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### 'STRIKES' AND 'LOCK-OUTS.'

There has recently been some prominence given in the Press to one or two so-called ringers' 'strikes'—cases in which disagreement with the incumbent has led to the ringers declining to perform their customary duties in the belfry. In any event, these disputes and the results are deplorable, but while human nature is what it is, such happenings are from time to time inevitable. Like disputes in the industrial world, they arise in a majority of cases through the inability or disinclination of one side to see the view of the other party; and sometimes merely from a state of offended dignity. A recent disagreement at Wool, in Dorsetshire, has been happily ended by the intervention of the district officials of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; and it was probably this incident that led to a proposal being made at the annual meeting of the Guild that in future disputes no band of ringers should absent themselves from their duties until the matter has been referred to the Guild's executive. The question of the adoption of such a rule was, for want of time, deferred to the next general meeting.

For this proposed form of mediation we think there is much to be said. When ringers have a grievance against the authorities of their church it may save precipitate action and avoid a public display of feeling which, at best, can do little good to the cause of ringing, and certainly none to the Church. Such a rule, loyally accepted, would be a preventative of 'strikes,' but some further action would, we think, be necessary if 'lock-outs' are to be avoided. The proposal, as far as we understand it, would hardly be effective in cases where the ringers were shut out of the belfry by an incumbent, who felt himself aggrieved. While ringers with an inclination to 'strike' might be ready to act upon the constitution of the Guild to which they have subscribed, there is nothing to compel an incumbent to go to any court of arbitration, and, in view of his rights in the belfry, we see no steps by which it could be enforced, for an obstinate clergyman might, even if a Guild endeavoured to intervene, turn and say 'Mind your own business.'

What is wanted for the 'court of arbitration' is diocesan recognition, under which, when any dispute of the kind arises, the matter could be referred to a body which comprised not only the representatives of the Guild, but representatives of the Bishop, or perhaps the Diocesan Conference. Such a method of procedure may, or may not, be practicable; it may bristle with difficulties of an ecclesiastical and legal nature, but it appears

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to us that, if 'arbitration' is to be secured in all cases, some such machinery ought to be available. It is probable that it could only be done by friendly agreement, and while it would find ready acceptance from the side of the various Guilds and Associations, the sympathy of the Bishop in each diocese would go a long way towards gaining approval among the clergy. If such a course as this could be adopted, we might be saved the unedifying public squabbles between ringers and clergy which we sometimes read about in the newspapers.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... .. 1	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2		FRED. C. MAYNARD ... .. 7
JOHN H. WILKINS ... .. 3		CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 8
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... .. 4		JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
HENRY RUMENS ... .. 5		ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... .. 10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
Rung on the 38th birthday of Mr. James C. Adams.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... .. 1	Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
PERCIVAL WOODS ... .. 2		ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 8

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.  
First peal in the method by all the band, excepting No. 6, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Suffolk Guild.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 23 cwt

FRED GRUNDY ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK BERRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2		WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 3		ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 7
GEORGE H. SHUKER ... .. 4		JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in the method for the treble and tenor men. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of W. H. Shuker on attaining the age of 87 years.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 1	Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2		*SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 6
JOSEPH LOWE ... .. 3		JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 4		AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. 8

Composed by H. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Trippier and Mr. Greenhalgh. Also as a 50th anniversary peal for Mr. S. Wood, who rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Ashton, on May 9th, 1874. \* 50th peal at Pendleton. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Trippier for his hospitality after the peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 1 Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM D. WASE ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7
JAMES L. HAYWARD ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First in the method.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON ... .. 1 Treble	ERNEST NIDD ... .. 5
HARRY PROCTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 6
H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTER.

