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THE RINGER'S OPPORTUNITY.

The notices appearing in another column remind us all, if nothing else does, of the near approach of the Easter meetings. On Easter Monday, and from then until Whitsun more general meetings of associations are held than in any similar period of the year. These annual meetings provide members with their one real opportunity of the year to make any change in the policy or management of their society if they desire to do so, although, generally speaking, things seems to be so well managed that the utmost satisfaction prevails, and it is seldom we read of any alteration being made in the general conduct of an association. That may be taken to point to a happy state of affairs, and where domestic bliss reigns it would be a pity to disturb it.

It is not to the management of associations, however, that we want now to direct attention, but to the opportunity which presents itself to the ordinary ringer to make a move for the general good of the Exercise. At the annual meeting of an association a member can bring forward a proposal which, if he can find endorsement for it among his fellows, can be sent on, with an official backing, to the Central Council, which meets at Whitsun. The Council exists primarily for the advancement of the cause of ringing, and while criticism of the Council, on the ground that at times it has done very little for ringing, is very easily and very frequently expressed, ringers as a whole do not seem to realise that they may be in part, and indeed largely responsible for this.

Many ringers appear to imagine that when they have voted for the election of their representatives on the Council they have done all that is necessary. There could not be a greater mistake in our view. If they want the Council to be an active and an effective body they should provide it with work, and surely from among the forty affiliated organisations, there ought to be sufficient ideas to provide the Council with an interesting as well as a full agenda whenever it meets. In every other annual conference that we know of, where the members are elected by affiliated bodies, subjects for discussion come mainly, if not entirely, from the branches, and in the same way the work of the Council could be made vastly more valuable if resolutions were sent up from the various associations. This subject is not new. We have discussed it in this column before, and we return to it because we believe that the adoption of the principle which we advocate would be for the eventual benefit of the Exercise, and because, beginning at Easter, there will come the opportunities of putting it into operation. There must be scores of ringers

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who have ideas which would be worth ventilating in the interests of ringing. Let them put these matters forward at their annual meetings and so get them brought by their representatives before the Central Council. If they cannot do so, it is no use blaming the Council if its proceedings are uninteresting or lack usefulness.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Mar. 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LARGE 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
*FREDERICK SMITH 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
ERNEST H. HUNT 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
FREDERICK G. VILES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.
* First peal of Caters. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Wells, Somerset, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 8th.

PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

BERNARD MOODY 2	JOHN CARTER 6
JOHN H. LENTON 2	HARRY WALTERS... .. 7
WILLIAM PEARSON 3	JAMES JACKSON 8
*WILLIAM HAWLEY 4	JOHN FRYER 9
*ARTHUR WALKER, JUN. 5	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by J. H. LENTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. First peal of Royal by all the band except W. Pearson. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. Young, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of Pontefract by His Grace the Archbishop of York on Feb. 27th.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM TILLET 2	*HARRY R. ROPER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 8
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
JAMES ROSE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Mr. Brundle is over 70 years of age and rang in the septuagenarians' peal last year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITEFIELD, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

SAMUEL MORRIS 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
WILLIAM MITCHELL 2	FRANK STONELY 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
ALFRED FROST 4	*RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the 3rd birthday of Master Arthur James Ridyard, son of Arthur Ridyard, and for the 70th birthday of Mr. James Hopwood, grandfather of A. J. Ridyard. The band wish to thank Mr. Morris for standing in at the last minute and having the bells in readiness.

TWICKENHAM.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HARDING ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM HOLLIER 6
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 3	HARRY KILBY 7
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal of Major on the bells and first peal since 1897.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells since Sept. 3rd, 1844. C.C.C. No. 36.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cox's Six-Part.

ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT ALLRED 5
HARRY ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 6
BENJAMIN ALLRED 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

Rung as a memorial peal to the late James Allred.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Mar. 5, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Wall,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
WILLIAM CLARKE 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor, N. Wales.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

REUBEN SANDERS ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	CHARLES T. CLARK Tenor

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On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*JOHN COOKE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. MARTIN.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. This composition, now rung for the first time, was published in the 'Bell News,' August 13th, 1898.

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

On Friday, Mar. 9, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. John, Deritend,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CYRIL A. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	ALBERT SCRIVENS 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	JOHN NEAL 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	*WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. SCRIVENS.

* First peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Mar. 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
WILLIAM LATTER 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
MISS DOROTHY ORLEBAR ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
STAFFORD S. GREEN 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC RICHARDSON ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
ALBERT D. STONE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
GEORGE THOMPSON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth, S.W.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

This peal was arranged to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 3rd.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
HORACE STUBBS 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	*JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6
*ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to Miss G. Taylor, who left England three days previously.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	COL. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

BEN JARMAN Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
WALTER AYRE 2	HARRY WOOD 6
ALFRED KING 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	THOMAS BECKETT 5
CLAYTON FARNELL 2	ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 6
CHARLES BAILEY... .. 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
CHARLES SAYER 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID HODGKIN... .. Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 5
†MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 3	BENJAMIN BAKER 7
MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 4	*JOHN BROWN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell. This is the first occasion on which three resident ladies of Kent have figured together in a peal. Miss Orlebar hails from Tunbridge Wells, Miss Thomas from Mersham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and Mr. B. Baker from Frittenden, Mr. Billenness from Hawkburst, and Messrs. Hodgkin and Brown from Marden. The peal was rung on the 60th anniversary of the wedding of the late King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. The calling is No. 37 in the Central Council Collection of Peals.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	WALTER W. VOLSTENCROFT 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	SAMUEL WOOD 6
TOM WILDE 3	ALLEN BAILEY 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 4	FRANK STONELEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Arranged for Mr. James Fernley, of Norbury, and was his first peal of Stedman.

BORNEHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*LESLIE H. THRIFT Treble	*STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	†SIDNEY LETCH 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	HIRZEL EDWARDS 7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 4	JOHN WOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	*WILLIAM TATE 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE PELLINGER 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN... 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. * First peal in the method.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	ERNEST BONFIELD 5
MISS KITTY SMITH 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6
*WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal in any method with an 'inside' bell.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
FRED G. BIGGS 3	JAMES BLACKMORE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HEWITT Treble	† WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
† HERBERT LUCAS 2	FRED RIGBY 6
† WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WALTER BLACKLEDGE ... 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. ... 4	* HAROLD SOUTHWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and first attempt. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Whittle-le-Woods, 3rd from Brindle, and the rest are local men. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford, and five 720's of Plain Bob.

* GEO. MASON Treble	* JOHN FOSTER 4
* JAMES PHILIPS 2	* ARTHUR WIGMORE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Horsmonden, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in this country. First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell by all except the conductor.

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

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' extents as follows: (1) Croyland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh; (2) Bogedone, Ely, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne; (3) Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden; (5) Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury; (6) Overton, Oxford and Sandal Exercise; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

* JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY LANGLEY 4
† WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal in 29 methods.

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MILTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

* ALBERT W. TURNER ... Treble	† RAYMOND F. ASPLIN ... 3
* CHARLES S. YATES 2	† JOHN A. TOWNSEND ... 4
† PHILIP C. ASPLIN Tenor	

Conducted by J. A. TOWNSEND.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells. First peal by a local band, all of whom are natives of Milton.

EAST BECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Mar. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* HUBERT BOORMAN ... Treble	GEORGE NEWMAN 4
HARRY BELL 2	GEORGE BELL 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3—4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7—8
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 9—10	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, N.W.6,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS (Trin.) ... 1—2	E. MADRICE ATKINS (Cath.) 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3—4	* J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7—8

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD (Trin.). Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

* FRANK E. PERVIN 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3—4	ALBERT WALKER 9—10
THOMAS RUSSAM 5—6	JAMES E. GROVES 11—12

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand,' and was the conductor's 250th for the Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT NO. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A flat.

ROY PILGRIM 1—2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5—6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3—4	LEONARD W. BALE 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

MULTI-METHOD EXTENTS.

THE FIGURES OF THE NORBURY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in sending herewith the figures of the peal in question asked for by Mr. Wilkerson. They will meet the wishes expressed in the first and fourth paragraphs of his letter. It may, perhaps, prevent disappointment to some who wish to attempt 'Multi-Method' peals, if I may be permitted to point out that the identity of lead ends alone does not necessarily mean that those methods which have this feature in common can be spliced into a true extent, e.g., No. 9 and 16 T.B. will not splice. Mr. Wilkerson's second paragraph may, I think, be so understood. If I shall not trespass too much on your space I will repeat the rules for splicing given in 'The Ringing World,' August 23rd, 1912.

(1) If two or more methods contain the same changes in a plain course, one of the methods may be substituted for another, wherever a complete course occurs between two consecutive bobs.

(2) Certain groups of Treble Bob methods contain the same changes in a plain lead. In this case a lead in any method of the groups may be substituted for any other method at any lead end of the 720, be it plain or bobbed.—Yours faithfully, and with goodwill,
JAMES FERNLEY.

Bogedone Knutsford Wilmslow Rostherne	Croyland Abbeyville Combermere Vale Royal St. Werburgh	Trowel Morning Star Duke of Norfolk College Exercise Norbury	Grove Delight Braintree Neasden College Bob IV. Wragby	Poynton Marple Old Oxford Bocking Willesden	Overton Sandal London Scholars Kingston
23456 B.	23456 Croy.	23456 T.	23456 G.D.	23456 P.	23456 O.
64523	64523	64523	64523	64235	56342
35264	35264	35264	35642	26543	42635
— 64235 K.	— 64235 Com.	— 64235	— 26435	52364	— 35642 S.
52364	52364	52364	— 54263	35426	42563
— 64325 W.	— 64352	— 64352	32654	— 64352	63254
23564	23564	23564	46532	— 23645 M.	— 54263 L.S.
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— 23645 R.	— 23645 Abbey.	— 23645 M.S.	63542	34256	— 25463 K.
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	62534	62534	— 25634 N.	36524	
	— 62345 V.R.	— 62345 D. of N.	46325	53462	
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	— 34625 Croy.	— 34625 C.B.	23645	56234	32645 K.
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	42356	42356	42356	42356	52436 Ox.
					25643 K.
	63542	63542	62534	— 63425	82354 K.
	25463	25463	— 45623	46532	36425 K.
	— 63425 St. W.	— 63425	36245	54263	63542 Ox.
	54263	54263	— 52365 W.	25346	56234 Ox.
	— 63254 V.R.	— 63254 N.	43652	— 63254 W.	25463 Ox.
	42563	42563	26543	— 42635	42356 Ox.
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Figures of 30 method peal rung at Norbury on January 1st, 1923.

In 720's 1 to 6, the 5th (without the tenor) is the observation.

A YORKSHIRE RINGER'S MEMORIAL.

An interesting little event took place at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, in the dedication of a memorial tablet which had been erected in the ringing chamber of that church by the ringers in memory of one of their own members who had fallen in the war. The afternoon began with a short touch of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled, followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Watkinson), and during which an address was given by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

At the end of the service the ringers and the relatives repaired to the tower, when the tablet was dedicated by the Rev. C. C. Marshall. The tablet itself, very worthily executed in oak by a local craftsman, bears the record of a peal rung just a year ago, as follows: "On Saturday, Feb. 18th, 1922, in 3 hrs. 6 min., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,088 changes), by the local company. Changes per minute 27.3. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Edgar Bottomley, who fell in the great war: G. Bottomley 1. E. Farrar 2. W. Bottomley 3. F. Crossley 4. H. Wright 5. A. Wright 6. J. Greenwood 7. A. Jagger 8. Composed by Wm. Soffanstill, conducted by Albert Jagger. Vicar, Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A. Wardens, Mr. Bannister, Mr. Sutcliffe." After the service, the muffles were taken off, and further touches were rung, in which the local company were joined by friends from Lightcliffe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVIVAL IN CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Leckhampton, and was attended by about 25 members. Mr. G. H. Phillott was in the chair, and spoke very encouragingly about the future of the branch.

