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A CORONATION YEAR 'PUSH.'

Those who have at heart the future of the Exercise will give their approval to the suggestion, made by Mr. Frank Perrons on Saturday at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham, that in this Coronation year a great 'push' should be made to increase the number of bell ringers. It is not only that ringers will require to be at full strength to do justice to the great national celebrations in May, but the maintenance of the art demands that a united effort should be made to increase the ranks of those responsible for ringing in the future. In some places, it is true, there are fortunate bands of ringers who regularly ring all their bells for the Sunday services, but there is a large number of towers where the personnel is definitely short of the number of bells or where the circumstances are such that a full band cannot always be depended upon. These bands need supplementing. Further, there are other towers where the bells are silent for want of ringers, and efforts are needed to re-create an interest in the belfry.

Bells are going to play an important part in the Coronation celebrations in thousands of towns and villages, and the coming event provides one of the best opportunities that have occurred for more than a quarter of a century, for advocating the claims which church bells should have upon the interests of the public and the need there is for recruits. Except where the payment of the ringers keeps their little coterie a 'closed' society, recruits are always welcome, but this is an exceptional opportunity for interesting suitable recruits. Ringers, however, must be prepared to shoulder the task themselves and use every means at their disposal to make the matter known in every likely quarter. The church organisations should be able to provide much suitable material, but acceptable recruits might well be found outside, if the ringers themselves make it their special business. It may mean real endeavour, but much would be accomplished if every ringer set himself to bring in a recruit during this year and teach him to ring a bell. What is needed is definite and determined effort. Any source that may be useful should be tapped and the aid of the clergy and even the public press might be enlisted, but the real brunt of the task must fall upon the ringers. The reviving of interest in those places where there are now no ringers will be a more difficult business, perhaps, and it is the associations and guilds that can take a hand in such cases, by first enlisting the sympathy and help of the clergy and Church Council to collect likely recruits and then supplying instructors. Our belfries, nearly all of them, need recruits and, as Mr. Perrons pointed out in his speech, there never was a more favoured time than that provided by Coronation year for a great effort to obtain them.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 8
WILLIAM SHORT 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 9
JOHN THOMAS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 10
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 5	SIDNEY T. HOLT 11
WILLIAM DYER 6	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. William T. Pates on celebrating his 84th birthday. Mr. W. Short's 900th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
R. THOMAS HOLDING 3	JOHN WORTH 8
GEORGE PACKER 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 9
WILFRED STEVENSON 5	WILLIAM EDGE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN TOWNSEND ... Treble	FRANK LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	ALBERT NORTH 7
WALTER TAYLOR 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
HARRY TURNER 4	STANLEY BAYBUTT 9
ROBERT WATTS 5	GORDON BACON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WITTERWICK ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
DAVID WRIGHT 2	FREDERICK L. LEEKS 7
ARTHUR JONES 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS 8
ROY A. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
HENRY E. MILLS 5	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.
This method is now rung for the first time. The author is Mr. E. W. Tipler.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DROITWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. ARRON Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	T. WILLIAM LAST 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

This method, which is No. 72 in G. Lindoff's collection, is now rung for the first time.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5858 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES Treble	COLIN A. HOPPER 5
*ARTHUR DURLING 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
ALAN J. HOPPER 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
CLIFFORD BIRD 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First 'touch' in the method by all. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. HOPPER Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVER 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. CONYARD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. J. Bennett's 900th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	*P.C. RICHARD BENSON 5
P.C. PETER CROOK 2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 6
*P.C. GEORGE PVE 3	P.S. PETER CROOK 7
P.C. WILLIAM PVE 4	†P.C. FRANK YATES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by P.S. PETER CROOK

* First in the method away from tenor. † First in method. Rung to celebrate the honour of the King's Police Medal being conferred upon the Guild's president, Supt. Williams, of Manchester City Police, and as a birthday compliment to ex-P.C. Dick Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	*TONY PRICE 6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES E. J. MORRIS Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY Treble	ERNEST C. S. LEWIS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	WILFRID G. WILSON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

This composition contains 2,432 changes of London, 1,088 of Bristol, 768 of Cambridge and 768 of Superlative, with 104 changes of method. The conductor's first peal of 'spliced' away from treble. He had never previously called a bob in any Surprise method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
*WALTER ELSEY 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
FREDERICK C. ROPE 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	BERTRAM J. LUCK 6
WALTER A. DOBBIE 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
J. WILLIAM UNWIN 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 11 cwt.
FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
*FREDERICK GODSMARK ... Treble	*JAMES JEFFREY ... 5
CHARLES STARLEY ... 2	THOMAS GASSON ... 6
THOMAS MITCHELL ... 3	GEORGE LEWRY ... 7
WILLIAM WHEELER ... 4	FRANK CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GASSON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	JOHN W. SYKES ... 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 3	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	†ALFRED H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (123).

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	HERBERT ELSE ... 5
*DONALD C. MEARS ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
†PERCY TOMPKINS ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. KNIGHTS (155). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. A 20th birthday compliment to Miss F. Else, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLEY ... 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... 4	WILFRED BARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents called differently.

A. R. WOODWARD ... Treble	F. BOKLEY ... 4
E. CRACKNELL ... 2	F. ROPER ... 5
J. STEED ... 3	A. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of treble, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London and two 720's each of Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	EDWIN BROMLEY ... 5
ALAN BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT I. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert, sen., the band congratulating him on attaining the age of 70. It was also a birthday peal for Miss Florence Lambert, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble	LEONARD ... 4
MARIA R. CROSS ... 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in eight Treble Bob methods by all. A birthday compliment to L. Stilwell.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in twelve methods: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Thelwall and Childwall; (3) College Bob; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Double Bob; (6) Double Oxford; (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	CECIL V. EMBERTON ... 4
EDWARD GREENACRE ... 2	CLAUDE COUGINS ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and for the Ely Association.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in five methods, viz., one of Capel, two of Sandal, one of London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kingston and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CARIL BOWDEN ... Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 4
*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
†ALAN BROWN ... 3	KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

There were nine changes of method. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in five methods away from the treble. ‡ First peal in five methods. Alan Brown had never rung four of the methods prior to starting for the peal.

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THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES WALLKY Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by W. CARNWELL.

