Mr. Bernard Clark, formerly one of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has now been able to return to Farnham.

The first peal by a purely local band at Usk, Monmouthshire, was rung last Friday at the ninth attempt. We congratulate the ringers on their success and perseverance.

The first peal on twelve bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on January 19th, 1724, when 'the Society of College Youths rung completely a peal of 5,060 Grandsire Cinques, being the first that ever was done.' Benjamin Annable probably called the peal, although the records do not give the name of the conductor, and Matthew East, who rang the 11th, became Master of the Society ten years later.

A peal of Norwich Maximus was rung for the first time on January 20th, 1817, appropriately at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

On January 21st, 1788, a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898, the first in the method since the peal at Wakefield in 1822.

Harry Bastable, who was Ringing Master at St. Martin's, Birmingham, for eleven years, died on January 19th, 1899; James Motts, of Ipswich, died on January 21st, 1923.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £7 17s.; ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, 15s.; S.M.B., 6d. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PRESENTATION TO THE MASTER.

There was a memorable gathering of members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and friends at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, when, on the occasion of the annual meeting, opportunity was taken to acknowledge the services rendered to the society by the popular Master, Mr. John D. Matthews, who, for twenty years, has been guiding the destinies of the old society, and has, during that time, done a great deal to raise it to its present successful position. Mr. Matthews has been able not only to keep an active interest in the society in the matter of peal ringing, in which recent peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus have been fine evidence of the consistent work which has been done, but the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and, in a rather less degree, those at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, have been rung regularly for the Sunday services. Not only have Mr. Matthews' efforts been appreciated by the society, but also by the authorities at both these churches, and they joined with the members in presenting him with some token of their appreciation. In addition to the presentation on Saturday, there was the unveiling of a marble peal tablet in St. Martin's belfry recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the society. There was a large gathering of members from far and near for the occasion—men who had grown old in their membership of the society, youths only just on the threshold of their ringing careers, but all assembled for the one purpose of doing honour to the Master, who was accompanied by Mrs. Matthews. It was interesting to note that among those present were three generations of the Barnett family—all members of the society—Mr. E. Barnett, sen., having joined the Royal Cumberlands over 48 years ago. The Master's family was also represented by three generations, but in this case the youngest representative was only able to watch the proceedings from his mother's arms. Another old member present was Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who carries his 88 years with wonderful vigour. Several members of the Ancient Society of College Youths attended, and the company included Mr. C. Clarke (Bedford), Mr. W. Ayre (Hemel Hempstead), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), and about 50 ringers from churches in the London area. The Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, came to perform the two ceremonies.

Mr. E. Barnett, as the oldest member of the society present, made an introductory speech. He said they had gathered there primarily for their annual meeting, but they had also assembled for the purpose of doing honour to their worthy Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, and the band which rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the society. When he looked back on his nearly fifty years of membership of the society, said Mr. Barnett, and thought of how the society declined after the lamented death of Mr. George Newson, whose name they would always revere, and when he looked at the proud position the society had attained to-day under the leadership of Mr. Matthews, he realised all that their Master had done for them, but he felt incapable of doing justice to that important occasion. Mr. Matthews had been Master for 20 years, and he had raised the society, which was almost dormant at that time, to a most prominent and important position among the London ringing societies. Where at any other tower in London could they find Cambridge Twelve rung for the church services, except at St. Martin's and Shoreditch? And who had made this possible, except their worthy Master? The members were proud of him, and they thanked him heartily for all he had done for them. They hoped he would be spared to them many years to preside over the ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and to be the leader of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (hear, hear). Mr. Barnett then asked the Rev. P. McCormick to unveil the peal tablet, and to present to Mr. Matthews a small token of the great esteem in which they held him.

