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Another Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner has come and gone, and it serves as a reminder of the rapid passing of the years. It is just about half a century ago that admirers of the old Birmingham worthy began a series of annual gatherings to celebrate Johnson's birthday, and out of these grew the "commemoration" after the passing in 1888 of one of the greatest and most lovable figures that ever adorned the Exercise. There have been other men, more brilliant in scholarship and more prominent in ringing affairs, perhaps, who have served their day and generation well, but there does not seem to have been anyone among them as gifted as was Henry Johnson in the great art of making and keeping friends. In matters appertaining to ringing Henry Johnson had a master mind, but he did not talk about it; he just used it in a humble way for the benefit of those who needed his help and of the art which he loved so well. All who knew him—and they are now growing rapidly less in numbers; there were only ten present at the gathering on Saturday—speak first and foremost of his geniality and humility; it comes even before the genius which won for him a lasting place among the pioneers of the science. Henry Johnson will always have his place in the history of ringing, and as long as men who knew him remain he will have a cherished spot in their hearts.

The annual gathering, which serves to keep green the memory of such a man, is an institution which the Exercise does well to maintain, but we sometimes wonder whether it will have quite the same meaning a few years hence, when time, as inevitably it must, takes toll of the remaining handful of men who were the youth of Johnson's declining days. Those who have from year to year listened to the eulogies of this grand old man of change ringing paid by those who knew him in the flesh, have imbibed some of the sentiment which his contemporaries have endeavoured to hand on to us, but it will be difficult, if not impossible, for future generations, without any living link between them and Johnson, to retain the same spirit of esteem and appreciation which up to the present has existed in Birmingham. But Henry Johnson left a legacy to the Exercise which cannot be measured. His example in genius, in patience and in humility is a part of it which in these days it is well sometimes to think of and strive to emulate. A little more of the spirit of Henry Johnson would do no harm to-day, and if in the future it can be kept alive by an annual reminder, it will be all to the good of the art of ringing, whatever other reasons may be found—and there are many—for drawing together such a gathering as that in Birmingham on Saturday.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES ... ..	... Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS ... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	2	† ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	8
* REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... ..	3	† WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... ..	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... ..	4	* ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... ..	10
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	5	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	11
† RALPH COLES ... ..	6	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus as conductor.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... ..	... Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY ... ..	7
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... ..	2	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... ..	8
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY ... ..	3	LESLIE J. SADLER ... ..	9
MISS DORIS E. BLENCOWE ... ..	4	HARRY W. SMITH ... ..	10
HARRY G. FOXELL ... ..	5	EDWARD G. FOSTER ... ..	11
CHARLES H. PULLEN ... ..	6	WILLIAM RAMPTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. This peal was rung by twelve of the Sunday service ringers, and was the first peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by the Guild and in the Diocese of Oxford.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

G. OAKES ... ..	... Treble	A. FIRTH ... ..	6
J. W. J. COITAM ... ..	2	A. GILL ... ..	7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... ..	3	A. NASH ... ..	8
T. COLIN RYDER ... ..	4	S. BRIGGS ... ..	9
C. POULTENEY ... ..	5	P. MANGHAM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by S. BRIGGS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding, which took place on the previous day at Christ Church, Westminster, of Mr. R. A. Dyson, of Rotherham, and Miss Phyllida Ross Jordan, of Edgbaston, Birmingham. The bells were recast and rehung in 1925 to the memory of the bridegroom's grandfather, the late Mr. Robert Dyson.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

* ERNEST BELSON ... ..	... Treble	† WILLIAM BOTSFORD ... ..	6
† FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... ..	2	† WILLIAM JEFFS ... ..	7
* FREDERICK JEFFS ... ..	3	† JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... ..	8
† HENRY B. WHITNEY ... ..	4	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... ..	9
FREDERICK VICKERS ... ..	5	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. F. Hills, many years Vicar of this parish; and as a welcome to the Rev. E. S. Swain, the new Vicar. Also a birthday compliment to the wife of the tenor man (February 26th).

SWINDON.—On Thursday, February 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Allhall (conductor) 2, C. Hathway (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. Gardiner 4, J. Penny 5, G. Lawrence 6, W. Kynaston 7, F. Argent 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7
DR. L. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 3	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 8
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 5	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal on ten bells. The above was the first peal Dr. Poole has rung for over 30 years, and was his first of Stedman Caters. The composition, now rung for the first time, is inverted titums and handstroke home positions, at alternate courses.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 5
EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
CHARLES TURNER ... .. 4	JOHN T. COPPINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. R. Millway, H. Whitehead and R. H. Parkes, son of the conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
*WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by Wm. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of W. J. Nevard, who afterwards entertained the band.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ... .. Treble	FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Dent and F. C. Clark, both churchwardens at this church.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDWARD BROWN ... .. Treble	SAMUEL YATES ... .. 5
GEORGE WORTHY ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. 6
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 3	J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7
THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 4	WILLIAM WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

Rung to commemorate the induction to the parish on February 7th, 1933, of the Rev. Ian McN. Smith, B.A.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... .. Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
CHARLES PULLEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble	*JOHN BOTHAM ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble	KENNETH SMELLING ... .. 5
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE ... .. Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 5
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 7
ALBAN KENDALL ... .. 4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 25 years' membership of the Cathedral Society.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7
*GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. This and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leeds were arranged for Messrs. H. Langdon and A. B. Peck, who were on a visit from London.

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MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)  
On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
HARRY PLATT ... .. Treble | STEPHAN L. PARRY ... .. 5  
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 2 | JOHN TREBLOVE ... .. 6  
THOMAS COCKING... .. 3 | FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7  
FRANK LAWTON ... .. 4 | HARRY MELLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by H. PLATT.  
Rung after meeting short for an attempt at 12,000 Kent Treble Bob, the ringer of the sixth making the baud up at a minute's notice.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.  
JOHN GOULD... .. Treble | NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 5  
JOHN EVERED ... .. 2 | WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6  
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3 | HERBERT W. KNIGHT... .. 7  
SAMUEL BUTCHERS ... .. 4 | HARRY WINDSOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Bishop on completing 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Treble | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5  
\*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 6  
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7  
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4 | \*ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.  
\* First peal in the method. The ringer of 2nd is only 16 years of age, and has had only limited opportunities for practice in this method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES S. HUGHBY ... .. Treble | CHARLES ALLSOP... .. 5  
\*DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 2 | JOHN S. SADDINGTON ... .. 6  
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 3 | WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 7  
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4 | COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. Treble | CYRIL CROWE ... .. 5  
\*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... .. 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6  
HAROLD QUANTRILL ... .. 3 | RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 7  
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4 | CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal 'inside.'

