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RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

Among the things which recent correspondence in our columns has emphasised is the fact that, among change ringers, raising and falling bells in peal is little practised. Col. Jerram and others have given reasons why this particular branch of ringing is neglected, and one of the main causes is that many change ringers look upon it as a waste of time. It is a pity that they take this view. Others may disagree with us, but in our opinion raising and falling is quite one of the best means of acquiring control of a bell, while, when it is done well, there is nothing in ringing which pleases the outside public better. For these two reasons alone we wish that the art was more extensively practised. Bad raising and falling is as much an abomination as any other bad ringing, and we have seen not a few otherwise good ringers decline to take part in a 'rise' or 'fall' because, and they candidly admit it, they cannot do it properly. But if they have intelligence enough to learn to ring changes they can learn to raise and lower bells in peal; if the West Country round ringers can do it to perfection so, with practice, can change ringers in any other part of the country. The fault is that, for one reason or another, they will not give the necessary time to it. After all, practice night is practice night, and why should not five minutes be given at the beginning to raising the bells in peal and five minutes at the end to lowering them in the same manner? Actually there would be no more loss of time in doing it in this way than in pulling the bells up or down singly; and everyone must admit that it is infinitely preferable—particularly to the public. The excuse of saving time, therefore, does not really stand investigation. With a very little serious practice good raising and falling in peal ought to be the accomplishment of every band, and we would go further and say that until a beginner can take his rope in this form of ringing with reasonable credit he ought not to be allowed to practise change ringing. If that were insisted upon there would be far fewer bad and indifferent strikers among the change ringers. At present the majority of change ringers seem to be content with an inferiority complex on this subject. When the suggestion is made at the end of a meeting to lower the bells in peal it is no unusual sight to see men who claim to have something of a local reputation put on their coats and disappear from the belfry. Raising and lowering in something approaching perfection ought to be within the accomplishments of any reasonably good band of change ringers, and it is time the West Country round ringers' reproach that change ringers cannot rise and fall bells in peal, whatever its justification, was removed. The West

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	WALTER R. HUGHES 7
*HARRY T. HIGGINS 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
HOWARD HOWELL 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
ALFRED ADAMS 5	*ALFRED BUCKLEY Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. Ring as a welcome to the new Vicar of Walsall (the Rev. H. J. Carpenter) and Mrs. Carpenter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PHILIP HODGKIN Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
†ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (398). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † 60th peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, BY LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	HAROLD V. FROST 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

Ring in honour of the Christmas Festival.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER Tenor

28707 Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	†HARRY WARD 6
*JOSHUA WORMALD 3	PERCY MASSAM 7
ALBERT WORMALD 4	*HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

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

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;London 2,880 changes, Bristol and Cambridge each 736, Superlative 704.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	TONY PRICE 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7
DANIEL COOPER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First attempt for a spliced four-method peal by all the band and first by the association. A birthday peal to F. W. Housden.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*JAMES OGDEN 6
*HARRY KENT 3	†JAMES H. BASLOW 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REEVES' VARIATION).

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD ALLSOP Treble	*ROBERT ALLSOP 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON 2	JOHN R. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW 3	BERNARD ALLSOP 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 4	†JOHN HOWE Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung with bells muffled to ring the old year out.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	BASIL H. G. WHITBOURN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	CHARLES BROWN 5
HORACE FOX 2	EDWARD ATKINSON 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
FRED NEWTON 4	*ARTHUR HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At All Saints', on December 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): O. Amos 1, J. James 2, L. Bainham 3, T. Ford 4, H. J. Trim 5, F. Bullock 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ford on reaching his 65th birthday.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*THOMAS JONES 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	*STANLEY HARRISON 6
WILFRED J. MOSS 3	CECIL RADDON 7
*JOSEPH LITTLER 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringers of the seventh.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

No. 203, VARIATION 7.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... Treble	G. WILFRED SLACK 5
*FRANK ARMITAGE 2	NORMAN S. SIMS 6
ARTHUR ARMITAGE 3	JOHN WM. SCHOLEFIELD 7
GEORGE WM. SLACK 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. WILFRED SLACK.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the Right Rev. Dr. Lucius F. M. B. Smith, D.D., Rector of Methley, Archdeacon of Leeds, and some time Bishop Suffragan of Knaresborough, who was interred the same day. This composition has 4, 5 and 6 their extent together in 5-6 in the minimum number of courses (36). Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
LAWRENCE CHADBURN 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Dickinson, member of the St. Peter's band.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD CITY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*LEONARD G. PLUMLEY ... Treble	ROBERT GREEN 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 6
ARTHUR HAWES 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS R. TAYLOR 4	*REGINALD S. WYATT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal and first attempt.

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WARE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MISS GRACE CHURCH Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
GEORGE GRAY ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
WALTER GREENAWAY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	HERBERT FIELDS ... 5
*MISS PHYLLIS HINE ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ... 6
ELLIS CLARKE ... 3	TOM BARTHAM ... 7
HENRY J. PARKER ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, IDOL LANE, CITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES C. A. PRIOR Treble	ROBERT E. HEAZEL ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	JACK WAUGH ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 5
GEORGE WENT ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... 7
ARTHUR L. LUCAS ... 4	EDGAR W. LUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. A. H. Watkins, solicitor and prominent townsman, and a former warden of this church, who was interred immediately prior to the peal; also to the Rev. Arthur G. Thomas, Rector of Penhow, a great friend to the ringers of this association, who died during the week. The ringers of the treble and 7th have now completed the circle in this tower.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
*WALTER CLAYDON ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... 4	CECIL NICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

P.C. JOHN MULLINER Treble	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 5
P.C. PERCY RUSHDON ... 2	SOPT. FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ... 6
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	P.C. GEORGE PYE ... 7
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his retirement from the Manchester City Police Force. P.C. Rushton is a member of the Stockport Borough Force.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2	*T. WILLIAM LAST ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	GEORGE WHITING ... 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* 250th peal. A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*LESLIE E. MILTON Treble	CHARLES A. BINES ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	*GEORGE KILNER ... 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
JIM HURRELL ... 4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS J. HULL Treble	HAROLD V. FROST ... 5
ARTHUR DAY ... 2	BEN. JARMAN ... 6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
HENRY JARMAN ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 402). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Oxford. The composition contains 4, 5 and 6 extent in 5th's, and 5, 6 extent in 5th's without 2nd in 6th's place in the minimum number of courses.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*KENNETH LEWIS Treble	†JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 7
†LIONEL PLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

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NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. DUCK Treble	P. NEWLAND 4
*W. C. SLATTER 2	A. G. HANNIS 5
T. WORRAL 3	*J. J. SLATTER Tenor

Conducted by A. G. HANNIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	EDWARD MAUND 4
CHARLES YOUNG 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
GEORGE GUNNELL 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD ... Treble	GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 4
†MISS KATH E. FLETCHER ... 2	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.'