The officials were elected as follows: Mr. J. Ballinger, chairman; Mr. C. Dyson, representative on Management Committee; and W. Yeend, hon. secretary. Nineteen new members were elected, and Charlton Kings was chosen as the next place of meeting on April 14th.

This revival will be especially welcomed in the association, because unsuccessful attempts have been made before to organise this difficult area. Neighbouring associations have gradually worked their way in and claimed many of the towers, but these it is hoped will now return to the fold of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DIAMOND JUBLILEE.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Tuesday, March 6th, 720 Plain Bob: Fred M. Mitchell (conducting) 1, Cyril Mitchell 2, L. Beckett 3, J. Burles 4, Fred A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 by C. Mitchell (aged 16, and first attempt). This was rung on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra in England, which took place at the Terrace Pier, in this parish.

BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, EDINBURGH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of your journal, a question is raised as to the bells of the above church. I regret that I am not able to state with definite authority whether a complete 'peal' in the Treble Bob or any other method was ever rung on these bells, but the following particulars taken from the official records of the Corporation may be of interest:—

Edinburgh, 9th September, 1858. The sub-committee appointed to look after St. Andrew's bells, have, during the last three months, employed Jonas Baldwin as bell ringer and teacher to the other ringers. They have agreed pro tempore that he be paid 4s. per week and 6s. for three assistants at 2s. per week each—being 10s. per week in all—the amount formerly paid for ringing those bells (from June 1st to September 1st), so that £6 10s. is now due from June 1st to September 1st for said service. They recommend a continuation of this arrangement.

They also took the opportunity of the Leeds bell ringers passing through Edinburgh of getting the bells thoroughly tried and tested, for which they incurred an expense of £3 15s. 6d., being extra railway expenses, the ringers otherwise acting gratuitously on the occasion.

It was found necessary to facilitate the teaching and obviate the noise which the practising on the larger bells occasions, to purchase a set of handbells, which the sub-committee did at an expense of £2.

This extraordinary expense of £5 15s. 6d. can by no chance be repeated, and the sub-committee hope the committee will recommend to the Council its payment. . . . The magistrates and Council, having considered the foregoing report, approved thereof, and authorised the Chamberlain to make payment accordingly.

I may add that this is the oldest of the few ringing peals in Scotland. On 12th March, 1788, 'the Lord Provost, who is in London, was asked to take the trouble to purchase a bell or bells for the spire of the said church.'

An estimate was produced from William and Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, who offered 'a peal of six good and musical bells, in tone and tune to each other, including a new frame, hanging, etc., for £337 10s. Subsequently it was pointed out 'that there was a material want to make the bells of St. Andrew's spire a complete chyme, and that was to complete the octave. That the expense of two trebles would only cost about seventy guineas. Resolved that two treble bells be written for in addition to those already made for the said spire.'

On 1st July, 1789, we find that the City Chamberlain was authorised 'to pay to William and Thomas Mears two hundred and seventy pounds fourteen shillings and a penny, the balance of their account amounting to five hundred and twenty pounds fourteen shillings and a penny sterling.'

It seems, however, that the cost of 'hanging' was not included in the above account, for on 22nd July, 1789, authority was given to the City Chamberlain 'to pay Edward Simons forty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and twopence halfpenny, being the expenses of his journey from and to London, his expenses here, for his time, attendance, and labour of putting up a peal of bells in St. Andrew's Church.'

Unfortunately, the bells are now quite unringable, being in a very bad state of repair. The tenor, if my recollection serves me aright, weighs about 14 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

Hon. Member, St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers,
Edinburgh.

BOOKING FEES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in your issue of March 2nd the letter on booking fees by Mr. Palmer. I must say I agree with Mr. Palmer when he says that 'there is more than one remedy.' There is. I know that in 1914 raising the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. had been talked over, the reason being that the Yorkshire Association could not be carried on with a 1s. subscription and kept solvent. The subscription is now 1s. 6d. and I wish someone well up in high finance would explain to me how coin of the realm value 1s. 6d., has, to-day, got the same purchasing power as the 1s. 6d. it was proposed to ask for in 1914. It seems needless to argue such things. In 1914 1s. was not enough; 1s. 6d. would just suffice to keep the old flag flying as of yore. How, then, can 1s. 6d. suffice to-day? To use a Yankeeism, 'Search me!' But I do agree with Mr. Broadley when he advocates 3d. per person booking fees. Quite a number of Guilds have such fees, and I never heard of any complaints, neither are less peals rung. In most of the Guilds to which I have the honour to belong, that charge a 3d. fee the peal ringing is on the increase, thank goodness. Yours sincerely would gladly pay his 3d. every week.

JOSEPH DE HUDDERSFIELD.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We hear that, after all, Evesham bells will not be available for the record peal attempt, which it was proposed to make on Easter Monday. It is not unlikely, however, that other bells may be secured.

The cancelling of Evesham is due to local opposition to a peal of such length, and another result has been, we hear, the resignation of Mr. H. Middleton as captain of the local band.

One of the objections urged against the peal, put forward by Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, who acted as joint hon. secretary of the Evesham Tower Bells Restoration Fund in 1910, was on the ground that 'the vibrating effects of such a peal, although possibly not immediately apparent, might prove most prejudicial to the whole structure of the bell tower.'

In connection with the opening of the peal of ten at Trowbridge on Easter Monday there is to be a 'smoking' concert in the Club Room at the White Swan at 7.30 p.m., to which all ringers are invited.

The peal of Doubles published on Feb. 23rd was rung at Little Walsingham, not Great Walsingham, as stated.

The new Vicar of Pontefract, the Rev. J. Young, in honour of whose induction by the Archbishop of York, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung last week, is a ringer and a member of the Yorkshire Association. On the Sunday following his induction he visited the belfry, and took part in a course of Grandsire Caters before evening service.