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On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

\*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble | †WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5  
EDWARD S. T. FARR... .. 2 | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6  
MISS STELLA DAVIS... .. 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN... .. 7  
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 4 | LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.  
\*RICHARD BUSBY ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 5  
ROLAND PARK ... .. 2 | †J. WILFRED DUMVILLE ... 6  
†WILLIAM SHORT... .. 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7  
JAMES T. TITT ... .. 4 | LUCIAN VENUS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Mr. G. W. Park has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. Treble | GEORGE WICKENS ... .. 5  
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2 | WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... .. 6  
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7  
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 4 | SIDNEY HUMPHREYS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to Mrs. Walter Smith, late wife of the tower keeper, who was interred on this day, and also as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Tom Wm. Thornton, a local benefactor, who was interred on the 20th inst.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Treble | GEORGE STAFF ... .. 5

\*FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 2 | \*NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6  
†STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 3 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7  
HAROLD HAMER... .. 4 | \*WILFRED MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Peniston).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5  
\*RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 2 | FREDERICK N. SREATON ... 6  
BERNARD SAUNDERS ... .. 3 | WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 7  
HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. 4 | ERNEST J. OLIVER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. V. P. Powell and Mrs. Powell, the former having been inducted to the living of St. Nicholas on February 14th.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church on Sunday, Feb. 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Mitchell 1, F. Hammond 2, A. Lewery 3, E. Bishop, jun., 4, W. Moon 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Hitchenside 7, E. Bishop, sen., 8. First quarter-peal for treble and fifth ringers.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS W. HANMOND ... .. 2	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... .. 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 4	HUGH ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BORTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	*HENRY NICHOLLS ... .. 6
ERNEST MINGAY ... .. 3	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 7
CHARLES BOTTON ... .. 4	*FREDERICK FLODDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Rogers, a Sunday service ringer, on his re-election as people's warden.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
*FREDERICK R. PALMER ... .. 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 6
†HORACE E. PLOWMAN ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
ALBERT E. PLOWMAN ... .. 4	JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and has only one arm.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

WALTER G. ROWE ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.  
First peal of Bristol on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Dr. Talbot, England's oldest Bishop. He was Bishop of Winchester for 12 years, retiring in 1923.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

FRANK E. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
*RICHARD J. FULLER ... .. 2	GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 6
H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 3	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEDWELLYT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with 7-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HORACE WERRETT ... .. Treble	GLYN WILLIAMS ... .. 5
IDRIS ROWLANDS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
STUART WILLIAMS ... .. 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL ... .. 7
IVOR WERRETT ... .. 4	THOMAS HYDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rector (the Rev. R. Davies), who was interred at Milford Haven the same day; also in memory of the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Lancashire, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	*WALTER PERKINS ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
AMOS SMART ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* 150th Surprise peal. Seventieth peal as conductor. First peal rung in seven Surprise methods on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the county.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TANSELL.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5
*THOMAS FULLER ... .. 3	BERTRAM LUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven methods. Specially arranged for A. H. Smith to enable him to complete his half-century for the association. Birthday peal for B. Luck.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star and Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720's of Pitman's and one of Morris'. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... .. Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY A. PRICE ... .. 6
REGINALD MORRIS ... .. 3	THOMAS VAUGHAN ... .. 7
EDMUND MORRIS ... .. 4	JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, for 43 years Vicar of the parish.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On February 5th, 1260 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred Latham, who was for many years a member of the Handbridge band: W. Hopwood 1, H. Lewis 2, S. Jones 3, P. Swindley 4, James Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, J. Hayes (conductor) 7, A. H. Jones 8.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two 120's, ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*COLIN HOWE ... .. Treble	*ERIC HOWE ... .. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 5
*SIDNEY EVANS ... .. 3	*ARTHUR INSEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by the conductor. First peal on the bells by all local Sunday service ringers.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(KETERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*HERBERT T. EASTBROOK Treble	GEORGE W. CLARKE ... .. 3
*WILLIAM H. BEASLEY ... .. 2	ERIC J. SARGENT ... .. 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

\* First attempt for a peal, and aged 16 and 15 respectively.

STANDON, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD STACEY ... .. Treble	*HAROLD GROOM ... .. 4
FREDERICK BARKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL ... .. 5
OLIVER BARNARD ... .. 3	GEORGE SKIPPI ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BARNARD.

\* First peal and first attempt, and belongs to local Sunday service band. The remainder are from Braughing. Believed to be the first occasion on which a local ringer has taken part in a peal on these bells.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM PRICE ... .. Treble	ALFRED OWENS ... .. 4
ARTHUR KEEN ... .. 2	LEWIS JONES ... .. 5
TREVOR JONES ... .. 3	*JAMES FISHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local hand at Kington. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. R. Greene, who has just raised £2,000 towards the new church hall.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Kington and two of Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR E. WHITING... .. Treble	HENRY HAYTHORN ... .. 4
†STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in four methods away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses M. and M. Marsland.

**RECTOR'S SILVER WEDDING.**

In honour of the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. C. A. S. Page), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) was rung for morning service on Sunday, at West Wickham Parish Church: A. Richards (first quarter as conductor) 1, J. Page-Wood (first quarter) 2, G. W. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Mackinder (first quarter) 4, C. A. Tummadge (first quarter 'inside') 5. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band and rung at the first attempt.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

GEORGE RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 77th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 7-8

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witnesses—A. Mason and C. W. BURTON.

First peal rung on handbells by a William band. Rung on the 37th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE  
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. ELLIOTT, CHURCH STREET.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

GEORGE GREEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness—W. ELLIOTT.

First handbell peal rung in the parish of Kelvedon.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT 23, GREEK STREET.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILLY... .. 3-4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7-8

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by A. F. BAILLY.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

V.W.H. BRANCH PROGRESS.

A meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. Farmer), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (Rector of Shellingford) read the lesson, and Miss Whitfield was at the organ.

Tea was served at the Institute to 33 ringers and was followed by a business meeting, the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. R. Gilling) and members from Faringdon, Stanford, Shrivenham, Uffington, Shellingford, Buckland and Great Conwell, with visitors from Childrey, Swindon and Southwark.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to see so large a gathering and welcomed everyone, especially the visitors and ringers from local towers not represented before. As it was the largest meeting held for several years, he was sorry the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were not able to be present, as he was sure it would have been a great encouragement to them to see so many present. He felt that some credit was due to the local secretary.

Five new members were elected, viz., four from Uffington and one from Shrivenham.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Faringdon on June 3rd. The Chairman referred to the death of the late foreman of Stanford tower (Mr. C. Robinson), who had held that post for a number of years and took a keen interest in it.

The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea.

The ringers then made a move to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal about 8 o'clock, bringing a very successful meeting to an end.

**STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Would you please inform Mr. Dexter that, if he will 'beg, borrow or steal' the copies of 'The Ringing World' issued between November 26th, 1923, and March 25th, 1927, and read, as I have just done, all the correspondence on the subject of 'Washbrook's Six-Single' peal of Stedman Triples, he will understand why I consider it unnecessary to go all over the ground afresh. Particularly would I ask him to study the letters of Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. James Hunt.