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, December 28, 1934, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR A. REYNOLDS ... Treble	ARTHUR BREWER 4
*ALFRED E. ASHFORD 2	*WILLIAM G. ASHFORD ... 5
JOHN J. WEBB 3	*FRED E. J. REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Alnwick, Newcastle; (2) Norfolk, Primrose; (3) York, Durham; (4) London, Wells; (5) Northumberland, Carlisle; (6) Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 14 methods by ringer of the 5th.

PRESHUTE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM H. HILLIER ... Treble	T. ARTHUR PALMER 4
*ARTHUR TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	†THOMAS J. PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal away from tenor and first peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 39 methods, viz.: (1) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (4) Willesden, Old Oxford, Taxel, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate Delight; (5) Charlwood, Wragby, Braintree, Humber, Neasden, and St. Albans Delight; (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Morning Star, Ockley Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

KENNETH C. LEWIS Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours & Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL G. SMITH Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON 2	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 5
FRANK SHARP 3	OLIVER HINES Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD.

Specially arranged by the Seals ringers and rung as a wedding compliment to W. F. Woodward, captain of the local band, who was married on Boxing Day. Ringers of 1, 3 and tenor are Netherseal members, 2, 4 and 5 from Overseal.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CYRIL R. BORRELL Treble	*VERNON TAYLOR 4
HAROLD BARSLEY 2	†WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
HARVEY E. BORRELL 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First extent of Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob. † First extent of Cambridge Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

GEORGE SPERRING Treble	*FRED HARTMAN 4
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 2	WILLIAM WERTMAN 5
PERCY SWINDLEY 3	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WERTMAN.

* First peal.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STREETON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIDNEY WEAR Treble	WILLIAM DOWNES 4
*PHILIP PURSLOW 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	ALFRED OWEN Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal.

LANE END, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.
 VICTOR EVANS Treble | A. REGINALD BLABY 4
 FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2 | PERCY NEWTON 5
 JAMES W. WILKINS 3 | ROLAND BIGGS Tenor
 Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, York, Westminster, London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt.
 THOMAS HOADLEY Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4
 EDWIN BROMLEY 2 | ALAN BROMLEY 5
 FRANCIS BROMLEY 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor
 Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all and on the bells. Rung to ring out the old year.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.
 * W. C. C. WILLIAMS Treble | † L. PELZER 4
 † G. N. WILLIAMS 2 | G. LEWIS 5
 J. T. WILLIAMS 3 | D. G. WILLIAMS Tenor
 Conducted by J. T. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal by entirely local band.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Norwich, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.
 HARRY GIBBARD Treble | THOMAS A. COOPER 4
 CHARLES W. WOODS 2 | ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
 WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor
 Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, one of the local band, to score his first peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, January 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, WHITECHAPEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. POLLING 1-2 | * WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5-6
 EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4 | ALBERT A. HUGHES 7-8
 Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand. This was the conductor's 1,100th peal.

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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT SLAUGHAM.

A MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

The ancient church at Slaughtam, Sussex, has been the recipient of a magnificent gift, and in consequence can now boast of having an exceptionally fine peal of eight bells in its tower. To the existing five bells have been added a treble and two tenors, three of the old bells have been recast, and all rehung with new fittings in a metal frame. This has been done (through the generosity of the Secretan family and Capt. Stevens) in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Secretan, formerly of Slaughtam Park, and of their grandson (the late 'Tim' Stevens).

Messrs Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon bellfounders, executed the work, and they are to be complimented on the success of their efforts. The new treble bell, weighing 3 cwt. 22 lb., has the inscription, 'In memory of Charles Philip Borlase (Tim) Stevens, Born June 19th, 1918, died April 30th, 1934.' The new tenor bells (seven and eight) weigh 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. and 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. respectively.

In the ancient tower surmounted by a wooden spire hung a light ring of five, cast by Janaway in 1773, the tenor weighing less than 6 cwt. The frame and fittings were in a dilapidated condition and ringing facilities in the tower were hindered by an unsightly staircase rising from the ground and by the placing of the ringers on the first floor, too close to the bells. A transformation in the tower has now taken place—the ring of eight has been fixed at a lower level in the tower and hung with new fittings of the latest model in a new cast iron 'A' frame, the clock has been lowered on to a new floor and the ringers are now placed on the ground floor, which has been cleared and now provides a splendid ringing chamber.

The new tenors weigh 11½ cwt. and 8½ cwt. respectively, and the ring of eight in the key of A flat represents the latest example of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's harmonic tuning. No. 8 is dedicated to the memory of Philip Secretan, No. 7 to that of Margaret Lison, his wife, and No. 1 (the treble) commemorates their grandson, Charles Philip Borlase (Tim) Stevens.

For the dedication and rededication service on December 19th the church was filled to capacity. The impressive service was conducted by the Rev. F. E. S. Jacomb-Hood (Rector), who was accompanied by the Rev. D. L. Secretan, Rector of Balcombe (a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), and the Rev. H. C. Perry (chaplain of Bedford School, where the late 'Tim' Stevens was a pupil).

The congregation included Capt. and Mrs. Stevens (parents of the late 'Tim' Stevens and son-in-law and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), Mrs. Alec Wilson, Mrs. Bunbury and Miss Ethel Secretan (daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), Mrs. D. L. Secretan (daughter-in-law), Mrs. C. Williams, the Misses M. and J. Secretan (granddaughters), Messrs. P. and R. Secretan (grandsons), Mr. H. Grose-Hodge (headmaster of Bedford School), Messrs. Cook, Pitt Donovan, O'Hare and Joy (the late 'Tim' Stevens' former colleagues at Bedford School), and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

Following the hymn, 'Songs of praise the angels sang,' and Psalm cxii., the lesson, from I. Corinthians xvi., was read by Col. J. R. Warren. Later there was a procession of the clergy, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. G. H. Loder, M.C., and Mr. A. Newham) and the choir to the west end of the church, during which the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' was sung. From the ringing floor the Rev. D. L. Secretan called upon the Rector and churchwardens, on behalf of the parishioners, to accept bells numbers seven and eight in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Secretan, and read the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Hubert Fraser (a close friend of the late 'Tim' Stevens while at Bradfield College) requested the Rector and churchwardens to accept the new treble bell in memory of 'Tim' Stevens. This bell was dedicated by the Rev. H. C. Perry. The five restored bells and the new bell frame were presented by the Rev. D. L. Secretan 'to the glory of God and as a lasting memorial to our relatives,' and the dedicatory prayer was afterwards read by the Rev. F. E. S. Jacomb-Hood.