\* First peal of Stedman. Birthday peal for ringer of the 4th.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 1 Treble	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. 6
WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 3	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 7
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... .. 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. \* First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Fields and Coleman, and Miss Fields, who are from St. Neots. Also a birthday peal for the conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... .. 1 Treble	JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 5
JAMES HEASMAN ... .. 2	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6
RICHARD JENNER ... .. 3	ALBERT BELTON ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James and Daniel Cooper. The treble ringer is from Chelsea (late of Croydon); 4th from Banstead; 5th from Croydon; 6th and tenor from Beddington; the remainder are local.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 1 Treble	HARRY DAVISON ... .. 5
HARRY THORPE ... .. 2	EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 7
ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. 1 Treble	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 5
WALTER MOBBS ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	FREDERICK SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE SIBLEY ... .. 1 Treble	S. VICTOR CRABB ... .. 5
LESLIE COOMBS ... .. 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 6
CHARLES RAISON ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
WALTER W. COOMBS ... .. 4	HENRY RAISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' ringing by the tenor man.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE MORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY SADLER ... .. 1 Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 6
JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method with a working bell, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE ... .. 1 Treble	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 5
HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 2	GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 6
GEORGE ILLMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 1 Treble	GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 5
MISS ELSIE PETTITT ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
BERNARD PETTITT ... .. 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG ... .. 7
HORACE COOPER ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Major. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the 14.112 London Surprise Major, in which the conductor rang the 6th.

**THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE**

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

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OLD WINDSOR.  
THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS (Bristol) ... ..	... Treble
MISS PHOEBE UPSHER (Edmonton) ... ..	... 2
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN (Streattham) ... ..	... 3
MISS FREDA E. ORR (Streattham) ... ..	... 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS (Bucklebury) ... ..	... 5
MISS PEYLLIS M. MOSS (Uxbridge) ... ..	... 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER (Edmonton) ... ..	... 7
MRS. A. D. BARKER (Stoke Poges) ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung by eight ladies. The band wish to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells on two occasions: Mr. Welling and Mr. Guttridge for making all arrangements; and the friends who so kindly provided tea.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SHILDON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

E. ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	W. L. VICKERS ... ..	... 4
T. W. ROBINSON ... ..	... 2	J. J. BECK ... ..	... 5
S. BRYANT ... ..	... 3	R. B. ROBINSON ... ..	... 6
J. R. HENDERSON ... ..	... Tenor		

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

Rung with tenor covering, as a birthday compliment to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers. First peal by all except 3rd and 6th. All are service ringers at this church. The 2nd ringer was proposed a member of the association before starting.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, York Delight and Royston Delight. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE LORD ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... ..	... 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... ..	... 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... ..	... 5
ARTHUR GILL ... ..	... 3	ARTHUR PANTHER ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung to celebrate the birth of triplet sons to Mrs. J. Champion, wife of one of the local ringers, on the 30th April.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... ..	... 4
HAROLD V. COOPER ... ..	WILLIAM GIBBS ... ..	... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	JOHN LLOYD ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Ada E. Bass, wife of Mr. J. Bass. It was the 300th peal by the conductor for this association.

CAPENHURST, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PETER GOODIER ... ..	... Treble	EDWARD W. ELWELL ... ..	... 4
ROBERT MADDOCK ... ..	... 2	RICHARD MADDOCK ... ..	... 5
*ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... ..	... 3	†JOHN BAGLEY ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. ELWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells. This is the first peal rung by a local company on the bells, and the first peal by the local company.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being 720 each of Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Shamrock, Bluebell, Geranium and Dahlia. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... ..	... Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... ..	... 4
JOHN P. FIDLER ... ..	... 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... ..	... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ..	... 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

First peal in the methods.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK COTTERILL ... Treble	†SYDNEY SAGE ... ..	... 4
GEORGE VERNON ... ..	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... ..	... 5
*FREDERICK HINES ... ..	EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

HARRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Consisting of seven different compositions. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS J. H. WISE ... ..	... Treble	HARRY MARLOW ... ..	... 4
BERTIE O. SODEN ... ..	... 2	HARRY BAXTER ... ..	... 5
WILLIAM BOTT ... ..	... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal and first attempt.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford (Wilde's), (4) Fulbeck Bob, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) Double and Single Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN H. RODEN ... ..	... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... ..	... 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... ..	... 2	JOSEPH LANDON ... ..	... 5
WILLIAM TILLEY ... ..	... 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 11 methods.

MIDDLEWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Moore 1, H. Yarwood 2, A. Booth 3, H. Barker 4, J. Ashmole 5, Rev. W. R. Ingham 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, S. Moore, junr., 8.

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### Longborough, Gloucester. THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

With 14 different callings.

A. LARGE ... .. Treble	E. WITHERS... .. 4
J. GARDNER ... .. 2	W. LARGE ... .. 5
H. TERRY ... .. 3	C. W. LOCKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 50 years of ringing.

SHORNE, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor  $9\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in G.

AUBREY LIVERMORE ... .. Treble	HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 2	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
CHARLES WATERMAN... .. 3	GEORGE MORRAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

Birthday peal for the conductor.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720's of Plain Bob, called differently, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor  $6\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

CHARLES RAISON ... .. Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 4
*S. VICTOR CRABB ... .. 2	HENRY BUNGAY ... .. 5
*GEORGE SIBLEY... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Minor. J. T. Dyke hails from Midsomer Norton, and Chas. Raison from Trowbridge.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 61, New Park Street,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1—2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3—4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7—8
Geo. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9—10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: ERNEST MORRIS.

## THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CONTEST.

The annual competition for the 'Rawnsley' shield was held at Crosthwaite Church, on Easter Monday. Five teams entered from Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont and Keswick. Egremont rang 576 Double Oxford Bob in 27 minutes, with 208 faults; Cleator Moor, Plain Bob Minor for about 20 minutes, when they broke down with 104 faults; Keswick rang 576 Kent Treble Bob Major with 251 faults, and being the home team were penalised another 20 faults. Bridekirk rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 minutes, with 99 faults; Cockermouth, 720 Kent Minor for 29 minutes, but in the opinion of the judge did not come round properly: faults 168.

After the contest, tea was provided in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. S. Metcalf, and supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Holmes (Cockermouth).

The judge (Mr. J. H. Banks) gave his decisions as above, and presented the shield to the winners, Bridekirk, to hold for the next twelve months.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Hensingham on June 29th, to unveil the board recording a peal rung in memory of members who fell in the great war.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, to Mr. Metcalf for presiding, and Mr. Banks for again coming to act as judge.—Mr. Banks responded, and this brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## A CARILLON AT WEMBLEY.

BELLS FROM THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

In the Palace of Engineering at the British Empire Exhibition is installed in the clock tower of the Vickers Research Building a very fine set of carillon bells which have been lent by the War Memorial Committee, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, and which have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The bells, which will be sent to Canada when the exhibition ends, are 23 in number, covering a range of two octaves, including all but the two lower semitones. A weight driven tower clock movement chimes the Westminster quarters and strikes the hours, and after the last stroke of each hour releases the starting switch of a fully automatic electro pneumatic machine, which then plays some well-known air.

In addition, there is a hand clavier, and it is with this that the fullest beauty of the bell music is obtained, the delicate action allowing the carillonneur to play with expression as on a piano and to execute elaborate and complicated cadences with the volume of sound rising from an almost inaudible murmur to the full power of the combined carillon of bells.

This carillon, although not heavy, as to weight of bell metal when compared with some of the largest modern installations cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, has a remarkable sweetness and purity of tone, the notes of the bells being clear and melodious and blending with an unusually pleasing effect, the result of the perfection to which this firm have brought their method of tuning.

During the summer arrangements will be made for the leading carillonneurs of Belgium and Holland to visit Wembley and give special recitals on the carillon.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are engaged in completing, amongst other orders, the great carillon of 53 bells for Park Avenue Church, New York, which will be the largest in existence: also a carillon for Boston, U.S.A., as well as a carillon of 35 bells for Holland, in which connection it might be mentioned that these bells are now tuned more accurately than even the famous old carillons of the Netherlands.

## WISBECH BELLS.

PEAL ATTEMPT ABANDONED.