The Rev. Pat McCormick then pulled aside the flags which hitherto had hidden the marble tablet bearing the record of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung by the Royal Cumberlands, and expressed his pleasure at being invited to perform the ceremony. The tablet, he said, recorded a very meritorious achievement, and would take its place among many others on the walls of that tower. They were very proud that the peal should have been rung on the bells of St. Martin's Church, and that it should have been accomplished under the leadership of Mr. Matthews. It gave him great pleasure to be able to say just a word or two to the members of the society, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. It was a real joy to find a band who were really working in harmony and living in harmony. Mr. Barnett had told them what Mr. Matthews had done for the Royal Cumberland Youths. It was really a fine record. Mr. Matthews had worked up the society from a more or less dormant state until it had become what it was to-day. They at St. Martin's appreciated what had been done—it meant a great deal to them. He supposed the peal of Maximus was the finest thing the society had done, and it was to Mr. Matthews that they owed this success. They desired to mark that special occasion by presenting him with the fine clock they saw before them, and by giving Mrs. Matthews a nice watch, which he hoped they would both live long and appreciate. They were small things, but they carried with them not only their congratulations and good wishes but their heartfelt thanks for all Mr. Matthews had done, and to Mrs. Matthews for the help she had given him. A man could not do a job like Mr. Matthews had done, said the speaker, unless he had the co-operation of his wife. Without it he would have to stay at home (laughter).

The Rector then, amid applause, presented the clock to Mr. Matthews and the watch to Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews first acknowledged her present by expressing thanks, and adding, 'I do not know that I have done anything, except to get up and get Mr. Matthews off in the morning' (laughter and applause).

Mr. J. D. Matthews, in replying, said the members had got him 'out of course,' for he did not anticipate anything of the kind. What he had tried to do in his small way at St. Martin's and for the society had been done wholeheartedly. Mr. Matthews added that that was a very proud moment for himself, and perhaps he might be allowed to tell them a little story which to some extent represented his own feelings. In an old country town they elected a Mayor named Hooley, and when he responded to the toast of his health at the banquet he told the guests that when he started work as a boy on a farm it was 'Hooley this' and 'Hooley that.' Later, when he became a stockman, they called him 'Jack Hooley,' and then, when he became bailiff to the squire, they called him 'Mr. Hooley.' Afterwards, he took a farm himself, and gradually added other farms to it, and in time they called him 'Squire Hooley.' But he had come that day to the proudest moment of his life, for when he went to church at the head of the Corporation he heard all the congregation singing, 'Hooley, Hooley, Hooley, Lord God Almighty' (loud laughter). That, said Mr. Matthews, was somewhat the position he felt in that evening (laughter). He felt that he did not deserve their kindness. If they thought he had endeavoured to do his best, that was his satisfaction. He thanked the members for the spirit in which the gifts had been given, and if they wished it he would be only too glad to continue to do his best for them (applause).

The handsome mantel clock, in mahogany case (supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), bore, under the dial, the inscription:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(Previous to 1745 known as London Scholars.)

Presented to Mr. J. D. Matthews, January 11th, 1930, by the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and members of the above society, in recognition of valuable services rendered during his many years as Ringing Master.

The clock strikes the Westminster quarters and the hours.

A musical service being in progress, it was not possible for much ringing to be done until early evening, but in no way did it mar the arrangements which had been made, for the speeches occupied most of the time, and after two courses of Stedman Cinques had been rung for the five o'clock service for the Girls' Friendly Society, the company assembled for tea. This was served in the Fellowship Room, in the crypt, under the supervision of the Misses Magniac and Wise, who received the thanks of the Master for their kind services and tea provided.

The business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Hall, was presided over by the Vicar.

The treasurer (Mr. G. Steere) next presented the balance sheet, which was received with great satisfaction.

The Secretary, in reporting on the society's business for the year, mentioned that subscriptions to various funds during the past three years had amounted to £30 9s. In thanking the members for the splendid response to his appeal for a gift for Mr. Matthews, he said that he had received the sum of £18 14s., of which £18 1s. had been spent. Thus he had in hand the sum of 13s., which he suggested should be held for the purpose of meeting the cost of printing—a suggestion which was favourably received by all present.