As the clergy, churchwardens and choir returned to the chancel, dedicatory rounds were rung on the bells by members of the Sussex County Association—Messrs. K. Hart (Brighton), R. Johnson (Crawley), H. Bailey (Slaughtam), C. Nice (Crawley), J. Mansbridge (Slaughtam), N. Elliot (Crawley), F. Godsmark (Slaughtam) and O. Sippotts (Crawley), conductor.

The address was given by the Rev. H. C. Perry, who chose as his subject the words of a carol:—

'The bells of the city of God ring out,
 For the Son of Mary was born to-night;
 The gloom is past, and the morn at last
 Is coming with Orient light.'

Immediately after the service two courses of Superlative Surprise Major were well struck by ringers from Crawley Parish Church—Messrs. Keith Hart 1, G. Oliver 2, R. Swift 3, K. Snelling 4, R. Johnson 5, C. Nice 6, N. Elliott 7, O. Sippotts (conductor) 8. The ringing was continued during the evening by members of the Sussex County Association from various parts of the county, and was of a very high order. The large non-ringing audience throughout the evening was much impressed with the excellence of the ringing and the even striking of the bells.

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GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. ATTWELL.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Attwell took place on Christmas Eve, December 24th, they being married at Chiddingfold Church, Surrey, on December 24th, 1834. Mr. Attwell came to Chiddingfold from Arborfield in that year. He soon set to work to make a change ringing band (the bells then were six), and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Grandsire Minor. In 1894 the bells were increased to eight, and after lessons from Mr. Frank Bennett the band succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at the opening of the bells, there being five first peals, including Mr. Attwell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Attwell's hospitality is well known to ringers in this part of the country, and all will join in wishing them a good many more years of happiness together. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the event (owing to illness it was impossible to go for a peal), the band being: R. T. Carpenter 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, T. Attwell 3, W. Bartlett 4, M. Smither 5, G. Luff 6, R. J. C. Hagley 7, R. Cooper (first attempt) 8.

The ringers, choir and congregation made a presentation through the Rector (Rev. E. P. Pelloe). Mr. Attwell has been a choirman as well as a ringer for over 50 years at the church, and he is also a foundation member of the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds. The ringers were entertained after ringing by Mr. and Mrs. Attwell at their home, the company including their children and grandchildren. He has rung about 150 peals in various methods. Mr. Attwell was one of the best instructors on handling a bell, and woe betide the pupil who thought he knew more than his instructor. (The writer knows from experience.)

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At 9 p.m. the Rector presided over a supper at the Chequers Inn to entertain the 50 ringers who had visited Slaugham for the occasion. The host, Capt. S. Stevens, of Bedford, one of the donor family, attended the supper and renewed many old acquaintanceships. Short speeches were made by the Rector and Capt. Stevens, and Mr. Cyril Johnston (of the bell foundry) proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Sussex County Association who had contributed so largely to the success of the evening's ceremony.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were congratulated on all sides for the splendid peal which they have installed, and it is hoped that a change ringing band will soon be in evidence, for there are skilled and enthusiastic ringers in the vicinity who are ready to lend a helping hand.

'RINGERS' DAY' AT OSSETT.**BIG GATHERING ENJOYS NEW BELLS.**

'Ringers' Day' at Ossett, Yorks, where a new peal of ten has recently been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was a great success. The event took place on January 5th and about 100 ringers were present from all over the district. In addition, there were a good many representatives of the parish, including the Vicar and his wife, the curate, churchwardens and their wives, members of the Parochial Church Council and a few friends. Altogether over 150 partook of a good old-fashioned Yorkshire tea as the guests of the local company.

Canon C. O. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present. Many others who fully intended to be there were prevented by ill-health, amongst those sending apologies being Messrs. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral, and George Hawksworth, of Doncaster.

The bells were kept merrily ringing from about 3 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Mr. J. P. Fidler arrived in the evening to represent the founders, and brought several ringers with him from the Silkstone dedication ceremony.

Everyone expressed satisfaction at the tone and 'go' of the bells and had a real good day's enjoyment. Some veterans from Leeds kindly entertained the company during the evening with some delightful little snatches of tune ringing and other items.

The following towers and towns were represented: Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Birstall, Bridlington, Bradford, Burley, Conisborough, Dewsbury, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Ecclesfield, Headingley, Horbury, Huddersfield, Leeds, Pontefract (Parish and All Saints' Churches), Rothwell, Rotherham, Selby, Shipley, Shelley, Sheffield Cathedral, Wakefield and Wortley. The parishioners who were there amongst 'these ringers' were much struck by the good fellowship shown between the members of the great brotherhood of the belfry.

Votes of thanks were given to those responsible for the welcome received by Messrs. H. Lofthouse (secretary, Leeds and District Association), Frank Renton, W. Barton and others of the Yorkshire Association. The Vicar of Ossett (the Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., M.A.) and Mr. Joe Bennett, for the ringers, suitably responded.

A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamlin, of Pentre Rhondda, upon celebrating their golden wedding. To commemorate the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentre, on Sunday, January 6th, by F. Lasbury 1, W. Palmer 2, T. Page 3, G. Palmer 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, W. Cross (conductor) 7, H. Crabbs 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The remaining members of the Australian touring party are due in England next Wednesday. Messrs. W. H. Fussell, G. Martin, J. H. Hardcastle, W. Linter and R. Maude visited New Zealand after leaving Sydney, and are returning via the Panama Canal.

The Editor returns his grateful thanks to the many ringers who have sent him messages of 'welcome home.' He greatly appreciates the kindly thoughts which have prompted them.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that the latest reports of Mr. William Pye, who is in hospital suffering from a serious nervous breakdown, indicate that he is much better. We hope that he will soon be sufficiently recovered to go on and complete his 2,000 peals. He requires only about 35 more.

