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THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

What is to be the outcome of the present position in Suffolk? With attempts made on both sides to claim territory previously recognised as within the borders of another organisation, there is, not unnaturally, some friction between the rival parties, and neither is inclined to give way to the other. The state of affairs is unusual. As most of our readers know, the eastern portion of Suffolk was formerly part of the Diocese of Norwich, and the western portion was within the Diocese of Ely. The formation of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the consequent rearrangement of the ecclesiastical boundaries, led the ringing societies to talk of reorganisation. West Suffolk ringers had a desire for a county (or diocesan) association of their own, and the Ely Association, taking the view that the Suffolk men were fully entitled to set up such a Society, withdrew from the area.

On the other hand, the Norwich Diocesan Association took an opposite view of their responsibilities, and, as soon as the Diocese in which they had operated was divided, put out a feeler which indicated a desire to unite the whole of the area covered by the new diocese with their own. Then came the war, and the proposal was temporarily shelved. After the Armistice the Norwich Association seemed at first inclined to content itself with its old territory, and accordingly adopted the title of Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association. Since then, however, it has added St. Edmundsbury to its title and resolved to include West Suffolk in its sphere. Meanwhile the West Suffolk ringers formed a Suffolk Association, which they afterwards decided to make a diocesan one, to embrace not only the west, but the east of Suffolk. It was, perhaps, to be expected that the older society should look upon the efforts of the new association in the east of the county as an intrusion upon their 'preserves'; and equally the West Suffolk men regard the extension of the Norwich and Ipswich Association into the St. Edmundsbury area as a trespass that ought not to be committed. That is the present position of affairs, and the cause of the somewhat strained relations existing in that part of East Anglia.

The discussion has now reached a stage when it can only be settled by the ringers themselves. Neither side in the controversy seems likely to give way, and it looks as if each will have to make up its mind to carry on in the face of the competition of the other. Individual ringers will have their own leanings, and will bestow their allegiance according to their own views. Is it not possible that the two associations may remain amicably in occupation of the territory, jointly? There are several instances of territorial and diocesan organisations overlapping, and we have

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only to look at the recent example of the Yorkshire and Cleveland Associations to observe how this may be done in a friendly spirit. The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at one time held more or less undisputed sway in the north of the county. Then the Yorkshire Association formed their northern division and began more active operations in the Cleveland area, and finally made overtures for the absorption of the Cleveland Association. This proposal was rejected by the latter, and, only a few months ago, a resolution was passed at a meeting of the northern district of the Yorkshire Association to drop the amalgamation scheme and continue as friendly rivals in the promotion of the art of change ringing. That is the spirit which, we believe, will presently manifest itself in Suffolk.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 10
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 5	*REUBEN SANDERS 11
ALBERT W. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 400th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble	ERNEST WEATHERBY 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	EDWARD RADDON 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE 8
HENRY HUTTON 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
GEORGE W. STEERE 5	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E..

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6
RICHARD HAYES 2	JAMES SCHOLES 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
HORACE BELCHER 5	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Mr. Hayes is from Haslemere.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

*HENRY ELLIS Treble	†CHARLES V. HARE 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE H. BARKER 7
*ERNEST W. ADAMS 3	†BARNARD PATMORE 8
†ALFRED PRIOR 4	WILLIAM SABAN 9
FREDERICK C. PERRIN 5	*THOMAS MILES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred Prior.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF OLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt in E.

JESSE B. TYLER	Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	6
EDWIN J. RIDLER	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
EDWIN J. BROWN	3	HENRY PRING	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	WILLIAM A. CAVE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

First peal rung in the method which is an extension of Bristol Surprise Major by the Rev. E. Banks James. It is desired to associate the names of two former members of the band with this peal, G. Condict, Junr. (London), and P. W. Cave, B.Sc. (Southampton), who took part in earlier attempts.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS S. MORTON	Treble	GEORGE DOWLING	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	2	HARRY RODMELL	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	ARTHUR E. WEST	7
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD	4	JOHN H. HOWELL	Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, S.W.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH	Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON	5
JOHN SPARROW	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
THOMAS NEWMAN	3	FRANK SMITH	7
JOHN W. CORNFORD	4	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First Surprise peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY HARRINGTON	Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
WILLIAM J. WOLFE	3	WILLIAM LATTER	7
WILLIAM STEED	4	JAMES DRAPER	Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late George H. Stonestreet, a much respected member of the local band.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

ASA WILD	Treble	SAMUEL HOLT	5
FRANK LAWTON	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD	3	BEN THORPE	7
SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH	4	CHARLES PLATT	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES PLATT.

Taken from W. Harrison's 10176.

KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

F. G. LEAKER	Treble	G. VICKERY	5
S. BADMAN	2	J. T. DYKE	6
S. ABRAHAM	3	W. FARLEY	7
R. H. LEAKER	4	T. GRIFFEN	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY	Treble	THOMAS METCALFE	5
JOHN LOWREY	2	ALBERT HUNTER	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON	7
JOHN D. BALMFORTH	4	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by REV. ALBERT SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	Treble	ALFRED DAVIES	5
CHARLES DICKENS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
JOHN BASS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of H.M. the King's Accession.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN	Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD	5
ALBERT FEIST	2	WALTER CHARMAN	6
RAYMOND WOOD	3	JOHN COOK	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	WILLIAM STANFORD	Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. STANFORD.

First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	2	ALLAN F. BAILEY	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM	4	HERBERT GREENHALGH	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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LONDON.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1922, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. DIGBY Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
THOMAS LANGDON 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
WILLIAM HEWETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

A 'friendly' peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDMUND MOUNTER Treble	GEORGE HUXLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
ALFRED JAMES 4	FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAVE Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
WILLIAM PELLING 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
*ALWYN CHARMAN 3	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*PHILIP F. PLUMLEY Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	WILLIAM G. ANKER 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
CHARLES WATTHMAN ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the 43rd anniversary of the death of the founder of the church, the Rev. Daniel Henry Haigh.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

EDWARD ETHERIDGE Treble	*GEORGE TOMSETT 5
HARRY HUTTON 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
GEORGE W. STERE 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	GEORGE PETER Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 5
JAMES R. MACKMAN 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
FRANK V. SIMKINS 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	J. WILLIAM FRUIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	JOHN METHERELL 5
WILLIAM FAREY 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 6
WILLIAM J. ALLEN 3	*FRED WILFORD 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung as farewell peal to the Rev. J. Evan Hopkins, Rector of Gretton, who was Vicar of the above parish for 22 years.

