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WHY HENRY JOHNSON IS COMMEMORATED.

Ringers from many parts of England assembled in Birmingham on Saturday once more to honour the memory of Henry Johnson. It was the jubilee commemoration, for these gatherings began in Johnson's lifetime, and have been continued without a break for fifty years. They originated in a complimentary dinner, organised by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, in 1888, and since the death of Johnson in 1890 have been the means of keeping alive the memory of one of the most notable characters that the Exercise has known. But, with the inevitable passing of time, the figure and influence of Henry Johnson are slipping deeper into the shades. On Saturday there were only present in the large gathering seven ringers who had known him in the flesh; the day cannot be far distant when no one will be left who can say, 'I knew this man.' Even now there are almost two complete generations between us and the period when Johnson was in the heyday of his career; when, as a ringer and composer, he stood out conspicuously from most of his contemporaries. Those who knew him are of one accord in their appreciation of his loveable nature, and of his humble and gentle character. History can testify to the work which he did for ringing at a time when knowledge of many of the things which are commonplace now was very limited. He was regarded as one of the greatest authorities of his generation, and the best proof of that was the recognition of his work and standing shown by those who may be regarded as, in a sense, his rivals.

In responding to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' on Saturday, the hon. secretary quite rightly referred to what had been done by the worthies of the past to make possible the position which the society holds to-day. Henry Johnson was one of those to whom the Guild owes a great deal. The society has its roots buried in nearly two centuries of time. It has been a sturdy growth and has weathered successfully the storms of rivalry and dissension and the droughts of apathy and indifference which such organisations must inevitably suffer in the course of so long a history, but it has also gained stature by the efforts of men like Henry Johnson and others who, through succeeding generations, have not only nourished it with their loyalty but have made it blossom by their example and bear the fruit of usefulness by the lasting contributions which they have made to the advancement of the art. Birmingham has given many noted men, as well as notable performances, to the Exercise, but no other who united in such a happy blend the traits which have made the name of Henry

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Johnson something still to conjure with. The passage of the years and the changing of the times give point to the suggestion made by the Ringing Master, that this commemoration should be merged into, what it has already to some extent become, the annual dinner of St. Martin's Guild, but, whatever may happen in the future, we hope that on this annual occasion those who are privileged to join in the reunion will not forget what they owe to the men who, in the past, made Birmingham and its ringing famous throughout the Exercise, and kept the art going through a period when it was threatened by a lapse that almost led to decay.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	STAFFORD GREEN ... 9
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 11
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER (No. 12).

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal of Erin Cinques on the bells, by all the band and by the association.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 7
*MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS ... 2	*MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS A. BROWN ... Treble	ALFRED E. PEARCE ... 6
*ALBERT TYLER ... 2	CECIL F. MOGFORD ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	GILBERT PEARCE ... 8
JACK SPILLER ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	ALBERT L. GALE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Wilkins and Mr. A. Tyler.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... Treble	*REGINALD PAYNE ... 6
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... 8
*RALPH S. LONG ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
JOHN R. COAD ... 5	T. COLIN RYDER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES FERNLEY Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER 6
*JACK TIPPER 2	DAVID VINCENT 7
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3	ALLEN S. GORDON 8
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JOHN WORTH 9
*EDWARD JACKSON ... 5	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Heaps.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY DEVEREUX Treble	THOMAS BOREHAM 6
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 2	GEORGE WALTERS 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	FRANK WAITE 8
SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 9
CHARLES MARTIN ... 5	ARTHUR SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Archdeacon of Gloucester as Bishop of Tewkesbury.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
WILLIAM DYER 5	CHARLES COLLIER Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Pates on celebrating his 85th and to Mr. A. W. Humphris on his 73rd birthday; also as a welcome to the Rev. W. Walmsley to the curacy of St. Mary's.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS A. E. WALDOCK ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	HENRY S. WILSON 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	HENRY T. WILSON 8
WILLIAM CHALK 4	*FRED CHALK 9
*JOHN H. SITCH 5	GORDON A. BACON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES PALFREMAN ... Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM HAWLEY 2	HORACE S. MORLEY ... 6
*HERBERT FOSTER 3	STEDMAN STEEL 7
FRED TERRY 4	EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by E. BRADLEY.
* First peal.

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BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS L. K. BOWLING ... Treble	J. E. LILLEY 5
E. W. BIFFIN 2	*A. LOVERING 6
*A. GOODING 3	C. R. LILLEY 7
*A. DUNSTER 4	*C. R. SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	H. ERNEST COX 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
REV. E. G. BENSON ... 4	ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. POSTON.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. G. Benson on his election to the secretaryship of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

BERT CORNELL Treble	FREDERICK S. MORTLOCK ... 5
LEONARD PRYKE 2	MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	LAWRENCE POULSON 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	EDWARD CRACKNELL Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor and the conductor himself, which occurred on the 19th and 20th respectively.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE Treble	WILLIAM FLETCHER 5
GEORGE SPERRING 2	HARRY PYE 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	FRED HARTMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.
First peal as conductor on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LEYTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN 5
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3	DEREK M. SHARP 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 78). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	JACK CLEGG 5
WILLIE AARON 2	HERBERT HOLDEN 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	*WILLIAM PROCTOR 7
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

R. EDWARD JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
*REV. FRANK BONNER 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
*FRANK TWIGG 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 28th birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
CYRIL DOBNEY 2	JOHN W. CARTER... .. 6
*ERNEST T. KING 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 4	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALBERT GORRINGE ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	†ERNEST F. BENNETT... 6
*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, on his 72nd birthday.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, February 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
HOWARD HOWELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 7
EDWARD B. SMITH 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE.

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. H. G. Cashmore's 100th peal as conductor, S. H. Hoare's 150th peal, and the 200th peal on the bells.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. J. H. CRAMPION ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALBERT G. PETTY 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY 3	†JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
*STANLEY F. WEBB 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
†DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	ERNEST BREIT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal on eight bells and of Surprise inside.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
VERNON SYKES 3	IVAN KAY 7
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. G. Greenhalgh, who is leaving the district, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of H. Hamer.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. H. JONES... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE LEE 2	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 7
JOHN BEST 4	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. Atkinson and Mr. W. T. Griffin.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
MARTIN HARRIS 3	J. WILLIAM EDGE 7
GEORGE PACKER 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM PERKINS Treble	HARRY HALL 5
†HAROLD ROSE 2	NEVILL HOLLAND 6
WILLIAM H. BLOOR 3	EDWARD STEELE 7
ALAN D. STEEL 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL, STREATHAM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN L. MILES Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
HENRY G. MILES 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7
*CHARLES W. OTTLEY 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
* First attempt for a peal of Surprise.

ANSTEE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY CHENEY Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5
KENNETH A. ROE 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
*HARRY WAYNE 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first attempt.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILLBY ... Treble	ROBERT MARSH 5
JACK A. HINDRY 2	WILLIAM R. WEST 6
BERTIE W. MARSH 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
*VICTOR ROBINSON 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 5
ALBERT RICHES 2	GEORGE FILBY 6
THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD ... 3	EDWARD ETHERIDGE 7
S. W. ARBON 4	ROBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE SLACK Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 5
†JOHN BAGNALL 2	JAMES E. BURLS 6
†MICHAEL G. WHEAT 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JAMES E. WILLIAMS 4	ARTHUR STEDMAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLETT 5
RONALD A. TUFFIN 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
†ERIC J. COE 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
†LEONARD LOBB 4	WALTER CLAYDON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LEE Treble	HAROLD WORRAL 5
FRED HARTMAN 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	HARRY PYE 7
*WALTER ALLMAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ERNEST W. FULFORD ... Treble	*THOMAS J. THURLEY 5
†FRANCIS D. BISHOP 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 3	ERNEST W. PYE 7
†MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	HARRY BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

BERT GRIMSHAW Treble	TOM ISHERWOOD 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First 'touch' of London.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY S. WILSON Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

A 62nd birthday compliment to ex-Insp. G. M. Mitchell, of Hove, an honorary member of the association.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	*GEORGE A. WEST 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	CHARLES POTHECARY 6
REUBEN CHARGE 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	WHITTET SPARKES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal with a bob bell. A birthday compliment to Messrs. O. W. R. Grimwood and G. A. West, also a farewell to David Wright, who is leaving the county.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	*JAMES E. BAILEY 5
*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	†HARRY PARKES 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Treble	JOHN HALL 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	*JOHN C. PERKINS 6
FRANK SADLER 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
RALPH HARRIS 4	GEORGE MOISEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Moisey, on completing 40 years as ringer and 30 years' service as clerk and sexton at Badsey.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD W. REX ... Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
*JOHN CHESTERMAN 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
LESLIE TREMEER 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*PETER SMALL ... Treble	EDWARD TRENDALL 5
JABEZ WALTER 2	GEORGE SIMPSON 6
FREDERICK BRETT 3	BERTRAM LUCK 7
JOHN SPICE 4	RANDALL PORT Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

* First peal.