There is only one new feature come to light recently, viz., that Washbrook himself called it a variation of Thurstans'. All the evidence I have seen in print, direct from himself, has been (when he has called the peal) that he has put at the foot 'Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.' What evidence has Mr. Dexter for his assertion?

Mr. Dexter's sneer about newly-acquired knowledge is unwarranted. There was at least one band of ringers of a 'peal' of Stedman Triples in the M.C.A. who knew more about it after I had written than they did before, as he will see if he refers to the letter of Mr. W. P. Whitehead in the issue of March 25th, 1927.—Yours truly,  
W. A. CAVE.

**VARIATIONS RUNG YEARS AGO.**

Dear Sir,—After my name had been freely used recently by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Cave in reference to a variation of mine, I asked for dates of publication of both. You, sir, kindly supplied the information, that mine was published in 'The Ringing World' on February 4th, 1927, and that Mr. Cave's was printed on postcards bearing the date February 8th, 1927. The above needed no comment from me; in fact, comment from anyone would have been superfluous.

But recently someone kindly sent me two of these cards, bearing the Bristol postmark. My thanks to the unknown sender. Surely it was not Mr. Cave himself? Anyway, I would like to inform Mr. Cave that these variations had been rung years ago. Any 'mutt' with a very elementary knowledge of the subject, ay, even as big a 'mutt' as myself, knew that by using singles 9 and 11 for 14 and 2 you get the same result. But in these days this does not justify any claim to originality. So the peal rung last year by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was a variation of mine, as stated by Mr. Hunt. Now, as there are no royalties to collect, I will be really very generous, and Mr. Cave can have the whole caboodle, original and variations thrown in.

F. H. DEXTER.

**REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.**

**FIFTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

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The following further towers in union with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild have also contributed: Lincoln Cathedral, £2 2s.; Freiston, 4s. 6d.; St. Martin's, Stamford, 9s.; Colsterworth, 9s.; West Deeping, 12s.; Bourne, 6s.; Ripplingdale, 5s. 6d.; Edenham, 13s.; Willingham, 4s.; Upton, 7s. 6d.; Springthorpe, 2s.; Laceby, 5s.; Grimsby—St. James 5s. 6d.; St. Andrew 10s.; Gainsborough, 19s.; Burton-on-Stather, 18s. 6d.; Long Sutton, 9s.; Spalding, £4 7s.; Gosberton, 7s. 6d.; Fleet, 7s.; Donington, £1; Deeping, St. Nicholas, 9s. 6d.; Holbeach, 10s.; Killingholme, 10s.; Ulceby, 2s.; Sleaford, 3s.; Benington, 10s.; Old Leake, 10s.; Kirton, 5s.; Algarkirk, 13s. 6d.; Sibsey, 6s. 6d.; Boston, 13s.; Coningsby, 2s. 6d.; Frampton, 11s.; Elsham, 1s.; Barton-on-Humber, 9s. 6d.; Bigby, 6s.; Pinchbeck, £3; bank interest, 1s.; total £108 14s. 6d.

Received and acknowledged by the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, and R. Richardson, Surfleet, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Amount still required, £65. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

**FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.**

In memory of Mr. G. Andrews, for 50 years a regular ringer at Cheshunt, Herts, 910 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells halmuffled at the Parish Church on a recent Sunday: E. Pickett 1, G. Maxim 2, W. Newnham 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, C. Dell (longest length) 6, A. House (conductor) 7, H. Tully 8.

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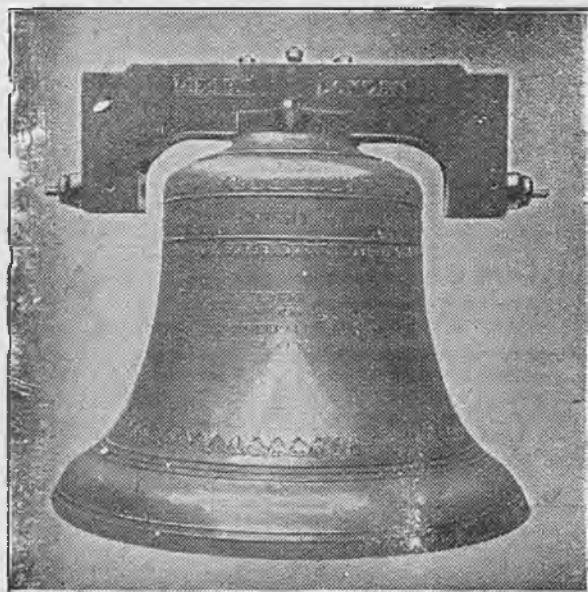
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another one-armed ringer has rung a peal. Mr. Horace E. Plowman, who is thus handicapped, rung in a peal of Stedman Triples at Irthlingborough, Northants, on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Withers has an unbroken record of 36 consecutive Johnson dinners to his credit—and he is looking forward to many more.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who began his dinner career at the same time as Mr. Withers, has missed only one—when business took him to India.

A feature of the Birmingham gatherings is the large number of ladies who grace the proceedings. Last Saturday Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, was among them. She was, some years ago, the first lady to attend a Johnson dinner, and thus set an example which to-day is widely followed.

Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Creydon, is the first lady to respond to a toast at the Johnson dinner. Hitherto the speaking has been confined to gentlemen, but the departure was so successful that the innovation of to-day may be the commonplace of future similar events.

The wintry conditions of last week-end failed to keep the enthusiasts from the gathering, but probably the most courageous was a lady who induced her husband to drive her by car 110 miles over arctic roads in order that she might be present. To the 'chauffeur' the ride conjured up visions of much warmer regions.

Several letters on the subject of 'Peal Grabbing' are held over.

## MR. WILLIAM NEVARD'S BIRTHDAY.

After a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by eight Williams, at Witham, Essex, to celebrate the 7th birthday of Mr. William Nevard, of Great Bentley, the Essex veteran entertained the rest of the company. He received hearty congratulations and good wishes upon his birthday, and was cordially thanked for his hospitality. Many peals, past, present and future, were discussed during the happy social hour which was spent after the peal.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The compositions which Mr. Dexter quotes in referring to my peal and rung at different dates belong to Mr. Soltanstell, and were published in his work about 1865. He was the first to publish a peal of Superlative with reversed course-ends and in five parts. The late Mr. Henry Datus produced the first two part with course-ends reversed about the year 1886, and I believe it has been left to me to produce the first three part. Some may say there is no advantage in reversing course-ends, but if there is anything in composing at all, it is in peals of this description that art lies.

Saffron Walden.

F. DENCH.

## THE PUPIL AND THE TEACHER.

SOME HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leader, 'The pupil and the teacher,' interests me immensely. There is no doubt a little booklet as a guide to the instructor would be most welcome.

Many who try to get youngsters to take up ringing have no idea how to start. Pending the arrival of a book such as you suggest, might I trespass on your space to offer a few hints?

(1) Start at the beginning, show the pupil how the rope is handled, then take him to the belfry and whilst a colleague is swinging the bell from below explain handstroke and backstroke, the use of the slider and stay, how a bell is held up just over the balance and how necessary it is to cultivate the right amount of weight to take the bell up without breaking the stay.