This peal was rung in deep respect for the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, the much esteemed Eight-Bell Ringing Master of the above association.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	REGINALD G. H. SIMMONDS 4
BERNARD W. PETTITT 2	ALBERT CATTERWALL 5
THOMAS BIRD 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD Treble	* HARRY THELWELL 4
REGINALD W. WOKRALL 2	HARRY PARKER 5
STANLEY HARRISON 3	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal 'inside' containing Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard and to K. Parker, son of the conductor.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	LESLIE LUNN 4
JAMES W. RAITHBY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BECKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and five extents of Plain Bob (called differently). Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS GRACE BUCHALL Treble	JACK VESSEY 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

These bells are believed to have been last overhauled 150 years ago.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Weston Underwood Bucks, on Monday, February 15th, at St. Lawrence's Church, in 1 hour 25 minutes, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes): T. Watts 1, E. Shouler 2, V. Adams 3, O. Warren 4, M. Cook 5, D. Cockings (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Residence of J. A. GODFREY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, three variations of calling.

* GORDON CHAMBERS Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	* ROBERT BONNING 5
GEORGE BONNING 3	ERNEST NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GODFREY.

Witness—Robert Freezer.

* First peal. First peal 'in hand' by all except ringer of 2nd. Rung at first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

M. B. SHAW (Peterhouse) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3-4	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, February 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

* B. P. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pemb.) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3-4	D. F. C. HAWKINS (Clare) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. B. F. SHEPPARD

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At 40, FUCHSIA LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5-6
* CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' † First peal as conductor in the method and 'in hand.'

HOLTON-LE-MOOR, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At STONE HILL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

EFFECTIVE SOUND ADJUSTMENT.

SUCCESSFUL RESULT IN LINCOLNSHIRE TOWER.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the following letter from the Rev. G. A. Elson, Vicar of Donington, Lincs:—

'I have received safely the framed record of our bells restoration, and have to offer you on behalf of the ringers and congregation my sincere thanks.

'I hear very excellent reports from my ringers of the going of the peal, and it will always afford me much pleasure in testifying to the work done by you in this tower. You will be interested to hear that the partial boarding-up of the open windows, while not impairing the sweetness of the ring, has been a success in softening the sound to dwellers just under the spire. It is always a pity that even a few should suffer from what brings such keen joy to very many—not so near!'

FOR BEGINNERS.

PROVING BOB MINOR.

There are many beginners, and many more advanced ringers, too, who like to dabble a little in composing, if only to while away odd moments. They love to try their hand, for instance, at putting together touches of Grandsire Triples, or even finding a new method. It may not always be a profitable occupation, but it is very fascinating.

And yet, we think, there is something to be gained from it, even if the material results are very small. By 'experimenting' with figures, the student may learn quite a lot.

Composing, without proving, is, of course, a waste of time. The ringer who 'composes' touches or peals leaves his work incomplete if he does not 'prove' that what he has composed is true. A composition is worthless unless it is true.

A reader, who has been working on Bob Minor, asks us to deal with the proof of it in this column. He says, 'It does not always follow, I find, that even if the lead ends do not repeat, the touch need necessarily be true. In Bob Major, I believe I am right in saying, provided the tenors are kept together, then a touch or peal is true if the lead ends are true. Of course, I appreciate that in Minor the tenors cannot be kept together throughout the whole of a 720.'

First with regard to Bob Major, it is the fact of keeping two bells (the tenors) constantly in the same relationship that ensures the truth of a composition, if the lead-ends are true. If the tenors are parted, then there is a risk of repetition unless certain safeguards are taken. Just as an example, taken at haphazard, the change 61725846 can occur, when the treble is coming down, before the lead-head 16725846 and after the lead-head 16278564 with the treble going up. Just take paper and pencil and work it out for yourselves.

In Bob Minor the same risk occurs when the 'tenors' are parted, and, as they must necessarily be parted to obtain the full extent of changes, the mere checking of the backstroke treble leads is not sufficient.

Our correspondent asks us to use the following example, which he specially compiled, to illustrate our explanation:—

23456	45326	42356
— 23564	S 54263	— 42563
36245	46532	— 42635
S 63452	63425	— 23456
S 36524	— 63254	
S 63245	— 63542	
34652	34625	
45326	42356	

In Bob Minor the two bells behind are not affected by a bob, and by the use of bobs and singles they can come together six times, but they may sometimes be coursing in a reverse order, and when you check your composition you must make sure that the reverse order does not give you the same change at handstroke that you have already had elsewhere at backstroke; if you do, you have repeated, in the reverse order, the preceding eleven changes.

Wherever, therefore, you find you have bells in 5-6 reversed, you must check the handstrokes as well as the backstrokes, and if you are using singles, you must check both hand and backstrokes, whichever way the bells turn up behind. As the proof of Bob Minor, in any case, is not a very lengthy business, it may be quicker and safer in the long run for the beginner to write down every handstroke and backstroke of his composition. The handstrokes of the above touch are:—

— 32546	S 54236	24536
32654	45623	24653
S 63425	64352	24365
S 36542	— 36245	
S 63254	— 36524	
36425	36452	
43562	43265	

Now compare these rows against the previous set of backstrokes and you find repetition between Lead 2, Column 1, and Lead 4, Column 2; Lead 4, Column 1, and Lead 5, Column 2; Lead 3, Column 2, and Lead 5, Column 1.

In this particular touch there is one other thing which will be obvious to the student. You cannot have more than six rows with the same pair of bells in 2-3, when the treble is leading. When a single is made that pair of bells is in 2-3 both at handstroke and backstroke, and the single, therefore, accounts for two of the six changes. A glance at the figures of the above touch, therefore, reveals falseness at once, for 6-3 are in front twice at singles (which accounts for four changes) and three times elsewhere, so that even if all the six rows had been used (actually only five are) the touch must be false.

Perhaps our readers would like to try their hand at the following touch of 240 and see whether or not it is true:—

23456	34256	25346	45326
— 23564	45362	S 52463	— 45263
— 23645	56423	26534	56432
34256	— 56234	63245	63524
	63542	34652	32645
	— 63425	45326	S 23456
	32654		
	25346		

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON DISTRICT APPOINTS A RINGING MASTER.

A meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday last, and, considering the unsettled state of the weather, there was a good attendance. The following towers were represented: St. Paul's, Burton, Overseale, Netherseale, Newhall, Ticknall, Tutbury, Lullington, Castle Donnington, Melbourne and Norton-in-the-Moors, together with the local company.

Members were delighted to have present with them the chairman of the district, Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, and at the suggestion of Mr. Worthington the first touch was Stedman Triples. Touches in the simpler methods were then rung for the sake of the less proficient. The company were entertained to tea by the Rector of Rolleston (the Rev. William Bagnall).

At the opening of the subsequent business meeting Mr. J. H. Swinfield referred to the loss the district had sustained in the death of Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Uttoxeter, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

One new honorary member and three ringing members were elected. It was decided to elect a Ringing Master for the district, and, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Curson, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield was unanimously chosen to this new appointment.

