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PRESERVATION OF TOWERS & BELLS.

In the letter of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings which we reproduced last week, there are two things upon which the society dwells with emphasis. The first is a plea for the preservation of old bells. With this, all ringers will agree in principle, but it is seldom one finds more than one, or at any rate two, really old bells in a tower when augmentation or restoration takes place, and these are seldom bells of any quality in point of sound. Usually to retain them in a ring would be to spoil the whole, and the best way of preserving such bells is to take them out of the ring altogether and place them elsewhere in the Church for safe keeping, where they can be admired for their antiquity by future generations. In many cases, of course, the old bells have to be sacrificed towards the cost of the new, and it would be an act of practical utility on the part of the society if in these cases it provided the necessary funds to save these ancient bells.

The second point of the society's letter is the question of bell frames in which, as we pointed out last week, they give it as their considered opinion that teak or oak are better than iron or steel. The question of wood being better for sound is an empty theory which has never been proved in connection with a bell frame, and seeing that when a bell is struck by the clapper, the sound bow is well above the frame, it will be seen that the material of which the latter is made is most unlikely to have the slightest effect. But the question of sound is of little importance compared with the safety of the tower. One advantage which is urged by the society is that a wooden frame has more resilience, and for this reason transmits strains more gently to the bearing points. Now, if resilience means anything in this connection, it means springiness in the movement of the frame, and it has been proved by scientific experiment that when a bell swings in a spring frame the cumulative effect is a much heavier thrust or blow on the tower caused by the synchronising of the period of the spring in the frame and the period of the force due to the swinging of the bell. It has also been scientifically proved that the more rigid the frame and the more solidly its base is fixed so as to tie the tower walls, the less is the strain on the walls and the less the power of disintegration. The natural shrinkage of wood, the warping which must almost inevitably take place, and the consequent loosening of tenons, in course of time turn a wooden frame into a battering ram such as no well-constructed iron frame could ever become, and we should like to see these facts made as widely known to Church authorities as the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has endeavoured to make its own questionable ideas. This could be done through the Central Council who could also offer to any needing advice the services of their Towers and Belfries Committee.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 8
THOMAS FAULNER ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 10
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... 11
HENRY G. MILES ... 6	WALTER E. PRIME ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 33rd birthday anniversary of Mr. Edwin Horrex, who was to have taken part in the peal, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment through having contracted a chill.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... Treble	*RALPH MACKRILL ... 6
WILLIAM E. JDDO ... 2	*ERNEST A. REEVE ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	*WILLIAM ESSERY ... 8
HORACE BELCHER ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
*ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 5	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
WILLIAM FISHER ... 2	BERT HORTON ... 7
JOHN JAGGER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 8
GEORGE HUGHES ... 4	JOHN BARBER ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH SYKES.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Brittan. Mr. B. Gough, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, entertained the ringers afterwards. Mr. W. Brittan is a prominent member of the local band.

GREENWICH, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5	DALBY HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH LAST ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	*GEORGE FARNISH ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 7
GEORGE ABLITT ... 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

CHARLES PAGE Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3	RICHARD DEAL 7
SAM WOOD 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOHN THOMAS Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 4	WILLIAM SABAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Macdonald. First peal in the method by all except treble and 7th; first by the Association and in the county.

POPLAR, E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
CHARLES T. CLARK Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	ROBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 6th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.	
GEORGE P. BURTON Treble	CHARLES E. BORRETT 5
JOHN E. BURTON 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSE 7
*GEORGE MAYERS 4	FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

JAMES F. GEORGE Treble	*WILLIAM H. JAMES 5
ALLAN HICKTON 2	CECIL J. BAKER 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
*ALFRED MOSS 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.	
†ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... Treble	*JOHN HALL 5
JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT WM. JENNISON ... 6
*EDWARD GREEN 3	*SMITH MORGATROYD 7
HERBERT GREEN 4	†JOHN COULTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT GREEN.

† First peal. * First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being re-hung and re-cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1914.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.	
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	JOHN H. GODFREY 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
FRED J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
FREDERICK S. SANDERS ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JONATHAN PRESTON 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. George Henry Machin, who was for 43 years Churchwarden of the above Church, and who was interred at the Erdington Parish Church on March 11th, 1921.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SEERLEY Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	FREDERICK W. BUNKLIN ... 7
*EDWARD P. ASHEY 4	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	*GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	LESLIE SINDEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* Elected a member previous to starting. Messrs. Billenness and Blake belong to Hawkhurst, and the rest are local ringers. Rung for the wedding of Miss Christina Alma Booth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trayton Booth, of Robertsbridge, and Mr. Charles Creasy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Creasy, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. The bride's father is captain of the Salehurst ringers, and the bridegroom was at one time a ringer at Salehurst Church.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. GROVE'S VARIATION. Tenor 2½ cwt.	
*THOMAS WALTERS Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5
CHARLES G. BOWKETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
WILLIAM ROUSE 4	GEORGE JACOBS Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Grandsire. Mr. J. R. Mackman was elected a member at a previous handbell peal attempt. Rung in honour of a visit by the Bishop of Worcester.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
JAMES BORDFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CROSS STONE, TUDMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEWIS HOLROYD Treble	GILL SUTCLIFFE 5
JOHN NASH 2	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
FRANK FIELDEN 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor

Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Arranged specially for Mr. J. E. Sykes.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.	
JAMES E. GROVES Treble	WILLIAM PEART 5
*FREDERICK C. BENDALL 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	ELIJAH PAGETT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Mills, the local captain, who was prevented from standing in the peal owing to sickness.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
LEONARD W. HENBLING Treble	GEORGE M. GREENACRE 4
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM H. BALDRY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BALDRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Lincoln.

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

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	FRED HOLT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

First peal for ringer of treble. Rung to celebrate the election of Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, to the Chairmanship of the Branch. He generously provided refreshments after the peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	GEORGE BARFORD 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	WALTER PERKINS 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to an excellent meat tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. Smart, to whom thanks are due.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	HERBERT ROBINSON 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
ALFRED ROBINSON 3	GEORGE THEW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal on the bells in seven methods by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE GUILD ROOM, EDGAR TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM PAGE 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5-6
WILLIAM POWELL 3-4	*WILLIAM C. JONES 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Witness: JOHN J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' by this Branch and first in Worcester for 24 years.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT J. NAUNTON 1	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4
*CHARLES BAILEY 2	*FREDERICK WADE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	*GEORGE LEE 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7-8	

Composed by THOMAS HERRY. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.
Witnesses: Mrs. A. J. & F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on 8 bells and first peal 'in hand.' First attempt for Major by the ringers of 5 and 6.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER...	1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ...	7-8
THOMAS RUSSAN ...	3-4	"ALBERT E. NORMAN ...	9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	5-6	JOHN NEAL ...	11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ...	3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ...	3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on Saturday, March 5th, when upwards of seventy members attended. There was ringing in the afternoon, and service was conducted by the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Dudley), who also gave an eloquent and interesting address. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was provided. Among those present were: Rev. A. H. Phelps, Mr. J. Mc D. Tait (people's warden) and Mr. J. Bayliss, and the following towers, among others, were represented: Bilston, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Coseley, Dudley, Birmingham, Handsworth, Sedgley, Stourbridge, Oldbury, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Kingswinford, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Tipton, Smethwick, Harborne, etc.