(2) Put on a silencer and let the pupil have rope's end. See that he stands comfortably. I prefer the right foot slightly in front of the left. The rope should be adjusted to such a length that he must reach up well. Let the pupil pull at rope's end whilst the teacher looks after the sally.

(3) When he can control the bell at backstroke, let him have the sally, but be sure and 'see he reaches up well'—cramped arm ringing is not only ugly, but prevents good vision.

(4) When he has advanced sufficiently to try the bell entirely by himself, impress upon him the advantage of (as soon as he pulls off) putting his right hand immediately to the rope's end just above the left hand.

(5) As soon as he is master of the bell, but not before, let him try some rounds. Teach him to use his ears as well as his eyes; make him a good striker in rounds and he will always abhor bad ringing at any price.

(6) Do not attempt to let him try to ring changes until he can ring rounds really well.

(7) Do all you can to encourage your pupil. Do not let him sit in the tower all the evening doing nothing; give him a fair chance. If he is an apt pupil, do all you can to keep him. If after some time you have come to the conclusion that he will never make a good ringer because he will not try to learn, you are better off without him. BUT GIVE HIM A FAIR CHANCE.

T. J. FOWLER.

Cookham.



## THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

### 45th ANNUAL DINNER AT BIRMINGHAM.

Although the company was not quite so large as in some previous years, the gathering which assembled in Birmingham on Saturday for the 45th annual dinner in commemoration of Henry Johnson was as happy and enthusiastic as any of its predecessors. The arctic conditions of the week-end and the prevalence of illness kept away a number who would otherwise have been present, but the company numbered about 150. There was ringing during the afternoon at St. Martin's Parish Church and at other towers in the city, and in the evening the company assembled at the Imperial Hotel. The Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C.) presided, but, unfortunately, Mrs. Rogers, who had intended to be present, was unable to attend owing to illness among her family. The Rector was supported by Mrs. Paddon Smith, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Canon Blofield, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Harry Mason (Bagley), Mr. W. G. Robinson (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. F. E. Dawo (London), Mr. J. George and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (Bradford), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. G. Horner (York), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. W. Birt, Mr. P. C. Williams, Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. T. F. King (Balb), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Wisbech), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), and members and friends of St. Martin's Guild from a wide area, including Wolverhampton, Coventry, Walsall, etc.

An excellent dinner was served, and at the close the Chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured.

### THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed 'Church and State,' and in the course of a thoughtful speech remarked upon the closer contact which now existed between the bellringers and the Church, in which they were being more and more recognised as essential servants. The clergy also were taking a far keener interest in their activities than before. At St. Martin's the ringers were singularly happy in their relations with the Church as personified by the Rector, who frequently came up into the ringing chamber himself and brought visiting clergymen from all over the world with him, while on one evening a considerable portion of the congregation visited the belfry at his invitation. It was not perhaps out of place to say that in return for this increasing interest which was being shown by the clergy in the ringers it was fitting that an increased interest in the Church should be shown by certain sections of the ringing community. It was not fair of ringers to expect the clergy to take them to their bosoms, as it were, if they did not support the Church adequately. Continuing, Mr. Haynes said the fact that they coupled Church and State in their toast showed that they considered there was a close relationship between the two. It was more and more becoming realised that the application of Christian principles was necessary to successful government, not only in affairs of State, but even in world affairs. Surely now was the Church's opportunity to go forward and make itself definitely the head in the relationship between Church and State? In the last 20 years there had been extraordinarily few fine statesmen, but there had been a number of fine churchmen, and it would be a good thing if, by some means, they could get more power for the Church in the councils of the nation through the Bishops and higher clergy. He did not mean that they should have a power behind the throne as in the days of Cardinal Wolsey, but if the Bishops and higher clergy could play a more important part in the governing of the State, he believed it would be for the good of the country. The Rector of Birmingham often put before them in his sermons current events all over the world, and showed them how the Church could play its part in them and how its influence was increasing. They saw portrayed in their Rector not only the characteristics which they accepted as churchmen, but also the qualities of higher statesmanship which they would welcome in their politicians (applause). He hoped the association between Church and State in this country would long continue to flourish and that the power of the Church within the State would increase. It was because of such men as their Rector that they saw the power of the Church actually increasing in the State, and it was peculiarly apt that his name should be coupled with the toast (applause).

### RELATIONS BETWEEN CLERGY AND RINGERS

The Rector, in replying, congratulated Mr. Haynes upon his very able speech. Apart from the kind words he had used about himself, which he appreciated very much, he admired the way in which he had dealt with the toast. The Rector added that he thought it was a delightful thing to see the happy relationship growing up between clergy and ringers. It was quite true that the relationship at St. Martin's was of the very happiest kind. Whenever he went into the belfry he received a hearty welcome, and the smiles on the faces of the men sent him down to take the service in the church encouraged with a sense of fuller friendship, and he believed that out of that

friendship on the part of the ringers grew a greater desire to support the Rector in the services. He remembered Mr. Paddon Smith saying on one occasion that they ought not to think of the bells as being simply intended to ring to bring the people to the church, but that they had a message of their own. In that way they formed part of public worship and thus had a far larger symbolism and spiritual purpose than some people seemed to understand. The more both clergy and ringers realised that, the closer would be their relation in that worship for which they were mutually responsible. The Rector went on to thank Mr. Walker for his co-operation in the plan of getting members of the congregation up into the belfry to see the ringing room and the work of the ringers. At least 80 people visited the belfry that evening, and he hoped that at least as many more might be able to visit it on another occasion. He believed in creating a real spirit of friendship in the church and its worship, and he thought it would be quite possible for the clergy and bellringers to co-operate in bringing the whole congregation together in a larger social life.

With regard to the relations between Church and State, the day had long since passed when the Church attempted to govern the State, and he hoped they would never arrive at the time when the State tried to govern the Church. They should run like husband and wife in double harness, and although that was sometimes a little difficult (laughter) and required a considerable amount of tact and discretion, of mutual sympathy and understanding, that was precisely what they wanted to see in the relations of Church and State (applause). He was glad that the relations at the present time were happy. The separatist movement seemed to have died away; there was no demand that he knew of for disestablishment. The old social prestige of the Church was being more and more shared with the Free Churches, the old education controversy which used to divide them was a thing of the past, and there was a new feeling of fellowship between all the churches. The whole situation was different, and he did not think they would find any demand outside the Church for disestablishment. The more the Church witnessed to the true Christian faith the more did the citizens generally respect it, and he was glad to see the Church continually taking the lead in social questions. Church and State were working together in Birmingham for the welfare and uplift of the citizens, and although they lived in dark and difficult days, and the economic situation was so strained, the relations between Church and State were of quite a happy character, far different to what they were in Spain or Russia. They thanked God they had been allowed to take a share in what was being done and that there had been no forfeiture of the confidence of the people among whom they lived (applause).

### THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.

Mr. Harry Mason was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson.' The quotation appended to the toast, 'His life was gentle,' was a very apt one, the speaker said. That was the essence of Henry Johnson. If ever there was a man who was humble, that man was Henry Johnson. Humility was a grace with him. A tremendous amount of ringing talent was brought together on the occasion of his 80th birthday festival, which he (the speaker) well remembered, and which was really the origination of that gathering. The festival lasted three days in Birmingham, from Thursday to Saturday night. The arrangements were made by Sir Arthur Heywood, together with Mr. Harvey Reeves, of 'The Bell News.' It resulted in bringing together one of the biggest companies of ringers ever seen in Birmingham. He was almost a stranger among the party at that time, and it was a great pleasure to him—a pleasure which he had never forgotten—to be introduced by such friends as Mr. Samuel Reeves, Mr. Rock Small, Mr. Russam and others. It was an honour to be there, where all, with one accord, did honour to the great talent and genius which Mr. Johnson had displayed in the art of ringing. Mr. Mason recalled his introduction to Johnson on that occasion and the old man's interest in what was being done in connection with a new peal of bells which had at that time been put in not many miles from Birmingham. Before his birthday came round again Henry Johnson had passed from them, and it was a sad gathering that met for the first commemoration dinner in the following year. Mr. Mason added that a dinner on Johnson's birthday had been originated first about 1862, when he reached his 73rd year. That gathering was held at the Dog and Partridge, and was continued until the 'Johnson Dinner' was inaugurated on his 80th birthday. Every year since then they had met to do honour to his memory. In his lifetime Johnson was at everyone's beck and call, to help in composition and assist in peal ringing, but the characteristic which struck him (the speaker) most was the great humility of the man. He was always ready to sink self in order to help others; and it did them good to think of the lives of such men as Henry Johnson. Mr. Mason went on to pay a tribute to Johnson's personality and genius, the results of which remained with us until to-day. Among all the famous men who had gone from them Johnson occupied a unique position, and they did well on those occasions to remind themselves of all that he did for them and the stimulus which he gave to the art of ringing. Johnson was tremendously keen on good striking, and he wondered what he would have said of the practice advocated in a recent letter in 'The Ringing World.' If there was one thing more than another on which Mr. Johnson insisted it was on good striking, and if they could pay no other tribute to his memory they would do well to keep up his tradition for good ringing. If bad striking were to be allowed or recognised in any form or way, the

art of ringing would be lost altogether. If, concluded Mr. Mason, to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die, then Henry Johnson lives to-day.

The toast was honoured in silence.

Afterwards three leads of Kent Treble Bob on 14 bells was faultlessly rung by A. E. Norman 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, F. W. Bailey 9-10, F. E. Haynes 11-12, M. J. Morris 13-14.

#### PROSPERITY TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who again proposed 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' said one evidence of its continued prosperity was to be found in the handbell ringing they had just heard. The fact that the Guild had produced seven men who could ring changes on 14 bells, and that most efficiently, was evidence of continued prosperity. He congratulated the Guild on that most excellent gathering of old friends, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Many had come from long distances to show their appreciation of the memory of the late Henry Johnson. The past year, he continued, had been an entirely satisfactory one for the Guild. The practices and Sunday service ringing had gone on as usual, and he did not think the clergy had any cause to complain at any of the churches. Many young ringers were coming forward, which was another sign of the continued prosperity of the Guild. There were those in every society, he said, who distinguished themselves as pioneers, and among those in St. Martin's Guild he would mention one or two. They were indebted to Mr. George Swann for his services as librarian, and also for his good work at Ewington, where they had a distinguished lady ringer, who was with them that night, Miss Sanders, who during the past year had rung peals of London and Superlative Surprise (applause). He would also like to mention two ringers at King's Norton, Mr. Webb and Mr. Fearn, who had kept the art going there. Mr. J. Neal had rendered valuable service in Sunday ringing at St. Martin's and also as a ringer at St. John's, Deritend, while Mr. James George had again taken up the superintendence of the ringing at Bishop Ryder's Church. He congratulated him on attaining his 79th birthday, and hoped he would live long and ring many more peals. The Guild rang 21 peals in 1932. The number might not be considered large, but the quality had been excellent. He would mention more especially the peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. The peals had been in a great variety of methods, 66 ringers had taken part in them and there had been nine conductors. Among noteworthy events had been the restoration and reopening of the peal of ten bells at Solihull, which were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; and the recasting and relanging of the eight bells at Selly Oak by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. During the forthcoming year they were looking forward with eager anticipation to the recasting and reopening of the bells at Aston Church (applause). Those bells were associated with his early ringing days, before he ventured to St. Martin's. He used to go there for practice under the able tuition of Mr. Russam, who they all regretted was unable to be present that night. He hoped before they met for a similar gathering next year peals would have been rung on the recast bells at Aston.

Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said they would all wish him to express their deep sense of the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Walter Bryant and Mr. Albert Parsons. Mr. Bryant was one of the old school of ringers, always willing to take part in a peal or make up a band. He was an excellent handbell ringer, although he never went as far as ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand. Mr. Albert Parsons' death caused a great loss to the Exercise. He more than once proposed at those gatherings the toast to the immortal memory of Henry Johnson, and also proposed toasts on many other occasions, his usual theme being 'Church and State.' He held distinct and emphatic views on church discipline, and never hesitated to ventilate those views. They were all sorry to have lost such a colleague. In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett paid a tribute to the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Albert Walker as Ringing Master, and Mr. Thomas Reeves, as hon. secretary. Mr. Walker ably represented the Guild, not only in Birmingham, but all over the country. There was no ringers' gathering of importance that he did not attend to represent the Guild, and last Whitsuntide he was elected an honorary member of the Central Council. He offered Mr. Walker their congratulations upon having attained that distinction. The Guild was prospering, he concluded, and he was certain it would continue to prosper. They were grateful to the clergy for the growing interest which they took in the work of the Guild, and they looked forward with confidence to the future (applause).

(To be continued.)

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The society's February meeting was held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Owing to weather conditions (in the shape of a continuous downfall of snow, which has been slowing down the train services and in some cases stopping bus services altogether), the attendance was rather thin, only eight towers being represented.

The bells were pulled up about 3.30 p.m., and touches were rung in various methods. After an interval for tea, more ringing took place.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company, especially Mr. Herbert Peel, for his endeavours to make the visitors comfortable.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD SET EXAMPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What is our Central Council coming to? We have seen one member give notice to attempt an unorthodox peal, another says we must adopt a doubtful practical peal, but now the limit is surely reached when we are told by a clergyman to have had striking as a relief! Would he stand in the pulpit and advise his congregation to break some of the commandments in order to get the beauty of others? It is time some of the Council realised they are there to lead and set an example to the Exercise, not to push them back. In these days it is hard enough to stand up for good striking, without a member in the Rev. Herbert Drake's position advising bad ringing.