Among the many notable performances that have been achieved by Irthlingborough, Northants, ringers have been the first peal of Irthlingborough Surprise Major and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, both conducted by Mr. W. Perkins. These two peals have now been suitably recorded on a peal tablet, which was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. L. W. Wright) at St. Peter's Church on Sunday week.

A peal was rung at Wellington, Herefordshire, on Saturday week, as a welcome home to the Australian tourists, who much appreciate the compliment thus paid to them.

A great mystery has just been solved. The August week-end visitors to Wrington have now discovered why one of the band hurried off to Scotland before the end of the tour. They little dreamt there was a lady in the case; but the secret is now out.

The engagement has been announced between Miss Dilys M. Lewis (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Moorecocks, Brasted, Kent) and Mr. Wilfred H. J. Hooton, of Lindley Lodge, Nuneaton, a well-known member of Cambridge University Guild.

Mr. Alfred Pulling, of Guildford, has rung his one thousandth peal as conductor! The peal took place at Haslemere on January 5th. Subject to correction, we believe Mr. Pulling is only the second ringer to achieve this distinction, Mr. William Pye, of course, being the other. Mr. Pulling has conducted his 1,000 peals out of a total of 1,101.

Another new Surprise method rung! The Helmingham band have added Huntingdon to their list. It is one of Mr. G. Lindoff's group on the Bristol principle.

BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

PEAL TO BE REHUNG.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to supply a fine big Bourdon bell, weighing approximately 6 tons, for installation in the great tower at Buckfast Abbey, Devonshire, which is being increased in height. Messrs. Taylor and Co. also have the order to rehang for ringing the existing 14 bells, which, together with the Bourdon bell, will be provided with a new framework placed in the tower at a higher level than the present peal.

The peal now consists of a ring of twelve and two stationary bells, but when all these are hung for ringing, eight different peals all in the major scale will be obtained, viz., one ring of twelve, one of ten, three of eight (a front eight, a middle eight and a back eight), and three rings of six.

BOYS' ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN TRIPLES.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS PUT UP A GOOD SHOW.

A band of youthful ringers, collected through the interest and efforts of Mr. F. E. Dawe, made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Saturday. Although success did not attend this initial venture, the boys put up a good show and hope to pull off the peal at the next attempt, which is provisionally fixed for February 23rd.

The ages of the boys ranged from 14 to 17½ years, the average being approximately 15½ years. The Vicar of Milton gave them a welcome when they reached the belfry, where they also received some good advice from Mr. Dawe. John Gilbert said the belfry office before ringing began. At first they rang nearly half an hour, but had to stop. A little reshuffling of the band and they then got away to a good start and rang very well indeed for nearly a quarter-peal, when, unfortunately, a change course put an end to the attempt. The band consisted of Arthur Jones, Croydon (aged 14) 1; Frank Green, Bletchley (14) 2; Walter H. Dobbie, Sittingbourne (15½) 3; John A. Green, Bletchley (17½), conductor, 4; Geoffrey G. Murphy, Crayford (15½) 5; John J. L. Gilbert, Sheffield (16½) 6; Edwin A. Barnett, Crayford (16½) 7; John A. C. C. Abson (16) 8. The tenor is 12½ cwt. in F, and the conductor selected Heywood's transposition of 'Thurstan's'.

Afterwards the boys were kindly entertained to a substantial tea at the Mitre Hotel by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who also gave each one a present. Among those who joined the company were Mr. Fred Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett (Crayford), Mr. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) and Mr. Green (Bletchley). A very pleasant evening was spent and Mr. Dawe was thanked for his hospitality by John Gilbert and John Green.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Last Days in the Commonwealth.

CITIES REVISITED.

This instalment of the Australian tour tells of the concluding days 'down under.'

Those of us who were due to return on the S.S. 'Bendigo' had to seize the one remaining day to make an excursion to the Blue Mountains, one of the beauty spots of Australia, with wonderful scenery of a wild and rugged type, with magnificent vistas of bush and crag, valley and waterfall. We lunched at Katomba, 3,500ft. up in the mountains; had tea on the banks of the Nepean River in the plain below amid peaceful and charming surroundings, reminding one of the Thames at Pangbourne. This journey covered 130 miles by road.



MISS FREY SHIMMIN.

The first Australian lady to ring a peal.

Originally it was intended to attempt a final peal at St. Mary's, but in view of the experience of the day before and the fact that every one of the party was absolutely tired out, it was decided to turn the peal into a practice with Sydney ringers, and some good work was done. Incidentally we were 'on the air' again for half an hour, and put over some exceedingly good Stedman Triples.

The final parting took place at Mr. A. H. McDonald's residence, where the visiting ringers were entertained, and the evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

And then, at midnight, back to the hotel to pack for the morrow, and so to bed.

Our great thanks are due to all those who arranged our operations in Sydney, especially to Mr. R. H. McDonald, Mr. E. D. McDonald and Mr. T. Scammell. To Mr. W. Lucas (son of Mr. G. B. Lucas, the veteran Walthamstow ringer) some of us also owe a debt of great gratitude for the use of his car and for the delightful trip which he gave us of about 100 miles, including a visit to Bulli, where we got an unparalleled view of Australian coast line, returning through the National Park, a public domain of 34,000 acres, which is preserved in its natural beauty.

The 'Bendigo' sailed from Sydney at noon on November 24th. We left Messrs. Fussell, Martin, Linter, Hardcastle and Maude (who had been our companions during ten weeks of travel) on the wharf with many Sydney friends. We parted from them with regrets after our long adventure together, but with mutual good wishes for a safe and pleasant journey home. There is something missing from our little company now that we have separated. The five we left behind us go on to New Zealand and return through the Panama Canal. The rest of us are on our way back by the route by which we travelled out.

On Sunday, November 25th, we had a day at sea, and, it being the 83rd birthday of Rupert's mother, we rang a handbell peal of Bob Major in honour of the event. We had only one interruption during the ringing, when a small boy came along and began to talk to us. He had not uttered two words before he was ordered off in a manner that caused him to run, and the conductor promised to bite him if he came again. That small boy afterwards gave us a wide berth when we were ringing.