At Bocking, Essex, the home of J. Murray Hayes, Ezra Carter and Sam Hayes, an effort is being made to start a new band. Bocking was formerly a great centre of Essex ringing, and a place of frequent pilgrimage by College Youths.

About 30 years ago the band became 'paid' ringers—with the inevitable result. No young hands were brought along, and as the old ones died out the bells became silent. The Essex Association is helping in the effort to resuscitate interest, and the church authorities are raising a voluntary company.

The handbell peal to which we recently referred as the first recorded peal of Bob Royal 'in hand' by the College Youths, cannot claim that distinction. Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary of the Herts Association, informs us that such a peal, the first of Bob Royal by all the band, was rung at St. Albans on Feb. 16th, 1889, conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

'The greatest performance ever done by any society' was the peal of 6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on March 16th, 1778, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. This peal is recorded in the Cumberland Youths' peal book, showing that the Norwich men were at that time all members of the Cumberland Society.

It was this peal at Norwich that inspired the College Youths to regain the supremacy for twelve-bell ringing, and eventually resulted in the peal to which we referred a fortnight ago, in which Samuel Muggeridge, single-handed, rang the tenor at Southwark to 7,008 Treble Twelve in the year 1784. The Norwich peal was rung with two men at the tenor.

The Cumberlands were nearly 20 years before they regained the record, but on March 22nd, 1802, they scored a peal of 7,104 at Southwark, in which J. Marlton rang the tenor in 5 hrs. 30 mins. The peal was called by George Gross, junr., but George Gross, senr., also took part in the peal, as did William Shipway, Malachi Channon, James Barnard and Thomas Reeves, who were also in this peal, were with George Gross, senr., in the 12,000 Treble Bob Royal, at Shore-ditch on March 27th, 1784—a few days after the College Youths' triumph at Southwark.

At Debenham, on March 16th, 1767, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung in 6 hrs. 1 min.

The fund raised to assist the widow and daughter of the late Mr. Tom Wallis, of Edenbridge, Kent, amounted to £136 12s., about £10 of this amount coming from ringers outside the parish.

Not many months ago we had the pleasure of announcing that two Kent ladies had stood in a peal together. On Saturday last three resident lady members of the K.C.A. rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Marden, viz., Miss Orlebar (Tunbridge Wells), Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) and Miss Thomas (Mersham). They have established a record for their sex in Kent, and we understand they acquitted themselves very well indeed. It was Mrs. Baker's first peal with an inside bell.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

A balance sheet of this fund has been issued. The receipts from subscriptions and bank interest were £26 6s. 9d. The cost of the tablet erected at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, was £24 10s.; the Minor Faculty for erecting the memorial, 12s. 6d.; circulars, postages and incidental expenses, £1 4s. 3d.

BOWDON'S BELLS.**ANOTHER FINE RING OF EIGHT FOR CHESHIRE.**

Although Bowdon, or Bodedone, has a church history of over a thousand years behind it, there is nothing definite as to what bells were there previous to 1714, but in that year a ring of six was hung in an old church and 'Abl. Rudhall cast us all.' Tradition has it that this ring was made up of old bells recast and new ones added; when the new church was built they were transferred to it. For some years they have been in very bad running order, and now they have been recast and two trebles added to complete the octave, the work having been entrusted to the well-known Croydon firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to whom great credit is due. The inscriptions of the old bells have been reproduced, and new ones added. All are tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, hung in a new all-steel frame, with ball bearings and all new fittings. The tenor weighs 14 cwt., and is in the key of F sharp. To this bell is fitted Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's clapper control, a very simple device, automatic in its action, only being effective when the bell is 'up,' thus allowing the clapper to strike when chimed on the swing. Its function is to lift the clapper away from the sound bow after the blow has been delivered, thus allowing the hum to be heard above the rest, with a pleasing and harmonious effect.

On Monday evening, March 5th, the new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester, a good congregation being present, but those persons who represent a custom of antiquity and of universal popularity even in this alleged decadent and certainly changing age, hid themselves to the ringing chamber, where the formal dedication and handing over of the ropes, took place. The Rector (the Rev. F. C. L. Hamilton, M.A., hon. C.F.) receiving them, the local ringers ringing rounds whilst the procession returned to the chancel. Although the time of the service and the situation of Bowdon made it difficult for many ringers to be present, the Chester Diocesan Guild was fairly well represented, amongst those present being the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston), the assistant secretary of the local branch (Mr. J. P. Fidler), Messrs. W. Gordon (Stockport), Johnson, Hough and Webb (Knutsford), with friends from Manchester. Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the founders, was accompanied by Mr. Roper.

At the conclusion of the service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (conducted by W. Gordon), and a touch of Bob Major (conducted by J. P. Fidler) were successfully brought round, after which the visiting ringers were provided with supper, and, as is usual with late gatherings in out-of-the-way places, the services of 'shanks' pony' were required, to enable some to get home.

The site of the church, with its lofty tower, being on an eminence that commands an extensive view of the Cheshire plain, is such as to give full effect to the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by nearly 50 members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at a meeting of the North and East district held on Saturday last, at St. George-in-the-East. The attraction of ringing at a 'fresh tower' undoubtedly brought many ringers, and helped to swell the attendance.

At the service, the association was welcomed by the Rev. R. Beresford, on behalf of the Rector, who is at present away on mission work in India. A very instructive sermon was listened to, with, it is hoped, good results.

By the generosity of the churchwardens, Messrs. Govett and Jones, their wives, and Mrs. Judd, a bountiful tea was provided, to which ample justice was done.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the hosts and hostesses for their kindness.

At the business meeting, eleven new members were elected, including several of the local band, who were heartily welcomed into the association. It was mentioned by their proposer that several good ringers had already started their career at St. George's, and there was no reason why the newly elected members should not follow their example.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) announced that the annual general meeting would take place on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and as they were to be indebted to the Rector for generous tea arrangements, he hoped members would assist as much as possible by making early application for tea tickets, which were to be issued.