I am pleased to add that my experience of Suffolk ringers is that they do not follow Mr. Drake's advice. You can get striking there.

A. H. PULING.

#### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In spite of the wintry weather, an enjoyable meeting was held at Ickleton on Saturday. Ringers came from Exning, Fulbourne, Harlow Common, Melbourn, Sawbridgeworth, Sawston, Trumpington, Woodford, and there was a splendid muster of the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a helpful address. Mr. L. Lilley very kindly presided at the organ.

Tea and business followed. It was decided to visit the five-bell towers of Stetchworth, Wood Ditton and Dullingham on March 25th.

The proposed division of the district was discussed, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Webb for making all arrangements. It is always a very real pleasure to visit Ickleton, and this occasion was no exception.

#### DEATH OF AN ESSEX FOUNDER MEMBER.

MR. THOMAS WATSON, OF BRAINTREE.

The founder members of the Essex Association are reduced to one by the death of Thomas Watson, which occurred, at the age of 84 years, on Saturday, February 11th, at Baintree. The sole remaining member is Mr. Thomas Edwards, of the same parish.

Mr. Watson, who had not rung for some years owing to his age, was a member of the old Baintree company, before the bells were augmented to eight. He was a remarkably good treble ringer and striker, and took part in many peals, including one in 14 methods. He was also a member of the College Youths.

At the funeral on Saturday, February 18th, the body was taken into the church, where the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Eddeston) officiated. At the burial afterwards the assistant curate read the committal prayers.

Among those in church were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), H. E. Hammond and Thomas Edwards, representing the Essex Association. The floral tributes included one from the association which Mr. Watson helped to form. Immediately after the funeral, with the clappers half-muffled, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung: S. Warnie 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. G. Melbourne 3, H. E. Hammond 4, B. Redgweli 5, F. T. Eley 6, G. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association, which was held at Galleywood on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughon). The lesson was read by Mr. Howard (Master of the association), and an excellent address given by the Rev. T. Lancaster (Vicar of Little Leigh). Ten was afterwards provided at the school, when a company of 40 sat down, twelve towers being represented. The Rev. T. Lancaster presided, supported by the Vicar, the Master, District Master and District Secretary.

At the business meeting Mr. Sydney Easter, of Maldon (All Saints'), and Mr. Harold Moss, of Galleywood, were elected ringing members. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Springfield on April 8th.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the services, and to the Rev. T. Lancaster for his helpful address. He also extended thanks to the organist for his service and the ladies for providing the tea.

The Vicar and the Rev. T. Lancaster, replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a real pleasure to meet the members of the association again. The Vicar said he was always willing to let the members have the use of the bells.

Handbell ringing was subsequently indulged in, whilst others returned to the tower, where further ringing brought a most successful meeting to a close.

#### BRIDGNORTH'S VETERAN STEEPLEKEEPER.

Mr. John Overton, the veteran steeplekeeper of Bridgnorth, Salop, reached his 82nd birthday on February 15th, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Leonard's Church: H. G. Thomas 1, B. H. Head 2, J. Elcock 3, B. Head 4, Rev. G. Benson 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. W. Overton 7, E. Foxall 8.

**DEATH OF MR. THOMAS FAULKNER.  
A PROMINENT LONDON RINGER.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death, at the age of 57 years, of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, of Barking, who passed away on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Faulkner underwent a serious operation about a year ago, from which he made a good recovery, but a recurrence of the trouble had, unfortunately, confined him to bed since Christmas. He leaves a widow and two sons in bereavement.

Mr. Faulkner was held in high respect in London ringing circles, as well as in Essex, where he resided. He was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1912 and 1913, and had represented the society for many years on the Central Council. He was also for a long period a member of the committee of the Essex Association, which he had further served in other capacities.

Mr. Faulkner's ringing career began in 1893 at Barking, when the late Mr. E. A. Davis established a new band at St. Margaret's Church, but out of the first dozen who joined, only Mr. Faulkner and Mr. A. C. Hardy stuck to the art. But the foundation of the present company was laid, and ever since there has been a good band



THE LATE MR. T. FAULKNER.

at this church, where change ringing was taught by two old College Youths, Messrs. Samuel Hayes and York Green. Mr. Faulkner rang his first peal in 1895, and afterwards rapidly added others in company with many well-known London ringers. He also took up double-handed change ringing and scored peals of Triples, Major and Caters. He called Holt's Original on handbells in 1897—the hallmark in those days of a conductor's ability—and Harrison's 8,895 Kent Treble Bob Major in April, 1899. He could also ring Surprise methods 'in hand.' He was a very safe conductor, and, brought up in such a school, was an excellent striker. A staunch churchman, Mr. Faulkner held strongly to the view that a ringer's first obligation was to the church, and that the highest type of ringer desired no other reward than a good conscience and the satisfaction which comes from duty well performed. Mr. Faulkner was a member of many diocesan and county organisations and had rung a large number of peals, including Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Mr. Faulkner was one of the best known inhabitants of Barking, where he had lived from the age of six. All his business life had been spent with the firm of Messrs. Randall (Maltsters), Ltd., in which he had risen to the position of manager. He took an active interest in local affairs at Barking and was particularly proud of the fact that he was recently elected a manager of the Church of England School, at which he was formerly a scholar. He was a keen Freemason and at the time of his death was Reigning Master of St. Erkenwald Lodge, No. 2,808. He was also a member of St. Erkenwald's Chapter and of various other chapters and lodges.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at St. Margaret's Parish Church.

**DEATH OF MR. W. WALMSLEY.**

**A FIRST MEMBER OF THE CHESTER GUILD.**

The passing of Mr. W. Walmsley deprives Macclesfield Parish Church of its oldest member. Mr. Walmsley, who was in business as a jeweller, was 66 years of age, and was recovering from an operation some weeks ago when he had a relapse and died on Friday, February 14th. He was the oldest member of the Parish Church company in point of service, and only last June completed his jubilee as a ringer.

He was only 16 years of age when he joined the St. James', Sutton, band, in 1882, for a period of three years, part of which time he was conductor. In 1885 Mr. Walmsley joined the old church company at Macclesfield, where he taught quite a number of young ringers, and was conductor for many years.

He had been a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since it was founded in 1887, and was secretary and treasurer of the Macclesfield branch for the first seven years. For a similar period he represented the Guild on the Central Council.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, February 21st, the first part of the service being taken in the house, the Rev. N. A. Vesey, Vicar of Macclesfield, officiating. The ringers were represented by Messrs. J. Norbury and F. Yates, of the Parish Church, and W. Gayes, of Christ Church. Among the floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from the ringers of the Macclesfield branch.

After the committal, the handbells were tapped over the grave by Mr. J. Norbury as a last token of respect.