The story of the concluding stages of our stay in Australia can be told very briefly. The 'official' tour terminated at Sydney, but the ship's stay of two days in Melbourne gave the opportunity to those of us who were returning west to spend a few more happy hours with the friends we had made in that city. The ever faithful hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society, Mr. A. A. Savage, was on the quay to welcome us as soon as the 'Bendigo' docked, despite the early hour of 7 a.m. Our days were spent in revisiting friends and taking a final look at some of the scenes with which we had grown familiar during the fortnight and more that we had spent in Melbourne. The first evening, in company with the Cathedral ringers who had taken part in the peal of Cinques on Armistice Day, we enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin, whose daughter, Miss Frey Shimmin, was the first Australian lady to ring a peal. And in passing I would just like again to emphasise the great merit of her performance. Miss Shimmin has been ringing only a little more than three years; a quarter-peal of Caters was the extent of her achievements before we arrived, and she had hardly seen twelve bells rung in changes. After the short touches and three longer lengths that we rang, Miss Shimmin was 'safe as a house' in the peal, which, lasting 3 hours 39 minutes, was a real test of stamina for one who had never before rung much more than an hour at a stretch. The congratulations she received were richly deserved. Miss Shimmin had just previously celebrated her nineteenth birthday. We hope some day Miss Shimmin will be able to visit some of our English belfries. Will it be a 'coming-of-age' treat for her, I wonder? The homely evening we spent with Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin was thoroughly appreciated.

Our last evening in Melbourne was given up to an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters with six local men. Unfortunately, it came to grief after about 40 minutes, but a long touch was afterwards rung. This gave great pleasure, but not, of course, the same satisfaction that a peal would have produced. However, a peal ringing enthusiasm has, we hope, been stirred up in Melbourne, and those of us who had the privilege of going on this unique tour will be disappointed if we do not hear, within a year, that a local peal has been rung. It might be expected earlier but for the immediate advent of the Australian summer. We did not experience during our stay anything of the excessive heat which summer is said to bring in Melbourne, but if it is anything like it is reputed to be, the postponement of peal attempts may well be forgiven. The Melbourne men, however, may yet spring a surprise.

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We made good use of our wonderful 'home from home' in Fitzroy Gardens during our two days in the city; indeed, it was difficult to get one of our number away from this delectable spot. With an armchair that exactly fitted him, his pipe and a book—what more, he asked, could man want? And besides, had he not already been run off his feet before he got back to Melbourne? Like the rest of us, he will ever gratefully remember the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Savage.

Time at length brought the inevitable farewell. At 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th, the 'Bendigo' pulled out from the dock and we had finally parted from those who had done so much to make our Australian visit not only pleasant, but memorable. Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murray, Miss Shimmin, Mr. J. C. Nolan and Mr. J. Roper were at the quayside to wave a 'good-bye,' after spending the last hour with us on the vessel. It was a day of cloud and intermittent sunshine, and as the figures of

our friends, still waving hats and handkerchiefs on the deckhead, faded from view and the tall buildings of the city gradually slipped away, a beam of sunlight caught the tall central spire of the Cathedral, so that it stood out almost like a beacon to bid us farewell, and we remembered that it was in the stately building, over which this graceful spire rears its lofty head, that we received a great welcome to Victoria and had spent some of the happiest hours of our tour.

And then night fell, and all around us, as we made the open sea through Port Phillip heads, were gathering thunderstorms. Lightning played in half a dozen places at once, precursor of one of the greatest storms that ever struck the city of Melbourne. We learned afterwards that five inches of rain fell in 24 hours; the suburb of St. Kilda, Melbourne's great playground, suffered heavily from inroads of the sea. Rivers overflowed, roads and houses were inundated and thousands of people rendered temporarily homeless, while great damage was done round the Victorian coast and at least one steamer was lost with all hands. Meanwhile, the sturdy 'Bendigo' plunged steadily onward into the storm. By the following morning we were in the thick of it, occasionally shipping seas over decks nearly 30ft. above waterline; crockery went crashing and everything loose in cabins and elsewhere was frequently sent flying. It was the roughest day we had had at sea and the worst experience, except that night when the main party crossed from Tasmania, and after which the Rev. E. B. James said he now knew what dice must feel like when shaken up in a box.

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A stay of one night in port at Adelaide enabled us to revisit St. Andrew's, Walkerville, where on handbells and tower bells we attempted to give some of the local ringers a little elementary tuition in change ringing and where we found that one of the company, since our previous call, had sufficiently studied the literature we had left behind to be able to prick out Bob Minor; and an extent by the lead ends. The seed is taking root!

Afterwards we had to appear at a church social—it being St. Andrew's Day—and we endeavoured to help entertain the company by ringing courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Then, after supper, which included strawberries and cream, we were conveyed by car to the ship, which was at the outer harbour, 18 miles away. And what a car full! The vehicle was a five-seater and in it were stowed six ordinary adults, plus Rupert and Enid. The road was not always good, but the springs and back axle, happily, stood the strain and we reached the 'Bendigo' at midnight. Alongside us was the S.S. 'Balranald,' of the same line, on board which the English lady cricketers were travelling. They sailed at eight o'clock next morning, but before they left the English bellringers got a note to them, conveying greetings and good wishes for success in their tour.

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On arrival at Fremantle an opportunity occurred for visiting Perth Cathedral, where we were again welcomed by the Dean and the local ringers. Here, however, we found that the tenor, which we left with a broken slider, was still in need of a new fitment, and the seventh had not received attention. This bell is less than half a ton, but took two people to raise it, and five minutes was too long for anyone to ring it. The 'first-aid' remedy is a judiciously applied spanner, and it is hoped, ere this, that this tool has been put round the bells and frame.

Only three of our party were able to meet the local men on this occasion, and we spent our efforts in showing the young fellows, who are interested in ringing, how to manage a bell. Our final leave-takings were over refreshments at the Deanery, where Australian hospitality to us had begun seven weeks before.

Our day in port had been variously spent. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson stayed out in the country with friends of Rupert's youthful days. Mr. and Mrs. Sharples spent the time with a niece who had travelled 300 miles to meet them, and had a similar journey home again after we had left. In company with the Rev. E. B. James I went in search of another Guildford, which we found about seven miles from Perth. It is a little township with Mayor and Town Council, the first settlement in Western Australia and the smallest municipality in the Commonwealth. I brought with me a letter of greeting from its Mayor to the Mayor of Guildford, Surrey, in which town, as most of the readers of 'The Ringing World' know, this paper has been printed from its first number. We had tea with Mr. and Mrs. 'Barney' Johnson, at Swanbourne, who gave us a real Yorkshire welcome. Mr. Johnson is a brother of that substantial pillar of Yorkshire ringing, Mr. Percy Johnson, of Leeds.