At the business meeting which followed, the President occupied the chair.—Mr. H. Mason, on behalf of those present, congratulated the president upon the honour which had recently been conferred upon him, by his appointment as Rural Dean of Dudley. He congratulated Mr. W. R. Small upon entering his 82nd year, and Miss S. Pigott upon regaining her health, after his illness.—These congratulations were unanimously endorsed.

The President expressed the pleasure it gave him, on behalf of himself, the wardens and Church Council, to again extend a hearty welcome to the Guild to Dudley.—Mr. Tait also welcomed the members to the church.—Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Arthur Spittle, Councillor H. Wilkes and Mr. A. Greenfield.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) presented the annual report and balance sheet which were duly passed.

The officers were then elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps; vice-presidents, the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur G. Boscawen, P.C., Rev. Canon Marriott (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), Messrs. Arthur Spittle, Harry Mason, Councillor H. Wilkes, J. W. Naylor and J. Mc D. Tait; Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Dudley).

Mr. Fred Colclough was elected hon. secretary, in the place of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, who has resigned, after eleven years' work.—A special vote of thanks was accorded him for his services and support.

Mr. B. Gough was elected hon. treasurer; Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. F. Evans, auditors; and Mr. W. R. Small as representative to the Central Council.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kinver, subject to the usual consent being obtained.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the president for his kindness in conducting the service, for his able and inspiring address, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the Schoolroom, tower and bells; to the organist (Mr. Cutler) for

the musical part of the service; to the donors of the tea; to the ladies presiding at the tables, and those who had prepared and served the tea; and to Mr. Churchwarden Tait for his presence and support.—It was regretted that the Vicar's warden was not present with Mrs. Naylor, owing to an oversight as to the date of the meeting, as they fully intended being present.

The Vicar closed the proceedings with prayer, after which some of the members returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going till nearly nine p.m. The ringing was appreciated by the townspeople and visitors, after the long silence of the bells, owing to the unsafe condition of the spire.

OXFORD GUILD AT BRAY.

BIG GATHERING OF BERKS AND BUCKS RINGERS.

Berks and Bucks ringers from 15 towers met at Bray, on Saturday, in response to an invitation generously offered to their neighbours by the local society, when the mighty ring of six bells were put through their facings by expert and novice in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Choral service was conducted by the Vicar, who was assisted by the Rev. H. J. Wilson (Rector of Hitcham). Beginning his address without text, the Vicar simply stated: 'I am a ringer, speaking to church ringers. I wish to tell you what a special part you have to perform for Christian worship when carrying out the Sunday duty of the belfry. . . . The actual ringing is a real part of the service—the organist's music for the singing, the attendance at the altar, and minister's prayers, and all who attend to give their help are part of the same. . . . It is just as possible for ringers to worship by the pealing of bells as those who minister by other duties in the church.'

After referring to the important decisions made by members of the National Assembly last February, which were decidedly to the advantage of the ringer as a voluntary church worker, the speaker reminded his hearers that ringers are ministers of the church, and in their daily life, apart from their associations with tower and bells, should live up to an ideal, even if one came short of the standard attempted; and he asked them to help the ministers by their prayers and their work.

At the tea tables the 'home team' made gracious attendance upon their guests, the Vicar presiding over a comfortable party of 55—those who had taken a pull in Minor with the tenor, passing favourable comments upon their 'first cup.' Afterwards harmony reigned supreme.—Mr. Arthur Martin and his two sons, of Beyne Hill, gave a nice selection of tunes upon handbells (four each retained in hand). The boys also proved their cleverness by a course of Triples, double-handed, and were deservedly applauded.

Mr. W. P. Routh (chairman of Reading Branch) supported by Mr. Fowler (Cookham), paid a compliment to the ringers and the Vicar of Bray, with thanks for their hospitality. It was not the first time they had done so, and Mr. Routh hoped this sociable disposition would spread to other parts of the diocese.—The motion was accorded musical honours, the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell and Mr. J. N. Beale replying. A double-handed course of Grandsire Caters followed by Messrs. Consey, Martin, Williamson, Mayne and Welling.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell), after thanking the Vicar for organising the service, and the use of the bells, made a few remarks concerning the welfare of the branch—such as prompt subscriptions, regular practices, the division of the branch, the annual meeting on Easter Monday, and the Diocesan Committee meeting at Reading on April 2nd.

At this stage there were several impatient hands eager to assert their prowess as 'big bell' men, and the belfry was again visited, the old tenor having to suffer Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc., but, when the bells were lowered in peal his 'home-note' seemed to say, 'Next man, please!' thus reminding us that a young man's glory is his strength.

W. H. F.

USEFUL PRACTICE MEETING.

A very successful combined practice meeting was held on Saturday week at Wendover. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and 25 ringing members were present, representing the parishes of Amersham, Chalfont St. Giles, Wendover, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Tring, and Iwer Heath. The musical ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were found to be in good going order, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the capable manner in which the eleven-year-old son of Mr. J. Redrup, of Amersham, rang the treble in a touch of Bob Minor, having had his first lessons in ringing only last September.

EASTER VISITORS IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On Easter Sunday, the great festival of our Church, there will be the usual difficulty to man our towers, as our clergy are properly anxious we should. Many of us Londoners take advantage of the holiday to go away. May I remind our 'country cousins' of our too silent towers, and assure them, as visitors, that they would be most welcome in our belfries to help us fill the vacant places.—Yours faithfully,

'TEMPLE BAR.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. ROCHDALE BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch, held on Saturday week at East Crompton, proved a more than usually interesting and successful gathering. Twenty-six members were present from East Crompton, Todmorden Parish Church and Unitarian; Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Crossstones, Ashton St. Peter's, and Miles Platting. Touches of Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung in the afternoon.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Walton), who gave the branch a hearty welcome. The Chairman, in a humorous vein, went on to remark that at one of his late parishes, in looking through the accounts of the church, he had noticed the bells had required a great amount of oil, but evidently on one occasion, in forgetfulness, they had given the 'show' away, as the entry read 'Ale is.' (laughter). Of course this was in 'ye olden days.' The ringers of to-day thought far more of the art and various methods of ringing, than of indulging in liquid refreshments frequently. Formerly, the ringers at that church had the habit of leaving the church before service commenced, but he was delighted to find this did not happen at East Crompton (applause).

It was decided that the next monthly meeting should take place at Balderstone, on Saturday, April 9th.