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NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD M. GIBBS ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 4
GEORGE MASKELL 2	ALBERT KEMP 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GILBERT R. GWAITHIN ... Treble	†AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4
GORDON C. LEACH 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob 'inside.'

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE P. BIGGS ... Treble	MISS BERTHA REEVE 4
GORDON C. LEACH 2	REGINALD J. ARBON 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	CECIL H. ALDOUS Tenor

Conducted by CECIL H. ALDOUS.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Robert Sinker.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD 4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
RALPH BIRD 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

The first peal on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the county.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	JACK C. VESSEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER 5
FRANK W. VERNON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Quickest peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss E. B. Millhouse, sister of the conductor.

WARMLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD MILES ... Treble	*ALBERT SAUNDERS 4
†RAYMOND BREWER 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN 5
*GREYHAM BUSH 3	GILBERT DREW Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

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

BENTLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and St. Bartholomew's, four different callings, and ten six-scores and four twelve-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY GOODALE Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 3
*HOWARD SCOTT 2	ERNEST COOPER 4

*JAMES MCCLUSKEY Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal of Doubles.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 3
HUGH E. HARDING 2	TOM BARTRAM 4

BRIAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

RICHARD T. HOLDING Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*V. CARLILE Treble	†D. WATSON, JUN. 3
†G. CLOUGH 2	†E. GILBERT 4

JAMES F. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES F. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hilary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 4
*WILLIAM STRONG 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
DAVID HUGHES 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Robert Webster, a ringer at the above church.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 different 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALLAN COLCUMBE Treble	*ARTHUR H. OAKLEY 4
JAMES P. HVEY 2	WILLIAM A. KITSON 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3	*HORACE D. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVEY.

* First peal.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

TOM J. MARRIOTT Treble	WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. Webb, M.A., who is shortly leaving the parish.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

F. TOWELL Treble	J. G. GEARY 4
A. L. WARD 2	J. H. BLUFF 5
R. RUSSELL 3	*P. D. BALDOCK Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal in five methods.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 32 methods:—

- (1) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster.
- (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet.
- (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourn.
- (4) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Netherseale.
- (5) London, Cuneastre, Wells.
- (6) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre.
- (7) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDON 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 32 Surprise methods by all; first for the Guild and first in the county.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) York and Durham; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOE HOBBS Treble	HORACE L. WAITE 4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 2	FRANCIS KIRK 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First attempt at Treble Bob on the treble. First peal in 16 methods by the association, in the county and by all the band. Eighty-nine changes of method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Russell, D.D., as Vicar of this parish.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*EDWARD T. BARRETT Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY 4
*PETER A. BLAMEY 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by G. GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Bunce (mother of two previous members of the Hitcham band).

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 35 methods:—

- (1) Ohepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
*JOSEPH WHITTAKER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in 35 methods. Fifty-three changes of method.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford; (2) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel; (3) St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Neasden and Wragby Delight; (5) College Exercise and Ockley; (6) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (7) Sandal and Kingston.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
J. THOMAS WHITE 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in 14 methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. C. Wright, late curate at Felkirk.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, all different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM PATCHELL Treble	JAMES ASHCROFT 4
JOHN JACKSON 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 5
KENNETH HALL 3	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor.

COUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER L'ECHE Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in eight methods in the county, by all the band and for the association.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALRC HOWELL Treble	EDWARD RISBY 4
†FRANK GARLAND 2	GEORGE LATHAM 5
BASIL LATHAM 3	*LANCE CORDWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LATHAM.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

RALPH G. EDWARDS Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
JOHN W. COLLINGWOOD 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

BINFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CECIL W. BAILEY Treble	RONALD C. FOWLER 4
*MISS JOAN A. BLACKMAN 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT

* First peal in more than three methods. Specially rung for the wedding of Mr. Henry Wallcroft (one of the Binfield ringers) and Miss J. Smith, which took place that day in the Rhondda Valley.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 39, FAIRFORD ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

RICHARD C. INGRAM 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6
*ALLAN SHORT 3-4	FRED PRICE 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Witness—Mrs. R. C. Ingram.

* First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*THOMAS BARLOW BROWN 1-2	†ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Witness—A. T. Bartlett.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in G.

*F. DAVID GODDARD 1	WALTER GODDARD 3-4
ALISON M. GODDARD 2	JAMES W. GODDARD 5-6

Conducted by J. W. GODDARD.

* Aged 11 years and first attempt for a peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 1-2	*CYRIL BRET-SMITH 7-8
DERRICK M. SHARP 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 9-10
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6	†JOHN O. WELLER 11-12

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal 'in hand' and first on twelve. First peal of Maximus as conductor. G. V. Murphy's 75th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WINDSOR RINGER'S DEATH.

Many ringers will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Walter Cross, of Windsor, at the age of 51. He had not been in good health for some time and neuritis had prevented him from ringing for about a year.

He was connected with a firm of stockbrokers in London and continued business with them until nine days before his death. He caught influenza, which was followed by pneumonia, and the end came with tragic suddenness on Sunday, February 27th.

He was taught to ring at Farnham Royal, while still at school, by the late Mr. J. J. Parker, and, though he had rung only about a dozen peals, he was always delighted with a well-struck touch or quarter-peal. Besides being a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he also belonged to the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Middlesex Association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 2nd, at Clewer, and half-muffled touches were rung the same evening at Windsor Parish Church, and on Thursday evening, at Clewer, 720 Plain Bob by T. Smith, W. Birmingham, G. H. Gutteridge, W. Henley, E. S. T. Farr and L. Stilwell (conductor).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**TWO LADIES AMONG NEW MEMBERS.**

The February meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bramley on February 26th. The opening ringing gave a start to the new venture of an unknown couple, who were married in the church at the time the meeting commenced.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. S. Helliwell at Brookes' Cafe, and the business meeting was held in the Church Schools. Mr. Senior (president) was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Lindley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

The following new members were elected: Miss D. Lister, of Shipley, Miss K. Marsh and Mr. J. Thorn, of Bramley.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bramley and to the local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. Fred Davison.—Mr. S. Helliwell replied.

The next meeting will be on March 26th at Armley, when it is hoped last year's experiment of a ringers' Communion service will be repeated. This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild (Northern Section). Members were specially asked to send in their names in order to allow for tea arrangements to be made.

BURTON-ON-STATHER BELLS AUGMENTED.**LINCOLNSHIRE GETS ANOTHER EIGHT.**

Two new trebles have been installed at the Parish Church, Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, and were dedicated on Sunday, February 27th, at the morning service.

The Ven. Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was prevented by illness from performing the ceremony, and all concerned were grateful to Canon Rust, Vicar of Frodingham and Rural Dean, for stepping into the breach at a moment's notice.

A very impressive service had been arranged with appropriate hymns and prayers. When the eight bells were heard for the first time, rung in rounds by eight members of the local band, all present were impressed by their beauty of tone.

After the service touches were rung in various methods, the local band being joined by ringers from Scunthorpe.

A set of rope guides have made the bells much better to handle.

A district meeting has been arranged for May 7th, when it is hoped that all interested will come and try the augmented ring. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are once more to be congratulated upon completing an excellent job.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A MEETING WELL WORTH WHILE.**

The meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 5th, was in every way a great success. Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were set going in rounds by the younger members, who turned up in good numbers. There was a good attendance at the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Penney, who gave an interesting address. Mr. L. Lilley, one of the local band, was the organist.

Following tea, arranged as usual by Mr. P. Webb, the local captain, routine business was quickly disposed of.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Linton, a five-bell tower.

A collection towards the appeal for the restoration of the bells of St. George-in-the-East Church, London, realised the sum of 10s. 6d.

On returning to the tower various methods were rung to suit all, from beginners upwards. Two or three valiant attempts for a course of Ickleton Surprise, the first peal of which was rung in this tower a month ago by the Hertfordshire band, failed to materialise.