Ticknall having been chosen for the place of the next meeting on April 10th, it was decided that the special Minor method for practice should be Double Court.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Rolleston for his kind hospitality and for use of the bells.

Ringings continued until 7.30 and ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RINGERS' COMMUNION SERVICE TO BE HELD.

At this time of year attendances at meetings depend very much on the state of the weather, and as the Leeds area had had a very drenching time lately, ending with a very heavy fall of snow, the attendance at Liversedge on Saturday last was not a record.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and, except for the usual breaks, continued until 9 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the tower, when the chair was taken by the president. Three new members were elected, Mr. F. Popplewell, of Brighouse, and Messrs. F. Gibbard and A. Wright, of Burley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. F. Hodgson replied for the local company.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Idle, Birstall, Eland, Sherburn, Shipley, Lindley and the local company, also Mr. Deal, of London.

The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 20th. This is one week earlier than the usual date owing to Easter falling on the last week-end in March.

It has been decided to hold a ringers' Communion service at this meeting, which is also the nomination meeting of the Leeds Society for the coming year.

FIRST 720 OF MINOR AT WING, BUCKS.

BUT BELLS 'UNPEALABLE.'

The village church of Wing, near Leighton Buzzard, is noted for possessing some fine architectural features, including an early Norman nave, a Norman apse and a perfect Saxon window. Ringers, however, will be more interested in the bells, which are an ancient peal of six, with a tenor of 29½ cwt., the fourth heaviest six in the country. They are dated 1654, 1640, 1635, 1635, 1842 and 1863 respectively, from treble to tenor. The usual ringing chamber is on the ground floor with a draught of 70ft! Previous visits by bands have all brought the same remarks, 'Nearly unringable!' Once, however, a party decided to take some ropes and ring from the floor under the bells. And on that occasion there was a great improvement.

Another band of enthusiasts decided to follow their example, and after spending 2½ hours sitting on ropes, oiling the bells and doing other adjustments, started for a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. To the pleasant surprise of everyone, this was duly completed, and at the finish it was unanimously decided that the bells, especially the tenor, are definitely unpealable (a point which our correspondent asks other enthusiasts to note). The band who rang the 720 were Miss M. R. Cross 1, A. S. Richards 2, A. P. Cannon 3, H. H. Alexander 4, F. D. Boreham 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (conductor) 6.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**DIVISIONAL MEETING AT FRYERNING.**

The South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association visited Fryerning for their meeting on February 13th, there being 29 members and friends present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Fryerning, Maldon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sudbury, Leytonstone and Wanstead.

The association form of service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. S. Trimble, who gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The lesson was read by the Divisional Master, Mr. H. Mansfield, and the singing led by the organist, Mr. F. A. Bradley, who very kindly left his work to do so, and had to return to his duties immediately afterwards.

Tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers and their friends, was served in the Parish Room and was followed by the business meeting, at which one new ringing member, Mr. N. F. Grinham, of Boreham, was elected.

It was decided, subject to the necessary permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Widford on April 24th.

Mr. S. Taylor, on behalf of all present, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, the local band and their friends for providing and serving the tea, and Mr. A. Bradley for making the arrangements, also the organist and organ blower. He was especially grateful to the organist for transposing the hymns into a lower key so that all could sing the higher notes.

The Rector, in reply, repeated his welcome and said that when they came to Fryerning again he hoped they would come in the summer, when he would be very pleased to throw open the Rectory garden.

Handbell ringing followed and a return made to the tower. Several ringers called at Ingatestone on the way home, the bells there being available during the evening.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

At Cirencester, Glos., on February 15th, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lewis, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), composed by R. F. Deal, was rung at the Parish Church: H. L. Cooke 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham 10.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the conductor's home, where a convivial evening was spent and tunes and changes rung on the handbells. Mr. F. J. Lewis, jun., also entertained the company by tapping tunes on the handbells and ringing tunes on the fairy bells.

CODDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

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Rung at Hel-
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22nd, 1937, con-
ducted by T. W.
Last.

A QUARTER-PEAL IN NEW ZEALAND.

At Dunedin, New Zealand, on December 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), followed by a short touch of Grandsire Triples and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on handbells by C. Wilde 1-2, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 3-4, J. Whipp 5-6, J. Grimes 7-8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is special interest in the handbell peal rung at Cambridge on February 21st, for one of the two undergraduates who then rang their first peal was B. P. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Pembroke College, whose father, the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, was a prominent member of Cambridge University Guild, and librarian of the Central Council, in succession to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, it will be remembered, was accidentally killed by a falling tree about a year ago.

The first peal of Lessness Surprise Major, a method by E. W. Tipler, was rung at Erith on February 26th. A previous attempt by the same band, on February 13th, came to grief after 2 hours 34 minutes, through the breaking of the tenor clapper.

By the way, what does the title mean? Has it anything to do with thought, or care, or hope? Will the next in the series be 'Fullness'?

It is strange that on the same day that a peal of 'Lessness' was rung, a peal of another new Surprise method was also recorded—Droitwich rung at Helmingham.

To record a ringer's 900th peal is a rare occurrence, yet this week we publish the fact that two ringers have reached this large total—Mr. James Bennett, at Crayford last Friday, and Mr. William Short, at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Many friends of P. C. Perkins will regret to hear of a serious accident which happened to him while on duty on Wednesday week. He slipped on the pavement and fractured his thigh. Mr. Perkins has just been appointed Leicester Branch secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and was most enthusiastic. Everyone will wish him a speedy recovery.

At Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on Saturday, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Changes commenced at 3.25 p.m. at a brisk pace without a single thought as to the need for switching on the electric light until dusk began to fall, when whispers went around. However, as no one could reach the switch, the peal progressed, although at retarded pace, and eventually came round at 6.20 p.m. in total darkness. Well done!

Mr. George S. Soames, a ringer for many years at Marsham and Aylsham, Norfolk, died suddenly on February 21st while a peal attempt was in progress at Marsham. The same band on Saturday rang a half-muffled peal in his memory.

The dedication of the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral, which have been provided by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral Society and the Barron Bell Trust, will take place in the afternoon of March 20th. Particulars will be found in our notice columns.

Through a misunderstanding, the dedication of the new treble bell at Yetminster was inadvertently advertised to take place on February 27th.

BELL RINGING WITHOUT BELLS.