The members were very pleased to have their Branch Chairman, Mr. Samuel Stott, with them once more, after his recent illness.—Nine new members of the branch were elected from East Crompton, and prior to the conclusion of the gathering a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

Ringing was afterwards resumed.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of this branch was held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, when members from St. Nicholas' and St. Francis, Liverpool, Huyton, Grassendale, Walton, Garston, Bootle, Birkenhead and Oxtow, were present. Ringing commenced with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, and was followed by service in church, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Mardouald, who gave an address.

At the business meeting, the Rev. E. C. Collier presided, and three new members were elected.—Bootle was chosen for next place of meeting.—A letter from the Rev. H. J. Elsee was read with regard to the Wigan branch, and it was proposed to hold a joint meeting in May to settle upon a dividing line for the two branches.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. E. C. Collier for presiding. Owing to the breaking of a bell wheel no further ringing could be done.

LOSS OF TOWERS TO PRESTON BRANCH.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Houghton on Saturday last, but owing to the very wet weather there was not as good a muster as usual. Ringing commenced with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Major, followed by a fine touch of Stedman Triples, one young member making his first attempt at the method with a very good result. The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. T. Miller, of Leyland.—Brindle in April and Croston in June were chosen for the next two meetings.

Considerable discussion also took place over the loss of three towers to the new Wigan Branch of the Association.

The question of an annual social gathering was left over for a more representative meeting, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

For the score or so of members who braved the elements it was a very pleasant gathering, and, in addition to the two methods named, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Minor and Bob Minor were also rung during the afternoon.

SURPRISE PRACTICE AT BURSLEM.

On Tuesday, March 8th, a party of ringers from Norton visited St. John's Church, Burslem, for a combined practice, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The ringing started with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (with 15 hobs) successfully brought round by: R. Welsby 1, A. Lees 2, L. Pennington 3, J. Walker 4, J. Walley 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6. The rest of the evening was spent on Cambridge Surprise. The touch of Kent was the first for all except the tenor ringer. The Burslem ringers wish to thank the Norton ringers for the kindness they are showing to the Burslem men in visiting Norton to instruct them in ringing Surprise methods. In addition to the ringers mentioned above, the following also took part during the evening: T. Hilditch, T. Hurd, W. Bourne and G. Greenhill.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. C. V. Gasson (St. Giles', Camberwell) 1, C. J. E. Gasson (St. Giles', Camberwell), first-quarter peal, 2. E. B. Crowder 3, G. Simmonds 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Wood 6, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 7, R. Fosdike 8.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. VALENTINE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LOSES A WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

The death of Mr. Albert Cecil Valentine, of Stony Stratford, took place at 112, High Street, Stony Stratford, on Thursday, March 10th, after a short and painful illness. On Tuesday, March 1st, he was compelled to leave his work, and immediately took to his bed. On the following Friday pneumonia set in, and on Saturday his condition was so critical that his relatives were summoned. However, he lingered on to the following Thursday morning. The deceased was only 37 years of age, and leaves a widow. He was a very enthusiastic ringer, and had rung 102 peals in all the standard methods. As a conductor of peals in many towers he had considerable experience, and his loss is keenly felt in the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On Sunday, March 13th, the bells of the Parish Church were rung, muffled, for morning and evening services.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 14th, the Rev. H. Last and the Rev. Greaves officiating. The hymn, 'Peace, perfect peace,' was sung, and Mr. W. Toms played 'O Rest in the Lord.' The wealth of floral tributes was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Valentine was held by many friends and organisations in the locality. He was by trade a fitter and turner, and had been in the employment of Messrs. McCorquodale for twelve years.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 37 times after the funeral. After this a 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: J. Sear (Linslade) 1, E. Yates 2, H. Edwards (Calverton) 3, H. Sear (Bletchley) 4, T. C. Tomkins (conductor) 5, E. Lambert 6.

At the Parish Church, Wicken, Northants, on Monday, March 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Oxford Bob Minor were rung by: T. Read, L. Smith, T. Roberts, F. Case, H. Birdsey G. Cooper and A. J. Green, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Cecil A. Valentine, whose last peal, one of Surprise Minor, was rung on these bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT PRACTICE MEETING.

A well-attended combined practice for the Portsmouth District was held on Saturday, March 12th, at the six-bell towers of Shedfield and Wickham. The former tower was the first visited, and some of the 'locals' were assisted through some 120's Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor. Reinforcements then began to arrive, and the following methods were rung: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and also a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Russell 1, J. D. Harris 2, D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O. 3, F. W. Rogers 4, E. J. Harding, senr., 5, G. Williams 6. About 4.15, the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Utterton), an honorary member of the Guild, visited the tower, and, after congratulating the ringers on their ringing, invited them to tea in the Rectory. This was gladly accepted, and the Rector was afterwards thanked for his hospitality. A move was next made to the neighbouring tower of Wickham. Here the ringers were met by the Rev. E. Banks James and the Rev. E. H. Duke (Rector of Wickham), who is also a ringer. A full evening was spent in the belfry, during the course of which all the above-named methods were rung, as well as touches of Oxford Bob Minor and Worcester Treble Bob Minor, the latter the first in the method on the bells.

During the afternoon and evening members attended from Lee-on-Solent, North Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Shedfield, Southampton, Titchfield and Wickham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING.

The first meeting of this newly-formed society was held at Sprotborough, on Saturday last. Between 40 and 50 ringers were present, representing Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Bentley, Barnsley, Conisbrough, Doncaster, Hatfield, Hanoy, Rawmarsh, Sprotborough, Tickhill, Thorne, Rotherham, Treeton and Wortley. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, at which the Rev. S. E. Smith (Rector of Sprotborough) gave an address. An excellent tea was partaken of in the School Room, and was followed by a business meeting, over which the Rev. S. E. Smith presided.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting, and also to the local band for such an excellent tea.—Ringing was continued until a late hour, and concluded with a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the local band.

This is the first meeting of the kind which has ever been held at Sprotborough. The peal of six bells, with a tenor of 9 cwt., have done service for 150 years, having been cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, of London.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Saturday, March 5th, for the induction of the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, M.A., as Rector of Slough, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: G. T. Leader 1, T. S. Smith 2, W. H. Fussell 3, A. W. Bateman 4, G. W. Bedford 5, W. Henley 6, F. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese officiated, and the tenor bell was chimed on the admittance of the Rector.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CUBITT TOWN.**

The North and East district met at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Poplar, on Saturday, March 5th, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by some 36 members. The eight bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and ringing continued until 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Hardy), whose discourse on the origin of bells was much appreciated. Tea was served in the Schoolroom close by, followed by the business meeting.—Five new members were elected, and Edmonton chosen as the place of the next district meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) mentioned that the Central Committee had met a few days previously, and had fixed the date of the annual general meeting as April 16th, instead of on the Saturday after Easter. That meeting would be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch. The committee had also decided to issue the annual report, and in spite of the still increasing cost of same, to have a copy printed for each member.

The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried.—The Rev. J. H. Hardy acknowledged same with a few words of welcome to the association, and thanks to the local ringers for their good services to the church.