The good attendance of members of the district, with members from the Central Branch and the splendid support of the local band, made the meeting well worth while.

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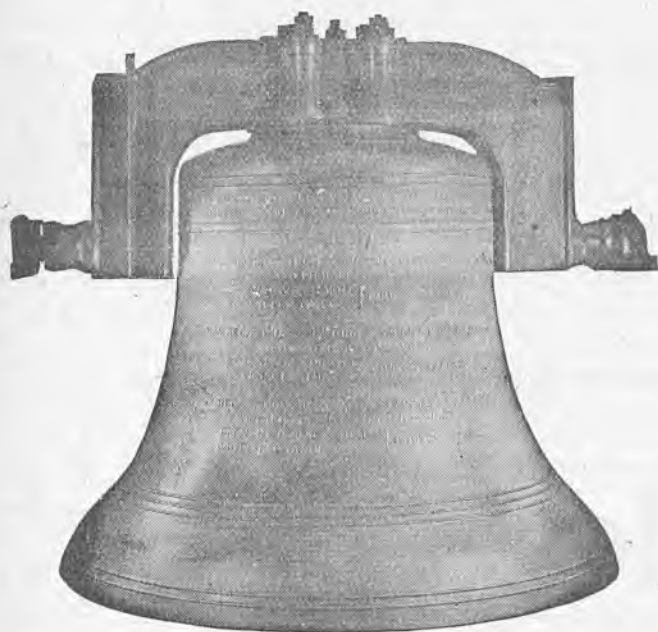
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Recently the Ancient Society of College Youths received payment of 3s. 6d. in respect to the election of a member which took place 60 years ago. The member is now over 90 years of age. The letter had been lost among the pages of a book for all that time.

There was the customary reunion in Birmingham on Sunday morning, after the Johnson Dinner. Sandwiches and handbell ringing were enjoyed at midday at headquarters.

Earlier St. Martin's had had nearly a double quota of ringers for the service ringing, but the Cathedral, well patronised on Saturday afternoon, had a job to muster eight, which was a pity.

One well-known London ringer, who was present at the dinner, brought with him a label, ready printed with instructions, for his safe delivery to his wife, in case he was unable, for any reason, to make his way home by himself. His finder was given precise directions as to what to do in the event of the wife answering the door.

Which reminds us of another well-known ringer, who, making a belated return after a handbell practice and doubtful of his reception from his better half, said to his companion, who had inquired what he was going 'to do about it,' 'I shall open the front door and throw my overcoat in. If it's thrown out again, I'm coming home with you.'

PEAL RINGING BY NON-SERVICE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I trust you will find space for a reply to Mr. Macey, who, I presume, is a service ringer, although he is listed as 'unattached' in the Kent County report of 1937.

The old principle that 'what has been done in the past is good enough for the future' cannot, for one minute, be accepted.

For a considerable time 'free lances' have been able to continue their peal activities unchecked, possibly owing to the fact that the clergy are unaware of the true state of affairs.

There is no doubt that in order to keep church bells ringing and in perfect order a Sunday service band is an essential factor. It is, therefore, the duty of all ringers who are members of service ringing companies to ensure that their bells are not rung by irresponsible persons, who render no regular service to the Church. The associations, too, should see that their members are not abusing the principles for which the associations stand.

Let us not sit back comfortably and hope for the best, but make a determined effort to obtain this much-needed reform.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. **FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN.**

BROADCAST RINGING.

A BOUQUET FOR BACKWELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few 'bricks' have been thrown in your columns recently in regard to broadcast ringing, Mr. A. R. Pink especially aiming a well-deserved one, but I think those who tuned in to the West Regional on Sunday evening will agree that the time has arrived to substitute bouquets for bricks.

I had the company of a non-ringer who has no time for the 'music of the bells,' usually describing it as a meaningless jangle, but on this occasion, when the bells of Backwell Church, Somerset, were 'faded in' after the announcement, remarked 'how well those bells sound, such regular striking and not the usual jangle.' As a practical ringer and, I hope, a passable striker, I should like to congratulate the band who broadcast that evening on their *perfect* striking, but, to my mind, the fact of having made a non-ringer sit up and take notice is a greater achievement than earning the congratulations of a brother ringer.

If, in addition, and there is no reason why it should not be so, they have caused some ringers who may some day also broadcast to 'sit up and take notice' and see that their striking comes up to that on the air on Sunday evening, we may have an easier task in convincing our non-ringing friends that change ringing is something more than a mere jangle. In any case, I would like to see a little appreciation recorded of a splendid effort to put change ringing in a respectable category after the unfortunate exhibition recently broadcast from Bedale.

Crayford. **T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.**

AN EXAMPLE.

Dear Sir,—The protests made by your correspondents about the disgraceful exhibition of ringing broadcast from Bedale a fortnight ago are quite justified. Mr. Pink was fortunate to be able to distinguish call changes; so far as I am concerned, I could not make out what it was—it sounded like bad firing!

As a contrast we heard on Sunday evening a fine example of ringing from Backwell, Somerset; almost perfect throughout.

If something on the lines suggested by Mr. Burgess could be done by the B.B.C., this broadcast might be held up as an example of what should be the standard.

Walthamstow. **C. T. COLES.**

BROADCAST RINGING AS IT SHOULD BE.

Dear Sir,—With a friend, I heard Stedman Doubles on Sunday evening from Backwell, Somerset, a good old peal, on which I have rung (about 50 years ago). I would like to congratulate the ringers on their excellent striking.

Reading, Berks. **R. T. HIBBERT.**

LEADING CONDUCTORS—9.**ALFRED H. PULLING.**

There has been no greater ringing enthusiast than Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, who is one of the few ringers who have conducted more than a thousand peals. Born at Petworth, Sussex, his whole career as a ringer has been associated with Holy Trinity, now the Cathedral, Guildford, where he learned to ring and where in October, 1899, he scored his first peal and, three years later, rang his first peal as conductor.

Throughout this forty years or so his chief interest has been centred in the ringing in Holy Trinity tower, where he has seen the Sunday service band rise from call changes to the highest degree of efficiency.

Of that original band only Mr. Henry Hutton remains. Despite one of those setbacks which nearly all bands at some time suffer, and which has led to the Holy Trinity Society fading for a time somewhat out of the picture, Mr. Pulling is now building up another company of considerable promise.

Under Mr. Pulling's conductorship the society formerly not only reached the ordinary Surprise stage, but were the first to ring a number of new Surprise methods, at a time when first peals of this kind were not the common occurrence they are to-day. Those who shared in the achievements of that period will be the first to admit that their success was largely due to Mr. Pulling's brilliant qualities as a conductor.

There was a period before the war, too, when handbell ringing at Guildford reached a high standard, a large number of peals were rung and some new records set up. At one time they rang six peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings on six different sets of handbells and in six different places. These were all conducted by Mr. Pulling. In 1912 two records were made. On June 1st Mr. Pulling called 14,031 Stedman Caters in 7 hours 3 minutes, the longest peal on handbells. On August 31st the band started for a peal of 22,222, but at 11.27 p.m. the bells were brought round after 19,738 changes—which is still the handbell record, and at that time the greatest number of changes rung by one set of men.

Mr. Pulling has conducted several long lengths on tower bells in a number of methods, and he was the first to conduct a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the four basic methods. This was on June 11th, 1927, when the full extent of the Rev. H. Law James' peal, 5,408 changes, was rung at Warnham, Sussex. That was an epoch-making peal.

Among the performances upon which Mr. Pulling looks back with particular pride are some conducted in his own tower at Guildford, among them a peal of Stedman Triples for the funeral of King Edward VII., the only peal of London Surprise rung on the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary (this was rung before 8 a.m. by the Sunday band), a peal of Stedman Triples for King George's Silver Jubilee and another for His Majesty's funeral, and a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Coronation of the present King and Queen. Altogether Mr. Pulling has rung more peals on handbells than any other ringer. He has rung 452 'in hand,' of which he has conducted 435. Altogether he has rung 1,159 peals, of which he has conducted 1,051.

He represented the old Winchester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1914 until the severance of the Guildford Diocesan Guild area at the end of 1927, and he has represented the new Guild since 1930.