At the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 55 minutes with the bells half-muffled: H. Lomas 1, W. Gayes 2, J. Worth 3, S. Dean 4, H. Dean 5, J. Westwood 6, A. Burgess (conductor) 7, F. Yates 8.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**CHERTSEY DISTRICT LIVES UP TO ITS REPUTATION.**

Members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild lived up to their reputation on Feb. 18th, when they failed, except in small numbers, to attend the annual district meeting at Ottershaw. This area has always been a difficult one to 'work,' and it is not being made easier by the attitude of some of the clergy. Despite the fact, however, that only eight members of the district were present, the meeting from other points of view was a success. Combined with it was a meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and this, with visitors from other Guildford Guild districts, notably Aldershot, helped to swell the attendance to slightly over 30.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. T. Robinson (Vicar of Chobham), who made a feeling reference to the death of the Guild's first treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) presided over the business meeting, and Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary) discharged the secretarial duties. Miss Eastes was elected district secretary in place of Mr. H. Hancock, who retired, and Mr. H. J. Chaffey was appointed Ringing Master in place of Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. Messrs. J. Hessey (Chertsey) and W. Massey (Esher) were elected to the Executive Committee of the Guild, and Mr. Sayle (churchwarden of Ottershaw) was elected an honorary members' representative.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated, and for the three representatives to be elected to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Guild, the following were nominated: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and R. Whittington.

Thomas Ditton, Horsell, Chobham and Egham (joint with the Surrey Association) were selected as meeting places for the year, with the annual meeting of the district at Chertsey, if it can be arranged.

The district voted the sum of £2 to the Guild's scheme for providing a memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, to the Vicars of Ottershaw and Chobham, to the organist and to the chairman.

The ringing on the six bells included a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**RESIGNATION OF STEEPLEKEEPER.**

The congregation of St. John's Church, Bournemouth, have presented Mr. Frederick Frampton with a beautiful chiming clock, with a suitable inscription, in appreciation of his faithful service during 45 years at St. John's.

Mr. Frampton started in 1889 as organ blower, and continued in that capacity until 1900. At Easter, 1900, he was nominated a sidesman, which office he still holds. In 1907, after the tower and spire, had been built and the bells and chimes put in by the generous gift of two ladies, who have since been laid to rest, Mr. Frampton was asked to take charge of the bells and clock as a steeplekeeper, and to deputise for the vergier in his absence. The time has now come when he must give way to a younger man. Although nearing 70, he hopes to carry on his ringing.

**BECKENHAM, KENT**—On Sunday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples for evening service: P. Meek 1, W. Rawling 2, A. Richards (first in the method) 3, W. Martin 4, G. Wickens 5, S. Humphrey 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, C. Tamnadge (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor come from West Wickham.

### MR. H. KNIGHT'S LONG SERVICE.

#### 35 YEARS CAPTAIN AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

In appreciation of his long and loyal service to St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton, a presentation of Treasury notes was made to Mr. Herbert Knight, for 35 years captain of the company, at the annual supper of the society. Mr. Knight began his ringing at Highbridge, Somerset, 44 years ago, and for the last 39 years has been associated with Wolverhampton's Collegiate Church. During that time he has rung 436 peals, his longest being 11,563 of Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton. The Rector (the Rev. R. L. Hodson), in making the presentation, congratulated Mr. Knight on his long period of 'really fine service' in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, and expressed the hope that his captaincy of the band would long continue.

Mr. Knight having acknowledged the gift, the Rector spoke in praise of the ringers' work and referred sympathetically to the recent death of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, a ringer for 20 years, following which the company stood in silence for a moment.

Mr. C. H. Clapham (Rector's warden) welcomed the visitors, including the Rev. C. H. Barker (Vicar of Swindon and hon. secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry), Messrs. R. Pickering (Tettenhall), J. Perry (Brewwood) and F. W. Perrans (Coventry), and announced greetings from Canon Penny and Canon Stockley, the Revs. Frederic Willett and C. P. Way, Alderman Johnson, Mrs. Shaw (Aberystwyth), Messrs. Alfred Hall, W. H. Hinde and E. H. Bull.

The Rev. C. H. Barker responded, and Mr. W. M. Pinson (people's warden) also spoke.

Mr. H. Knight was re-elected captain, Mr. A. Baker secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton librarian, and Mr. T. Smith representative to the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Messrs. H. Griffiths and A. Smith were admitted probationer members.

The annual report, which was adopted, stated that the five peals rung on St. Peter's bells were outstanding, including two each of Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques, and one of Grandsire Caters. In each St. Peter's band were well represented.



MR. H. KNIGHT

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### AYLESTONE VISITED AFTER 17 YEARS.

The mid-quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Aylestone, on Saturday, February 18th. The six bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and kept going in various methods during the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Percy Lidster, B.A.), the M.C.A. form of service being used. The collection realised 8s.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Rooms, a company of 27 ringers sitting down. There was no formal business meeting, but the vice-president suggested that the collection be given, in the name of the Leicester District, to the memorial to Sir Arthur P. Heywood, once president of the M.C.A. This was agreed to. One honorary and one ringing member were elected, viz., the Rev. Percy Lidster, B.A., Rector, and Miss Kitty Gee, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for providing an excellent tea.—The Rector suitably replied, saying that he was informed that it was 17 years ago since the M.C.A. last visited Aylestone. He hoped it would not be so long before the next visit. The local ringers had been only too pleased to provide the tea.

Further ringing on the bells till 8 o'clock concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association took place at Storrington on Saturday, February 18th. Owing to illness, the meeting was not so well attended as usual; the following towers, however, were represented: Billingshurst, Henfield, Heene, Kirdford, Warnham, West Grinstead, Washington and Storrington.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and later the members attended a short service, conducted, in the absence through illness of the Vicar of Storrington, by the Rev. G. Hall, Rector of West Chilmington. A substantial tea was partaken at the Old Forge, after which the Rev. G. Hall presided at the short business meeting. One new member (Mr. H. Markwell, of Storrington) was elected.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. W. Charman, whose place on the committee was taken by Mr. W. Denman.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for his address and for presiding, also to the organist. The Chairman offered to convey the thanks of the members to the Vicar of Storrington for granting the use of the bells, etc. Another visit was afterwards paid to the tower for further ringing.