CHISWICK.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BROOKLAND Treble	ARTHUR HARDING 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2	LIONEL H. PAGE 6
*FREDERICK GOODFELLOW ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4	†WILLIAM DALTON Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

* First peal Triples. † First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Thurley, one of the local ringers on his appointment as Vicar's Warden.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS MANNERING Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
LEONARD MANNERING ... 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
*THOMAS BEADMONT 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
JOHN BURLS 4	CHARLES BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Burles and F. Belsey. Quickest peal on the bells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALLEN R. HICKTON Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
*GEORGE FREEBREY 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method.

THUROASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Guild, Leicester.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*G. STEDMAN MORRIS Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ARTHUR J. BALLARD 6
†WALTER WHITEHEAD ... 3	†CHARLES CATTELL 7
†EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 4	ARTHUR CATTELL Tenor

Composed by JAMES PIGOTT. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First tower bell peal. † First of Grandsire. † First of Triples 'inside.' Each 'pair' are brothers and it is believed to be the first peal so rung. Great credit is due to treble and third ringers who are only 14; they were born on the same day (Dec. 20th).

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
*REGINALD BROWN 2	PERCY W. CAVE 6
*JOHN W. FAITHFULL... .. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMSTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Cambridge. Also first Surprise peal rung in the borough of Southampton.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PAYNETreble	SAM WHITE... .. 5
BERT RIDGWAY 2	*GUY D. HAMSON 6
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 3	FRED COTTON 7
TOM ATKINS... .. 4	ARTHUR D. ALDEAM... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar of Wolvey (the Rev. T. D. Williams, M.A.), an Honorary Member of M.C.A., who died on May 5th.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS ADA DONNISON... ..Treble	W. H. BARBER 5
A. COATES 2	A. HUNTER 6
R. THOMPSON 3	F. SHERATON 7
*J. SELKIRK 4	R. B. ROBINSONTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. This is also the first peal rung by a lady member of the Association. The ringers of 2 and 6 hail from Darlington, 3 and 5 from Newcastle, 8 from Shildon, and 1, 4 and 7 from Chester-le-Street.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EPPING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM WEDLOCKTreble	JAS. MANSFIELD... .. 4
*ARTHUR MANSFIELD 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON ... 5
*ALFRED MANSFIELD 3	*JOHN SHAMBROOKTenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. Messrs. J. Mansfield and Burton hail from Nazeing, the rest belong to the local band and are Sunday Service ringers.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6th, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten different callings Tenor 3½ cwt.

*FREDERICK G. COMBES ...Treble	ALBERT W. J. BIRD 4
*CLIFFORD W. HIGNELL ... 2	EDWARD R. ROBEY 5
WILLIAM H. ADKINS... .. 3	ALBERT SMITHTenor

Conducted by E. R. ROBEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the King's Accession. The band tender their thanks to Mr. Combes and Mr. Millson for providing tea after the peal.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT JOYCETreble	JOHN W. BOOTH 3
FRED PRIESTLEY 2	EDWARD JOYCE 4
FREDERICK J. TITETenor	

Conducted by F. J. TITE.

First peal on the bells.

ROTHERSTHORPE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*B. BADENTreble	W. R. PARKER 3
*J. DOVE 2	J. C. DEAN 4
W. H. AUSTINTenor	

Conducted by W. H. AUSTIN.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor. B. Baden was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford (spliced), Double and Single Court (spliced), Double and Single Bob (spliced). Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH LONDONTreble	*HERBERT HOLMES 4
KATHLEEN JUTSON 2	JOHN J. JUTSON 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL... .. 3	HORACE M. DAYTenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in ten methods by all except Mr. and Miss Jutson.

* First peal.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

ALBERT RELFETreble	FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 4
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	*FRANK PATTENDEN ... 5
GEORGE WAGHORN 3	JAMES WAGHORNTenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* Re-elected a member in the belfry.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... ..Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JOHN GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE LADIES' GUILD (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BRANCH) AND
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS ANNIE PARKINS ... Treble	MISS ADA DEACON ... 4
*MISS KITTY MOORE ... 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 5
MISS DOROTHY ATKINS ... 3	MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss CECIL HEPBURN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Peterborough, the 2nd and 4th from Weekley and Desborough respectively, and the remainder are members of the Isham Company. This is the first peal to be rung by ladies only in which a tenor has been 'turned in.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 9-10
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. F. W. WALKER.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Tuesday, May 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor size 20 in E.

*ROY PILGRIM ... 1-2	†ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 3-4
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Witnesses: L. W. BALE & J. PILGRIM.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells. Roy Pilgrim was proposed a member of the above Association before starting the peal, which was rung as a compliment to him on his 15th birthday, also as a birthday compliment to L. W. Bale.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Cheriton and Titchborne on Saturday, May 6th, both peals of six being available during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Rector of Cheriton-with-Titchborne presided at the tea and subsequent meeting, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. Brownlow) was elected an hon. member.

Mr. Andrews proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for coming to tea with them, and this was carried by acclamation.

Members were present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Southampton, Upham, Owslebury, Winchester, Alresford, Wickham and Portsea.

The next meeting of the district will be held at Fawley and Diden on August 28th. A combined practice will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, June 10th.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The April meeting of this Society was held at Selby Abbey. A pleasant afternoon and evening were spent by the visitors in looking round the Abbey and ringing the beautiful peal of ten bells. Some ascended to the top of the tower to see if St. George's Church, Doncaster, was visible, but owing to a slight haze it was not within view. In the opposite direction, however, the atmosphere was clear, and York Minster could be plainly seen.

The bells were made good use of and many ringers obtained their first touch on ten. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten.

Tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and was an enjoyable affair. The business meeting was held in the belfry, and the usual votes of thanks were carried.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAR MEMORIAL ABANDONED.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 29th. Proceedings began with the business meeting, at which the Master (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth) presided, in the absence of Lord Shaftesbury on Government business. All the officers were re-elected. The accounts showed a reduced balance in hand of £30 0s. 2½d.