The officers for the year were then elected, and, there being no change, they are as follows: Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master; Mr. J. Sparrow, hon. secretary; Mr. G. W. Steere, hon. treasurer; Messrs. T. Newman and R. Bevan, auditors; Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy, trustees; and Messrs. C. Matthews and T. Bevan, senior and junior steward respectively.

The members to represent the society on the Central Council are the Master, hon. secretary, Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.

New members having been elected, various discussions on items of interest to the society followed, one of which was a request from members that the secretary should see if it were possible to revive the annual cricket match with the College Youths, which had always been looked upon with pleasure and enthusiasm by all London ringers.

The Master thanked the Rev. Pat McCormick for his kindness in unveiling the tablet and presiding over the meeting.

The Vicar, in reply, said that it had given him great pleasure to be with them that day. The duties he had performed had been most pleasing, and he only wished that he had gone into the art of ringing himself, for it seemed to be a most attractive and interesting pastime, and he wished the society continued success.

A vote of thanks to the officers for the services given the society during the past year concluded the meeting, and a return was then made to the belfry, where among the many friends who were waiting to congratulate Mr. Matthews were Messrs. C. Pipe, C. W. Roberts, R. Deal, B. Langdon and W. Hewett, members of the 'rival' London society who had turned up to show what the word 'rival' actually meant. Their presence added greatly to what already had been a most excellent meeting.

EXETER RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD'S 50 YEARS AT ST. SIDWELL'S.

The jubilee of Mr. Edwin Shepherd as a ringer at the Parish Church of St. Sidwell, Exeter, was celebrated last week, and at St. Sidwell's Institute about fifty ringers and friends, with their wives, assembled for supper as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. A good many ringers can point to 50 or more years' service, but very few, in towns at any rate, are able to boast of unbroken connection with one church for half a century. Mr. Shepherd is the survivor of four very capable ringing brothers—Ferris, Alfred, Frank and himself—who played a conspicuous part in the development of scientific ringing in the Exeter district. Mr. Ferris Shepherd was for many years the leading local conductor; in later years Mr. Edwin Shepherd has excelled his brother's achievements, participated in over 100 peals, and 'called' about half of them, including the four standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob—with pronounced success in Stedman. The Shepherd family has had a long association with the parish of St. Sidwell; the brothers were born in it; Ferris and Edwin were partners in a building business there for a good period; later, when Ferris went to Ireland, Edwin carried it on until he retired about five years ago. Mr. Edwin Shepherd, besides being a ringer (and for a long time Ringing Master) at St. Sidwell's Church, was for several years chairman of the Exeter District of the Devonshire Guild; has been churchwarden for two periods, and is still one of the parish feoffees. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have taken much interest in general church work in the parish. To mark the jubilee the ringers, both ordinary and honorary, subscribed to a silver-mounted umbrella for Mr. Shepherd and a handsome handbag for Mrs. Shepherd. The arrangements for the gifts were carried out by Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Drake, of St. Sidwell's. Mr. C. Panter assisted at the supper as steward.

Mr. Shepherd presided over the company, which included the Rector and Mrs. Lanyon Owen, the Revs. J. Cawley (curate) and T. G. Blackwood-Price (assistant curate), Messrs. J. D. Hellier and S. G. Stanbury (churchwardens), Mrs. Stanbury, Messrs. C. Panter, S. Panter, and D. J. Reed (organist, St. Sidwell's). The ringers consisted mainly of St. Sidwell's band, but there were representatives of St. David's and St. Thomas'.

The Rector, after 'The King' had been honoured, gave the health of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. He said it was impossible to pay adequate tribute to all the work that Mr. Shepherd had done in many capacities in the parish during a long period, but all connected with the parish highly appreciated and were thankful for it. They also gladly recognised that in all of it Mr. Shepherd had been ably backed by Mrs. Shepherd (applause). The supper was unique in more than one sense. He supposed that in the many phases of its history St. Sidwell's had never known before the 50th anniversary of the chief ringer. It was also unique in that it was a ladies' night. He (the Rector) thought he could claim to be the first to start a supper for the ringers of the parish; he forgot, however, to include the ringers' better halves. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd had the loyal friendship of not only the ringers and their wives, but the whole of St. Sidwell's congregation and St. Sidwell's parishioners generally (applause).