After a few courses of Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich Court Bob Major had been rung on handbells, the tower was again visited, and most of the Standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major were practised until 9 o'clock, when an end came to a very pleasant meeting.

MR. W. WATTS' 200 PEALS.

Seven Minor Methods, rung 7 (conducted 2); seven Treble Bob Methods, 13 (12); seven Surprise Methods, 17 (16); Grandsire Triples, 2 (1); Penning's Triples, 1 (1); Stansted Triples, 2 (2); Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 29 (13); Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 8 (2); Bob Royal, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob Major, 1 (1); Duffield Major, 1 (1); Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 16 (6); Kent Treble Bob Major, 12 (5); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7 (2); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 31 (11); Cambridge Surprise Major, 16 (12); New Cambridge Surprise Major, 13 (6); London Surprise Major, 3 (3); Bristol Surprise Major, 2 (2); New Cumberland Surprise Major, 3 (3); total rung, 200; conducted, 102.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Twyford, on Saturday, March 5th, when a fairly representative gathering attended, despite the fact that the tower lies rather wide of the beaten track, and has to be reached by conveyance, or on 'wheel.' The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Maids Moreton, Linslade, Paddbury, Stony Stratford, and Simpson, as well as the local ringers, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Pearson), who had just previously changed livings with the Rev. Greaves, the latter having gone to the Isle of Wight. The address given by the Rector was much appreciated, especially his remarks concerning the organisation of the North Bucks Branch. After service, tea was partaken of in the School, having been arranged by the ringers' wives, and much credit was due to them for the way in which it had been provided at rather short notice. The usual business was transacted.

The Secretary expressed his thanks for the way the members had accepted the resolution passed at the previous meeting, as to advertising in 'The Ringing World' instead of sending individually to each tower. It showed that the towers were taking the paper, and he hoped the method would continue, as it was a saving in secretarial work.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his assistance in making the meeting a success, and to this he suitably responded.

A further visit to the tower for ringing was then made, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

VETERAN KENT RINGER DEAD.

The Kent County Association has lost one of its original members, by the death, on Feb. 20th, of George Finn, who passed away at the advanced age of 77 years. He had been a member of the Brabourne band since 1876, having previous to that belonged to Mersham. He was known not so much for his peal ringing, as for his good striking and willingness to help others in the art. In former years he assisted in rehanging various peals about the county. He was buried at Brabourne on February 24th, and followed to his last resting-place by, in addition to the family, ringing and other friends. The bells of St. Mary's were rung, half-muffled, on that date, and also before and after service on the following Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The publication of local performances has now been brought up to date, and we trust conductors responsible for sending in reports will in future do so immediately after peals have been rung, so that we may keep abreast of them. Those who ring peals on Saturdays should send in their reports to reach this office not later than the following Monday.

The same remark applies to meetings. If secretaries will send in brief reports to reach our office on Monday or first post Tuesday we will do our best to find room for them in the following Friday's issue.

On Sunday falls the anniversary of one of those great feats which characterised the rivalries of the College Youths and the Cumberlands in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This particular peal was 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch on March 27th, 1784, by the Cumberland Youths, and was the culminating performance in the competition between the two societies. This Treble Ten record stood for over a century, and the wording of the tablet in the belfry is interesting.

Saturday, March 27th, 1784, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in this steeple a compleat peal, consisting of 12,000 changes of Treble Bob Royal, with 60 courses, and was performed in 9 hrs. and 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It is allowed by all competent judges in the noble art to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells. The performers were: Geo. Gross 1, James Barnard 2, Francis May 3, Thos. Reeves 4, Isaiah Bray 5, James Patrick 6, Wm. East 7, Abraham Smith 8, Malachi Cannon 9, Allen Grant 10. Composed and called by George Gross, sen.

John Tiebhorne, a prominent Cumberland at that time, wrote the following lines on the peal, which are still preserved:—

Come, ringers all, and view this church, within the steeple door
Twelve thousand Oxford Treble Bob was rung in eighty-four,
In hours nine and minutes five, the Cumberlands did compleat,
And on the twenty-seventh day of March, the College Youths they beat.

Success unto the Cumberlands wherever they do go.

That they may always have success to beat their haughty foe!

The peal, which this performance eclipsed, was 11,080 by the College Youths on the same bells on May 19th, 1777.

Another anniversary which Sunday next provides, is that of 10,000 Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford, on March 27th, 1815.

At Warsop, Notts, where there is a proposal to augment the existing four bells to eight, there is a change ringing band who practise 29 variations of four-bell ringing. We are asked whether any other band with only four bells can ring more methods than this.

After all, Mr. Ted Horrex was not able to take part in the peal in honour of his 83rd birthday. Influenza, which is no respecter of person, got him in its grip, and the veteran had to submit to the inevitable. The indisposition, however, was not serious.

The event was duly celebrated by a peal, twelve members of the Ancient Society bringing round 5,019 Stedman Cinques at Southwark. The ringer of the tenor was Mr. Walter Prime, who is 67 years of age, and from the form he showed is evidently still in his prime. At any rate, he demonstrated that a heavy tenor is not necessarily a young man's job. But Walter Prime was famous years ago at the back end.

And, by the way, although he is no novice, Bert Langdon's performance in putting the 11th through the peal in 3 hrs. 50 mins. was by no means a bad achievement.

In this column last week, reference was made to the weight of St. Mary's tenor bell at Nottingham. The original weight was 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs., but owing to the removal of the canons, she is slightly less now.

The figures of the peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung in that tower in 1778 are still in existence, but the fact that they are not in W. D. Croft's handwriting makes it rather doubtful if he did compose the peal. Tradition says that both the Leicester and Nottingham peals were the work of a Leicester man.

Last week's reference to St. Margaret's, Leicester, has led a correspondent to send us the following extract from the 'Leicester Journal' of Friday, June 20th, 1806: 'The amateurs of the art of change ringing must regret that the musical bells of St. Margaret's are no longer engaged in that science. The society, it is said, plead the pressure of the times, and cannot afford to sacrifice theirs, without a little assistance; as a small subscription would be sufficient to defray the expenses attendant on those meetings. It is hoped the inhabitants will contribute to remove the impediment, and once more give a tone to that rational and interesting amusement.'

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, who recently underwent an operation in Evesham Cottage Hospital has now left that institution, and his many ringing friends will be glad to know he is on a fair way to recovery, although it will be some time before he will be able to resume his active life.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of Yorkshire Association was held at Saltsburn on March 12th. The bells of Emmanuel Church, by the kind permission of Archdeacon Lindsay, were available from 2 p.m., but owing to the stay of the treble being broken early in the afternoon, little ringing was done until after tea. Service was conducted by Archdeacon Lindsay, who gave an appropriate address.

Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association, presided.—The Rev. E. Drage, M.A., Vicar of Pickering, was unanimously re-elected vice-president, the District Committee and the representatives upon the General Committee were also elected.

The Secretary reported that no further progress had been made in the attempted amalgamation of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Associations, but a further resolution was passed, to be placed before the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting at Whitsuntide, and it is hoped some definite steps will then be taken to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the subject.