As the Cathedral chapter had refused to permit the erection of a cross in the close, it was decided, with regret, to abandon the memorial scheme.

The Master commented on the moribund performance of several young bands in ringing peals of Grandsire Doubles, and made sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by the Guild in the death of Messrs. W. W. Gifford and C. W. Goodenough.

The festival service was held in the grand old Church of St. Michael, overlooking the sea. The organist and surpliced choir attended. The Guild office was intoned by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the Master (Major Hughes D'Aeth) reading the lesson.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. N. Willson) preached a magnificent sermon on the message of the bells and the vocation of ringers. Dwelling in eloquent language on his own experience of bell music, he recalled the profound impression made on his feelings in early years by the bells of Leatherhead Church on Sunday evenings in summer, and by those of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on a Saturday afternoon.

A collection was taken for the Gifford Memorial Fund. The lovely old-world seaside town was looking its best, in glorious sunshine, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT WOOL.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool, on Saturday, May 6th, and proved very successful. Representatives attended from Bere Regis, St. Peter's, Bournemouth; Bridgwater, Fordington, Lytchett Minster, Kensington (London), Poole, Ringwood, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis, and the whole of the local band were also present. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and some excellent touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round; in fact, the ringing was some of the best that has been accomplished at the branch meetings, and the Minor methods predominated.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson) who met the ringers, and gave them a hearty welcome, conducted the Guild service. There was a good attendance, and the full surpliced choir was present. The Vicar gave an excellent address, his text being taken from 1 Cor. xiv. 12, 'Seek to excel to the edifying of the Church.'

Service was followed by a bountiful tea, to which 30 sat down, waited upon by Mrs. Anderson and several local ladies.

A short business meeting followed, and in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Vicar was voted to the chair. — One ringing member was elected, and a letter was read from the Rev. H. A. Caryl, inviting the branch to Hilton in July next. This invitation was accepted with cordial thanks.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Sherborne Abbey, saying as soon as they had made a little more progress with change ringing the band would join the Guild, and wished to belong to the Dorchester Branch.

Mr. Coles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his interest in the Guild by taking the service, for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist and choir, to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables, and to the local Church Council for providing tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Witham, supported by the Hon. Secretary, and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to assist in the good work of the Guild. He hoped they would come to Wool again in the near future.

Some members spoke on the subject of two additional bells to make an excellent octave in the Parish Church.

This concluded the business, and the ringers repaired to the tower, where ringing was again indulged in, and great assistance was given beginners in change ringing.—Other members went on to Bere Regis, where the bells were available.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Chertsey, on Saturday, May 13th, when ringers from Aldershot, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Camberley, Chertsey, Clapham, Ealing, Staines, Walton and Worplesdon were present.—The Rev. J. Smith (Vicar of Chertsey) conducted the service, and gave an interesting address bearing on the history of the church.

Tea was served in the Church Room, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Horsell. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman (the Rev. J. Smith) for his kindness and welcome, proposed by Mrs. Hairs.

The ringers then returned to the belfry for a short period.

CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL.

By E. BANKES JAMES.

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This method is constructed on lines, which I think I may venture to call a practical extension; and it is meant for a practical extension of Bristol Surprise Major.

When I call it a 'practical' extension, I mean that the man who can ring Bristol Major, will be able to learn and ring this method after a few minutes' perusal.

Following the work of the 2nd through the first lead, we find that there are two double dodges introduced, one before and the other after the whole pull at lead when the treble lies behind; the rest is Bristol work.

In the second lead, again, two double dodges are introduced, one in 1-2 and the other in 3-4, immediately after leading the whole turn.

In the 3rd lead 6th's and a double dodge in 5-6 down is introduced, then comes the Bristol run across with four double dodges, and a dodge with the treble in 5-6 woven into it.

As Clifton is a double method, what I have said will be quite sufficient to indicate all the changes in the work introduced.

The first peal in the method was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on May 9th, after the band had been depleted by the departure of two of the company, Messrs. P. W. Cave, now of Southampton and G. Condict, junr., who has recently taken up a responsible appointment in London. However, the losses did not put the peal out of the question, and the band who were successful desire that the names of these two ringers should be associated with the performance.

CHANGE RINGING IN AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may be of interest to your readers to learn that the recent appeal of Mr. Matthews, expressing the desire to augment our local Guild, depleted by war and removals, has already met with gratifying responses.

That the situation as to change ringing in this country may be clearly apprehended, it must be confessed that our art has upon the whole failed to appeal to the general public, whose predilection is rather toward the execution of lugubrious hymns upon our inharmonious chimes. Thus it happens that nowhere, except in Boston, Groton School and Vancouver, has the Exercise attained a firm standing. Indeed, recent events seem rather to presage the introduction of carillons, two of which, products of English foundries, have been installed the present month. The carillon sent to Toronto, by the way, embodies a novel electric attachment, operating automatically by means of perforated cards as in the pianola. Daily recitals, given by the English carillonneur, Mr. Harry Withers, are reported to have attracted admiring crowds. The other carillon cast for Gloucester, Mass., has just been admitted by Act of Congress free of duty.

But in justice to our irrepressible ringers, it should be stated that steady progress has been made in the elucidation of the art, both by their sustained work in the various towers, and by lectures illustrated upon handbells. To converts thus made we are indebted for the chloroforming of the few disposed to protest at the noise of swinging bells.

Having thus passed the period of probation and acquired a reputation for meritorious service, it is believed that our worst trials are now over, and that we can look in future to more plain sailing, for no less than five rings of excellent bells are available for meetings, while the contract is about to be made for the sixth peal.

It is to be regretted that by an absurd Act of Congress we are inhibited from assuring to newcomers immediate employment; nor can a solatium for services rendered be expected from our indifferent church functionaries. Contributions are nevertheless made from time to time adequate to meet all running expenses. Recuperation from the effects of the war has been rapid, and the improvement in economic conditions is demonstrated by the launching of extensive business enterprises in all our cities.