The toast was accorded musical honours.

WORK IN THE CHURCH.

Mr. Shepherd, in replying, said that, born in 1862, he went in 1867 to St. Sidwell's Church schools, which were provided through the generosity of the well-to-do people of the parish for the benefit of large families. The rule then was that where there were several children from one family attending the schools, the eldest should pay 2d. per week and the others 1d. each. He had always looked upon the foundation of the schools as one of the finest acts ever accomplished by the better-off parishioners for the benefit of fellow-residents of the parish. St. Sidwell's churchpeople had regarded it as a privilege to keep the schools going to enable children to have a good education that fitted them to go through life with credit to themselves and the community (applause). After being a clerk for six months he entered the building trade. In 1878 he joined St. Sidwell's belfry, and in 1879 qualified as a member of the Devon Guild. In 1890 he became a sidesman, and continued until 1904, when he was elected churchwarden with Mr. Archibald Lucas, and served until 1911, when he retired, but was reappointed in 1918, and continued, with Mr. C. Panter as his colleague, until 1922. It was not so easy a job to be churchwarden as some people imagined; there were many charities, and they often caused trouble. But he had thoroughly enjoyed his association with the ringing, and his wife and himself highly appreciated the presence of so many ringing and other friends and their wives to celebrate with them a great landmark (applause).

Mr. Richardson (hon. secretary of St. Sidwell's Society), who said he started ringing in 1876, then asked the Rector and Mrs. Owen to make the presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, and said they represented the kindly feelings and best wishes of the ringers and some friends to the host and hostess. The Rector and Mrs. Owen complied in a few appropriate words, and the recipients made heartfelt acknowledgments.

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FIFTY PEALS OF SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

These are days of great records in ringing, and among the first of the noteworthy performances of the new year is the fiftieth peal of Surprise Maximus by Messrs. William Pye and George R. Pye. They completed the achievement on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise at Southwark Cathedral. These peals consist of 43 of Cambridge, five of Superlative and two with the two methods spliced. They have been rung in 20 towers, and in 19 of these Mr. William Pye has rung the tenor. They have included some big tasks, among them the 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne last August—which constituted the twelve-bell record—and the 7,392 at Bow, Cheapside, where the tenor is 53 cwt. Then there was the herculean task at Worcester and the peal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, while there have been several peals at Southwark, where the tenor is 50 cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT IN THE DOLDRUMS.

The Nottingham District annual meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry, Nottingham, on Saturday last, but was so poorly attended that some ringers went away disgusted. After tea, however, the bells were got going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major until 7 p.m.

At the business meeting, Mr. L. Chadburn (the vice-president) presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been approved, the Vice-President informed those present that he wished to resign office, and the secretary (Mr. F. Bailey), owing to ill-health, also wished to resign.

Mr. W. E. White was elected vice-president, and Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) was elected secretary.

Miss I. Thompson and Mr. J. W. Kirton were elected to serve on the committee.

A long discussion took place with regard to continuing the monthly meetings, and eventually it was decided to try and carry on for another year.

The first monthly meeting is to be held on February 1st at Ilkeston.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Gordon for the use of the bells, also to the St. Mary's band for having things ready, closed the meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Saturday. The bells of the Cathedral were set going about three o'clock, and several members made their first attempt with 12 bells. At the same time the bells of St. Maurice were open, and offered an attraction to many. After an hour and a half's practice, service took place at St. Maurice's Church, which was placed at the use of the Guild by the Vicar, who, however, had an appointment elsewhere and could not take the service. The secretary found it very difficult to get a clergyman, but the gap was filled at the last minute by the Rev. W. H. Hellier, Vicar of Micheldever, who is himself a ringer. The secretary presided at the organ.