It was arranged to hold the next district meeting at Stanmore on May 5th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Beresford for his address at the service was unanimously passed, and the members afterwards adjourned to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m. Although, owing to serious illness within hearing distance, the bells had to be fully muffled (which entirely prevented annoyance to the sick person), the ringing was much enjoyed, and covered a great variety of methods from Grandsire Triples to London, including no less than four Surprise methods.

SIMPSON TUNING.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—A Flat Seventh is certainly to be congratulated on his feat of mental gymnastics. His letter is one the most ridiculous you have published for many a long day. The platitudes of which he speaks were of his own introduction! He made the most elementary of mistakes, and apparently (like many others) did not like having it pointed out to him! But to attribute intelligence only to those who agree with him is too well known a trick to deceive anybody. For his rudeness to me I offer him a free pardon, but if the opponents of the five-tone principle have no better arguments to offer than those he has put forward, their case is not a very strong one.

I think Mr. Jerram will bear me out that the destruction of 'many good ancient bells' began long before Canon Simpson's time. The reason why we have so few pre-Reformation bells is due to the rise of the art of change ringing—originally bells not being in scale—and the destruction of less valuable, because less ancient, bells has followed with progress in the art of tuning to a more harmonic scale. I know some antiquarians who almost bear a grudge against the art of change ringing because of this result of its spread. As a fact this cannot be contended, but it may be an open question whether the gain does not outweigh the loss. Devotees of the five-tone principle may perhaps be allowed an opinion with regard to the further outcome of this destruction without offering any insult to the intelligence of ringers!—Yours faithfully,

St. Thomas's, Hove.

CECIL H. CLARKE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**EFFORT TO RESTART BOCKING BELLS.**

There was a large gathering of ringers from the Northern Division of the Essex Association at a meeting at Bocking on Saturday week. Interest was added to the visit by the fact that the Bocking Parish Church ring of eight bells, noted for their fine, mellow tone, had not been rung lately, due to the old band of ringers dying out and new ones not taking their places. As the result of the association's visit it is hoped to revive interest in the bells, and to raise another band of campanologists at Bocking.

The Rev. A. C. Hawkes conducted the service at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. E. H. Melling F.R.C.O., was at the organ, and the preacher was the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking, who based an earnest discourse on the words, 'If prayer pulls the ropes, the bells are heard in heaven.' The Dean dwelt upon the spiritual aspect of bell ringing as definite church work.

Mr. W. H. Dyson, District Master, presiding at the subsequent meeting, welcomed the ringers, and stated that Bocking had one of the best rings of eight bells in Essex, the bells being noted all over the country for their beautiful tone. Nearing half a century ago there was also a fine band of ringers at Bocking, where change ringing was rung before it was introduced to Braintree, and Bocking produced some famous College Youths. Often members of the College Youths in London came to Bocking to practise methods which were not rung in London and they spent instructive week-ends with the Bocking ringers. In those days ringers walked hundreds of miles to spread the knowledge of their art in the villages, including those about Braintree and Bocking. Enthusiastic ringers often walked to the nearest peals of eight bells, at Great Tey or Great Waltham, in order to practise eight-bell methods. The great desire was to get the Bocking bells 'on the go' again, so that their beautiful music could be heard as of yore (applause).

Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, proposing thanks to the Dean of Bocking and others said Bocking had been a noted place for ringing, and he felt sure it would become so again. He had very pleasant recollections of evenings spent in the Bocking tower, but most of those with whom he rang had now passed away. He hoped young men would come forward to form a new Bocking band.—The Rev. E. H. Melling, curate; Mr. O. J. Ollett, Dean's warden, and Mr. A. W. Tyler, parish warden, responded, and said they hoped to hear the Bocking bells ringing again.

Eight new members from Shalford were elected, and the Rev. E. H. Melling was elected an hon. member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Felsted.

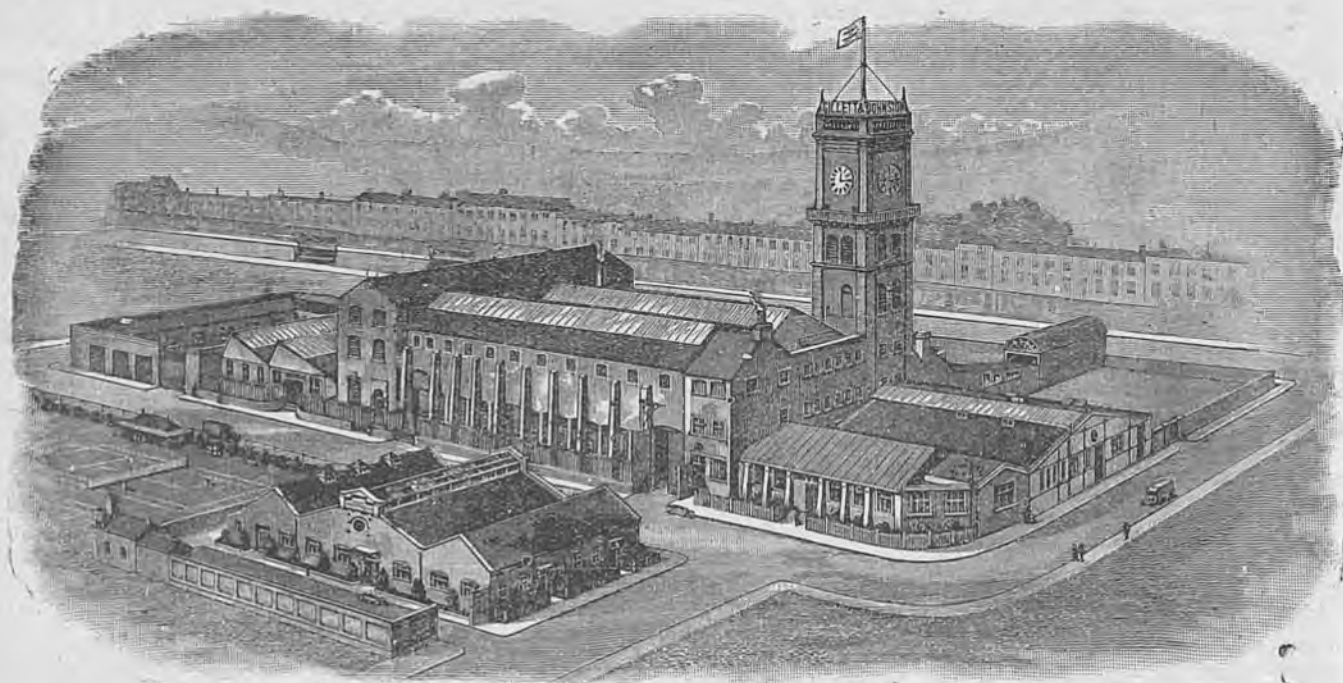
Ringers were present from Felsted, Rayne, Stebbing, Dunmow, Cavendish, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Goldhanger, Maldon, Stisted, Black Notley, Braintree, Bocking and Wethersfield. During the afternoon and evening some excellent touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, January 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. J. Brown 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, O. Gibbey 3, F. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, J. Hack 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Monday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band, in 45 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, when 32 ringers including four ladies, from Barrow, Kendal, Ulverston, Dalton, Millom and Broughton, attended. It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Millom, and the next quarterly ringing meeting at Ulverston.—Ten new members were elected.