### A FRENCH VIEW OF ENGLISH STRIKING

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to join in any argument on the various phases of the Rev. H. Drake's letter in your recent issue, but there are one or two points he raises on which the following extracts might enlighten him somewhat. Thus in the first paragraph he states that abroad 'the only ringing they do is actual jangling—the more noise and clashing there is, the better pleased everyone is.' Now I have recently been in correspondence with a French gentleman, who is a professor at an English college, and he tells me in one letter that the majority of churches in France have one, two or three bells, and they are 'in accord,' i.e., a third below, or an octave, or lower third below. Thus if they happen to clash together there is not a discord like bells 'in sequence' would give. Your warning, too, about the single bell is timely, for if this is set up as an example to bombard the Church Assembly, it may be—even as your leader states—the thin edge of the wedge to banning ringing on larger numbers. It might be interesting to many ringers to quote from my French friend's letters on these subjects:

'The majority of our churches have only one, two or three bells (generally two). They may be played by the same man; such bells as we have in our villages or small towns being not too heavy, and the man teaches himself how to peal them in varied rhythms. For instance, in my village, where we have two bells only, they are played thus—only, of course, on big occasions—marriage, processions, baptism, feast days, etc. (then he gives a little tune of two notes with long and short duration—the first "sprightly," then "a little slower"), or according to the man's fancy—a blend of rhythm following each other after two bars and a pause, or after any number of bars. Ringing before any service is only pealed on one bell, the deeper note generally, and often the ringer just sets the bell into motion enough to have repeated strokes of the hammer on the same side of the bell (chiming) he does not set in full swing. The bells are never pealed more than one or two minutes—except on special occasion, WHEN THE LAW AUTHORISES A FIVE MINUTES' PEAL. As far as I know, churches must not peal their bells all at the same time in big towns (even and perhaps more so on special occasions, such as all the eves of holy days), BUT VICARS COPE WITH THE LAW in starting a minute before the other bell stops, and people who do enjoy bellringing may have a good ten or fifteen minutes' treat!!

'The majority of churches have a lighter and bigger bell—generally IN ACCORD—a third below or an octave, or a lower third below. Some towns even have arranged to have all their church bells in tune, so that when the Angelus is rung on the 'bourdon' these show harmony and harmonics from their ringing all at the same time.

'I cannot remember when THE LAW FORBIDDING LONG PEALING OF BELLS was passed—somewhere round 1905 I should say—but since then, bells being rung one at a time, and for a short time, the sexton is now the bellringer. When the "bourdon" is a really big bell, there may be two men to pull the rope, but that is all.'

Regarding our English ringing, my French friend asked:—

'Is it traditional in England to play all the bells some time all together—just as if it were a great harmonious CRASH! or make them run down the scale at a bright tempo, and keep on doing this for hours? Are there specially trained ringers, or does each parish use men of goodwill? Is variety of play allowed? Could bells be rung according to fancy, in true popular measure; a naive tune, a few variations and da capo? I ask all this because I really know VERY LITTLE about English ringing, the only contrast I am aware of being—if I may be bold enough to say so—the happy silence of our French Sunday evenings. Being, I think, a great lover of bells, the dismal and hectic and monotonous ringing I hear on English Sunday evenings leads me to think that OUR LAW, although very narrow and in its way rather intolerant, taught us at least that enough is as good as a feast. This is a challenge which asks for a vindication of English custom. I shall be only too glad to read you, and lose some of my prejudices.'

I wrote in answer to above, trying to explain, as far as my poor knowledge allowed, the English systems, etc., and received the following answer:—

'I had no idea change ringing was such a carefully devised science and art. It is, on the whole, very simple—hence its appeal; but very elaborate and requires well-trained ringers. We have nothing like it in France, nothing that comes anywhere near it. All I can see is that, contrary to our so-called national habits, you have turned bellringing into a most logical affair, while we stick to fancy and popular inspiration.'

Reverting to the matter of the public appreciating good or bad striking, there is one practice which cannot be too strongly condemned. That is the raising or falling of two or three bells anyhow—in a glorified jangle. I have often heard (and taken part in) a beautifully struck peal which has been spoilt at its conclusion by this practice. Surely if the band is incapable or undesirous of raising or falling IN PEAL, the bells could be pulled up or silenced either singly or, as our French friends have it, 'in accord,' i.e., two or three which would 'blend' if struck together accidentally.

ERNEST MORRIS.

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**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.**

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 30th at 8 p.m. \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Magnus on the 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow, Ormesby, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch is to be held at Chilton Foliat on March 4th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—A. W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—A. Sharp, Dis. Sec., 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. Hearty welcome to all ringers. Good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 4th, ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the new Vicar of Dudley, Rev. Dr. Shepherd, who will also give an address.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Heilier Street, Dudley.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting since the restoration of the tower. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HISTON, CAMBRIDGE.**—A special meeting on Saturday, March 4th. The six bells have been rehung in new iron frame, and will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and P.C.C. in Church School 4.30. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. K. Oates, Histon, Cambridge? A good attendance is much desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting committee only. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend ringing.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends are invited to Farnham Royal on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Mr. J. J. Parker's birthday.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by March 7th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Sat., March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington bells (6) available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on March 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe, not later than Wednesday, March 8th.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, March 11th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Dutton, 48, Well Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than March 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at Tonbridge. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's (bells 12 and 8), on Saturday, March 11th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the nearby cafes.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey, St. Thomas, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—(South & West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea, 1s. each, please notify me by Tuesday, 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, March 11th. The bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line cheap fares. Buses from all parts every 20 minutes. As this is the last meeting of the year do make an attempt to make the meeting a big success.—Don. Mears, Dis. Sec., Olfley, Hitchin.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the 7th.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints' will be available after tea, and St. Saviour's from 7 till 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me. Wood Green bells available after business meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**DEVON GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches will be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available: Parish Church (6), from 1.45 p.m., St. Mary's Abbey (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the National Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Applications for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday morning, March 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Satur-day, March 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Printing Office Street (three minutes from church), 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. Please notify me by Thursday, the 16th, for tea. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the Clergy House, adjoining church, at 6.30 p.m. Subscrip-tions for 1933 are now due and the annual report avail-able.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Dis-trict.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 2.45 to 5.15 and 6.30 to 8. Tea and business to follow at 5.30. Postcards from tea-takers appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford Dis-trict.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, March 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Monday, March 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, with reasonable refreshment, at one o'clock, 1s. each to members, 3s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me by April 3rd next. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The fifth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 25th, at 6 p.m. prompt.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secre-taries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, February 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. A. Towns-ond 1, H. Hubball 2, W. Green 3, B. Prestidge (first quarter in the method) 4, A. Prestidge, jun., 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, A. Prestidge, sen., 7, J. Davies 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Prestidge 1, A. Rowley (conductor) 2, S. J. Hughes 3, A. Prestidge, jun., 4, A. Prestidge, sen., 5, H. Hubball 6, T. A. Townsend 7, J. Goodman 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor of Dudley.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, February 12th, for evening ser-vice, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. P. Palmer 1, H. L. Long 2, R. G. Bell 3, W. Paul 4, W. Norris 5, C. H. Horton 6, G. E. Howchin 7, A. P. Cannon 8. Arranged for the con-ductor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Forest Hill, and believed to be the first quarter of Kent on the bells.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Hughes 1, T. Palfreman 2, W. Brittan 3, H. Smith 4, D. T. Matkin 5, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, J. Gaden 8. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

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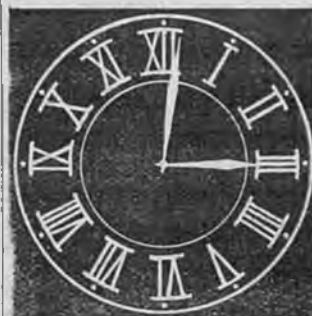
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