Next week: Mr. George E. Symonds.**THREE GENERATIONS.**

Three generations of the family celebrated the 75th birthday of Mr. Charles Belton, of Barwell, Leicestershire, the event being honoured with a quarter-peal of Bob Major. Mr. Belton has been a ringer at Barwell for nearly half a century. Also taking part in the quarter-peal were his son, Richard, who has been a ringer for 25 years, and his grandson, Tom.

**MR. ALFRED H. PULLING.****PRESENTATION TO MR. W. T. COCKERILL.
GOLD WATCH GIVEN TO COLLEGE YOUTHS'
LATE SECRETARY.**

The retirement of Mr. W. T. Cockerill from the secretaryship of the Ancient Society of College Youths took effect, with many regrets, at the annual meeting last November. He had served the society faithfully for 46 years. On the occasion of the tercentenary dinner a few days before, the members presented him with a gift of £50, and on Tuesday week at headquarters there was a further presentation to mark the members' appreciation of and gratitude for his long services. The gift was a gold watch inscribed, 'W.T.C., honorary secretary, A.S.C.Y., 1891-1937.'

At the outset, the Master, who presided, recalled the gift on November 6th, and added that he did not propose to say very much on that occasion, as he had already said what he thought about Mr. Cockerill. He would, however, like to read one or two extracts from many letters he had received. Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, who had been a member of the society since September, 1885, sent his donation as an 'admirer of our late scribe,' and hoped his old friend, Mr. Cockerill, would have the 'bumper' he thoroughly deserved. Other extracts were from one member, who said, 'having known Mr. Cockerill for 40 years, I appreciate the exceptionally fine work he has done in a great many ways'; and another, 'a bricklayer in the North Country,' who referred to Mr. Cockerill as a fine old English gentleman, who had ever shown courtesy and kindness to all.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Reading) said the first peal he rang with Mr. Cockerill was at Fulham in 1889. He had known him, therefore, for nearly 50 years and had never had cause to grumble at him (laughter), but he (Mr. Cockerill) had had many causes to grumble at him, although he was gentleman enough not to express his feelings (laughter). He hoped Mr. Cockerill would live many more years and be able to meet his friends of the College Youths on a great many occasions (applause).

Major J. H. B. Hesse said he had known Mr. Cockerill for 35 years, and he remembered that when he first came up to London as a youngster to meet the society Mr. Cockerill always treated him with the utmost courtesy, kindness and encouragement. In all his years of ringing he had never met a man he had a greater respect for (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer) said he remembered Mr. Cockerill almost as long as he remembered anyone. It used to be said that among the College Youths a youngster did not get much chance, but Mr. Cockerill was always a great help to him. He never forgot the tips Mr. Cockerill gave him to make his path in method ringing easy. Having since come to work with him in the society, he could appreciate his wonderful services more than anyone else (applause).

Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary) said as 'one of the boys' they all learned to love Mr. Cockerill and they loved him still. He thanked Mr. Cockerill for the great help he had given him in taking over the secretaryship, and said that the perfect order in which Mr. Cockerill had left the affairs made it plain sailing to take over where he had left off (applause).

Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward) said the younger members always regarded Mr. Cockerill with admiration, respect and affection. Mr. Waugh recalled some of Mr. Cockerill's feats in ringing, such as turning-in St. Paul's Cathedral tenor for peals. These things gave them a great opinion of Mr. Cockerill's ability as a ringer, he said. He hoped they would see him among them for a long time yet (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, as a visitor, added an expression of the admiration which members of other societies throughout the country felt for the services rendered by Mr. Cockerill. His example of loyalty and devotion to duty was one which might well be emulated, and those who successfully emulated it would leave the Exercise better than they found it (applause).

Mr. Lewis, in making the presentation, said many of them had recently been studying the history of the society, and they had noticed that the society during the last 46 years had been going steadily up. One man was mainly responsible for that, and that man was Mr. Cockerill (applause).

Mr. Cockerill, who received the gift amid renewed applause, thanked the speakers for the very kind things that had been said about him. He recalled that in the year 1900 he was presented with a roll top desk by the members, and that had been of very great service to him ever since. It had on it a silver plate stating that it was presented to him in appreciation of his services, which then had extended only over a period of eight years. Now they had given him this beautiful present of a gold watch, which was a thing he wanted, for, said Mr. Cockerill, 'my old ticker was getting a bit rocky' (laughter). He asked those present and all the subscribers, as well as those who had engineered the scheme, to accept his most grateful thanks.

The 'loving cup' was then passed round and everyone present drank to Mr. Cockerill's good health.

The Master stated that later on it was proposed to give Mr. Cockerill a list of the subscribers, who numbered somewhere near two hundred.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

JUBILEE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

A Suggested Change in Character of Reunion.

Fifty years ago a gathering of representative ringers of England met in Birmingham to honour the then 'grand old man' of the Exercise—Henry Johnson—on his 80th birthday. Ever since his death his memory has been annually commemorated on some date near his birthday, February 28th. Last Saturday there was another large and representative gathering in Birmingham for the 'jubilee' dinner and many visitors spent an enjoyable time. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Martin's Church and St. Philip's Cathedral, and dinner was served at the White Horse Restaurant. The chair was taken by the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and among the company, numbering nearly one hundred and fifty, were the Provost of Birmingham (the Very Rev. J. H. Richards), the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers) and Mrs. Rogers, Canon H. McGowan (Archdeacon-Designate of Aston) and Mrs. McGowan, Canon and Mrs. Blofeld (Edgbaston), the Rev. W. T. Power (Vicar of Erdington), the Rev. E. A. Fraser (Rector of Solihull), Messrs. F. W. Stevens and E. B. Tomlinson (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Mr. F. B. Yates, Mr. W. A. Clark, Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Reeves, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. George and J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), Mrs. and Miss Guise, Mrs. E. Wilkins, Messrs. P. C. Williams, H. Birt and H. Howell (Bristol), T. F. King and J. F. Smallwood (Bath), H. Knight (hon. secretary, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), S. F. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallater and Mr. B. Horton (Willenhall), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickering (Wolverhampton), Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall) and representatives of many bands in the diocese. After an excellent repast, the loyal toast was given by the chairman, and the secretary then announced apologies from the Lord Mayor and Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. L. G. W. Morris (Leeds) and Mrs. F. B. Yates. Special regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Walker through the indisposition of the former and hope was expressed for his speedy recovery.

A CHALLENGING SPEECH.

Councillor Paddon Smith, in a challenging speech, proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' Many of them who were members of the Church of England, he said, no matter how much they loved the old Church and believed in its strength and in its power to do good, felt that it was not appealing to the people of this country, and more particularly to the younger people of this country, as it did in years gone by. Many of them had asked themselves why it was so. He thought he could advance one or two reasons. They were usually told there were so many counter-attractions in these days. He would grant them that, and these counter-attractions would grow in numbers as the years went by. If they were to let their churches become partly empty, because of counter-attractions, they would become quite empty directly. He believed it was a fact that not more than four per cent. of the people of Birmingham, and cities similar to it, were known to attend public worship. He did not believe for one moment that that was due to the fact that the feeling and respect for religion and the craving for real religion was any less to-day than it was fifty or a hundred years ago. In his opinion the cause of it was the method of presenting it. Religion, as presented by the services of the Church, was, in his opinion, as out of date as oil lamps would be in that room at that moment. He would ask the authorities of the Church to consider this from the point of view of the younger generation, and, when they considered it, he asked them to leave out the Church officials over 80 years of age, for he did not believe that men of that age could come to conclusions helpful to the growing generation, however learned they might be.

Mr. Smith went on to say that in the church services they were constantly calling themselves miserable sinners. Although they might be sinners and might be wicked, they were not consciously or deliberately so. Was it good for them, therefore, to be called upon constantly to confess their ' manifold sins and wickedness ' when they tried to live upright lives and to do unto others as they would be done by? There were a lot of dreary things in the Church of England service and many senseless repetitions. He quoted the Benedicite as an example of the latter, and added that when the Litany was said they called themselves ' miserable sinners ' eight times in as many minutes; and in the baptismal service they were told that every child, the most beautiful thing in the world, ' was conceived and born in sin. ' Sentiments of this kind might have been all right in a past age, but he appealed to the Church to make some effort to modernise their method of presenting religion. The things of to-day were more important to us than what St. Paul said to the Philippians or the Corinthians two thousand years ago. The fault did not lie with the clergy, but they might use their influence to have changes effected which would make the church services more attractive to young

people. In conclusion, Mr. Smith said he hoped Church and State would never be separated, but that the Church would continue to be linked with the Government of the country, for he was sure it would be for the country's good. He thought, however, that by some sort of reorganisation—he would not call it window-dressing—they could make the services more attractive and fill the churches as they were filled in days gone by.