The next day we said 'farewell' to Australia. The 'Bendigo' was originally scheduled to sail at noon, but the loading of cargo prevented her leaving until five o'clock, and, two hours later, night shed her mantle over our last glimpse of the land which had given us a marvellous welcome and unbounded hospitality. Hitherto in this chronicle there has been space only to give the details of our wonderful tour, in which we hope we have achieved no little success in arousing that renewed interest in the art of change ringing, which was one of the objects of our pilgrimage. In another article I hope to give some general impressions of our visit.

THE EDITOR.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MR. ALBERT WALKER RESIGNS RINGING MASTERSHIP.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild took place on Saturday, January 5th, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, a good company being present. Owing to the absence of the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.), the senior vice-president (Mr. James George) occupied the chair, but vacated it in favour of Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith.

Before commencing the ordinary business, the Chairman said it was his sad duty to refer to the fatal accident to Francis Henry Banks, towerkeeper at St. Martin's, which took place on Christmas morning. He was known to them all as Frank Banks, and the ringers at St. Martin's had wished him 'A happy Christmas' when a few minutes later he was found unconscious on the belfry steps, about twelve from the bottom. No one knew what happened to cause him to fall. He was taken to hospital and died at 6 p.m. the same day. He was in his 87th year, and, as the Rector remarked at his funeral, his passing should not be regarded as a tragedy. He had lived an honourable life and was held in affection by all the members of the Guild, and had practically died in the tower he loved so well. He asked all to stand for a moment as a mark of respect.

The Guild had also lost another old and much respected member in Geoffrey Martineau, of Solihull, who passed away on December 31st at the age of 73. He had been in failing health for some years, but in spite of that had been an active worker in connection with the restoration of the Parish Church, Solihull, which he loved so much. All present stood for a moment as a mark of respect.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

In proposing the re-election of Alderman J. S. Pritchett as Master of the Guild, the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) referred to a letter he had received from him, in which he placed his resignation at the disposal of the members and mentioned the fact that in three days' time he would become an octogenarian. In spite of that, however, the speaker thought it was the desire of all present that the Alderman should continue to hold the office of Master and preside over them.—This was seconded by Mr. George and supported by the chairman, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. Harry Mason, and carried unanimously.

MR. FRANK HAYNES ELECTED RINGING MASTER.

Proceeding to the election of Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker said that owing to increasing business pressure he was compelled to resign the office of Ringing Master. He had held the office for many years, and was still just as keenly interested in the continued success of the Guild. They had plenty of younger ringers capable of taking his place, and he would propose Mr. George Fearn for the office. He was a good organiser and had proved his ability as a conductor by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at the first attempt.—Mr. George Swann seconded the resolution.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Walker was first elected Deputy Ringing Master in January, 1906, and served until 1909, when business took him to London. He was again elected in January, 1921, and so had served in all 18 years, during which time he not only took charge of the ringing at St. Martin's, but had also represented the Guild all over the country at various ringers' functions. He had had a good innings, but felt he must now resign. He (the chairman) was open to receive any other nominations.

Mr. Fred Price then proposed Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who, he thought, would make an excellent Ringing Master, and this was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding.

The voting was by ballot, and Mr. Haynes was duly elected.

Mr. Haynes, in acknowledging his election, expressed his thanks to Mr. Walker for all he had done for him since he came to Birmingham five years ago. In some ways he did not feel fully qualified to take up the office, but he would do his best and hoped they would hear with him.

Mr. George proposed that Mr. Walker be elected a vice-president as some slight recognition of his services as Ringing Master.—This was seconded by the secretary, supported by Mr. Haynes and carried unanimously.—Mr. Walker expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and which he greatly appreciated.

The trustees (Messrs. T. Russam and A. P. Smith), the auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway) and the librarian (Mr. G. Swann) were all unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Dowding, seconded by Mr. W. Davies.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. T. H. Reeves) was also unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. James George.

The treasurer, in presenting the annual balance sheet, stated he was pleased to be able to show an increased balance in hand of £5 16s. 1d. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Preston (who stated that the books were quite satisfactory), seconded by Mr. E. T. Allaway.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 2nd and to invite the Rector of Birmingham to take the chair. It was also decided to invite as the Guild's guests the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Welcome to the Returned 'Prodigal.'

The annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, was largely a 'welcome home' to the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) on his return from the Australian tour. A company of over 100 gave him a hearty reception. The Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) presided, supported by Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Guild), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild) and Messrs. C. F. Johnston, A. A. Hughes and J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild). The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. G. L. Grover, who had been the acting general secretary of the Guild during Mr. Goldsmith's absence.

After the loyal toast had been submitted from the chair, Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' to which he wished all prosperity. The Guild had started well and continued well, and even during the last four months it had carried on as usual without the presence of one whom he noticed was mentioned on the next toast as 'The Prodigal' (laughter). It had given him the greatest pleasure to read of the doings of that band on the Australian tour. He noticed that they had rung a peal on the Red Sea. After that performance, he felt certain that if anyone chartered an air liner and flew to the North Pole, they would ring a peal there even if there were only polar bears to hear the music of the bells.

PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), who responded, said the past year had been very satisfactory. They had rung 27 peals, viz.: Leatherhead Surprise Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Chiltern Surprise Major 1, Stedman Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Plain Bob Major 5, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 6, Minor (seven methods) 1 and Doubles 1. As regards service ringing in the Guild, he thought it had maintained a good average. He reminded ringers that it was their duty to turn up for service ringing whenever they were in their own town or village.

Some months ago there was talk about starting a benevolent fund in the Guild. He should like to see it started on a firm foundation, and suggested that collections should be taken at all Guild services for this purpose. If such a fund was accumulated it was bound to benefit somebody who was down and out. It would only be given to deserving cases, and it would be charity—the greatest of all virtues. They were all pleased to see Mr. Goldsmith back again. They rang a peal at Haslemere last Saturday as a welcome home. During his absence Mr. Grover had put in sterling work as acting secretary, and nothing had been too much trouble. The peal at Haslemere was Mr. Alfred Pulling's 1,000th as conductor. It was a wonderful performance, and, as Master of the Guild, he would like to congratulate him (applause).