'CHANGE RINGING WITHOUT PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE'

The doom of church bellringing appears to be sealed. There will no longer be need for bells or ringers, for a new invention may take their place. Last week's issue of 'The Church of England Newspaper' contained the following:—

'A large party of bellringers and friends from St. Paul's Church, Egham, visited the works of the John Compton Organ Co., Ltd., at North Acton, N.W., on Friday evening last to witness a demonstration of a new kind of carillon, which is entirely without bells. This new invention, which is electronic in character, had never before been publicly demonstrated. It produces (not reproduces) bell music by new scientific means, and such famous carillons as those at Bruges and Malines, and the peals at Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals, can be given with the utmost fidelity.

'The apparatus is controlled from a small keyboard or desk, which can be placed in any convenient position, such as porch, vestry, or organ-loft, and a single operator can achieve the most elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology. By the same method, clocks can be provided with chimes. Any depth or weight of tone can be provided, and even automatic change ringing can be fitted.

'This new (fully patented) apparatus employs no gramophone records or oscillating valves. It is purely electrical and requires but a few cubic feet of space. It imposes no strain whatever on the fabric, and its cost is only a fraction of the expense entailed by a set of bells.'

We have not heard this 'carillon without bells,' but we can imagine that the instrument must be of a very ingenious nature. We are, however, surprised to hear that a large party of bellringers should go anywhere to listen to and possibly approve of a piece of machinery that is going to deprive them of their art.

But possibly the 'bellringers present' have no art, for St. Paul's Church, Egham, does not happen to have a ringing peal of bells.

For those who find quite as much as they can manage to ring even a pair of handbells to changes, the prospect of a single operator being able to 'achieve the most elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology' is really staggering. A new kind of man, as well as a new type of machine, must have been invented.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

Appeal for a Coronation Year 'Push.'

Henry Johnson, greatest of all Birmingham's ringers, who died at Aston in 1890 at the age of 80 years, has a niche in ringing history all his own. In his day he was not only one of the most knowledgeable men in the Exercise, but in his own particular circle created an 'atmosphere' that had an elevating influence. He was honoured in life; he is commemorated in death. Every year ringers from all parts of the country continue to gather to keep green his memory, and last Saturday a party numbering nearly a hundred and fifty assembled for the annual dinner arranged by St. Martin's Guild, which marks the anniversary of his birth, which took place on February 28th, 1899. The number of those living to-day who actually knew Henry Johnson is rapidly diminishing, but there are still a few who had the privilege of the old man's acquaintance, and eight of them were present on Saturday.

Ringling took place in the afternoon at various churches in Birmingham, and the dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of the Vicar of Aston, Canon H. McGowan, who was accompanied by Mrs. McGowan. Among those present were Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens (curate at Aston), Messrs. F. W. Stevens (churchwarden of St. Martin's), W. R. Heaton (Solihull), W. A. Clark (hon. member), F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master), Councillor A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. A. Walker, J. George and J. H. Sheppard (vice-presidents), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Messrs. S. Palmer (treasurer, Yorkshire Association), A. H. Ward (Derby), J. F. Smallwood (Bath), F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths) and Mrs. Cross, Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary, Staffs Archdeaconry Society), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Guise, Messrs. W. H. Thomas, W. Knight, P. C. Williams and H. Birt (Bristol), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Croydon), E. H. Nash (Mells, Som.), H. Boswell (Wolverhampton), T. J. Elton (Walsall), J. Pagett (Derby), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), G. Horner (York), G. L. Hewitt (Wellington), W. Parley and F. Nicholls (Stourbridge), G. J. Lewis (Powick), S. Briggs and F. Chaddock (Rotherham) and representatives from the various hands in the diocese.

Among those who sent apologies were the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers), who has presided on many occasions, and who was on his way to America, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (Whitechapel), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. B. Yates (King's Norton), etc.

The evening was a very successful one, thanks largely to the excellent arrangements made by the hon. secretary.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' referred to the many problems which confronted the world to-day as the result of the fast changing times in which they lived, problems which, he said, could be faced successfully if they had the backing of the community in general. With regard to the problems which ringers had to face, they had to ask themselves what they could do both to help themselves and at the same time to help the Church and State. There were two points which he would put before them. First let them foster good fellowship and mutual understanding, already so evident among ringers (hear, hear). He put that first because it was most important, and what applied to any body of ringers applied equally well in the Church and in the State. Let them put aside all petty jealousies and grievances and substitute goodwill and fellowship (hear, hear). His second point was more or less in the nature of an appeal; it was an appeal to each and every one to do what they could to help get recruits for the Exercise; for by so doing he thought they would do their little bit for the Church and State. Of recent years a large number of bell restorations had been taking place up and down the country, and this year there were more bells than ever in this country to ring. Were they doing anything like sufficient to get ringers to ring those bells? The bells were put in the towers to be rung, and it was their duty, as far as they possibly could, to provide ringers for them. He appealed to all ringers and associations to make, in this Coronation year, when they would be doing a great deal of ringing, a great 'push' for ringing recruits (hear, hear). They heard from time to time suggestions that they should go to the choir and other church organisations for their recruits for ringing. Let them cover these fields as far as they could, but there were so many more outside who would be interested and make good ringers if they could get hold of them. If they got hold of 'outsiders' they would be serving the double purpose of enlarging their own ranks and the ranks of real churchmen. He appealed to everyone in the

Exercise to do their level best to get at least one recruit during this Coronation year. Even if they only kept 20 per cent. of the recruits they would go a long way towards securing the regular ringing of bells that were at present silent (hear, hear).

Mr. Perrens went on to refer to the happy feeling existing in this country between Church and State, and remarked that in both they had men who would be able to overcome the difficulties that would have to be faced in the future. They had had remarkable proof of that during the last twelve months, especially in the State.

The Chairman, who replied to the toast, said ringers as a body were staunch supporters of the Church, and he was glad to say his experience had not been the experience occasionally put to him by some of his brother clerics that hellringers called the people to church, but could not hear the sound of their own bells. That had not been true of the ringers at the two churches where he had had the opportunity of working most harmoniously with his own ringers; and he did not think it was true of the many towers represented there that night. Such associations as that Guild fostered the happy relations between the ringers and the clergy and church where they did their work.

The Church, continued the Chairman, was a queer sort of institution. It was spread all over the land, but in spite of all the difficulties which were bound to occur, wherever human beings were trying to do something about which they felt very deeply, they all knew that the existence of the Church in this land, spread about in every parish, was something that this country could not do without (applause). The Chairman went on to refer to the relations between Church and State and to compare the conditions in this country with other countries in Europe. Church and State in this country had a much lighter relationship than formerly. That, perhaps, was a good thing, but there was still a desire that the Church should keep in touch with the important things affecting the lives of the people, a desire felt not only by the comparatively small body of people who met for worship and supported the Church's institutions, but among the great mass of citizens of the country, who, though they might not accept the regular ministrations of the Church, still looked to it for a lead, were still willing to co-operate with it on occasion, and still called upon it in emergency to comfort or help them.