After service a splendid tea was served at Messrs. Dumper's Restaurant, where 52 members from various towers sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Master of the Guild, Mr. Williams, being elected to the chair.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year.

A letter was received from the general secretary, Mr. Pullinger, stating that through the illness of his wife he was unable to attend. Apologies were also received from Mrs. Farquhar, an hon. member, who has recently lost her husband, and Canon Braithwaite, who was away from Winchester.

The meeting proposed that letters of condolence should be sent to Mr. Pullinger and Mrs. Farquhar. The following new members were elected: Honorary, Mrs. Wynne and Rev. Morley, both of Stockbridge; ringing members, Messrs. W. Lee, S. White, E. Harfield, A. Hutchings, D. Livingstone, C. Pierce, M. Derrick, all of Owslebury; Rev. W. H. Hellier, Vicar of Micheldever; R. Barnes, E. Keith, E. E. Keith, sen., of Bishop's Sutton; and M. Field, of Winchester.

The secretary was unable to present a balance sheet, as there were several outstanding accounts, and it was agreed that it should be completed as early as possible, audited and passed by the Central Committee. The following meetings were arranged: Annual meeting, Winchester, second Saturday in January, 1931; Alresford and Bishop's Sutton, May 3rd, 1930; Owslebury and Twyford, July 12th; Stockbridge and Longstock, October 11th.

After discussing various subjects, a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, Rev. Watson for the use of St. Maurice's Church, the Rev. W. H. Hellier for taking the service, and the chairman, was passed, and a move was then made to the towers, where further ringing was done.

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Mr. Shepherd gave some reminiscences of ringing, and claimed that, despite the inroads of death in recent years, the St. Sidwell's band was not excelled by any other tower in Devon as regarded six, eight or ten-bell ringing in scientific methods. He acknowledged the kindness and sympathy of the Rector for the ringers, but pointed out that the mainstays were good attendance, perseverance, and unity. A lot was heard of football, but the kicking of a ball did not require a tenth of the science necessary to properly ring a church bell.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild held at Nuneaton on Saturday was well attended by members from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Husbands Bosworth, Leamington, Lillington, Rugby, Shilton, Smethwick and Stoke, together with the local and several visiting ringers. The bells were raised in peal at 3.30, and ringing was continued in various methods until 4.30, when a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. L. White), president of the Guild, and the Guild's form of service was used.

About forty members sat down to a splendid tea served in the Old Grammar School, and kindly provided by the president. Upon the suggestion of the local ladies, a collection was taken, resulting in the sum of £1, which was added to the Parish Hall Building Fund, and the Vicar cordially thanked all those who had subscribed.

The business meeting followed the tea, the president taking the chair.

The places for the February and March meetings provided some discussion, but Bulkington for February and Stoke for March were eventually decided upon.

The advisability of altering the date of the annual meeting was then brought up. The third Saturday being Easter Eve, it was thought that a postponement would enable more members to be present, therefore, by consent, the date was altered to May 3rd.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the president for his welcome, for conducting the service, for his generous hospitality, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the ladies for preparing tea; and to the organist for his part in the service.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.—The Vicar suitably responded.

A few of the members stayed in the tearoom to indulge in hand-bell ringing, while the majority returned to the tower, where ringing in most of the standard methods up to and including London and Bristol Surprise Major continued until about 8.30.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ENTHUSIASTS FACE RAIN AND SNOW.**

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, when in spite of the heavy rain and the blinding snowstorm 27 ringing enthusiasts attended, and were rewarded by a variety of ringing. The bells pealed forth soon after 3 p.m., Mr. Frank Corke, assistant Ringing Master, being in charge. The methods rung before tea were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