Regarding restoration work, Major Hesse said that nine months ago he was called in to look at Albury bells. They are now being entirely recast as a peal of six. Mr. Pulling was teaching some of the Albury boys. He (Major Hesse) had been called in at Camberley, where they were going to have the bells rebung. Work was necessary on the bells at Witley and Ewell. Next week he was going to Cronwall, where, he was afraid, if anything was done it would have to be a clean sweep.

The toast of 'The Prodigal' was submitted by Mr. Walter Harrison, who reminded the company that there was a different meaning to the word 'prodigal' than the prodigal son. There was the man who was prodigal with his talents, and that was how he regarded their general hon. secretary (Mr. Goldsmith). The visit of Mr. Goldsmith and other members of the band to Australia was a wonderful piece of church work—church work from the highest point of view in increasing the art of change ringing. The band paid the whole of their expenses, and when he heard it three or four weeks ago he was simply thunderstruck (applause).

AUSTRALIAN REMINISCENCES.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Goldsmith, in reply, said they would never forget their experience or the warmth of the welcome they received in Australia. Every man was out to do his best, and they did some very good ringing in addition to the good striking they had in the actual peals. They had many official receptions—the Governor of Tasmania, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Lord Mayors and Mayors, until they began to feel the need for a larger size in hats (laughter). In addition to these civic receptions, they were feasted and fêted, and they then felt the need of a larger size in waistcoats (laughter). The Australians were exceedingly hospitable. The streets of Melbourne were magnificently decorated for their reception. They could not imagine their beauty. A couple of days after the Duke of Gloucester came along, and he saw them too (laughter). Another method which the Australians had of welcoming them and showing their pleasure was by making them honorary life members of all the ringing societies. In Melbourne they gave them illuminated certificates signed by the Archbishop of Melbourne and other great

people. When they got to Parramatta they were also anxious to give them a certificate. They had nothing specially prepared, so the Vicar kindly wrote their names on baptismal certificates and gave them one each (laughter).

They rang seven peals in Australia. The peal at Melbourne of Grandsire Cinques was, he considered, one of the most historical peals ever rung. This peal was started just before noon on Armistice Day, and the band consisted of six English and six Australian ringers. One of the Australian ringers was Miss Shimmin. She had never rung more than a quarter-peal before. Another Australian ringer was Mr. James Murray, who was 73. He rang in the first peal in Australia in 1890, and he had the satisfaction of ringing in the first twelve-bell peal in 1934. With regard to other peals, they rang Stedman Triples at Ballarat Town Hall. After they had been ringing half an hour people in the shops rang up the Town Hall and stated that they enjoyed the ringing very much, but would they change the tune (laughter). At Sydney, in the middle of a peal of Treble Bob, they were put on the air to broadcast for half an hour. He was pleased to say that the ringing was excellent.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIAN RINGERS

They took out with them albums of photographs of English cathedrals and churches. These aroused the greatest interest. The contribution of the Guildford Guild to the collection was views of the Cathedral and Farnham Parish Church. To the Guild he brought the best wishes of Australian ringers, who reciprocated the kindly greetings they had extended to them. While in Western Australia he visited Guildford and met the Mayor. To all of them who were Guildfordians the Mayor asked him to convey his kindly greetings, and said if ever any of them visited Guildford, W.A., he would be only too pleased to welcome them and do what he could for their entertainment (applause). Mr. Goldsmith added that it was hoped to have in Guildford a show of moving pictures taken by Mr. Rupert Richardson during the tour.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. G. L. Grover, who gave a cordial welcome to Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. Steere, who represented the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths; Mr. G. Fletcher, secretary of the Central Council; Mrs. Fletcher, who was one of the foremost lady ringers in the country and hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild; Canon Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. Albert Hughes, Mrs. Fertig, who had kindly acted as accompanist, and a representative of the Chester Guild.

Mr. Albert Hughes responded on behalf of the visitors, and congratulated the Guild on the success of the function.

'The Chairman' was toasted on the call of Mr. C. F. Johnston, who referred to the long association of the Provost with Guildford and spoke of the appreciation the Guild felt in having him as a vice-president, and the way he shared the enthusiasm of the ringers in their art. Holy Trinity Cathedral can boast of one of the finest bands of ringers, and he expected that a great deal of that success could be attributed to the sympathy of their Rector.

The Provost acknowledged the compliment in graceful terms, and congratulated Mr. Pulling on his achievement in conducting 1,000 peals.

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. Willie Martin. Tunes on handbells were rung by Messrs. L. and A. Hunter (Wonersh), and a violin and pianoforte duet was played by the Misses Gwendoline and Sylvia Harman. The evening concluded with change ringing on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HON. SECRETARY WILL 'CARRY ON.'

There was a good attendance, representative of both dioceses, at the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association at Llandaff on December 26th. Previous to the service the bells were rung. The Dean (the Very Rev. D. J. Jones) conducted the service, and in his address dealt with the history of bells and made the suggestion that every effort should be made to keep up the ranks of ringers by recruiting the young men of the church choir.

Tea followed in the Prebendal House, which had been kindly provided by the Dean. At the business meeting the Dean presided, and instructors' reports and restorations were reported on. It was announced that the contract for rehanging Aberdare bells had been accepted and would probably be finished by Easter. The next annual meeting was fixed for December 26th at All Saints', Newport, Mon, the next quarterly Llandaff meeting at Llantrisant on Easter Monday, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Machen. New members were elected followed by the election of officers. Mr. W. Powell, of Llanfrecchfa, was elected Master. The hon. secretary referred to the notice he gave at the last quarterly meeting that he wished to retire, and hoped the meeting would choose a successor. No name was forthcoming, only a general appeal for Mr. Jones to continue. After several had spoken, Mr. Jones, amid acclamation, agreed to carry on. The Dean was requested to frame a special minute to be inserted in the minute book recording the services given by the hon. secretary for so many years. The auditors, Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, were re-elected. The proposed dinner was postponed indefinitely. It was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings on the second Saturday in the month, the first to be held at Pentre in January. The meeting closed with the heartiest of thanks to the Dean for his kindness and hospitality.

ANOTHER ESSEX STALWART PASSES ON.

The Essex Association has lost another loyal and respected ringer in the person of Mr. Albert Ribbans, of Dunmow, who died in Chelmsford Hospital on New Year's Eve at the age of 57 years. Mr. Ribbans, who had been in failing health for some time, recently underwent an operation, but died from heart failure.