To our English confreres, therefore, who may be moved to seek changed fortune under new skies, we would suggest that no locality presents more alluring attractions than those of Boston where they can count upon a cordial greeting from the members of our Guild.

April 23rd 1922.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over several reports and peals.

The death has occurred, at Kettering, of Mr. Cecil Chapman, at the age of 20 years, and the Tonbridge band have lost by death, Mr. George H. Stonestreet, who has been a ringer for upwards of 30 years.

Funds are being raised for the recasting of the peal of six at Combe Martin, North Devon, and increasing the bells to eight. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted to-morrow (Saturday) at St. Thomas's Church, Moorside, Oldham, starting at 8.30 a.m.

Some interesting statistics appear at the end of the peal records for 1921 in the Norwich and Ipswich Association report. It is stated that 230 members took part in the 190 peals, which made up a grand total of 963,987 changes, and the ringing occupied 561 hours 11 minutes. The tower peals were rung in 56 towers, and the handbell peals in five places. Thirty-eight members conducted peals during the year.

From its formation in 1877 to the end of 1921, the association rang no fewer than 3,614 peals.

The strength of the Association is a matter of interest in the present Suffolk controversy. The figures printed in the report show that there are six resident and 213 non-resident life members, and the following annual subscribers: In Norfolk Branch, 32 hon. members, 328 performing members and 13 probationers; in Suffolk Branch, 18 hon. members, 394 performing members and 18 probationers, a grand total of 1,022.

It is distressing to read in the Branch Secretary's report of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild that 'The bells at Tisbury have been very unsafe for several years, and cannot now be rung at all; the ringers are, therefore, very unwillingly compelled to resign membership of the Guild.' It is not stated whether the Guild have taken any action to endeavour to get this state of affairs remedied.

On May 20th, 1780, a peal of 5,220 'Tittom Bob Royal' was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, in 3 hrs. 41 mins. by St. Martin's Youths, and on the same day, in 1795, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Cumberland Treble Bob at Edmonton.

The then longest peal of Stedman Caters, 13,054 changes, was rung in 8 hours 16 minutes, at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888, and on May 22nd, 1899, the 17,024 Double Norwich Major (at that time the longest single-handed peal on record) was rung at Kidlington in 11 hours 12 minutes.

On May 24th, 1768, the Sherwood Youths of Nottingham rang Holt's 'true whole peal of Grandsire Tripples,' at All Saints', Gainsborough, and a tablet in the belfry records the fact.

The first true peal of Treble Ten in Ireland was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24th, 1901, a previous peal of Kent Royal on the same bells having been found to be false.

While a peal was being rung at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, two steeplejacks were hard at work on the spire. It is said they were in a good position to hear the bells.

The Ashford District meeting of the Kent Association, which was to have been held at New Romney to-morrow is transferred to Smarden. The tenor at New Romney has got out of order and, therefore, Smarden tower, where a new peal of six has just been opened has been secured at short notice by the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Tribe.

The peal rung at Isham, on Saturday, is the fourth to be rung by a band of ladies, and the first in which a lady has turned the tenor in. The other peals were the one at Cubitt Town, and the two which have been rung at Portishead.

Will Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, please send his address to Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sanson Road, Lansdown Road, Leytonstone?

THE HELPING HAND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The following sums have been received by Mr. A. Pye, 126, Pembroke Road, Seven Kings, on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. H. Flanders, for which we beg to thank the givers: St. Margaret's, Barking, Society (per Mr. G. Faulkner), 15s.; Mr. A. Chaplin, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Stroud, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Pye, 6s.; Mr. J. Hunt 2s.; Mr. C. S. Burden, 2s. 6d. As we are anxious to close this fund, will those who wish to help kindly do so as early as possible? Donations should be sent to Mr. Pye or to myself.—Yours truly,

49, Wood Street, E.17.

C. T. COLES.

THE LATE MR. M. ELLSMORE.

We have received the sum of 3s. from Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) towards the fund opened on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Matthew Ellsmore. Mr. Fussell himself an old Cumberland, reminds members of that society that Mr. Ellsmore was an old and valued member, and the last words of his cheery message, when he sailed to Australia were, 'Farewell to England. God save the King.' Contributions to the fund should be sent to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. W. H. FUSSELL RETIRES FROM DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Easter Monday in the Schools adjoining the Parish Church, the comfort of heating being appreciated on a cold day. The Rev. W. Upton Wooler was voted to the chair in the absence of the President of the Branch (the Bishop of Buckingham), owing to serious illness; and the vice-president (the Vicar of Bray), through loss of voice and a cold.—The Chairman referred to the time when he came into the district 30 years ago, when the Guild was a prosperous institution, which to-day appeared to be growing stronger and stronger with newly-formed branches. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Wooburn (the Rev. A. E. Baynes), who had to leave after conducting an enjoyable service in the church, but he was authorised to propose him as an honorary member of the branch (applause). In his boyhood in Yorkshire he had been much impressed by the parental admonition that 'little boys should be seen and not heard'; but the members present, as ringers, were credited with the reverse dictum—heard but not seen.—The balance sheet was unanimously approved, showing a sum of £19 carried forward—the best on record. At this stage, the Chairman had to leave, and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was asked to fill the gap.—The Hon. Secretary gave a detailed report of the work of the branch for 1921, and referred to several matters of importance to the committee and the branch generally, so that they might realise the need of more personal attention to the management of the large district covered by them, which had 34 towers affiliated. In a few farewell remarks as their secretary, he thanked them all for their encouragement and co-operation during the nearly seven years he had tried to carry out their wishes, and pointed out that a good deal remained to be done in Mid Bucks, so as to form a strong link of connection between the north and south of the county.

The election of officers resulted in the president and vice-president being re-elected. The committee for 1922 was elected as follows: Messrs. Boreham, Buckland, Kirk, Martin, Smith, Truss, Welling and White.—Mr. S. J. Harman (Windsor) was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer pro tem.

THE GUILD'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Considerable discussion followed a proposal that the Guild's annual festival be held in succession in the three Archdeaconries of the Diocese, Berks, Bucks and Oxon, instead of making the City of Oxford the place of yearly pilgrimage. The whole of the branch members present showed clearly their favourable opinion on this matter, and several members supported the resolution with forcible speeches.