ONE OF ASTON'S GREAT WORTHIES.

In calling upon Mr. W. Griffin to propose the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' the Chairman said Johnson was one of the great worthies at Aston. His name appeared in the belfry on many records, and his monument, erected by the ringers of all England, stood in the churchyard. They at Aston were very proud of that connection.

Mr. Griffin, who as a very young ringer remembered Henry Johnson, told numerous anecdotes of ringers and ringing in those now distant days, and referred to some of the early celebration dinners. He said he first met Johnson when he (the speaker) came from Sunday School to help William Hallsworth, another famous ringer, to chime the bells in Walsall tower. In those days Johnson used to be spoken of almost with awe, and he, as a boy, began to think Johnson was something to be afraid of. But when he did meet him he found he was the most kindly old gentleman he had ever met. He thought of him as like 'Father Christmas.' Johnson had a cheery word for him, congratulated him and hoped he would make a good ringer. In after years when he (Mr. Griffin) came to St. Martin's he found out what a really great man Johnson was. The atmosphere at St. Martin's was all Johnson; everybody seemed imbued with what he did or thought about ringing. Henry Johnson was one of whom they could truly say that all the elements were so mixed in him that everyone could stand up and say he was a typical English gentleman.

The toast was drunk in silence, and a count was taken of those who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. The number had dwindled to eight. Afterwards a well-nigh perfect course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. E. Norman, F. Pervin, A. Walker, G. F. Swann, F. E. Haynes and M. J. Morris.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He said it was a great pleasure to find himself once more able to be with them after his serious illness last year. He thanked the Guild for again electing him Master, despite the fact that he was 82 years old. He had also been re-elected an Alderman of the City of Birmingham for six years. He hoped they would be able to elect him as Master for six years as well (applause). It was very gratifying to have such kind friends among the ringers. Alderman Pritchett went on to mention the names of the members lost by death during the year. First and foremost was their dear old friend Thomas Russam. He was a great ringer. He had nearly attained his 80th birthday, and during the whole of that period he had spent his ringing career in connection with St. Martin's Guild. He (the speaker) had been with Mr. Russam on many occasions, especially at Aston, where he was in charge for many years, and where he (Alderman Pritchett) got his first practice on ten bells. They also very much regretted the loss of Mr. Leader, of Sutton Coldfield, and Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury. Mr. Hughes was a one-armed ringer who was a perfect marvel. He always chose a heavy bell and the way he managed it made him one of the most remarkable ringers who ever lived. Con-

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finning, Alderman Pritchett said they had with them some 'old stagers,' among them Tom Miller, who was one of a band of ringers, headed by Henry Johnson, who visited him at Oxford in his undergraduate days. They were also pleased to see Mr. James George, who, unfortunately, fell downstairs and seriously hurt himself. Mr. George had had an unexampled career as a ringer. He had been incapacitated for nearly a year, but had just begun to ring again. They hoped he would continue to improve and resume that remarkable activity as a ringer that had made him so well known all over the British Isles.

With regard to the progress of the Guild, they had held eight meetings during the year. At the quarterly meetings they had had an average attendance of 40, and at the bi-quarterly meetings an average attendance of 20. He thought, therefore, that their meetings might be regarded as successful. Thirteen peals had been rung, with seven conductors, including the first peal rung on the augmented bells at Aston. They had a band there of young ringers who were making very good progress (applause). The Vicar of Aston must be very gratified with the success of his young ringers. The Guild continued to progress under very good auspices. The clergy of the city were taking a deep interest in ringing and giving the Guild every encouragement. The Guild welcomed the restoration of the Cathedral bells. In his early ringing days they were a horror to him. He tried to ring on them on several occasions with very indifferent success, but he doubted whether the way they were hung was quite as bad as the sound of the bells themselves (laughter). He was very glad the old bells had disappeared and were to be replaced with bells with all modern improvements.

Alderman Pritchett made sympathetic reference to the absence from the gathering, which she had attended many times, of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith through illness, and went on to say that Mr. George Swann had completed 500 peals, 400 of them having been rung in connection with that Guild. He did not, of course, anything like approach the record of Mr. James George, but he had made a good start (laughter and applause). In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett said the Guild was greatly indebted to the indefatigable hon. secretary (Mr. Reeves) and to the Ringing Master (Mr. Haynes) for all the work they put in. He added that his own first peal was rung in 1874, conducted by Harry Bastable, a name that ought not to be forgotten on occasions like that (hear, hear). He was very proud of it and was still proud of it. A very cherished memory was his association with that dear old gentleman (applause).

GUILD 'GOING ON NICELY.'

The Hon. Secretary, in replying, first thanked the artistes who contributed to the musical programme, and then went on to thank his wife, who was beside him. The organisation of that gathering and the work of the Guild generally, he said, entailed a good deal of work. He, as most of those present knew, was away from home a good part of the week, and at week-ends he had to give up a lot of his time—time that he could otherwise spend with his wife and family—in order to carry on his duties as hon. secretary. On behalf of the members of the Guild, he thanked her for the indulgence she had shown him (applause). Continuing, Mr. Reeves said St. Martin's Guild honoured the men of the past. They were the men who built up that old Guild, and it was up to the ringers of to-day to sustain the honour and dignity of the Guild. Those dinners were inaugurated about the time that there was a great awakening in the recognition of the duties of ringers as churchworkers. In the old days ringers were known as 'buttrisses' of the Church rather than 'pillars' of the Church (laughter). To-day that had been altered, and he trusted they were pillars of the Church. They had choirmen among them, church councillors and churchwardens, and so he thought they could say truthfully that the status of the ringer had greatly improved. What he was particularly anxious about was that they should do nothing to break their tradition. He had in mind that some time ago a writer in 'The Ringing World' said that it ought not to matter about a peal being false as long as it was well struck. Such a view would not have held for a moment in the past, and he did not think it ought to hold in the future (hear, hear). That was one of the things they must guard against.

Continuing, Mr. Reeves said this year they would be celebrating the Coronation in every tower in the country. They in Birmingham were going to make almost a week of ringing in the various belfries, and in due course the local secretaries would hear from him regarding what they could do in the matter. When the occasion arrived let them see to it that when they rang they put their best into it (applause). Let their striking be perfection—that was what they wanted to aim at.

Their Guild, added Mr. Reeves, was going on very nicely at present. They were making new members, and he was sure there was still a big future before the Guild. As their secretary he appreciated the help and support the members always gave him at their meetings and at that annual gathering (applause).