THE CHURCH'S FREEDOM.

Canon Guy Rogers, who replied to the toast, said they had to exercise their critical faculties in regard to the various suggestions made to them, yet they would feel that there was a helpful reality in what lay behind what Mr. Smith had said. The Rector emphasised the fact that there was sometimes poetry in repetition, and some of the marvellous effects of English and Hebrew poetry were only achieved by a gracious and beautiful use of repetition. There were, he continued, some people who liked short services, others who complained that sermons were too short. It was most difficult to please everybody, but the clergy did their best. He thought Mr. Smith would make an admirable bishop (laughter), and he would be very glad to displace some of the people in the Lower House of Convocation if that would allow Mr. Smith to take their place (laughter). The Rector said that when an attempt was made to change much of the baptismal service, which he agreed might easily be changed for the better, the people who were really sticky and stodgy to an astonishing degree were not the bishops or the clergy, but the House of Laity. Canon Rogers asked Mr. Smith to do his best to improve the laity, because it was from the laity that the clergy were drawn.

Referring to the relationship of the Church and State, Canon Rogers said under the present constitution of England he hoped the happy relationships would continue. He would not hurry to break the bonds if reasonable freedom was allowed, but when the Church did speak out boldly and bravely on great moral issues there were a great many people ready to resent the freedom which the Church possessed. They could have no relationship with a State that did not provide complete freedom for the Church and the Gospel and witnessing to the value of Christian morals. Provided they enjoyed that freedom and maintained that inalienable right, he hoped the relationships would continue. In conclusion, Canon Rogers expressed his pleasure at being present on the great occasion of the jubilee of that dinner.

Mr. J. Jaggard, the only survivor of the band who rang in his last peal in 1884, proposed the toast to the memory of Henry Johnson and spoke in eulogistic terms of Johnson's ability, kindness and ready wit. Referring to Johnson's last peal, he said actually he was a lucky man to ring in it as he filled the place of ' someone who went messing off somewhere ' (laughter). The peal was rung on February 23rd, 1884, by ' nine celebrated ringers and a novice. ' The ringers were Harry Bastable, G. H. Phillott, W. R. Small, Henry Johnson, sen., Henry Johnson, jun., John Jaggard, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, John Buffery, William Wakley and Sam Reeves. ' Now you know who the novice was, ' said Mr. Jaggard. He went on to say what a splendid celebration they had at the Colonnade Hotel 50 years ago, for Johnson's eightieth birthday, and said he remembered it well.

The toast was drunk in silence, and, in response to the chairman's request, it was ascertained that there were seven ringers present who knew Henry Johnson.

MASTER'S REVIEW.

The Chairman proposed the toast of ' Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild, ' and began his speech with the announcement that he had an important piece of news. The eager expectancy of the party turned to laughter when he told them that Aston Villa had won by three goals to two. Continuing, he said he was very glad to be there that evening to preside over the fiftieth annual dinner in commemoration of Henry Johnson. He knew Henry Johnson personally and respected him as much as any man he had ever met. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said it was a great privilege to meet so many of his old friends in that very representative gathering of ringers, who, he was sure, notwithstanding the criticisms of Mr. Paddon Smith, were devoted adherents to the Church of England. He well remembered the worthies mentioned by Mr. Jaggard as ringing in Henry Johnson's last peal, and he was glad to know that Mr. Jaggard was one of them, although he was the last survivor of that band.

The Chairman went on to say he was happy to state that during the year they had lost none of their friends by death (hear, hear). He welcomed that night on behalf of the Guild the Rector of Birmingham, the Provost of Birmingham and the Archdeacon-designate of Aston (applause). They symbolised the interest which the Church took in church bellringing generally and in St. Martin's Guild in particular (applause). He was also glad to see there the president and the hon. secretary of the Central Council. They also had among them some of the party who had visited Australia, as representatives of church bellringing, including Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Goldsmith. He extended sympathy to the latter on the prolonged illness of his wife, who formerly it was always a pleasure to meet at those gatherings. The oldest man among them that night was, he supposed, Mr. James George, who now rejoiced in having rung 1,274 peals (applause). He hoped Mr. George would live to ring a great many more peals. They had other veterans with them in Mr. Jaggard

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NEW CONDUCTORS NEEDED.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MASTER'S COMMENT.

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and Mr. Dawe, and they welcomed well-known ringers from many parts of the country.

Continuing, the Master said a high level of change ringing had been maintained by the Guild during the past year, and 14 peals had been rung, some of them memorable ones. In connection with the Coronation a peal of Stedman Cinquses was rung at St. Martin's and the first peal of Grandsire Cinquses on the bells at Aston. He had a feeling of intense gratitude for the peal of Stedman Cinquses rung at St. Martin's on September 14th, the day on which, under Providence, he celebrated his golden wedding (applause). He thanked the ringers who took part in that peal, especially the conductor, his old friend, Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, in whose first peal of Stedman Triples he took part at Kidderminster. He conceived a liking for Mr. Barber in those days which he had cultivated in the subsequent years. Another peal of note was the first peal on the new bells at St. Philip's Cathedral. It was Mr. Fearn's first peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Mr. Fred Price had conducted his first peal, and he hoped he would conduct many more for the Guild, for they needed to be reinforced from time to time with new conductors in order to keep the art going. A peal at St. Martin's was Mr. Matkin's first peal of Stedman Cinquses as conductor. He mentioned these achievements in order to encourage those who had not yet had the privilege of conducting peals. It was a great achievement when a young ringer conducted his first peal (hear, hear). The 14 peals by the Guild had been rung in nine towers and were called by seven conductors.

Referring to the copies of the elaborately designed dinner invitation issued 50 years ago, which were to be circulated, Alderman Pritchett said it had been suggested that, as chairman of Birmingham Reference Library, he should take a copy for that institution, where it might be preserved as a specimen of Birmingham art and bellringing (applause). In conclusion, the Chairman said the prosperity of the Guild was intimately connected with the efficient work of the officers, prominent amongst whom was their worthy secretary, Mr. Thomas Reeves. Despite the fact that, as a Birmingham trade representative, his duties took him all over the country, and he was never certain when he would be in Birmingham, he worked like a Trojan to make their Guild and that gathering a success (applause).

TASK BEFORE THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

Mr. Reeves, in responding, said the Guild had been in existence since 1755 and had passed through many vicissitudes. It had not reached its present state of excellence without a lot of work on the part of those who had gone before. He was very pleased to hear Mr. Jaggard mention some of the names of those connected with the Guild fifty or more years ago. These were men who made great strides in the art of change ringing and in helping forward the improvement of ringers generally and of ringing chambers. The younger generation had no conception of the conditions which used to obtain in the old days, but, particularly in the last 50 years, during which diocesan guilds had been formed, successful efforts had been made to uplift the status of the ringer and ringing. It was up to the younger generation to carry on the improvements which had been effected in the last fifty years. He thought the clergy could help them very considerably in making improvements which were still necessary in many places. As far as Birmingham district was concerned, they were happy in their association with the clergy. At St. Martin's their Rector was very often up in the tower. They were always very glad to see him and appreciated his coming (applause). The clergy could, however, do a lot in improving the state of things in some of the backward towers of the country. They all knew that bells were put into the church towers primarily to be used for the honour and glory of God, and they should always be rung with that object in view. At St. Martin's, he felt, they looked upon their Sunday ringing as an act of praise (applause). They rang to the very best of their ability. That was a thing which ringers generally ought to have in mind—when they rang the bells they should ring them to the best of their ability.

Mr. Reeves concluded by thanking the members for the support they had always given him, which gave him encouragement in carrying on. Referring to the replicas of the early dinner invitation, he said these had been produced through the good offices of their friend Mr. Smallwood, and he hoped everyone present would take away a copy as a souvenir of that jubilee dinner (applause).

Mr. G. E. Fearn submitted 'The Visitors,' to whom he extended a cordial welcome. Many of them, he said, had come long distances to make that gathering a success. It was nice to see them in Birmingham year by year, and they were specially gratified to see Mr. Guise and his party from Bristol. The Birmingham men always enjoyed their visit to Bristol in January, and he hoped the Bristol ringers would equally enjoy their visit to Birmingham. He reminded the visitors that the gathering did not end that night. They looked forward to meeting many of their friends on the morrow (applause).