A grant of £2 2s. in aid of the Bledlow bells restoration was approved, and it was agreed that Waltham, St. Lawrence, tower, be placed in union with the Sonning Deanery, while certain mid-Bucks towers were to go with the newly-formed South Oxford branch.

Reference was made to the value of the organised Surprise practices, arranged by the branch committee during the past year or two; the climax resulting in several peals in three of the higher methods (including London) being rung straight off the reel. No branch, it was urged, should consist of more than ten or twelve towers, and these ought to be 'grouped' for combined practices at fixed and regular times.

Several new members were elected, and one or two old members 'rejuvenated.'

A vote of thanks to the Master and Chairman was carried by acclamation, the company realising only too well that his sole aim was the welfare of the whole Guild.

A lengthy and discursive meeting closed at 8 p.m., the members adjourning to the tower—and elsewhere. There was a congregation of 73 ringers at the service at 4.30, at which the Guild's manual was used, by kind permission, and an address given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn from the text, 'If ye then be risen with Christ seek ye the things that are above.'

The thanks of the branch were conveyed to Mr. J. West, local foreman, for his work in organising the reception, service and tea, thus adding another successful day to the branch's record of the past. Slough and Cookham towers were very kindly thrown open to visitors in the morning, and Berks and Middlesex men availed themselves of the opportunity on the way down, whilst Beaconsfield and Wycombe were similarly open for Bucks and Oxon ringers. The branch was fortunate in being able to furnish bands for touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve and the three Surprise Major methods, with Double Norwich, the Caversham car being ushered into Wooburn by the welcome sounds of London Major. W. H. F.

THE LONGEST LENGTH OF LONDON SURPRISE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have made my accusation, and the Rev. H. L. James has made his defence. It is now the duty of the Exercise to judge between us. Let us have it, without fear or favour.—Yours, etc.,

G. LINDOFF.

THE LADIES' PEAL AT ISHAM.

A NORTANTS BAND'S SUCCESS.

The germ arose from a rash promise of chocolates made in a weak moment by a certain well-known ringer, if a band of Northants ladies could be got together, and, unaided, accomplish a peal. So confident were the ladies that this offer subsequently developed into a bet of 1lb. of chocolates per head to 1lb. of 'baccy' that the peal would be rung before Christmas, 1922. After many vicissitudes, including two punctures on the way, a band was gathered together, with the aid of the aforesaid ringer's car, and a start made at 3.30 last Saturday afternoon. Just when the bells appeared to be settling down to a nice beat, after 45 minutes' ringing, the listeners were horrified to hear that some disagreement was apparently going on in the belfry, and the attempt came to an untimely end.

After giving the ladies time to recover from their disappointment, the listeners carefully tip-toed into the church, only to find that the birds had flown. Fortified, however, by tea, and spurred on by the promised reward, which had now reached 1½lb. per head, five of the ladies decided to make a fresh attempt, but the sixth—alas!—had an urgent appointment which could not be missed. This was easily overcome, however, by the gentleman with the car, who promised that the appointment should be kept outside the church. Soon after a fresh attempt for the peal was well under way, and 'the appointment' formed one of the excited party of listeners.

During the ringing of the last 720, the excitement grew so intense that the listeners, whose number had been swelled by several local ringers, were unable to sit still, and walked round the church waiting for the moment when they might dash into the belfry and congratulate or commiserate the various ringers.

As the bells came round a loud cheer went up from the crowd, and a voice said sadly, 'Bang goes twenty-four bob.' Congratulations were poured on all the band, and especially on Cecil, as to turn in a tenor—though only weighing 9½ cwt.—and conduct a peal is no mean feat for a girl of 18. Kittie, 'the flapper,' is also worthy of mention, as this was her first attempt for a peal. The listeners were astonished and pleased at the splendid striking and beat of the bells, the part ends coming up with perfect regularity throughout the peal.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Barber says I should be more correct if I said I had called peals with the 6th 12 course ends at home instead of 12 courses; at any rate I have rung one composition which has the 6th at home 78 leads out of a possible 84, and these six leads are between the M and Before, which matters little from a musical point of view. If he has rung three peals of Bristol without practice, he has little to boast about when one considers the strength of the band he rang them with, and if I did introduce the phrase about too many calls, I have never started introducing two calls into a lead, and am not likely to. As regards his opinion that Premier is better than Bristol I take his opinion for what it is worth.

It would interest me very much to know where the music comes in in such methods as Forward, Erin, Dublin Complex and Double Superlative. To put the whole thing in a nutshell, he has said something which he now sees would have been better left unsaid, and has not the courage to acknowledge it.—Yours truly, W. PYE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, April 29th. About 35 members were present from Bolton Parish, Holy Trinity, St. George's, and the Saviour's Churches, Walkden (St. Bartholomew's), Tyldesley and New Church, together with the local band and visitors from Crewe and Pendleton.

The bells were kept going from 4 p.m. until 8.45 p.m., with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The Surprise Methods were the predominant attraction of the meeting, scarcely a member asking for anything else. This shows the interest in and activity of the branch.

It was decided to hold the May meeting at Tyldesley, a special invitation having been received from the Vicar.

A ringers' outing was arranged to take place on June 17th. This will be in the form of a charabanc ride, and visits to towers in the Preston branch.

DUBLIN RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday, May 6th, in 55 mins., on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Gibson 1, T. McMorris 2, J. Cherry 3, W. Wilson 4, R. Taylor 5, George Wilmot 6, G. Lindoff (conductor) 7, W. Lynch 8. This was rung, muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. J. W. Townley, the wife of a respected member of the company, who passed away on Monday, May 1st.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

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THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

MR. EVANS REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why do writers on the above matter labour the word Norwich so much? Is it that ringers in other counties are anxious to see our fine records and position in ringing annals relegated to the 'has-beens'?

Are we in East Suffolk not the most to be considered? Taking the letter of Mr. Dennis in this week's issue of your Journal, we find he is going back to history and telling us what happened in 1913-14. He very carefully refrains from saying that, when the officials of the N.D.A. found that their proposals were not acceptable to the ringers in Sudbury Archdeaconry they dropped the matter, and did not attempt to force the scheme on these gentlemen. Herein lies the difference in the tactics of the present. What we in East Suffolk are up against is the ramming of a society we do not want down our throats.