The company adjourned to the Zetland Cafe for refreshments, Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president) presiding. The other officers present were Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, W. G. Wilson and Wm. H. Hollier. The Ringing Master (Mr. Fred Goodfellow), arrived after tea, business having prevented his earlier attendance.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the vice-president, and to Mr. Frank Corke for making arrangements which ensured success.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the company for their attendance. The annual meeting was announced for February 15th, and the secretary will arrange a meeting for March. Due notice of both meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World.' The tower was again visited, and London and Bristol Surprise Major and other methods were rung until 9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Graveley on Saturday. The peal of six have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and they were set going about 3 p.m., various touches being brought round ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Ringers were present from Baldock, Benington, Clifton, Croydon, Graveley, Henlow, Kingswolden, Offley, Hitchin, Southill, Stevenage, Welwyn and Watton-at-Stone. At 5 p.m. the company adjourned to Graveley Bury, where some twenty-six members found themselves the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, who take a keen interest in the local band. After enjoying an excellent tea, the short business meeting was conducted, Mr. T. Gardner being unanimously elected to the chair.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was passed with applause to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and family for their hospitality.

Some of the members returned to the tower to continue ringing on the tower bells, whilst others adjourned to the drawing-room with the handbells and 'brought home' several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles.

Ringings continued until 8.30 in the tower, when the bells were lowered in peal, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 9th, a 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss M. Wilkins (first 720) 1, Mrs. W. Spooner 2, W. Spooner 3, Miss H. Darville 4, C. Mitchell 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6.

'ANNABLE AND THE 1689 PEAL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few months ago you were good enough to publish a letter from 'Collegian,' pointing out that Annable only joined the 'College Youths' in 1721, and inferring that the statement in the society's records that he composed and conducted a peal in 1689 was in error. Of course, it may be. The subject is one of difficulty, and, for the benefit of your readers, I give below a few extracts from the peal book containing the record. For myself, I am certain that our predecessors were not wilfully lying.

The book appears to have been compiled about 90 years ago, when it was realised that many MSS. and books had then been lost or stolen, amongst the latter the valuable peal book bound in silver. It is headed thus:—

A Copy
of the
PEALS
that have been rung
by the
SOCIETY
of
COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The first few pages contain a lengthy statement as to early change ringing and the origin of the society, written in a fair 'long hand,' and from them I abstract the following:—

'On Jan'y. 7th, 1689-90, the whole Peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. Sepulchre's without Newgate, London, in 3 hrs. and 45 minutes (and the first trial), being the first 5,040 that was ever rung, and soon after the ringing of this Peal they began to practice Grandsire Caters, but we have no account of any doing peals of Caters till the London Scholars rung 5,040 at St. Bride's in Fleet Street.'

The above peal follows in the book, and was obviously copied from the foregoing particulars. It reads thus:—

No. 1.
St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill,
on January 7th, 1689.

The Company rung the full peal on eight bells; the method being PLAIN BOB TRIPLES (containing 5,040 changes) with 200 singles; it was accomplished in three hours and forty-five minutes.

Composed and conducted by
Mr. Benjamin Annable.

Such is the 'statement.' It will be seen that there are omissions and additions, both instructive, as I have before suggested. Very interesting, too, are the following extracts:—

'It is thought to be about 96 years ago when changes were first attempted to be rung, which was in 1642.'

The original MSS. would thus appear to be one of the year 1738. The copyist ends, however, thus:—

'This account was taken from the Oxford Ringers' Register Book, and communicated by Mr. George Scarsbrook, 1796.'

May I end too long a letter by a suggestion to 'Collegian' that we should be glad to see him in name and person at all our meetings? He could then give us in full the benefit of his knowledge.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX YOUNG.

THE WELLINGTON CARILLON.**A RINGER'S IMPRESSIONS.**

Here are the views of a well-known ringer, Mr. Stafford H. Green, written after hearing the New Year's Day recital of the Wellington carillon, now in London:—

'I spent my luncheon hour to-day,' he says, 'by visiting Hyde Park and listening to the new carillon for New Zealand temporarily erected there, and, for what they are worth, I send you my impressions of what I heard. Imagine, if you will, a very fine grand piano—but spending its last days in the dim parlour of some of the inns we find and love in country towns—the felts very worn by constant thumping, and the loud pedal permanently on owing to the wearing out of its spring, the tuning not too good. That, to my mind, is how harmonised melodies on bells sound—no matter how fine the individual notes. I feel sure that carillon music should be confined to fugues and arpeggios, unless some stopping device has been fitted which will prevent the vibrations of one chord clashing with other chords following, and so producing the horrible flattening of the notes which now mars bell music. It is very much the same with bells in an orchestra—they do not represent bell tones. If the New Zealanders heard Worcester or Cheltenham Mendips or Harlow Common bells they would form a far better opinion of English bell-founding skill.'