Following on the appeal made in 'The Ringing World' by the President of the Association, the secretary was requested to write to all ringers in the district to subscribe to a fund in aid of the aged and invalid widow of the late Mr. Thos. Gibbons a ringer at the Barrow-in-Furness Church for many years.

Tea was afterwards provided by the local ringers and their friends, before and after which touches of Bob Major and Minor and Grand-sire Triples were rung.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, DONCASTER.

On Thursday, March 8th, the members of the above society held their annual social evening in 'Ye Olde English Cafe.' A company of about fifty assembled for the occasion, all the local ringers, with their wives and families, and sweethearts, being present. An excellent tea was provided by the caterer, Mr. K. C. Hopkinson, and when this had been satisfactorily disposed of the rest of the evening was spent in song and harmony. The chair was taken by Mr. George Halksworth (secretary and Ringing Master of the society).

Mr. Halksworth referred to the progress which the society had made during the past year, and hoped that they would make the same rate of progress in the coming year.

The artists at the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Windle, Miss K. Jackson, Mr. P. Schofield, and Mr. H. Wilson. After a piano solo by Mrs. Windle, a good programme of songs and duets was opened by Miss Jackson singing 'The Ringers'—For we be the ringers at the church of St. George's. During the course of the song, witty references to 'Old George and John there, and William and Me. caused roars of laughter, and the ringers concerned came in for much good-humoured chaff.

Among other songs sung were 'Drake Goes West' and 'Friend o' Mine,' both compositions of the organist of St. George's. During an interval the handbells were brought into use, and the air vibrated with the mellow tones of the bells when they were rung to Grand-sire Triples.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes for their entertainment, and also the chairman for his services. After singing 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem the company broke up, having heartily enjoyed themselves.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.**MORE ENTHUSIASM WANTED.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church, Dudley, when upwards of 70 members attended from Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Old Hill, Netherton, Wednesbury and Stourbridge. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Phillips (Vicar and president), and the address was given by the Rev. C. H. Barker (Vicar of Swindon), who took for his text Ephesians vi. 13, 'Having done all, stand.'

After partaking of a bountiful tea, the Rev. C. H. Barker occupied the chair (owing to the president having much sick visiting to do).

The Secretary presented his annual report, in which he called for more enthusiasm by members, which would mean better results for the Guild.

In the absence of the treasurer, the auditors gave their report, which was very satisfactory.

Mr. F. Colclough (the secretary) moved a resolution, that as this Guild looked to the Dudley Parish Church as their 'home,' and seeing that they always were invited to hold their annual meetings there, the sum of £2 2s. be given towards the Parish Church Renovation Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. Bayliss, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. H. Phillips was re-elected president, and the Rev. C. H. Barker was added to the list of vice-presidents. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. Goodman) was re-elected, as was also the secretary (Mr. F. Colclough). The following were also elected: Treasurer, Mr. S. Hughes; auditors, Mr. F. Evans and Mr. T. Justice; Central Council representative, Mr. S. Hughes. — Four new performing members were made. Dudley was selected for the quarterly peal; and Smethwick was chosen for the next quarterly meeting. The monthly practice at Dudley Parish Church was altered to the first Tuesday instead of the first Monday.

Votes of thanks were given to all the officers for their past services, to the chairman for presiding, and for his excellent and most instructive address; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who had prepared it; also to Mr. H. Sheppard for making the excellent arrangements which added so much to the success of the meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May 22nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Salisbury. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 21st.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

LADIES' GUILD.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. There was a good attendance, and ringing on the bells, a light peal of eight, was much enjoyed.

It being the first time the Ladies' Guild have visited Mangotsfield, the Vicar and Mrs. Crews very kindly entertained the large number present (about 40) to tea at the Vicarage, and the members would like to take this opportunity to repeat their very grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Crews and the ladies who helped with the tea, and to Mr. Jefferies and the other Mangotsfield ringers who made them so welcome in the belfry.

It was decided by vote at this meeting that the next, on either the first or second Saturday in June, shall take place at Corston (near Bath) if the secretary can obtain permission for the use of the bells.