On Saturday, May 3rd, a band of ringers from Cambridge paid a visit to Wisbech to attempt a peal on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church. A rail journey of 40 miles took them into the heart of the fen district, far off the beaten track, where stands this fine church built in 1111, and splendid tower which was built in 1400 A.D., and which contains a grand ring of ten bells (tenor 21 cwt. in E. flat), the back eight by Dobson, of the Old Downham foundry, and the trebles by Mears. Inquiries revealed the fact that only one peal has ever been rung there, a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Bob Major was the method now attempted, but after a few courses it was very evident the peal attempt would have to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of some of the bells, especially the 6th and tenor, so the bells were called round at 1.10 changes, the band being as follows: A. E. Austin 1, A. King 2, H. Hayzell 3, J. T. Newington 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. Warrington 6, A. G. Rivers 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8.

After being refreshed by an excellent tea, provided by the local Ringing Master, Mr. R. Narborough, the tower was again visited, and two courses of Grandsire Caters, touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, with two of the local ringers standing in, several of the band ringing their first touch of Caters. The band wish, through this journal, to thank Canon W. T. R. Crookham for permission to ring, also Mr. R. Narborough for having the bells ready and entertaining the band to tea. It is also hoped that this fine ring may soon be made pealable.

## THE FALSE PEALS AT ERITH AND WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have kept silent for several weeks over the above question in anticipation of an acceptance from Mr. E. J. Cullum, junr., of my apology. I felt bound to apologise, lest I should be guilty of the sin of negligence and omission, and I am afraid if Mr. Cullum declines to acknowledge and respect my apology, he is risking being classified in that category over this particular matter.

I am very much obliged to Mr. H. Parkes for acknowledging my apology, and thanking me on behalf of those who rang at Wye. He touches on the question of first peal men, and according to his letter, thinks it a pity that the variation turned out to be false, as three first peal men rang at Wye. I myself have always shown great sympathy towards such men as these, and this being the case, it would interest me to know how far Mr. Parkes has subsequently devoted his attention to conducting peals of Grandsire Triples for ringers needing a peal in this method to give them a start.

Statistics of his peal ringing career in this essential method will much oblige.—Yours truly,

GEO. BILLENNESS.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MASTER CRITICISES CLERGY'S APATHY.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild had a more than usually interesting agenda for the annual meeting which was held in the Cathedral city on Saturday week. There was a large attendance of members, and ringing took place at the various towers, the touches including Grand-size, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, Salisbury, at which the Master (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, now of Worthing) presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Gillingham) and the hon. assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bridport).—The Chairman apologised for the absence of the President of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, presenting the statement of accounts, said the balance in hand at the end of the previous year was £51 7s. 7½d.; the balance in hand at the end of last year was £55 10s. 7½d. Four guineas of this were grants towards the Diocesan War Memorial, so that their balance this year was actually a shilling less than it was last year. As the cost of getting out the report this year was going to be more than it was in previous years, owing to a list of those who had rung for the Guild being included, they wanted to be careful with their finances.

In his annual report, the Hon. Secretary made reference to the visit of the Central Council to Salisbury last year, and cordial thanks were extended to all those who kindly assisted with the entertainment of the guests. The report added that a secretary had now been found for the Salisbury branch, which had been without one for ten out of the past eleven years. Mr. F. W. Romaine was appointed to that post at a meeting convened last September. 'The year 1923 will also be memorable for the opening of the first ring of ten bells in the Wiltshire portion of the diocese,' continued the report. Up to 1911 there was not a single church in our diocese with more than eight bells. The augmentation of the peal at Wimborne Minster provided Dorset with the first ten-bell tower. Trowbridge has now done the same for Wiltshire, and the dedication ceremony on Easter Monday, when 300 ringers marched in procession to the church, would long be remembered. Mr. Hector, the energetic conductor at that tower, lost no time in making use of the new opportunities thus provided, and we have the satisfaction of recording the first peal of Royal in the county of Wilts. The festival was held at Marlborough, where the fine old bells of St. Mary's Church had been restored. It was heartily to be wished that in this stately old Wiltshire town the time-honoured custom of ringing the curfew, suspended during the war, might be renewed at an early date. Great activity had been displayed in the Devizes branch, where a number of peals had been rung, and the instruction of young bands in the art of change ringing had produced highly satisfactory results. A peal of Doubles rung at Corfe Mullen by a band of initiates from Wimborne Minster—first peal for five of the six—was also a healthy sign of the times. In conclusion, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thanked the Guild most heartily for the very generous donation granted towards the cost of repairing the ancient tower of his parish church.