B.B.C. BLAMED FOR BEDALE BELL BROADCAST.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, first thanked the Guild for the warm welcome extended to the visitors. In London, he said, they looked upon Birmingham and Ipswich as the two places where they could be sure of getting good twelve-bell ringing—Cinquses in Birmingham and Maximus in Ipswich. Generally speaking, also, they looked forward to enjoying handbell ringing when they came to Birmingham. He

was afraid that handbell ringing in London had rather dropped back. As far as the College Youths were concerned, it was very difficult to meet. London was expanding very rapidly, and the centre of London was becoming empty as far as residents were concerned. The result was that members had to travel a long way to meet for practice, and they did not meet as often as they would like to. Their handbell ringing had, therefore, been rather neglected.

Something had been said, continued Mr. Lewis, about the way the clergy could help ringers. He had once or twice recently made an appeal that more of the younger clergy should take up ringing seriously, so that, eventually, they could become leaders in the art. They appreciated very much the presence of the clergy in the belfries at all times, but they could not expect the older clergy, and those who occupied important places, to start learning to ring. It would, however, be a tremendous asset to the ringers of this country and to the Church if a larger number of the younger clergy would take up the art seriously. He did not know whether it was the result of his appeals, but steps were being taken in one or two directions. At Kelham, where young monks were training to be clergy, about fifteen were learning to ring, as well as one of the staff of the college, while at Lichfield Theological College the matter was also being taken up seriously (applause).

Referring to broadcasting, Mr. Lewis congratulated the Bridgnorth ringers upon their recent excellent broadcast for a church service. He was not going to apologise for the Bedale broadcast, but he knew the place and could assure them it was a difficult place to ring at and rather out of reach of the ringing associations. They had only a 'stone' band, and he did not blame the ringers for what was heard. He blamed the B.B.C. for ringing of that sort. The B.B.C. would never dream of broadcasting an orchestra the members of which were just beginning to learn to play the fiddle, so why should they broadcast people who were just beginning to learn to ring? What they wanted were performances as nearly perfect as possible (applause).

CRITICISMS THAT ARE APPRECIATED.

The Rev. H. McGowan, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said there was nothing that held ringers together and made them into the fraternity that they were better than this newspaper. The very high standard among ringers and the fact that, generally speaking, they were much more recognising their duty to the Church, was in no small measure due to the work of and the support which was given by 'The Ringing World.' He wanted, in proposing the toast, at least to acknowledge that the type of suggestion and criticism which they got in the leading articles were the type which they appreciated, because they were written with knowledge, with a sense of responsibility and with no offensiveness whatever, and that made the suggestions always welcome and helpful. That was something for which they ought to be grateful, and he desired to express appreciation of all the Editor had done for them (applause). They extended sympathy to Mr. Goldsmith in the trouble they knew he had suffered, and hoped he would be spared for many years and would have the ability and will to carry on the great work to which he had set his hand (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, in reply, thanked Canon McGowan for his appreciation of the work which he was trying to do. As the years went on, he said, he realised more and more the opportunities which he had, and the responsibilities which accompanied them, of moulding opinion and influencing ringers for the improvement of their art, and he endeavoured to use these opportunities in the best interests of ringing. He did not expect everyone to be in agreement with all that was said in the leading articles, but if only those who read them were led to think about the subjects, the end he had in view was served. Ringing, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had received a good deal of publicity in the last three or four years. They had had a very good 'Press,' which had increased public interest in the art. Broadcasting had also given them publicity, but in this direction the effect upon the public rested with the ringers themselves, and in their own interests they should take care to put over the air nothing that would give the public cause for irritation or destroy the good opinion created by other means (hear, hear).

A SUGGESTED CHANGE.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, who proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' said they all knew, of course, that that commemoration was originally started in honour of one of the greatest ringers who ever lived and had been continued in his memory. The time had come, however, when to a considerable number of the younger ringers in Birmingham Henry Johnson was only a name. There were very few people who could remember him in the flesh, and he had made the suggestion that after this year they might well honour Henry Johnson's memory merely by standing and drinking the toast in silence. He had made the suggestion also for another reason, that, in his opinion, that dinner had largely lost its character as a commemoration dinner and become the annual dinner of St. Martin's Guild; in other words, the individuality of Henry Johnson had been merged in the corporate life of the Guild. The suggestion had brought more or less severe remonstrance from some of the older members of the Guild, but he did suggest the time had now come when they could, without any disrespect to Henry Johnson's memory, honour the toast in the way he had suggested. He and the secretary would be glad to hear opinions on this point on a suitable occasion. Continuing, Mr. Haynes expressed the gratification of the members that the Master's health was sufficiently

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RINGING AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

GRATIFYING RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter in your issue of February 4th, I am glad to say that I have already received donations to the Kelham Fund amounting to about £4 10s.

Since my letter appeared, however, two further developments have taken place. Firstly, the Kelham ringers have been presented with a set of handbells. This generous gift has been made by the famous poet, Mr. T. S. Eliot, who on a recent visit to Kelham was invited by the ringers to attend one of their practices, with which he was very impressed. I am sure that many ringers besides those at Kelham will appreciate Mr. Eliot's generous action, and applaud the words which he addressed to the Kelham band in making his gift (which I will ask you, Mr. Editor, to print in italics): *'I fully agree with the desirability of every priest having at least enough knowledge of the subject to be able to appreciate the work of bellringers, and I am glad to be able to assist in such a good cause.'*

The second development is Mr. Malcolm Melville's letter in your issue of February 11th, about Lichfield.

Under these circumstances I propose—with the consent of those who have already subscribed to the fund—to send half the money to Kelham to buy books to start a ringing library, and the other half to Lichfield to be used either for the same purpose or to help towards the purchase of the handbells they so badly need. In addition to text-books on change ringing, it is proposed to buy books of general campanological interest (e.g., Nichols' 'Bells through the Ages' and Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing'), as the purpose of the library is not only to help the ringers in their efforts, but also to encourage an interest in bells and ringing amongst all the theological students at the college.

It occurs to me that there may still be others of your readers who would like to be associated with this effort to spread the knowledge of our art amongst the younger clergy, and I am therefore keeping the fund open for another week or two to enable any who wish to do so to send me their donations—large or small—and to help to increase the amount already received.

Of course, any direct presents of books would be most welcome at both colleges.

In conclusion, I would add that the latest news from Kelham is most encouraging. There are now 15 members in the band, and these include two who are being trained by Mr. Sargent to carry on the instructional work after he has gone, several first-year students who have six more years at Kelham in front of them, and (perhaps most encouraging of all in view of the necessity of maintaining continuity) one member of the permanent staff.

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HANDBELLS FOR LICHFIELD STUDENTS.

REV. W. C. PEARSON'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The bellringers at Lichfield Theological College are now the proud possessors of a set of fifteen handbells, the gift of the Rev. W. C. Pearson, M.A., of Henley, Ipswich.

In our issue of February 11th, we published a letter from Mr. Malcolm Melville, in which he appealed for some handbells, and within two days he received a letter from the Rev. W. C. Pearson offering to present a set of bells, in a box, to the college authorities. This generous offer was gladly accepted, and on Saturday last they were formally 'opened' by the principal of the college (the Rev. F. H. Ward, M.A.) and handed over into the custody of Mr. M. Melville for his safe keeping during his term of office as Master. Immediately afterwards some tunes were rung on the new bells by three members of the college.

The bells are a ring of twelve by Taylor's, size 18 in G, together with three other bells to allow of lighter octaves.

CHELTEMHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes): A. W. Humphries 1, W. Townsend 8, H. Halford 3, G. H. Walters 4, C. W. Martin 5, W. Dyer 6, J. J. Causon 7, T. Boreham 8, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 9, S. Hayward 10.

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restored to enable him to take the chair on that occasion. He had held the office of Master for the last 35 years, and to that position had brought great honour and distinction. They felt it a privilege to have him to preside over them.

The Chairman, in reply, said he considered it one of the greatest honours of his life that at the advanced age of 83 he should have been selected to preside over that splendid gathering. He had now very few pleasures in life, but one great pleasure that still remained to him was to meet his old friends, and especially his ringing friends. In conclusion, he thanked those who had made the evening so enjoyable, especially Mrs. Hughes for her delightful handbell music, and Mrs. Matkin and Mr. Dowding for their songs and duets. They were also indebted, he said, to Mr. Woodhall, the accompanist.