A vote of thanks to Archdeacon Lindsay for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

During the evening the visitors enjoyed several touches of Grandsire, Kent, Plain Bob, etc., and though, owing to inconvenient train service, the meeting was not a very big one, the ringers present had a very happy time together, and will look forward to the next meeting, which, it is hoped, will be held at Whitby.

SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th, and was very well attended, upwards of sixty members and friends being present from Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Maries' and Rannmoor; Bolsterstone, Norton, Arksey, Ecclesfield, Dore, Doncaster, Conisborough, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Eckington and Derby. The touches during the afternoon included Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, and a touch of Stedman Cinques for the service, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. Leslie Carr, M.A.), officiated in the Cathedral, and gave a most impressive address. He welcomed the members of the association to the Cathedral Church, and trusted their visit would be blessed. He prayed that the members would be more assiduous in their duties, and give to Him who had been our help and guide through all this dreadful war the best of their talent. The preacher urged his hearers to think seriously of the great work they were doing for the Master's cause, as co-workers in the ministry of the church, for the furtherance of Christianity and the spread of the Gospel.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. Hanforth, Mr. J. W. Peace admirably provided at the organ, and again brought out, by his wonderful skill, the great reputation of this instrument, which is claimed to be one of the best in South Yorkshire.

A most excellent tea was served in the Wolstenholme Hall by the ladies of the St. Peter's Society of Ringers, under the efficient management of Mr. Colne Harrison.

At the business meeting which followed, the vice-president (Mr. Frank Willey) was in the chair. Fourteen new members were admitted to the Association from Rawmarsh, 8; Arksey, 1; Norton, 1; Bolsterstone, 1; Sheffield Cathedral, 2; and Chesterfield, 1.

Mr. F. Willey was again unanimously elected vice-president for the forthcoming three years, and heartily thanked for his past valuable services, and in acknowledging the compliment, urged all present to put forward renewed efforts, and to give of their best as they had been urged to do by the Archdeacon in his address that afternoon.

Mr. C. H. Charlesworth (Bolsterstone) was elected to serve on the committee for the next three years, together with the retiring members, Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), and Mr. G. Clarke (Arksey), who were re-elected.—Messrs. G. Holmes and G. Lewis were appointed on the General Committee.

A very pressing invitation was put forward by Mr. G. Halksworth (the Ringing Master) to hold the next meeting in June at Doncaster.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Biggin (Norton), and on being put to the vote, was carried without dissent.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his splendid address, also to the organist for his services, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth.

The Rev. J. Amiens (Chesterfield) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company, and also to the ladies who had waited upon the company.—This was seconded by the Rev. B. E. Sheppard, a fine recruit fresh from Cambridge, and now on the Cathedral clerical staff.

This concluded the business, and some of the members wended their way back to church, and kept the bells going until nine o'clock. Others who had come further afield had to make tracks for home all too early and were very loth to leave such an interesting gathering.

LONG STANTON.—On March 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 45 mins., being two six-scores of Stedman, three of Plain Bob, and 5½ of Grandsire: L. A. Cook 1, F. J. Cook 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, G. Crisp 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5. Also 360 Double Court, by the above, with the addition of W. Hawkes (treble).

BELLS AND FRAMES.**THREE CONTROVERSIAL POINTS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article last week in which you refer to bell frames and also bell tuning, emboldens me to offer a few comments. I regret that they are somewhat controversial, but on the other hand many may, on reflection, think that there is something in the points I endeavour to make.

These are three modern ideas which are generally accepted at their statement value, viz., that it is bad to wedge up frames to tower walls; that iron are infinitely superior to timber frames; that Simpson's method is the last word in bell tuning. Your article indeed admits to the two latter, and some correspondence in support of the first appeared recently in your columns.

I beg to be allowed to make the statement, that though there is an underlying truth in all three, I am certain that each can be met with a direct negative. I firmly hold this view now, after having been formerly of a different opinion, I am supported, too, by several of my ringing friends. The following points are purposely put with brevity:

- (1) That if the tower be a strong one, the frame is the better for being wedged up, but with judgment, of course.
- (2) That a properly designed hardwood frame is to be preferred to iron. It is equally strong and rigid, and by very far the more durable.
- (3) That any material tuning on Simpson's principle is offensive to a musical ear; inasmuch as it substitutes a brassy and nasal value for that beautiful liquid and harp-like tone which is the characteristic of a good English bell.—I am, yours faithfully,

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

PROPOSED PEAL OF EIGHT FOR WARSOP.

The bells of Warsop Parish Church are shortly to be augmented. The existing four bells were recast and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and reopened on April 27th, 1913. Provision was then made for more bells, but unfortunately the war intervened, and the proposal was temporarily abandoned.

A committee has now been formed to carry a scheme into operation. It is desired to put a new tenor (weight 10½ cwt.) and three trebles, to complete the octave, in the key of G.

The church is situated on a hill, and the tower, which is over 1,000 years old, can be seen, and the bells heard for miles. The ringers, now seven in number, are all members of the North Notts Association, and there are three honorary members. Change ringing is indulged in as far as four bells will permit, and 29 variations of the 24 changes are rung. The tower band are indebted to Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, who arranged most of these methods.

DEATH OF A HERTS VETERAN.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Webb, of Baldock, Herts, who passed away at his residence, 11, Orchard Road, after a long illness, on Saturday, March 12th, at the advanced age of 85 years. Deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for nearly half a century, previous to which he was a ringer at Cottered, where he used to reside. He has not been able to take part in the ringing for the last ten years owing to ill-health.

The deceased had been a member of the Hertfordshire Association since its formation in 1884, and had taken part in three Peals of Grandsire Triples, and one peal of Bob Major, the last peal he rang being Grandsire Triples in 1906, on his seventy-first birthday.

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. Graham Dilley. Among the beautiful floral tributes was one in the form of a bell from his brother ringers. In the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the bells being muffled as a token of respect.