The Ringing Master, in proposing 'The Visitors,' extended to them all a hearty welcome. They had seldom had, he said, a gathering so representative. There was, however, one face missing. Although he could not be included as a visitor, they were all sorry their old friend

Harry Withers was not present. Had he been there it would have been his thirty-ninth consecutive appearance at that gathering, but owing to ill-health he was now in a convalescent home and they wished him a speedy recovery.

They frequently, said Mr. Haynes, heard stories of the lack of young ringers, but he felt that as long as ringers' gatherings continued to attract the numerous attendance they obviously did attract, they had no cause to despond. The shortage, he thought, was only a temporary phase, and in years to come ringers would be produced in the numbers they had always been produced. It was true that more peals of bells were being put in and peals of eight augmented to ten and twelve. That was bound to cause a difficult situation for the time being, but he felt that in, say, ten years' time their reason for anxiety would have disappeared, because, at bottom, the same spirit that inspired the masters of old was still with them.

In coupling with the toast the name of the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. Haynes paid a warm tribute to the work done by Mr. Fletcher, which was a model of efficiency and enthusiasm (applause). Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said he was one of the favoured people given a job to do, but he would not be able to do it were it not that he received great assistance from his wife and a great amount of help from the secretaries of the affiliated societies. If there were any bouquets to be given they should go to the secretaries of the affiliated societies. So far as his part of the work for the Council was concerned, he got a great 'kick' out of it, and he appealed to young ringers to find some job in their own societies, for they would discover that it gave an added interest to their own ringing activities. They should not ring merely for the sake of their own performances; it was far better to do something for the good of ringing.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

At the present time, said Mr. Fletcher, they were suffering from the effects of the war. In the war they lost ringers who would now be in their middle age, round about the 40's, and who would be the connecting link between the old ringers and the young. They had gone, and it was for the young ringers who came after to go forward quicker than they might otherwise have done and for the old ringers to be more tolerant towards the young ringers.

Mr. Fletcher went on to thank the Birmingham ringers for all they did for the entertainment of the visitors. They knew Birmingham ringers at one time as Radio 'stars,' but they had been on vacation. He hoped the vacation would not last much longer, because they wanted to hear them on the wireless again (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and first paid a tribute to the manner in which the Press as a whole was now giving prominence to the subject of bells and ringing. A sympathetic press was very helpful. Mr. Walker went on to speak in terms of warm appreciation of the work of Mr. Goldsmith as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and urged a greater measure of support for the paper, especially among young ringers, who would benefit greatly by the study of the articles for beginners. In connection with young ringers, he congratulated the young members of the Aston band on their progress.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Councillor A. P. Smith gave the toast of 'The Chairman' and thanked him on behalf of all present for the able and efficient manner in which he had presided over the proceedings. Aston, for the most part, said Mr. Smith, had been fortunate in its Vicars, and it was fortunate still. Mr. Smith referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury's broadcast of his 'recall to religion.' He said he strongly disagreed with the Archbishop's suggestion that there was a falling away from religion. He (the speaker) was just an ordinary business man, mixing with business men, and he could assure the Archbishop, if he might be so presumptuous, that his experience led him to say there was no falling away from religion. He believed, indeed, that people were more religious than they had ever been in his memory. That there was a falling away in attendance at church was true. That was easily to be seen and many of them were aware of many of the reasons for it. But falling away in church attendance was a very different thing from a falling away from religion. Aston was fortunate in its Vicar, and the fine old church frequently described as the 'gem of the Midlands,' was one of the busiest centres of religion in the city at the moment and one of the most important.

The Chairman, in responding, said it was a great privilege to preside over the gathering. He was proud of his church, proud of his bells and just as proud of his band of ringers. He expressed his gratitude to the ringers and particularly to Mr. Davies, the leader, for the work they were doing.

The most enjoyable programme was contributed to by the Lyric Male Quartette, Mrs. D. Smith, Mr. A. S. Downes and Mr. M. Mackenzie, who sang songs, and Mr. A. Deeley, who contributed a monologue. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist. In addition to the course of Stedman Cinques mentioned above, a course of Grand-siro Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Pearn, F. Price, F. Ferrons, R. Ingram and T. Miller. The long programme, in which interest was sustained to the end, concluded at 11 p.m. with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the party broke up to find a storm had been raging outside and the streets were deep in snow.

On the following day many visitors who stayed overnight were entertained to a 'sandwich lunch' at the Tamworth Arms, a well-known Birmingham 'ringers' house.

'SNOWED UP!'**RINGERS' EXPERIENCES AFTER JOHNSON DINNER.**

The 'Johnson' dinner is seldom blessed with good weather. More often than not the climatic conditions that week-end have been unkind to visitors to Birmingham, but never, perhaps, more unkind than on Sunday. The guests left the hotel on Saturday night with heavy snow falling, and miniature blizzards swept the city at intervals on Sunday.

In the thick of it on Saturday night one party had a motor drive to Coventry. Before they started out, the screen-wiper of their car was accidentally broken! It is not true that the secretary of the Central Council offered to stand on the running board and keep the screen clean during the journey. Nor is it true that the language of the driver melted the snow.

Quite early on Sunday—early, that is, for 'the morning after the night before'—two well-known Guild secretaries put in their good deed for the day by doing a spot of snow shovelling and sweeping before breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson left for Surfleet. Soon after passing Market Harborough they were caught in a severe storm, and when it abated it took them an hour and a half to dig their car out of the snow.

They decided to return to Market Harborough, and, driving into the yard of an hotel, the wheels on one side sank into a pipe-trench and another hour was spent in extricating the car. They stayed the night at Market Harborough and reached home about noon on Monday.

It would appear to be the duty of St. Martin's Guild to ensure more congenial weather for the occasion of the annual dinner in future.

THE ELLACOMBE CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Rector of Clyst St. George from 1850 to 1885, was a pioneer in the restoration of parish churches. He was also the greatest authority of his time on church bells, having an unrivalled personal knowledge of bellfries, both in England and abroad. Standard books on the subject, e.g., 'The Bells of a Church,' 'The Church Bells of Devon,' etc., and on change ringing were written by him, and his practical genius was displayed in various mechanical inventions for bell furniture and fittings. The system of chiming bells, now in common use and bearing his name, was introduced by him, and his original model is to be seen in our church. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to his energy and enthusiasm, more or less directly, many guilds and associations of ringers throughout the country owe their birth.

Unfortunately, through long wear and the depredations of the death-watch beetle, the framework and fittings of our six bells (one of them of pre-Reformation date and beautiful tone, and three of them inserted by Henry Ellacombe himself) urgently need to be renewed. In this tiny agricultural parish, population 210, we are endeavouring to raise £340 to cover the cost.