JUST BY THE WAY.**EVESHAM AND PERSHORE.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I note with pleasure that a band of stalwarts are attempting to beat the Appleton peal of Caters, and at Evesham. There, at least, they will not be troubled with that 'mournful howl' and a noise like a pot auction on a Saturday night. The trebles are by Barwell, the tenor is a really grand bell; the other seven exude Rudhall in every breath, and a well-struck peal on them is a feast of music. On a fine day just to lie on the river banks 'neath the shade of the beautiful campanile and hear them is a tonic in itself. But in the near vicinity is another feast of music, at Pershore Abbey, reputed 30 cwt. In my humble opinion they are some of Rudhall's best, and I want to know why a replica cannot be cast to-day of those truly glorious instruments. But of Pershore one can without jesting say that 'none but the brave deserve the fair,' for he who would ring on those Pershore bells must make a long and tortuous climb ending with a sharp half left, up a slim set of steps, and cross a none too secure looking drawbridge and enter the cage, for a cage it is, and stand and ring, like Mahomet in his coffin, suspended 'twixt earth and heaven. On the occasion of the last peal I rang there, the 4th ringer just looked over the edge of his cage once, but that was enough. It was only Rudhall's music that saved him. On our descent from this ordeal, the fifth ringer discovered the bust of the conductor acting as a gargoyle on the tower of St. Andrew's Church just across the road from the Abbey, and it was too lifelike for words, the ensuing laughter dispelling all memories of our climb.

I noted with pleasure the various letters re 'Simpson tuning,' and should like to point out that one often hears and even reads of 'metal becoming tired.' I have been in the metal trade for over 30 years, and know how true it is, in the cast metal trade especially. I trust that the next time any parish wishes to break up the products of such men as Rudhall, the faculty will be made so stringent that it will mean penalties as it be disregarded. Chalk, I trust, is only a forerunner of such actions in times to come.—Yours faithfully,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

ONE HUNDRED 720's.

From February 26th, 1922, to Feb. 25th, the Barley Society have rung on the bells of the Parish Church 100 720 changes of Minor in 12 methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Merchant's Return, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, College Single, Grand-sire Double, Stedman and Canterbury Pleasure. Thirty-six of these 720's have been rung for service, and a 720 of Double Stedman, believed to be the first in the method for the Heris Association was rung on December 13th by A. Howard 1, H. Howard 2, W. Sack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. The other ringers taking part in the ringing were F. Hayes and A. Hayes.

STEDMAN AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

At Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday, March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung in 47 mins., by A. H. Bartram 1, S. Huddleston 2, J. R. Bartram 3, R. Henry Bartram 4, P. Sheppard 5, W. James 6, E. Bartram (conductor) 7, G. Robinson 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung in Melton Mowbray by an entirely local band, and it was rung at first attempt. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and first as conductor by Ernest Bartram.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 11th, at the Parish Church, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Hornsby 3, J. M. Gray 4, J. W. Haynes 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: J. Bourne 1, I. Rawlings 2, W. C. Jones 3, W. Williams 4, A. Probert 5, I. Probert (conductor) 6, G. Laus 7, W. Jones 8. Rung with 7-8 covering. First 720 by the local band, and as conductor.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 1,080 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: Mrs. P. Fordham 1, A. King 2, P. Fordham 3, A. Turner 4, O. Ford 5, W. Everett 6, F. A. Salter (conductor) 7, A. Macro 8. Messrs. Ford, Everett, Salter and Macro hail from Thetford, the rest being local people.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Smeathers 1, A. Everett 2, L. Chapman 3, W. Hall 4, G. Brown 5, G. Randal 6, W. Garrett (conductor) 7, W. Croot 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 11th, for afternoon service, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Burrows 1, K. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, H. Stuckey (conductor) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, G. Burrows 6, H. Marks 7, J. Lovering 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, March 11th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) by St. Mary's Society, in 47 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. R. Millway 2, C. K. Walker 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. H. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. W. Elliott 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: Wilf. Barnett 1, Allan Sanders 2, P. Sanders 3, C. G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, A. Plackett 6.—For evensong, 480 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plackett 1, A. Sanders 2, C. G. Bates 3, W. Smith 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, William Barnett 6. Longest touch by W. Barnett, who only recently learnt to ring.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Button 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, G. Billenness (conductor) 3, Miss R. Thomas 4, J. Powell 5, H. Baker 6, B. Baker 7, C. Baker 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a course each of London and Primrose Surprise, and touches of Single and Double Court.—For evening service, 720 Primrose and 120 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Hayes 1, Ernest Wright (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. Riggall 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 11th, 1,140 Grandsire Doubles: L. Orman 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. Longest length for the ringer of the treble, and longest for the ringer of the 2nd on an inside bell. Longest touch by the present local band.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., for evening service: J. Peddle 1, P. Jones 2, Miss P. Moss 3, D. Hancox (conductor) 4, W. Honor 5, L. B. Potter 6, R. Carter 7, T. Smith 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine service, 1,272 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: F. Norris 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Iles 5, F. H. Crook 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skerington 8, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—For evening service, 576 Bob Major.—On Sunday March 11th, for morning service, 576 Bob Major.—On March 7th, 576 Double Norwich, and on Feb. 28th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. The following took part: Wm. Cook, I. B. Douglas, B. Douglas, Wm. Norman, J. J. Spedding, Wm. Douglas, Jno. Rothery, Jno. Spedding, Thos. Campbell, Geo. W. Tembey (conductor).

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, 764 Minor, consisting of Oxford and Kent Double Court, Woodbine, Grandsire, Plain Bob: W. Seeking 1, A. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams (conductor) 6.—For afternoon Confirmation service, on March 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss Violet Abrams 1, A. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson (conductor) 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

BLISWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: J. Roberts 1, J. W. Haynes 2, J. W. Sharp 3, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 4, H. Polwell 5. Ringers of 1st and 5th belong to Cold Higham, 2nd to Pattishall, 3rd to Towcester, and 4th to Milton.