Peaceful penetration we are willing to stand or lose by, and if the new society is asked to hold meetings in any of our districts, I am sure none of the officers of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich would object or belittle a genuine wish for a change on the part of its members, but the efforts of one in our midst who is trying by coercion to float an East Suffolk Branch of this new society is what we are fighting.

Those of the clergy who have been approached to use their efforts to coerce ringers to throw over their old society and join the new, have, on the true facts, coupled with the opinion of their ringers, being placed before them, left the ringers to please themselves. This, Sir, is what we are doing, and we fail to see what it has to do with outsiders. It is our funeral—not theirs.

I hope my friends in West Suffolk will not think I am attacking them in any way, as I have always received the most courteous treatment from them, and sincerely hope our comradeship will still continue.

To go further back in 'history,' it may interest Mr. Dennis to know that in 1802 the ringers in Bury St. Edmunds were very anxious to join the N.D.A. as annual subscribers (and at their very urgent request, the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer reluctantly consented to admit them), so that they might belong to a really live society. This I know, as I was living in Bury at the time, and joined the N.D.A. with them.

In Mr. Drake's letter, 'Norwich' men (poor old Norwich) are accused of a most contemptible action, viz., finding fault with other people's skill. Now, Sir, I really must ask Mr. Drake to withdraw that statement for the following reasons:—

1. There were no 'Norwich' men there, those representing the then N. and I. Association (exclusive of life members) being Mr. Coleman, Mr. Drake, and myself, and most decidedly none of us reside in Norwich.

2. The only question (so far as my memory serves me) that arose on skill was when the question of what inducement could West Suffolk offer East Suffolk to warrant East Suffolk throwing in their lot with West Suffolk? This brought the ejaculation of 'Ah! We don't ring enough 5,000's for you, that's the whole trouble,' from a Bury ringer, who then volunteered the statement that they had a company who could ring Double Norwich, upon which he was complimented.

Can Mr. Drake call that finding 'fault' with skill? If West Suffolk cannot gain by joining the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, what can we gain by reversing the order? If we, in this part of Suffolk, have not fostered change ringing it is a certainty no other county has. I have come across no single case of Mr. Drake attempting to do things that have been thwarted by our Norfolk members, and one would think that I, as branch secretary, should be conversant with them.

I was also present at the Hadleigh meeting referred to, and am quite sure that the deputation did not go to that meeting with the idea that West Suffolk had quarrelled with Ely. Mr. Drake was one of that deputation. What has he done to enlighten other members on the point he raises? Nobody has, to my knowledge, treated the West Suffolk men as traitors to Ely; but can Mr. Drake say exactly what is his attitude to his old association? and perhaps he can tell us what is the difference between the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich taking in members from West Suffolk as annual subscribers, and vice versa, Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich were here first, and so long as its members are content to so remain, I believe the S.D.A. are the more flagrant 'poachers.'—Yours truly,

E. EVANS.

Dear Sir,—Would you allow me to say that I am not responsible for the heading under which my last letter was printed. I gave it all 'Why St. Edmundsbury?' The alteration seemed to write was a ~~deliberate~~ results which were not intended.—Yours faithfully, H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—Your report of a meeting at Helmingham on Easter Monday states that Mr. Evans called my statement, that there was not a quorum present when the name of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was changed, 'absolutely false.' This is a rather unusual expression to appear in print; moreover it is Mr. Evans this time who is misinformed. Mr. Fisher was not at the meeting when the matter was discussed; the matter was settled before he arrived; therefore, on Mr. Evans' own showing, there was not a quorum present. It is rather strange that he should make such a point of this, when the matter had become of no importance, as it was then being decided by a full meeting. As, however, this meeting was only a Branch meeting, it clearly could not alter the laws of the whole Association.

Mr. Evans' deduction that because there were over 150 clergy who did not answer my circular, therefore they are quite satisfied with the old Association, is wrong. The true deduction is that there are over 150 Suffolk clergy who take no interest in ringing matters. Now it is up to the old Association to stop talking, and set about roping in those clergy and their towers, before the new Association gets to work on them. I think ringers will all agree that the society which gets hold of the most of these first, deserves best the applause of us all.—Yours, etc.,

H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED.

Sir,—In his letter in your issue of April 28th, Mr. Dennis says I suggest that there was a grievance between the Ely Diocesan Association and the West Suffolk ringers. I simply asked the question if that was so, as the same question was asked at the Ipswich meeting in February last, but without any satisfactory answer being given. Mr. Dennis says that it is for Suffolk ringers to decide whether they form an association of their own or not. I entirely agree, but had the thing been brought to the proper notice of the Suffolk ringers and voted on, I am confident that the scheme would have been turned down by a large majority. Mr. Dennis says there is no harm in peaceful poaching. I am sorry to note that the way in which some of the ringers have been approached in the matter is not in the best interests of that good fellowship which we as ringers pride ourselves on.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE WILSON.

Leiston.

Sir,—Permit me a few words in reply to Mr. Burton's letter of the 13th inst. He tells us the cases of West Suffolk and Ely, and East Suffolk and Norwich, are not on a par. I fail to see the difference. Ringers are free to leave or join as they wish. My point is, all Suffolk ringers should support the new St. Edmundsbury or Ipswich Association, and the officials of the Norwich Association should give them every facility for doing so, thus showing the good feeling that usually exists between ringers' associations. Norwich being diocesan should finish at that, and certainly not attempt to grab the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich from the ringers of Suffolk to prevent them forming the association that is so much needed in that county.—Yours truly,

W. MILLER.

Leytonstone.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The peal of ten bells (tenor 32 cwt.), at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, have been silent for eight years, because of complaints as to noise, etc., but Mr. J. E. Sykes, after persistent effort has at last persuaded the authorities that he could get good ringing done, and has got the bells open again. The Very Rev. Provost Lethbridge is showing great interest in the movement, and has entrusted Mr. Sykes with the task of forming a band. It is no sinecure to be tower warden under the conditions which prevail, but he has secured a great helper in his bell warden, Mr. Tom O'Hara, who worked like a Trojan to make the opening possible, and deserves unstinted praise for his attentions to his noisy 'pets' above.