'While I am writing this gratuitous criticism of carillons, I would beg you, if you can do so, to try and dissuade the B.B.C. from broadcasting any bellringing except that done by experts. Hymn tunes may suit pianos, but they don't give the bells at St. Martin's a fair show, and do real ringing a grievous wrong.'

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18th. Inquiries at St. Thomas' Parish Room from 2 p.m. onwards as to bells available. Tea and bun at 4.30 p.m. Charabanc tour free to visitors around Bristol at 2.30 to 3 p.m. from St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street. Please give notice. Tickets 5/6. Only a few now left and can only be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics.—Ring of 4, augmented to peal of 8 and hung with modern fittings in new cast iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Jan. 18th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches will be held at Preston on Saturday, January 18th, when the bells at Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's and Penwortham Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. If desired Mr. Wm. Taylor will continue his lecture on coursing order at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—On behalf of the various branch secs., F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., Preston Branch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Half railway fare (max. 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m. Members 6d., Visitors 1s. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells of St. Mary's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in 'Anchorage' 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water St., West Hartlepool.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for this year are now due.—W. B. Duncan, Hon. Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to be present?—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Wulfram's Church House at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is hoped that a good attendance will be made; all ringers welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) have been recently rehung; available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, good train and bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The first annual meeting of the above district, for the election of officers, and other important business, will be held at Bakewell, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. at the Wheatsheaf. A large attendance is earnestly desired. Visitors from other districts especially welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district of the above Guild will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 5 o'clock; meeting 7 p.m. Important business to be transacted.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting of the above branch for practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Branch Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting at Fulbourn, by invitation, on Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 4.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the belfry at 6.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harphord, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45. Tea, 1/6 each, only arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Moss, 14, Welbeck Road, Bolsover, not later than 23rd. Will all local Secs. send me nominations for general and local officers for ensuing year, also any corrections for report, by this date? —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Those requiring tea, notify Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Wed., January 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, only for those who notify me by Monday, January 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Water-moor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 4.45, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service. Will those who require tea please let me know by 21st inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than January 22nd.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools. Please notify by Tuesday, January 21st, those who require tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Whitechapel. Bells available: St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3.30-4.30; Whitechapel (8), before and after meeting. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Brodrick Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 pm., Addison's Café. Business meeting to follow; all welcome. Those who intend to be present please notify me by the previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than previous Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Bells available 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, January 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5. Eynesbury bells (6) also available. Will those who hope to be present please let me know by Jan. 22nd?—C Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 21st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing to commence about 3 p.m., and service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. All wishing to attend the tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd? It is hoped to have the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, between 3 and 4 p.m., also in the evening at 7 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol (near St. George's Park), on Jan. 25th. No. 19 bus, Old Market, passes park gates. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present for tea let me know not later than the 20th? All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Lyonsball on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30, free to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 22nd. Business meeting after tea.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. A short service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Please send number for tea before the 21st to the Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also St. Peter's (8) from 6. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Moule Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 25th. 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 for tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Evercreech. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. — D. L. Board, Dis. Sec., Wolverton Rectory.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, near Stockport, before Jan. 22nd?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. W. Capron, Vicar of Scarborough. Tea will be served at the Arcadian Restaurant at 5 p.m., at a charge of 2s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia, Scarborough, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 21st. Annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the earliest convenient date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 29th. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Those intending being present, kindly notify me on or before Jan. 28th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, 28th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, by Thursday, Jan. 30th. This is important. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

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