BULWELL.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Foster 1, T. Hind 2, T. Jennison 3, E. Foster 4, A. Harrison (conductor) 5, W. Stanner 6, W. Wadsley 7, W. Whally 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late W. Spencer, who had been a ringer at the above church for over 40 years, and whose loss will be greatly felt by his brother ringers.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, H. Forbes 2, H. Morgan 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Chapman 5, F. Whitfield 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, W. Ridout 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, at St. Mary's, on the occasion of the visit of the Archdeacon of Maidstone, 720 Plain Bob before, and one 720 after evening service: C. Cheesman 1, L. Finn 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Cheesman (conductor) 5, S. Finn 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, Miss Mabel A. Nye 2, H. James (Lee) 3, J. Crowder 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, A. Rose 3, H. Taylor (conductor) 4, J. Young 5, G. Coleman 6. First 720 for Sunday service by the local band since the war.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Spencer, senr., 1, J. Day 2, C. Collins 3, C. Nash 4, G. Spencer 5, F. Nash 6, W. Nash (conductor) 7, W. Tyler 8. First quarter-peal by all except conductor.

PETERBOROUGH.—For morning service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, W. Cross 3, H. Beechey 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Price (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, D. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, E. Harris 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Misses M. and A. Baron and Mrs. W. Tyndale, who were for many years great workers in the parish.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Howard 1, W. Sermons 2, H. Howard 3, W. Tack 4, W. Mansfield 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. This makes the 100th rung at the Parish Church for the year ending February 25th, 1923.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, five courses of Stedman Caters for evening service at the Abbey Church of St. Mary: W. Yiend 1, A. Hamis 2, H. Holford 3, C. Martin 4, G. Hemming 5, C. Dyson 6, W. Townsend 7, G. Walters 8, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 9. O. Attwood 10. It was intended to ring a quarter-peal, but one of the party failed to arrive, and Mr. Hemming kindly took his place.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 846 Grandsire Caters by T. Bent 1, E. Whitehead 2, A. Ballard 3, C. Cattell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. Peach 6, E. Morris 7, H. Lock 8, J. Morris 9, J. Vernon 10.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters, both conducted by Ernest Morris. Rung to commemorate the 10,080 of the same method at this church on Feb. 25th, 1777.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Great St. Mary's, 12. Lunch at the Dorothy Cafe 1 p.m. Business to follow. Will district secretaries inform me as to members who may be expected?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owistone Road, Cambridge.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON.—Practice every Friday evening 7.30 to 9. Will all old Holloway men kindly make an effort to attend these practices?—J. Bullock and A. Trimmer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, March 24th, from 6-9 p.m.—Jos. White.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 7th, for practice, a 720 of St. Clement's Minor: A. Gilbert 1, W. J. Walker 2, E. Gilbert 3, T. Jull 4, F. W. White 5, O. Millard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

WALKDEN, LANCs.—On Monday, Feb. 26th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. H. Ridyard 2, J. Potter (conductor) 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 6, J. Ridyard 7, R. Denner 8.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Saturday, March 3rd, in 27 mins. 720 Bob Minor: W. Brown 1, F. H. Bennett 2, H. A. Stratton 3, E. V. Naish 4, F. Naish (conductor) 5, F. W. Woodward 6. First 720 on tower bells by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, S. D. Breeze 2, E. Easton (first inside) 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, R. H. Boddington 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, Master G. Jackson 2, Rev. A. Rhys James 3, H. Arrand (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, G. Clark 5, F. Clark 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revill 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Kathleen Jackson to Mr. Harold Walker, hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society.

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NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 17th, from 3.15 p.m. Will arrange tea at a small cost. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollicr, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, March 17th. The Minster bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8.30; also the rings of 6 at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, and St. Mary the Younger, Bishophill, from 2 to 8.30. Choral Evensong in the Minster at 4. Tea at 5.15 in the Ebor Rooms, Coney Street. Business meeting immediately after in the St. Michael-le-Belfry Schoolroom, Stonegate. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. The Association's Annual Report, price 2/-, will be on sale at this meeting.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 8 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 17th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Village Hall at 5.45.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, March 19th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow Common, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. A tea will be kindly provided at 5 p.m. (followed by a business meeting), only to those who let me know by March 21st. Buses leave Bishops Stortford 2.30 passing through Sambridgeworth, Harlow Town, Epping, 1 and 3.45.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3.30 until 5. Business meeting to follow. It is hoped tea can be arranged. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Church

Kirk, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Teas, 1/6 to all who send in names not later than Tuesday, March 20th, to Mr. F. Youles, 73, Clifton Street, St. Anne's.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready early, tea only provided for those who notify me before the 19th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, March 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Please advise Secretary not later than the Wednesday previous, of intention to be present, so that tea can be arranged.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., 96, Grappenhall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly advise not later than the 20th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 21st? Gentlemen heartily invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, March 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage. Visitors please notify me not later than March 18th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available at both towers at 4. Business meeting will be held in belfry at Peckleton 7 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at Whittlesey. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than March 31st.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Full particulars will be announced next week.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Any alteration, addition or abrogation of rules should reach me before April 10th, so that one month's notice may be given. Charabanc from Bristol, but members should apply at once.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

EASTER MEETINGS.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Meeting for election of officers and other business will be held at the Church House, adjoining St. Mary le Tower Church, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Douglas Hamilton will preside. Arrangements are being made for ringing at the various churches in the town. A good attendance is desired.—George Wilson, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Brislington. Bells (8) available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 2/- per head will be made) should reach Mr. J. W. Cowling, 54, High Street, Bridlington, not later than first post on Tuesday, March 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Service at St. Nicholas Church, 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each, free to members, Church Hall. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) available.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. A small charge will be made. Bells, Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House, before 12 and 1.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting at Uckfield on Easter Monday. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea at 'The Holly Bush,' 5 (1/6 each). Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the Divisional Secretary by Wednesday, March 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting after. Those expecting tea must notify Mr. W. Allin, 86, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, not later than 27th March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Nominations of Central Council Representatives signed by two members to be sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 24th. Dinner tickets 1/- each. Towers open for ringing, St. Mary's, Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Derby. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the association will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 12 o'clock on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Luncheon will be served at Goode's Hotel, Marine Parade, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members intending to be present at the luncheon kindly notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, March 29th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be available.—Arthur L. Coleman, General and Branch Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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