On Sunday, April 30th 1922, for evensong, 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by J. E. Sykes (conductor) 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, J. Holman 3, E. Astley 4, T. O'Hara 5, E. H. Lewis 6, A. J. Rodger 7, J. Porteus 8, A. E. Wrecks 9, E. Nelson Wrecks 10, 7, 8, 10 covering; 209 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Sykes 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, J. Holman 3, E. Astley 4, T. O'Hara 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6, A. J. Rodger 7, J. Porteus 8, A. E. Wrecks 9, E. Nelson Wrecks 10, 7, 8, 10 covering. Two courses of Stedman Triples: J. E. Sykes 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, J. Holman 3, E. Astley 4, T. O'Hara 5, E. H. Lewis 6, A. J. Rodger 7, N. North 8, A. E. Wrecks (conductor) 9, E. Nelson Wrecks 10, 7, 8, 10 covering; also a course of Boh Major: J. Holman 1, E. H. Lewis 2, E. Astley 3, R. J. G. Thom 4, A. J. Rodger 5, J. Porteus 6, A. E. Wrecks 7, J. E. Sykes 8. This was the first ringing on the bells since 1914.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's, on Friday, April 14th, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., a quarter-peal of Grand-
Coulson 7, Robt. Fardon 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. G. Miles 1, A. W. Davies 2, C. W. Roberts 3, G. W. Frayne 4, A. B. Bennett 5, P. L. Miles 6, A. V. Selby 7, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Also on the same day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: A. H. Fudwell 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Quickest quarter-peal by the band.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Dyas 1, A. Cutmor 2, W. H. Stevens 3, W. Wood 4, C. W. Otley 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skerington (conductor) 7, P. Norton 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of St. Thomas, R.C., on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 48 mins.: P. Plumley 1, G. Harris (first quarter-peal) 2, O. Clayton 3, B. Leedham 4, B. Wicheell 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, H. C. Spencer 7, J. Caulfield 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Allwood 1, A. W. Bowers (Cockington), first quarter on an inside bell, 2, J. S. Collings 3, F. Norrish 4, C. Austin 5, F. T. Gover 6, T. H. Beams (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Arranged for Mr. T. Harvey Beams, who hails from Bradpole, Bridport.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—For morning service, on Easter Day, in 1 hour 10 mins., a date touch (1,922 changes), consisting of 122 Norbury, 360 Disley, 720 (spliced) Poynton, Marple, and 720 (spliced) Knutsford, Wilmslow and Rostherne: H. Hallworth 1, J. P. Fuller 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINT.—North Wales Association.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): *A. H. Jones 1, E. Usher 2, *E. Shone 3, G. Dymant 4, S. Birks 5, J. E. Usher 6, E. Messham 7, Wm. Bellis 8. * First quarter. Arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins., after meeting short for Caters for evening service: T. Myers 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. H. Kentfield 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, W. Hamblyn 5, J. Woodley 6, G. H. Myers (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8.

LONDON.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins., by the local band: A. W. Hearn (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. J. Choct 2, G. C. Iles 3, E. C. Russell 4, W. P. Evans 5, J. R. Gammon 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, L. W. C. Goodwin 8.

IWERNE COURTNEY, Shroton, Dorset.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. W. Harvey 1, A. W. Harvey 2, B. Newman 3, H. Martin 4, F. Arnold (conductor) 5, W. Wilkins 6.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Handoll 1, H. V. Robinson 2, W. Dyer (conductor) 3, F. Oakhill 4, J. Parker 5, A. Handoll 6. First 720 of Kent on the bells, and first by all except the 4th.

CHISLEHURST.—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Phillips 1, J. Ford 2, R. Brett-Smith 3, H. Durling 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr., (conductor) 7, F. Groombridge 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Leigh 1, J. Heasman 2, H. Leigh 3, W. Leigh 4, A. Belton 5, R. Jenner 6, J. W. Steady (conductor) 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Leigh 1, J. W. Steady 2, H. Leigh 3, C. Eastman 4, E. Seal 5, A. Belton 6, J. Heasman (conductor) 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8.

MANGOTSFIELD.—At St. James' Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *H. Jefferies 1, *Wm. Hewitt 2, *R. Marsh 3, *S. Harding 4, T. James 5, E. Palmer 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, *C. Packer 8. * First quarter-peal.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Easter Day, April 16th for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., taken from Holt's Original: J. Coppins 1, F. Orris 2, N. Hope 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Redwell 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, T. Farley 7, W. Knight 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Miss Hamble-Crofts 1, H. E. Holden (conductor) 2, E. Jennings 3, A. B. ... First quarter by conductor, who is 14 years of age.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LINCOLN.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, when there was a large muster of members, due in part, no doubt, to the fine weather, and to the increased facilities afforded by the railway companies, excursion trains running from various parts to the Lincoln Pleasure Fair for the first time since 1914. At the same time, a good number found their way to the meeting by motor, this method of travelling having found great favour amongst those ringers who live in the more remote parts of the county. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (5) and St. Botolph's (6). A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the Cathedral bells for evensong at four o'clock, after which nearly 200 members, including many lady ringers, sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall. The gathering this year was in one respect noteworthy, in that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (patron) and the Dean of Lincoln (President) were both present, this evidence of real interest in the work of the Guild being very much appreciated.

Not being able to stay for the business meeting, the Bishop addressed the members before leaving the tea-tables. He said that it had given him great pleasure to come amongst them for the first time at one of their meetings, and hoped that on a future occasion he would be able to stay longer with them. — A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to his Lordship for his presence and for so kindly addressing the gathering.

The usual business meeting was then held, the chair being taken by the Dean of Lincoln, who gave a most interesting description of the work that is being done in restoring the north-west tower and the west front of the Cathedral for which a very large sum of money will be required during the next few years.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, President; the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. F. Linley, treasurer; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary.

The Guild balance sheet and report were passed. The latter shows that 57 peals were rung during the past year, an increase of six on the previous year, nineteen members having rung their first peal. Two new methods appear in the peal list, namely, Granta Treble Bob Royal (on handbells) and Double Bob Royal (on tower bells), both rung at Surfleet.