The handbell ringing during the evening included Stedman Cinques and Triples, while the handbell solos of Mrs. Hughes and the singing of the vocalists mentioned by the chairman greatly added to the pleasure of the programme, which concluded at a late hour.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARIAL VACANCIES FILLED.

The pre-Lent meeting of the association was held at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on Saturday, February 26th.

A short service was conducted by the curate, and tea was served in the Parish Hall, where 36 persons sat down. In the absence of the president (Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth), through a long-standing engagement, the chair was taken by Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, vice-president of the Eastern District.

The secretary (Mr. Roland Park) reported that the secretaryship of the Northern District was still vacant, and since the last meeting the secretary of the Southern District had resigned on the grounds that he did not feel competent to carry out the duties.—Mr. K. Arthur, of Fenham, the former Northern District secretary, was elected to the vacancy, and Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, stepped into the Southern District breach.

During the proceedings, Mr. Patterson asked the members to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Stuart, of Gateshead, who had been a member of the association since 1902, and who had always taken an active interest in the affairs of the association. Mr. Stuart resigned from the committees on which he served at the last annual meeting owing to his failing health. His presence at the meetings would be greatly missed.

The chairman welcomed as visitors Mr. F. G. Sherwood, of Headingley, Leeds, and Mr. E. Burnett, of Kirkby Stephen, and a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, to the curate for having conducted the service, the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local men who had carried out certain arrangements, was responded to by the curate and one of the churchwardens.

During the course of the service a collection was taken on behalf of the North Shields Bell Restoration Fund.

Seven new life members, ringers at Kirkby Stephen, and one ordinary member were elected.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, a fine ring of eight with a 17½ cwt. tenor, where the Goffon family have in the past accomplished some notable performances, were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Erin and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading and was well attended. In addition to members from the branch, visitors attended from Abingdon, Bucklebury, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Kingsclere, Nether Winden, Newbury, Slough and Uxbridge. The bells of the churches of St. Laurence, St. Mary and St. Giles were rung during the afternoon to Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Service was held at St. Giles' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Bonsey) conducting the service and giving the address. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 16s. 3½d. Tea at St. Mary's Church House followed, to which 63 sat down.

Dr. J. L. Joyce, the chairman of the branch, presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Coleridge (Master of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary).

The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed an increased balance of 2s. 4d., it being pointed out the smallness of this was due to a grant of £5 5s. being given to the Tilehurst Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master of the Guild was congratulated upon having reached his 80th birthday, as was also the chairman upon recovery from the illness which kept him away from the last annual meeting, and the sympathy of the meeting was expressed to Mr. A. Osborne, foreman of the St. Giles' tower, for his recent illness and operation, and all were pleased to know he had made a good recovery.

The election of officers resulted in all those in office being re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Dr. J. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Foster; auditors, Messrs. A. D. Cullum and A. Wiggins; representatives to General Committee, Messrs. Humphrey, Swain and Runham.

Quarterly meetings were fixed for Shiplake, Checkendon and Caversham.

Satisfactory reports were received from most of the towers in the branch, except for St. Giles', Reading, whose condition and prospects sounded very doleful.

It was agreed that in future all new members should be proposed at the annual and quarterly meetings, and, following this, six new members were proposed.

A 'whip round' taken during the meeting resulted in 12s. 6d. being collected for the St. Andrew's, Northampton, Bell Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for conducting the service and for his address, for the use of the bells at St. Giles', and to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's for the use of their bells; to the organist of St. Giles', and to Mr. and Mrs. Dyke for preparing tea and getting the room in order, and to the ladies who assisted in serving tea.

Although the bells at Tilehurst were available for evening ringing, it was thought the meeting closed too late for this kind offer to be taken advantage of.

PEAL NOTES.

MULTI-METHOD MINOR PEALS.

It is interesting to see how the practice of ringing more than one method in a 720 of Minor is extending in peals. At Cound, Shropshire, the first peal in eight methods in the county and by the association, as well as all the band, was rung on February 27th. Oxford and Kent were included in one extent. That, we hope, is but the first step.

A peal in 14 methods is recorded at Penistone to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. C. Wright, who was formerly curate at Felkirk, where, by the way, they know all about the good striking necessary in competition ringing. The peal was rung immediately after the service of induction and institution.

The first extent in the peal was H. W. Wilde's spliced Kent and Oxford, having all the 5-6's the right way and with 18 changes of method. The other extents had as many changes as methods.

The first peal in 16 methods by the Hertford County Association, as well as by all the band, was conducted by Mr. Walter Ayre, at Flamstead, Herts, on Feb. 26th. The peal was rung with 89 changes of method, although only in one 720 were there more than two methods.

The first true peal in 32 Spliced Surprise Minor methods in Northamptonshire and by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was rung at Glington, Northants, on February 26th. Five of the six ringers had previously rung seven 720's, but it was discovered that this performance contained two false leads.

Thirty-five spliced Treble Bob methods were on the 'menu' at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on February 26th. When 35 methods were rung at Norbury, Cheshire, in 1923, for the first time, 'all the (ringing) world wondered.' Now the Cheshire band (the 'lineal' descendants, as it were, of the old Norbury company) seem to take such performances in their stride.

Mr. Walter Wolstencroft, of Ashton, who was in the first 35-method peal, was in the one at Buxton, and, though the rest of the band were different, the peal must have recalled that early triumph, for the methods rung were almost the same.

Very few peals of Erin Cinques are rung, and the peal at St. Albans Cathedral on February 26th was the first by all the band, which included many old campaigners, as well as by the Hertford County Association. Mr. Maurice Hibbert has now called and Mr. C. T. Coles has rung peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques. Probably the only other ringer to have conducted Erin from Triples to Cinques is Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle.

Six of the band who took part in a peal at St. Mary's, Stockport, on February 24th, rang their first peal of Stedman Caters—but they were by no means novices in peal ringing, as the names will show. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. Norman Heaps.

Mr. John Worth, who called this peal, conducted one of Double Norwich in celebration of his own 28th birthday at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on the previous Saturday.

The 72nd birthday of Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, Cheshire, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the eight eight at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. It was the 201st peal by Mr. T. W. Hammond. His 200th peal was rung at Southport on October 26th last, but, by an oversight, no mention was then made of it.

Birthday compliments were also paid at Lavenham on February 19th, when Mr. Maurice Symonds called a peal of Bob Major to celebrate the anniversary of his daughter's birthday and of his own. Mr. Symonds' birthday falls on the 20th and his daughter's on the 19th.

With this peal Mr. Leonard Pryke completed the circle of the tower.

LADIES IN THE NEWS.

We have long been in the habit of seeing the familiar name of Mr. John Thomas cropping up in peal reports from many parts of the country, where his work as bellhanger for the Whitechapel Foundry takes him. Now the name of Mrs. John is appearing.

John called a peal of Stedman Triples at Milnrow, on February 24th, and of London Surprise at Radcliffe on February 26th, in both of which his wife took part. She was formerly Miss Amy Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, and one of a family of ringers who were taught by their father, the late Mr. Frederick Johnson. Her brother, Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, is hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association.

Mrs. R. Richardson must be the first lady to 'complete the circle' of a twelve-bell tower. She rang Surfleet tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples on February 19th, and has now rung all the bells at her Parish Church to a peal.

At St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, on February 19th, the local Sunday service ringers rang a peal of Minor in three methods as a farewell compliment to their Rector (the Rev. Robert Sinker).

He has been Rector for 8½ years, and during his stay a new treble bell was added to the peal in 1933. His novel idea of a ladies' 'second eleven' to the men resulted in three keen and capable ladies coming into the art, in Miss Sylvia Bowyer, now attached to St. Mary-le-Tower, and the Misses Eleanor and Bertha Reeve, who still ring regularly at St. Matthew's and took part in the farewell peal to the Rector.

Miss L. K. Bowling, of Leeds, vice-president of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, rang her first peal of Stedman at Broadclyst on February 16th while visiting Devon. Four others of the band also rang their first peal in the method, which was the first peal on the bells since Messrs. Taylor and Co. completed their restoration in

December last. After the peal the party were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork).