I believe that far beyond the limits of Devon there must be many lovers of our ancient churches and their bells willing to help us to do honour to a great benefactor of the church at large by maintaining the belfry which was so dear to him.

Donations for the 'Church Bells Restoration Fund' will be gratefully welcomed by

W. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, for evensong, on Sunday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 minutes: W. B. Cartwright 1, J. L. Boylin 2, H. Haslam 3, D. J. Marsh 4, N. J. Goodman 5, C. H. Stanley 6, V. G. H. Hemus (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, E. Holt 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph James, Clerk of the Peace for the City of Birmingham and one of the patrons of the living of St. Mary's.

FORMER HIGH SHERIFF.

At St. Mary's Church, Hitcham, on February 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, 180 Oxford Single Bob and 720 Plain Bob, was rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. Percy Noble, of Taplow Priory, who was interred at Remenhall Church, near Henley-on-Thames, earlier in the day. Mr. Noble was a Justice of the Peace for Bucks and was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire 1930-31. He was 71 years of age. The ringers were P. Blamey 1, W. Woodley (first quarter-peal in three methods) 2, G. J. Berry 3, J. E. Taylor 4, B. O'Neil 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF VICAR OF WESTHOUGHTON.

As a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon George Henry St. Patrick Garrett, B.D., for 29 years Vicar of Westhoughton, who died on January 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled before evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, January 21st: R. Walmsley 1, H. D. Shackleton 2, J. L. Wright 3, R. V. Hart 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, A. W. Leigh 6, T. W. Smith (conductor) 7, R. R. Woodward 8.

BLIND RINGERS AT OXFORD.**TWO SIGHTLESS UNDERGRADUATES LEARN TO RING.**

Oxford University Society has two members who deserve hearty congratulations upon the courage and ability they have shown in triumphing over severe handicap. They are both blind, yet they have learned to ring.

The two members concerned are Mr. Shephard-Welwyn, of Oriel, and Mr. G. Bromley, of St. Catharine's. Mr. Shephard-Welwyn has been learning for about three months and can already handle a bell in rounds quite well. Mr. Bromley has been ringing for rather less than twelve months and has been included in round ringing for some time, and on Sunday last at St. Martin's and All Saints', Oxford, he rang the tenor without assistance of any kind to two courses of Grandsire Doubles, and kept a good beat, in spite of the fact that, owing to one or two learners being included, the ringing was not too even.

They have to rely entirely on a sense of touch and of rhythm, but somehow they manage to handle their bells well, and follow the bells in front as well or better than most learners of their limited experience.

This achievement speaks volumes for the grit and perseverance of these two young men in learning a difficult art under such adverse circumstances. Also a good deal of credit is due to their fellow-members of the Oxford University Society, and to Mr. Walter F. Judge, of St. Martin and All Saints', Oxford, who have so patiently and carefully instructed them.

Men who have been ringers and have lost their sight have continued their practice of the art, but this is the first time, as far as we are aware, that blind men have learned to ring.

'MEN OF MERIT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I saw in 'The Ringing World' some time ago that the Central Council was going to make a national biography of past members. May I ask if the Council is going to extend the biography and include other 'men of merit' who, in their lifetime, did so much for change ringing. Some of these have come and gone. I think they ought to have a place in the biography, just as much as those that have had a seat on the Council. Not every 'man of merit' has had a seat on the Council for various reasons, and I do not think it right that these men should be forgotten or ignored. I shall look for a reply to this query.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Glensford, Suffolk.

5,040 NEW GRANDSIRE AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

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462375	3	B 536472	1S
A 354762	1S	725643	2
375246	5	367425	1
426537	2	723654	3
574326	1S	237654	4
635274	1	452763	2S
426735	1	374652	1
754326	1S	263574	1
236475	2	542763	1S
346275	4	375642	1
627453	3	423587	2
346527	1	524736	5
257634	2	675324	1
462357	1	246537	2
436725	5	832475	3
275643	2	326475	4
362475	1	673254	3
745236	2	426573	1
326574	2	524367	5
352467	5	325746	5
345726	5	463572	2
673245	1	724356	2
324756	3	637524	1
274356	4	246753	2
435762	3	237546	2PL
672543	2		

Twice repeated. New Grandsire to be rung from A to B in each part, the rest being Grandsire Triples. Has the 24 4-6's, 7-4's and 6-7's at backstroke. Rung at Bridgend, Glam., on February 17th, 1937, conducted by C. H. Perry.

A FAREWELL.

At St. John's Church, Newton Nottage, Glam., on Wednesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½ different extents): David Thomas 1, Charles Davies 2, William Pellow 3, Trevor M. Roderick (conductor) 4, Alfred E. Williams 5, Herbert Bacon 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3 and 6 and first as conductor. Rung as a farewell to W. Pellow, who has helped many of the band to learn the art of change ringing.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): E. H. Oxenham 1, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 2, Miss M. Redpath 3, G. V. Murphy 4, D. M. Sharp 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. A. Barnett 7, E. Barnett 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by 1, 3 and 6, and also by the local band.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist for evening service on Sunday, February 28th, a quarter-peal (1,363 changes) of Grandsire Cinques: J. E. Cooper 1, R. Davies 2, J. Rumble 3, A. W. Clark 4, H. Skelt 5, D. Buxton 6, H. G. Pratt 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, A. J. Cawley 10, D. Cooper (conductor) 11, F. E. Collins 12. Longest length of Cinques by the ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. All the above are regular service ringers at this church.

DERBY.—On Monday, February 22nd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Bernard Stone (Duffield) 1, William Wileman (St. Luke's, Derby) 2, S. Dawson (Duffield) 3, S. Merry (Cathedral) 4, D. F. Ferguson (Repton) 5, C. R. Blunt (Repton) 6, James Pagett (Cathedral) (conductor) 7, William Webster (Duffield) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1, 5, 6 and tenor.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church for evening service on Sunday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): T. H. Taffender 1, F. D. Bishop (first quarter of Major) 2, Miss O. Ashbrook 3, W. D. Grainger 4, E. J. King 5, N. H. Manning (first quarter of Major) 6, F. Gransbury (late of High Wycombe) 7, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 minutes: J. Dean (14) 1, J. Morley 2, S. Bonnett 3, E. G. Buck 4, C. Kinch 5, W. D. Pooley 6, R. T. Newman 7, H. Smith 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 21st, at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. First quarter-peal in the method by W. H. Hammond and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, February 17th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 45 minutes: J. A. Moule 1, J. Blount 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, A. J. Wheatley 4, G. R. Brighton 5, S. Miles 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

CHISWICK.—On Tuesday, February 16th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Fulford 1, F. D. Bishop 2, N. R. Manning 3, Miss O. Ashbrook 4, A. P. Cannon 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, W. Lidbetter 7, S. Newton 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor are members of the local band.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday evening, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 minutes: W. E. Murrell (first quarter-peal) 1, E. S. Owen 2, E. Murrell 3, R. Allen 4, F. C. Shorter 5, E. R. Warner (Portsmouth) 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.