Mr. C. W. P. Clifton raised the question of the Central Council meeting at Lincoln on Whit-Tuesday this year, and proposed that the Guild entertain the members of the Council to tea at the close of their meeting.—This was unanimously agreed to, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Committee of the Northern Branch.

The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, and to the incumbents of the various churches in the city for the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening.

The meeting over, members again visited the various towers, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) controlling the ringing at the Cathedral tower. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, besides various Minor methods at the six-bell towers. A number of members made their first attempt in some of the higher methods, and there is evidence of a good deal of progress having been made during the past year.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Grimsby district was held at Barrow-on-Humber, where there is a fine ring of six bells, on April 22nd, and was fairly well attended, considering the unsettled state of the weather. The ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and during the day touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Grandsire were rung. The following towers were represented: Hull, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Bigby, Ulceby, Thornton, Barton-on-Humber, and the local company. One lady ringer was present belonging to the Barton company.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. Stedman) conducted a short service, and gave an interesting address on bells and the history of the church.

Tea in the Vicar's Room, kindly provided by Mr. J. Bentley, churchwarden, was much appreciated and enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Two new members (one honorary) were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, also for presiding, and Mr. Bentley was thanked for his kind hospitality.

GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

The following subscriptions to the late Mr. W. W. Gifford's memorial fund have been received: Amount previously acknowledged, £9 4s. 6d.; Mr. F. Sutton, 1s.; St. Paul's company ringers, Salisbury, 7s. 6d.; Mr. W. Prince, 2s.; Mr. J. R. Jerram 5s.; Mr. E. A. Foster, £1; Rev. F. L. Edwards, 5s.; collection at the annual £1; Rg. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers at Lyme Regis, total, £13 2s. 6d. ... Gifford company ringers, 12s. 6d.; ...

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, May 29th. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Near Slough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Iron Room. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m., returning at 7 p.m., 7.40 p.m. and 9.40 p.m.—P. Timson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, W., on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 20th. Short service at 6 p.m., to which all are invited. Tea at 6.30, at 1/6 per head, for those who state they require same. The bells at Barnet and Hadley will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock and during the evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 2.30 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcomed.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton, near Poulton (6 bells), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Debenham District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—E. E. Grimes, Dist. Sec., Vicarage Road, Debenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A Combined Practice in Surprise Methods only will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All Surprise ringers welcome.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next meeting Saturday, 20th May, at Whitwell. Bells (6) available 2. Service at 4. Tea 4.30.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual General meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 20th. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service, East Retford, 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. Members of kindred associations will be given a hearty welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held in Church. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Tring.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A Monthly meeting for May will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, the 20th inst. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A Monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A District meeting will be held at March on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Doddington (5) bells available. Tea provided. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The meeting of the above notified to be held at New Romney on Saturday next, May 20th, will be held at Smarden instead, in consequence of the bells at New Romney being out of order. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea at 5.30. The usual allowances for travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Otterton on Saturday, May 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Room, 1/- each. Bells available Otterton and East Budleigh and Colaton Raleigh.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 30th; St. Magnus, 25th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Sedgley, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.), at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 5.45, 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me by first post Tuesday 23rd?—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, May 27th, instead of the 20th, as it is a more convenient date for the church authorities. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at the Castle Inn at 5.45, 1/6 per head, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, 23rd inst.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Alteration of Date.—The meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, will be held on Saturday May 27th by permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Sharp, who will entertain the members to tea after service. Visitors will be charged 1/- for tea. Tower open at 3 p.m. and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A District meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 27th. Tower opens 3 p.m.—H. Tyson, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Short service at 7 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A District meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A Combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 27th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Will all those who will require tea notify me not later than Saturday, May 20th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Haskington Terrace, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only notifying me not later than May 24th.—A. Tomkins, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 to 9 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on or before Wednesday, May 24th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual Monthly meeting will be held at Guiseley on May 27th. Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Tower.—Charles E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, May 27th, 1922. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Members or friends who intend being present and require tea must please let Mr. W. Dickinson, Gas Works, Heckington, know on or before Monday, May 22nd. Members travelling by train are advised to alight at Ruskington as the nearest station.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, May 27th. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 23rd. A combined practice will be held at Doncaster St. George's on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 7 p.m., and on every Thursday until further notice.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The May meeting will be held at Bennington on May 27th, when all who can come will be heartily welcomed. Tea will be provided by the new rector, Rev. W. E. Mills (son of the late Canon Mills), who has kindly offered to continue the welcome so long extended to the yearly gathering by his late father.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Annual meeting of above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 29th. The bells of Loughton will be available during the afternoon.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 and business meeting to follow.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30; tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 3rd. Please notify me on or before May 29th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in Cathedral at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. H. E. Wall. Dinner 2/6 at 1. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea 1/6 at 6. Those intending to be present will kindly notify me on or before May 29th.—Rev. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Association will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in St. Giles' Vestry. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1.15 p.m. at 2/6 per head, to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Rd., Northampton, by Tuesday, May 30th. Bells available, St. Giles' (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), All Saints' (8).—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch will be held at King's Lynn on Whit Monday, June 5th. The bells of St. Margaret's (10), St. Nicholas' (8) and Gaywood (6) will be available. No special luncheon will be provided, but members can obtain luncheon, at a quite moderate price, at the 'Globe' Hotel, Market Square, at 1 o'clock. Please notify to the General Secretary not later than Thursday, June 1st, if it is your intention to be present at the luncheon. The General Business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock in the Vestry of St. Nicholas' Church.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 43rd Annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. C. Neill, vicar of Great Baddow. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, members 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day which can be reached by frequent bus service: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than 1st post previous Tuesday, May 30th.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the 'Fleece' Hotel. Dinner at 1 o'clock; members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. The bells of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity will be available for ringing during the day. All intending to be present please inform me not later than 30th May.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Long Ashton, near Bristol, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 4.30, followed by a short meeting. All members and friends are invited to Evensong at 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea let me know without fail by Tuesday, June 6th, as Long Ashton ringers have very kindly undertaken to arrange this?—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

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