He joined the Essex Association in 1905, and has been a member of the Dunmow company for 34 years. Although he has only a few peals of Bob Minor and Major to his credit, he has been an ardent worker in the belfry. He taught a young band change ringing at Dunmow 30 years ago, and his place in the belfry will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at Dunmow on the 5th inst. amidst every sign of respect and sympathy. After the service 720 Bob Minor (7-8 covering) was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Mary's Church by the following members of the local company: G. Monk 1, R. Roper 2, G. Hewing 3, A. Perry 4, W. Smith (conductor) 5, T. Goody 6, E. Richardson 7, A. Smith 8.

Mr. Ribbans leaves a family of four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.**FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AT GRASSENDALE.**

Liverpool ringers have sustained a loss in the passing of Mr. John Allen.

Mr. Allen was a regular ringer at St. Mary's Church, Grassendale, for a period of 48 years, and had acted as leader and towerkeeper the greater part of that time. He was one of the band that rang the first 720 of London Surprise Minor at Grassendale in 1905, this being the first 720 in that method rung in the Liverpool Diocese. Mr. Allen had rung upwards of 50 peals. At one time he represented the Liverpool branch on the committee of the Lancashire Association. He was well known and greatly respected.

He was buried at Hale on Friday, January 11th, under the shadow of the tower at which he learnt to ring. Grassendale bells, however, are at present unringable, and the bells at Garston Parish Church were therefore rung half-muffled on Thursday evening, January 10th, as a last token of respect to his memory. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. Robinson 1, H. V. Hughes 2, T. Jennion 3, G. R. Newton 4, T. Lloyd 5, W. Hughes (conductor) 6, S. Millership 7, J. Little 8.

WATFORD BAND'S PERFORMANCES.

The band at Watford Parish Church rang two peals in the year 1934, viz., one London Surprise Major and one Bristol Surprise Major for the royal wedding. In addition, they rang the following quarter-peals for Sunday services: 3 Bob Major, 4 Stedman Triples, 1 Double Norwich, 1 Superlative Surprise, 1 Cambridge Surprise, 5 Bristol Surprise, 3 London Surprise, total 18. In the above touches several ringers scored their first in the method, and one Stedman band included Mr. Jones, aged 84.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to the following on scoring their first peal:—

Fred Hartman.	Hoole, Cheshire.
John Howe.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Harry Kent.	Middleton, Lancs.
James Ogden.	Middleton, Lancs.
James H. Baslow.	Middleton, Lancs.
Arthur A. Reynolds.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Alfred E. Ashford.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
William G. Ashford.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Fred E. J. Reynolds.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Leonard G. Plumley.	Goring-on-Thames, Berks.
Arthur Heckingbottom.	Pontefract, Yorks.
Miss Phyllis Hine.	Eaton Socon, Beds.
Sidney Wear.	Berrington, Shropshire.
Philip Purslow.	Berrington, Shropshire.
R. Duck.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
W. C. Slatter.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
J. J. Slatter.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
Reginald S. Wyatt.	Goring-on-Thames, Berks.
Thomas J. Palmer.	Presbury, Wilts.
W. C. C. Williams.	Morrison, Swansea.

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The following new members were duly elected: Mr. Francis A. Foxhall and Mr. G. Freeman, both of Great Barr, near Birmingham; also Mr. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, as a life member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yardley on Saturday, April 6th.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' a suggestion was made by Mr. Haynes that, if possible, extra meetings be arranged midway between the usual quarterly meetings. By this means all the towers in the diocese would be visited oftener, and he thought interest in change ringing would be greatly stimulated.—This met with general approval, and it was decided to adopt it.

Mr. Walker also reported that some of the Australian tourists had landed home the previous day, and, on behalf of the Guild, he had written a letter of welcome and congratulated them on the success of their tour.—His action was approved and he was thanked accordingly.

NOTICES.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S 14th annual dinner, Cadena Cafe, Wine Street, Bristol, to-morrow (Saturday, January 19th), 6 p.m. Meet at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, at 2.15 p.m., proceed to Red Lodge (visitors only). Bells available: St. Michael's (6) 3.30 to 4.30, Emmanuel (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (take No. 22 bus from Temple Meads Station, or tram centre), St. Stephen's (10) from 3 p.m., St. Mary Redcliff (12) 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 31st, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 24th. *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 22nd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. F. B. Beavan, a special meeting of the district will be held at Wingham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.45 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cremers at a charge of 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th. The arrangements will be as usual, and owing to the importance of the business, when the report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of officers takes place, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Coburg Street, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, January 19th. Holy Trinity (Taylor 8), West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Church Hall, foot of West Hill, 5 o'clock. Business after tea, and further ringing at All Saints' in evening. Postcard re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year is to be held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the Parish Church available from 3 p.m. till 4.30. Short service at 4.30 to be conducted by the Vicar of Leamington. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ballinger's Cafe, Bath Street, 1s. 9d. a head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Lillington Church available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Frequent bus service between Leamington and Lillington.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, D.D. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket, members 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Staveley on Saturday, January 19th, for the election of officers. Tea at 1s. each.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting as usual. I hope for a good attendance. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me for same by Thursday previous. Followed by business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held tomorrow (Saturday, January 19th) in the City. St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tea about 5.15 p.m., and further ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, from 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., c/o Metropolitan Police Training School, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

WATFORD.—"The Hardy Annual," Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Cheap tickets from all parts to Watford by train or coach. From 5.30 to 7, tea, business, gossip and handbells. Tower bells till 8.45. Excellent opportunity for practice.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the foundry campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The Bishop of Southampton will re-dedicate the bells at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. The ring of eight has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available from 6.30 p.m. for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40, 1s. each, to those who advise me by 23rd inst. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The bells of St. Edmund's will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Names for tea to secretary by January 19th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Third quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 26th. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colyton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (9d.) 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Come along and enjoy a variety of methods from Doubles to London Surprise. Numbers for tea, please, by January 23rd.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Rd., Farnham, by Wed., 23rd.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120 Ash Rd., Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday, January 22nd. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 23rd.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 22nd.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 23rd inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify without fail Mrs. A. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by Wednesday, January 23rd. All welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th. St. Chad's (12) and St. Mary's (10). All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30 for those only who notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.10 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6 bells) on Sat., January 26th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells available at 3.0. Service 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Jan. 24th?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Sat., Jan. 26th, commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. P. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Stockport.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

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