'Stars,' in these days, are little indication of a ringer's progress, unless it can be called progress to go from an 'inside' bell in London Surprise Royal to the treble in Bob Major. Mrs. Charles Kippin, of Croydon, who has rung many peals in Surprise methods on eight and ten bells, gets a 'star' this week for her first peal of Bob Major, rung at Redhill, Surrey, on February 26th.

A VETERAN 'COMES BACK.'

After a lapse of 24 years, Mr. Albert W. Humphris has rung another peal, and his reappearance was very fittingly to help in paying a compliment to Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, on celebrating his 85th birthday. It happened, also, to be Mr. Humphris' 73rd birthday, and the peal served, too, to welcome the Rev. W. Walsley to the curacy of St. Mary's.

Mr. Humphris rang the tenor to the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888 and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 1889, both conducted by Mr. Pates. These two gentlemen and Canon Coleridge are the only survivors of these two bands.

Five members of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, with a local man on the treble, rang a half-muffled peal of Minor in seven methods for the Royal Cumberland Youths at Hitcham, Bucks, on February 26th. The occasion was the funeral of Mrs. Bunce, mother of two previous members of the Hitcham band.

Mr. Thomas J. Thurley, of Chiswick, has been ringing for over 25 years, but until February 26th he had not rung a peal. He, certainly, could not be numbered among the members of the P.G.U. In this same peal three other local ringers took part, two ringing their first peal of Grandsire and the other his first peal.

The Archdeacon of Gloucester has been consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Tewkesbury, and to celebrate the event a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells of the fine old Abbey.

A first peal which was, after all, not a first peal, was arranged at Anstey, Leicestershire, on February 26th, for Mr. Harry Wayne, by the 'second string' at Leicester Cathedral. The peal was rung all right, but ten days before it came off the 'first eleven' stepped in and pinched the glory by putting him in a peal of Cinques at the Cathedral, which, as recorded last week, was successful. It is not often that a ringer goes off with a peal of Stedman Cinques and a peal of Stedman Triples as his first two peals at the first attempts!

The 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells at what was then Lane End, Staffordshire, but is now Longton, was celebrated by a peal of Bob Major rung on February 26th.

IPSWICH RECORD.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich on March 5th makes the fourth peal of Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower in less than ten weeks, in four different methods, viz., Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich, and Cambridge with three ladies in it.

Mr. George Moisey has completed 40 years as a ringer and 30 years' service as clerk and sexton at Badsey, Worcestershire. On February 28th a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his Parish Church as a compliment to him, and Mr. Moisey rang the tenor.

The peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' at Crayford on March 4th was an excellent performance, and an encouraging one, for the band are, for the most part at any rate, among the 'youngsters' in peal ringing. Three first peals on twelve, a first in hand, and Derek Sharp's first peal of Maximus as conductor. He called it from 3-4. In addition it was Geoffrey Murphy's 75th peal. Tom Groombridge, himself the junior, should be proud of the progress of his pupils.

After a peal had been rung at Highclere, Hants, on March 5th, when two of the band scored their first peal of Stedman, the Rector and Mrs. Dunlop entertained the ringers to tea.

The peal of Bob Minor rung on handbells at Barton-on-Humber on February 28th was entirely a family 'affair,' those taking part being father, two sons and daughter. The treble was rung by the younger son, aged 11, and the peal conducted by his elder brother, aged 17. Mr. Walter Goddard must be proud of his family.

The bells at Northiam in East Sussex were rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The first peal on them since the restoration was scored on February 19th, when seven 720's of Minor were rung.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells at St. Mary's Church, Whalley, Lancs, rung on February 19th, was arranged for a local ringer, Mr. William Proctor, who thus scored his first peal of Major.

Mr. Harold Cashmore rang his one hundredth peal as conductor when he called a peal of London Surprise at Bushey, Herts, on February 24th. This 'century,' of course, includes the only double-handed peals of Spliced Surprise Major that have been rung.

By a coincidence, this peal was also the 200th peal on the bells. These peals have been rung in 28 methods, 13 of them, including London Surprise, being the first in the method for the association.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on February 24th, was specially arranged for the two Ipswich ringers, Miss Bowyer and Mr. R. W. Steward, and was rung as a birthday compliment to two of the band, E. E. Davey and G. E. Jennings.

With reference to the statement in this column that the peal at Stalybridge on Feb. 5th was the first peal of Surprise in Stalybridge, 'Interested' writes that a peal of Surprise was rung at Holy Trinity Church there on Sunday, September 10th, 1905, conducted by the late Mr. W. Pye.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, Kent, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on March 12th. Tea and meeting at Red Triangle Club, 5 p.m. Please send postcard to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, for tea. Ringing during afternoon from 2.30 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) about 5 o'clock. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Boxley (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All ringers cordially invited.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. It is hoped to have a good attendance.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at Everton on March 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.15 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stan-ford-on-Soar on March 12th, and it is hoped as many as possible will make good use of this octave, which will be available from 3 p.m.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. A meeting in the tower at 7. A good meeting is assured if you turn up. Reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's (R.C.) Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Green Schools 5 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, March 12th. The bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but tea can only be arranged for those who notify their intention of needing same. All ringers and friends welcome. We can oblige all capabilities from rounds upwards.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church to-morrow, Saturday, March 12th. Please do your best to attend.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 12th. Please let Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, know how many to expect for tea. Look up your Minor methods and let us have a good meeting.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea for 1s. each. Notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street every few minutes. Fare 1½d.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. H. H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, Liverpool, 4.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the new Church Hall, The Park. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., and after tea; St. Stephen's, 3 to 4 p.m.; Christ Church, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NEAR NORWICH.—The ring of five bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., in a new oak bell frame, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, March 13th, at 3 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, March 13th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th; St. Magnus', 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, 9, by Thursday, the 17th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, and a good attendance would be appreciated. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1937-8 are due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

EPWORTH, Nr. DONCASTER.—The new ring of 8 bells (tenor 17 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Grimsby on Sat., March 19th, at 3.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. The next Wednesday meeting will be at Henfield on June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements.

—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea (6d. each) 5.30. Please notify Mr. F. Buxton, 3, Goose Corner, Warfield, Bracknell, by Wednesday, March 16th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from G. Cross, Master, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, or N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Please send me all numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, March 15th. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting at Daresbury on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me before the 16th if requiring tea.—John G. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please note, the annual meeting will be held at Warwick on April 9th.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Church Lawton on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a postcard on or before March 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea follows. St. Paul's (8 bells) open. Monthly meetings: April 16th, Corsham, at 3.30; May 21st, at Kington St. Michael, 3 p.m. Ringers please note, a card for tea will oblige.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting held at West Hartlepool on Sat., March 19th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Six, eight and ten-bell ringers all welcome. Tea at Mission Hall, Dale Street. Please support this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 5 to 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Butcombe on Saturday, March 19th, where the bells will be available from 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, March 19th. The bells of Great Wymondley (6) will be available at 3. Tea at the Green Man at 5. Please realise that this is a small village, and I have to make tea arrangements. The postal authorities are preparing to cope with my additional mail from the Wednesday previous. St. Ippolytt's bells (6) will also be available, but please note, meet at Wymondley. The members may split up after tea. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. You are all welcome to an enjoyable afternoon.—F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m., at Five Bells Inn, Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock until 8.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is important that I should know by March 23rd if you require tea. Special method for learners, Kent Treble Bob Major. Other methods as required. A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, March 23rd. Ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. Will you please send your names to Mr. G. Hammond, Clay Pitts, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting of these societies will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approximately (1s. per head) for all who send in their names to H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12, by March 24th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The ninth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. (The Rev. E. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, will preside.) The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 3s., now ready. Ringing friends invited. Will those requiring tickets kindly notify me, with remittance, not later than the 24th inst., if possible?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to respective secretaries by March 23rd.—W. A. Farmer and H. G. Thomas, Hilddon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. A. Farmer is secretary to the Shropshire Association, and now resides at 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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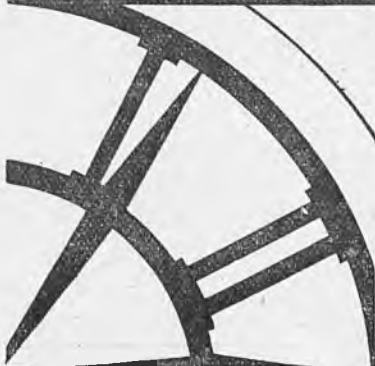
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