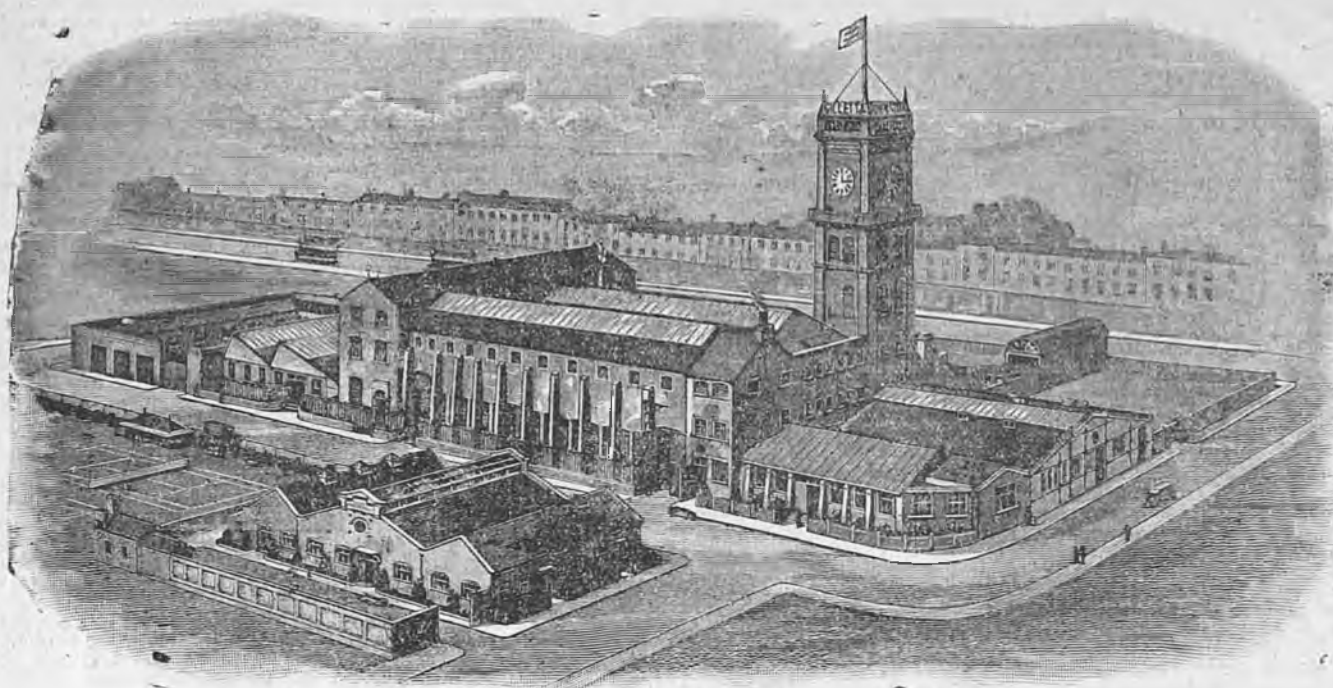
OXFORD SOCIETY.**PROGRESS OF ST. EBBE'S BRANCH.**

The past year has been a very successful one for the St. Ebbe's Branch, and must indeed be a record for the society. They have rung 110 complete 720's in fifteen different methods, viz., seven Surprise methods and eight plain, viz.: London Surprise, 9; Superlative Surprise, 6; Cambridge Surprise, 20; York Surprise, 2; Chichester Surprise, 2; Durham Surprise, 2; Worcester Surprise, 3; Canterbury Pleasure, 3; Double Oxford, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 15; Oxford Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Single Bob, 5; College Single, 7; Plain Bob, 16; and Double Court, 1. These were rung in nine different towers, but 70 720's were rung at St. Ebbe's. Since this company was formed in July, 1919, they have not missed a single Sunday for services ringing. The ringers taking part were: F. T. Clinkard, 107 720's; F. Beckett, 98; P. Taylor, 93; W. Harris, 93; W. H. B. Wilkins, 93; C. Coles, 64. Other visitors who took part were: G. Stone, H. Miles, T. Payne, H. Tolley, A. Browning, and W. Smith and W. Jeffreys.

THANET.—On March 10th, at St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Foster (first 500); 1, S. G. Twymman 2, L. Twymman 3, W. J. Jarman (conductor) 4, W. G. Birch 5, A. E. Jarman 6, J. Blythman 7, J. Jarman 8.

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE, STOCKBURY, KENT.

This very poor parish, with a population of 450, mostly agricultural labourers, has to raise £156 for repair of five bells. About £35 has, so far, been raised from the parish and neighbourhood; £50 has to be taken from a fund specially needed for other work in the church; and at least £70 is still required. Will readers of 'The Ringing World' help us to raise this sum? Donations should be sent to the Rev. H. T. Young, Stockbury Vicarage, near Sittingbourne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, when members from Darfield, Wath, Felkirk, Wortley, etc., were present, with several local members.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed that after paying expenses the amount standing to the credit of the society is £7 9s. 2d. This was considered satisfactory.—Mr. Normington, Cherry Tree Farm, Felkirk, was elected president; the treasurer, Mr. A. Panther (Wath), and secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, were re-elected.—A general discussion followed on the question of the society being essentially for Minor ringing, and, a vote being taken, it proved that the meeting was in favour of this principle being given first preference.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' stating that the society approve of the price of the paper being raised, so that the journal may continue in the interests of ringers and ringing.

A vote of thanks to Rector and churchwardens was passed, and Penistone was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, Feb. 12th.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Woodbridge District was held at Wickham Market on Saturday, March 5th, when members, numbering about 25, attended from Aldeburgh, Blaxhall, Creetingham, Debenham, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Leiston, Kelsale, Ufford, and the local tower. The bells (6), which were placed at the disposal of members by the Rev. C. P. Heywood, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in various Minor methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar very generously provided tea for the ringers, which was much enjoyed and appreciated. Pettistree tower was also visited, and the meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the district.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Blaxhall, the District Secretary to make necessary arrangements.

MUFFLED BELLS.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

Much muffled ringing was done throughout Suffolk as a last tribute of respect to the late Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Chief among this was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Among the touches were the following:—

SUDBURY.—On Saturday evening, March 5th, 700 changes of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, and two short touches of Grandsire Triples for morning service on Mar. 6th. The ringers taking part were: G. Dixon, C. Clark, M. Silvester, S. Howell, W. Heard, A. Scott, D. Elliott (conductor); G. Tatum, A. Maxim.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Friday evening, March 4th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the Bishop's funeral, 884 Double Norwich Major, with the bells half-muffled: J. Hammond 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. Groom 4, T. H. Chappell 5, G. Rowe 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. E. Grimes 8.—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service (with clappers muffled), 400 Double Norwich Major: E. E. Grimes 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. Groom 4, T. H. Chappell 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, G. Rowe 8. For evening service, 1,280 in the same method, in 46 mins.: W. Groom 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, G. Rowe 4, T. H. Chappell 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. E. Grimes 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2, 5 and 6.

DEATH OF A TENTERDEN RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the loss of John J. Manktelow, for many years secretary of St. Mildred's band of ringers, Tenterden. He was also a sidesman at the church, and a member of the Kent County Association. He had only rung about ten peals, but was always ready and willing to do his part for the Sunday Service ringing, and upon any other occasion when the bells were required. He had been in failing health for three or four years past, and latterly epileptic fits developed to which eventually he succumbed. The funeral took place at St. Mildred's Church on Friday, March 11th, when his brother ringers rang the bells, muffled, before the service, and after the interment, while in the evening several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by: L. Beale, E. Burgess, E. Parsons, G. Sims, H. Baker, W. Savage, C. Tribe, O. Hodges. The deceased was 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and four sons to mourn their loss, and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the ringers, who will miss him very much.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIGGLESWADE BEDS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. F. Page (first quarter and first attempt) 1, W. Wagstaff 2, H. Summers 3, E. Shotton 4, A. Pratt 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Ayres 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, A. G. Rose 3, W. Baker 4, L. W. Aitken 5, P. J. Cook 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. O. Edney 8. Miss E. M. Burnett has the distinction of being the first local lady to ring a quarter-peal in any method. First quarter by W. Ayres and by A. Rose, who hails from Poole.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—West Wales Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 12th, in 1 hr. 12 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,921 changes): F. Stone 1, D. Rees 2, E. Stitch 3, W. Norton 4, J. Bloxham 5, H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, F. Attwell 8. This composition contains the 24 67's at back stroke; also several 74's.

SALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 6th, for Confirmation service, a 720 Bob Minor: G. Petter 1, G. Elstone 2, Rev. E. B. James (conductor) 3, G. W. Steere 4, F. E. Daws 5, A. H. Pulling 6.

BALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Baling, for morning service, Mar. 6th, and also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, E. J. Watson 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. E. Good 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, 6th March, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1260 Bob Minor: J. French 1, P. Marchant 2, W. Burrell 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, A. Causley 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, H. G. Miles 2, R. Holloway 3, P. Miles 4, A. V. Selby 5, W. E. Garrard 6, C. Charge (composer and conductor) 7, M. A. E. Toke 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Charge, who started for New Zealand on March 10th, his brother ringers wishing him 'health and happiness' in his new home.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged in these columns ...	256	7	4
Branch Meeting (Olveston), Bristol ...	1	10	0
Remnant Tea and Social ...	0	3	0
Mr. R. Brough (Croydon) ...	0	5	0
Mr. York Bramble (Brighton) ...	0	5	0
Tortworth Tower (Wotton) ...	2	0	6
Stone Tower (Wotton) ...	7	5	0
W. K. Taylor (Wotton) ...	0	5	0
Chipping Sodbury (Wotton) ...	2	3	0
Branch Meeting (Wotton) ...	2	6	6
Holy Trinity, Cirencester ...	1	4	6
St. Philip, Anon, Bristol ...	1	1	0
Rev. M. E. Thorold, Bristol ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. Stafford, Bristol ...	0	10	6
Organ Recital, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol ...	5	0	0
Gloucester Branch Meeting ...	1	10	0
Swindon Branch Meeting ...	1	10	0
Stroud Branch Meeting ...	1	6	0
Lieut.-Col. Gibbs, M.P., Bristol, W. ...	0	10	0
Amounts collected not yet received ...	4	0	0
Total ...	£300	3	4

MR. F. R. HIBBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 4 (conducted 3); Grandsire Caters, 1; Erin Triples, 1 (1); Stedman Triples, 36 (3); Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 2; Boh Major, 1; Kent Treble Boh Major, 12; Oxford Treble Boh Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 15 (2); New Cambridge Major, 3; Cambridge Major, 3; Cambridge Royal, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 8; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100 (conducted 9). Rung in 30 towers.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Our message this week is from the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, who has shown himself so keenly interested in the welfare of ringers. As Suffragan Bishop of Lewes he identified himself with the work of the Sussex Association, and since his promotion to Sheffield has in many ways shown how closely he follows the work of the ringing organisations in his populous diocese. In the midst of manifold duties, the Bishop has kindly found time to contribute an Easter message to the Sunday Service Ringers' page.

Among the individual 'long service' records which are worthy of mention are two from High Ercall, Salop. Mr. Thomas Breeze has rung the tenor at that church regularly twice every Sunday for 33 years, being absent only when illness necessitated. Mr. R. Hughes has been 'leader' at the belfry for practically the same length of time.

A correspondent has asked us the meaning of 1, 4th and 5th over the calling of a touch of Treble Bob on this page. '1' is to call the tenor into the slow; 4th to call the tenor to make the bob, and 5th to call the tenor in 5-6 up, which, of course, is the Wrong lead, if there be no bob.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and published on this page last week: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Sunday morning, March 13th, by the local company, a course of Treble Bob Royal. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Redwell 1, S. W. Corden 2, C. Chalk 3, W. Dowsett 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, G. E. Wilson 6, W. Dudley 7, H. M. Kebby 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, on Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. C. Otway 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, H. Harman 4, E. Hull (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8. For evening service, 719 Grandsire Caters, in 30 mins.: W. Messam 1, G. Cook 2, A. C. Otway 3, W. E. Otway 4, J. Wyatt 5, J. White 6, W. Marks 7, A. Harman 8, A. Dean (conductor) 9, E. Hull 10.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, March 13th, at the Priory Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect and sympathy for the late Vicar Rev. W. Marshall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., for morning service: H. Lambert (1st quarter) 1, E. Hinton 2, L. Stone 3, G. Stone 4, F. Sparshott 5, W. Fowler 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, H. Preston 8. For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes), in 59 mins.: A. Heath 1, E. Hinton 2, L. Stone 3, R. Vincent 4, G. Stone 5, S. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Best 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Preston 10.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sun-

day, March 13th, in 1 hour 12 mins., at the Church of St. Matthew, a date touch of 1,921 changes: F. Bradley (Hullfax) 1, J. Tettersington (Bradford) 2, J. H. Mawson (Bradford) 3, Joe Greenwood 4, H. Wright 5, A. Wright 6, E. Wheeler (conductor), Bradford, 7, A. Jagger 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: R. A. Poedike 1, T. A. Easterby 2, A. G. Bennington 3, S. Wright (St. John's, Peterborough) 4, J. Crowder 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: V. Butler 1, E. Dainty 2, F. Cooke 3, Phyllis Hare 4, W. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, T. Bowling 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, March 6th, 872 Bob Major from 'The Ringing World' of March 4th: *C. Moody 1,

T. Bolton 2, C. Choct 3, C. Collis 4, *H. Moody 5, W. Worsley 6, A. Jones 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. * Longest length in the method.

HUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. Barrel 1, F. Sayer 2, E. Lincoln 3, T. Beckett 4, H. Fairhead 5, A. Williams (conductor) 6, C. Woods 7. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

WORLESDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 of St. Clement's Minor, in 30 mins.: T. Schofield 1, C. Slyfield 2, Miss K. Avenell 3, G. Chandler 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, H. Blackman 6. First in the method by all the band.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, Mar. 6, the following touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Canon C. G. Baskerville, who was for some years Vicar of Tonbridge. He died at Southborough at the age of 91 years, and was buried at

Tonbridge Cemetery on the previous Friday. Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles for morning service, the last 700 of Holt's Original, for evening service. Those taking part in the ringing were: A. Aylward, A. Cheal, C. Cooke, J. Draper, H. Harrington, W. Hollands, W. J. Wolfe, W. Stead, J. P. Cox (Seal Chart), and G. L. Stonestreet (conductor).

BARLEY, HERTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for confirmation service 600 Stedman Doubles and 480 Grandsire: W. Simons 1, K. Howard 2, W. Mansfield (conductor) 3, H. Howard 4, A. Howard 5.—On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 600 Stedman Doubles, conducted by R. Howard. Longest touch of Stedman on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. Chapman 1, A. Bolton 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, H. Edwards 5, W. Eicombo (conductor) 6. The first 720 of Minor ever rung in the village by an entirely local band.