ALDERSHOT.—For evening service on Sunday, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Irene Tuck 1, T. E. Denyer (conductor) 2, Miss Edna Southby 3, Miss Betty Stewart 4, R. Kenward 5, A. Cole 6, C. W. Denyer 7, R. Jonas 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2, and first in the method by the ringer of the 5th.

MARGATE.—On Thursday, February 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. Wickens 1, F. Gadsden 2, J. Waghorn (conductor) 3, A. Dadds 4, E. Spickett 5, J. Piffeld 6, A. Saxby 7, H. Lade 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Dalby Reeve, hon. architect of the Parish Church and a good friend to the ringers.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. B. Perrott 1, F. Strickland 2, A. Dyer 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, W. Gould 5, E. F. Hancock 6, F. Sweet 7, T. Gale 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 6th.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, February 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Maddock (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Young (first 'inside') 2, James Robinson (first 'inside') 3, T. Robinson 4, J. Robinson 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Barker 8.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, January 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. W. Munday 1, E. Austin 2, G. Pullinger 3, F. A. Munday 4, H. Wooding 5, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, H. Balaam (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8. Arranged for Mr. G. Pullinger, of Basingstoke.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs 2, R. Biggs 3, A. G. James 4, E. Timpson (first quarter-peal) 5, P. Newton (conductor) 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Blaby 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Leonard's, 1,280 Bob Major: *J. W. Rae 1, H. Mance 2, J. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, *L. W. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. * First quarter-peal of Major, first attempt.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hampstead on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing: St. Ann's, Highgate (8), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Hampstead (10), 5-5.45. Service in St. Stephen's 6 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 6.30. Ringing after tea, Hampstead, until 8, Gospel Oak (6) 8-9 p.m. We expect to see every Cumberland in North London at this meeting.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. W. Cook, District Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. No branch business meeting, as the general committee meet during the afternoon. A hearty invitation given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A peal board recording the peal of Grandsire Caters, rung by members of the Wigan Branch, will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector at 4.20 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School at 5.15, 1s. each. Please notify Mr. G. T. Jenks, 199, Warrington Road, Pemberton, Wigan, for tea. Special invitation to Liverpool ringers.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock Road, Wigan.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th. Tea at Dykes' Restaurant, 5, Station Road, at 4 p.m., 1s. each, meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—The ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr., has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset on Sunday evening, March 7th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Sunday, March 7th, at 3 p.m., a service will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton. During the service, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate a church memorial to the late Canon Elsec. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., Bolton Branch.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing: St. Clement Danes', Strand, March 7th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, March 28th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', March 15th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, March 30th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 26 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Monday, March 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th; St. Magnus' on the 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whittlesey, near Peterborough, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Please come and, until then, kindly while your time in Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise. Book the date and don't be late, my friend said. Tea can only be arranged by notification March 9th latest.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Ashtree, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3.30. Quarterly business, etc., details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Longwood, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 o'clock at a charge of 1s. 3d. to all who send in names to Mrs. Winterbottom, 20, Thornhill Road, Longwood, by Tuesday, March 9th. Business meeting for election of officers at 6 o'clock. The recast bells of Lindley Parish Church will also be available throughout the day. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, March 13th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. Jesson). Business meeting to follow. Please notify by the 10th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Helen's Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., price 9d. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Master, supported by the Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, will be available from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m. to 5.55 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley and E. J. Butler. Application for tickets with remittance should be made not later than Monday, March 8th.—J. E. Bailey, Hon. Dinner Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. You will be very welcome. Remember a card helps no end.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on March 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Make it your object to attend.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6) on Saturday, March 13th. A bus leaves Newark Bus Station at 2.5 p.m. Any who use it will be brought back to Newark after the meeting. Methods: Double Oxford, Sandal T.B., Wells S. Please turn up and make this the best meeting in the association's history (and don't forget the card for tea).—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Newton, 1, Walton View, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, March 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at St. Giles on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by March 9th. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. For tea, cafés close by. Committee meeting 4 p.m. General meeting 6 p.m. Bristol for practice. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Sherington, Saturday, March 13th. 2.30 begin, 4 service, the address by Father King, C.R. Tea 4.45. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, at a small charge, at 5, if you send a card to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, not later than March 12th. Business meeting follows. Subscriptions for 1937 now due.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus service from Aylesbury and Buckingham. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before March 10th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30; followed by tea and meeting. Sturminster Newton bells also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Withyham (8) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify me by the 11th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mursley, bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. All requiring tea should advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by March 17th. This meeting is held jointly with a meeting of the Ladies' Guild.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, the 18th? Meeting after tea for election of officers, etc.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is to be held at Redbourn on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service, tea and meeting. Those requiring tea must notify me by the Thursday previous. Come along and extend your knowledge of Minor methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m. The Dean and Chapter, together with the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, invite visiting ringers to tea in the Guildhall after the service. Admission will be by ticket only, and application for tickets must be made before Monday, March 15th, to Mr. J. W. Elkins, The Cathedral, Winchester, and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed. The Cathedral bells will be available for ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Winchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The eighth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. The following towers open for ringing: Barnwood (8) at 1 p.m. if required; St. Mary de Lode (6) 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary de Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45; St. Michael's (10) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Will those friends requiring tickets kindly notify me not later than the 16th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8), Mersham (8) if possible, Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. Luncheon, free to practising members, 2s. 6d. to others. Application for tickets must be made on or before first post Wednesday, March 24th, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a list of names attending. After this date no application can be entertained.—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) **AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Guildford District) at Chiddingfold, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel 5.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. R. Carpenter, Pitt Lodge, Chiddingfold, by March 16th.—Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot; G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow. Further ringing until 7.30 p.m., when there will be a short service. Please send me your names for tea by the 17th.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

POYNTON, NEAR STOCKPORT.—Special services for the reopening of the bells on March 21st, at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by first post Wednesday, March 24th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

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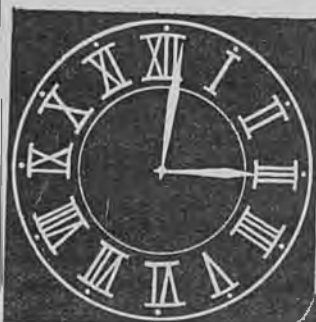
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