AN EASTER MESSAGE

BY THE LORD BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD.

On no Sunday in the whole year are the church bells so full of hope and joy as on Easter Day. You can almost hear in their music as it peals from the old church tower the glorious psalm of the Resurrection, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' On that day, more than any other, the Christians who hear them flock to the Sacred Feast in the House of God. Young and old they answer to the cry of the bells, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' The Risen Christ, the Saviour of the World, will be there, longing to meet His children, and enter into Communion with them. The sound of the bells not only bears witness to Christ's triumph in the past. His presence at the moment, and to the 'far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves.' It provides a renewal of humanity here, if only we will rise to newness of life.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ which is to be.

Think on these things, ye that ring the bells on Easter Day, and you will ring better than you have ever done before.

LEONARD H. SHEFFIELD.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

464 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

2345678	1	2	3	4	6
7326548	S	—	—	—	—
5327648	S	—	—	S	—
7236648	—	—	—	—	—
5243678	—	S	S	S	—
2345678	—	—	—	—	—

Contains 'Queen's' and Whittington's at hand stroke.

G. Hollis.

TWO 504's STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567			
4317256	1	8	
5517246	—	5	
2314567	3	8	
1354267	—	—	
4321567	—	—	

Each twice repeated.
J. Carter.

539 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789	
62354978	7 1 and 0 at 3 with S
42365	1 S and 8-9 S
34265	9 in 3
23465879	1, 3, 4 S
42365	8 in 3
34265	8 in 3

J. George.

464 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	R
35264	—	1	3	—
23456	—	—	—	—

832 BOB MAJOR.
23456 B 5th's 4th's

35264	1	—	S
42536	—	—	—

Three times repeated.
J. A. Trollope.

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NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner will be served at the Church Hall Rooms at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich presiding. Dinner tickets 3/6 per head. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Secretary by Friday, March 25th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at Fakenham and the ring of six at Great Ryburgh will be available for the use of members.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, March 28th. By kind permission of the authorities, all rings of bells will be available. Business meeting (for the election of officers, etc.) immediately following dinner, which will be served at 2 o'clock, Day's Restaurants, Cornhill, at 3/6 per head.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available all day. Business meeting at 2.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-).—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Old Windsor on Easter Monday, March 28th, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, and the churchwardens of St. Peter's Church. Service at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne. Tea at the Tapestry Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 p.m., the Vice-President in the chair. By kind permission of the several clergy, the following peals of bells will be available for combined practice and touches. Teams will make their own arrangements to ensure good ringing. Slough, 10.30 to 11.30. Clewer, 12 to 1. Old Windsor, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Windsor Parish Church, 7 to 8.30.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood Pier Cafe at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6; non-members 3/6. Any notice of motion or any alterations to rules must be sent in previous to this meeting, as per Rule IX. All friends kindly invited.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting, St. Albans, Easter Monday.—Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Parnell, Vicar of Abbots Langley. 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Towers open as follows: Abbey, 12 noon (by arrangement with the steeple-keeper); others at 2 p.m. Ringing at six bell-towers earlier in the day by applying to me. If, dear reader, you are coming, please let me know, so that I can make ample arrangements for tea.—G.W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Leonard's will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and those at Immanuel from 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Service at Immanuel at 5 p.m. Tea in Mission Room at 5.30; meeting after.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Committee meeting 11.45 a.m. (St. Nicholas Vestry). Service at St. Nicholas 12.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. Pitman. Dinner in Church Room, 1.30 p.m. Business after dinner. Towers open for ringing: St. Nicholas (8), St. John's (8), Lewisham (8), Woolwich (8), Greenwich (10).—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., will preside at the general meeting in the Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. He will unveil the Memorial Window in the Cathedral Cloisters at 3.30 p.m. and will give an address at the service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10); St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas' (6); and St. John's (6).—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Schools, at a cost of 1/6 per head. Divine service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at St. David's Church, Bangor, at 2 p.m.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, Nr. Chester.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, 28th March. Service at St. Mary the Great, 12.30, followed by lunch and business meeting at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street. The bells at St. Mary the Great, St. Andrew, and Chesterton, will be available during the day.—A. E. Austin, Gen. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Worksop, on Easter Monday. The eight bells of the Priory Church will be at the disposal of visitors from noon to 8.30 p.m. Tea at the Priory Gate House at 5 p.m. at a nominal charge of 1/- each. Members of kindred societies welcomed.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—First meeting Easter Monday at St. Saviour's, Shanklin. Bells available. Business meeting 3.15.—W. Upton, Dist. Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I. of W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual general meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church at noon, followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. Paul's Church Lads' Drill Hall, St. Loyes (by kind permission), at 1 p.m. The Association will pay part cost of the luncheon. St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow bells available from 9 a.m. Fine peal at Cardington, after 3 p.m. Bromham by request. Visitors cordially welcomed.—Edwd. P. Duffield, Hon. Gen. Sec., Sharnbrock, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester Meeting.—The Committee will meet at the Church House, St. Martin's East, 3 o'clock prompt.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Leicester. St. Martin's Tower will not be open for ringing until 12 o'clock.—H. Broughton, Hon. Sec., St. Martin's Society.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., in the G.W.R. Temperance Institute, Reading (adjoining No. 1 Platform, G.W.R. Station). Will committeemen please notify their intention to be present or otherwise, so that arrangements may be made for tea afterwards.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Kirkheaton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/6 each) for those who notify Mr. Frank Hargreave, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, on or before March 28th.—Willie Frith, Secretary.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.4; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 2nd. Please notify me on or before March 26th, how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 109, George St., Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those who intend being present kindly notify me by March 30th. The subscriptions for 1921 are now over due.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9 Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next Monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cullompton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the Church Room at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me before the previous Wednesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting (quarterly), to be held at Melksham, April 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock service 4.30. Tea 5. Will ringers requiring tea advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Gray, 9a, Church Street, Standish, before 29th March.—J. Halsall, Hon. Sec., 97 Platt Lane, Hindley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting (for nominations) will be held in the White Horse Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A district meeting will be held at Chester-le-street on April 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—John G. Green, North View, Second Pit, Fence Houses.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea 5.0. Kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 30th, those requiring tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, April 4th. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, for which 6d. allowed to members informing me not later than Tuesday, April 5th. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, 9th April. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, April 9th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Sharp). Tea

will be provided by the Vicar for all who let me know by April 3rd.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10), on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock with Address by the Vicar, Canon Hardcastle. Further particulars next week.—S. Hayzelden, Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell. Tea in the Schoolroom at 6, 1/- each. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, near Rochester, recently augmented to 8, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A. By kind invitation of the Vicar, tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, 5th April, as provision will only be made for those sending in their names.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will members please note that the Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th? Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

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