In his notes for the year 1923, the Master, having alluded in congratulatory terms to the success of the meeting of the Central Council at Salisbury, said he could not fail to mention one name, the organiser and general guide, Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

### CLERGY'S LACK OF INTEREST.

Major D'Aeth said it was his great sorrow that he now stood at that table having to resign the office of Master. As they knew, he had left the Diocese in which he had been more or less actively engaged in Church work for 46 years, so they might imagine what his feelings were when his chief connection with the Diocese ended. They had now got 818 members in their Guild of Ringers, with only 31 clergymen's names on the list, and four of them had no bells in their churches. That was to say that out of 115 towers that belonged to the Guild they could only get 31 clergymen to take an interest in this very important branch of Church work. That ought not to be. There would come a time when the Guilds would have to fight for their Church. 'Cannot we persuade the clergy to take a more active part in this, which we consider a very important part of Church work?' asked the Master. 'We call the congregation to come and listen to the clergyman, and if he won't come to the west end of the church, how can he expect the ringers or flock to come to the other end? I am thankful to say, that amongst the ringers we do think of our church a good deal, and that a large majority of the ringers go to church after calling the flock. It has been a disappointment to me in the Mastership of the Guild, and I trust my successor will have more success than I have had in this respect.'

He thanked the members for the kindness they had shown him wherever he had been, and he would never forget it, neither would he forget them. He thanked the hon. secretary for all his real hard work. He was a very active member of the Guild. Without Mr. Edwards he was afraid it would go very hard with the Guild (hear, hear).

Proposing a vote of thanks to Major D'Aeth for his services as Master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams said actions spoke louder than words, and he thought it should be entered on the minutes that 'we receive with regret the resignation of Major D'Aeth, and at the same time we assure him of our most hearty thanks for all he has done for the Guild' (hear, hear). He hoped Major D'Aeth would be as happy in Sussex as he had been in Dorset (hear, hear).—Major D'Aeth suitably replied, and in recognition of his services he was unanimously elected a vice-president.

### NEW MASTER ELECTED.

To fill the position of Master, the Devizes branch recommended the Rev. Wilfred A. Jays, from whom Major D'Aeth produced a letter, in which he stated 'I am not a skilled ringer, and I have very grave doubts I shall ever become skilled in the art.' Mr. Jays, in his letter, added his regret that ringers left the church immediately after they had finished ringing.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth, was also nominated, but he told the conference that he was not sufficiently advanced in ringing.—The Rev. C. Carew Cox was also nominated, but he pleaded that he had too much on his hands in his own parish to attend to.—A further nomination was that of the Rev. G. H. Gundry, the vice-chairman of the North Dorset branch.—The Rev. Carew Cox, proposing Mr. Gundry, expressed his confidence that under Mr. Gundry's direction the North Dorset branch was going to be one of the liveliest in the Guild.

Finally Mr. Gundry was elected, and in thanking the members, he said he would do the best he could for the advancement of the Guild.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Hervey Beams hon. assistant secretary. The hon. auditors—the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne) and Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna)—were re-elected. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. Hervey Beams, and Mr. S. J. Hector (Trowbridge) were elected by ballot as representatives on the Central Council. The committee—the appointed officers of the Guild and of the branches, the Rev. Canon Myers, the Rev. C. Wood, and Mr. J. R. Jerram—were re-appointed. Also re-elected were the following instructors in change ringing: Messrs. G. T. White (Dorchester), J. E. Willshire (Seend), S. Hillier (Devizes), T. H. Beams (Bridport), F. W. Townsend (Poole), S. J. Hector (Trowbridge), H. Taylor (Melksham), A. Hussey (Sturminster Newton), and F. Arnold (Shroton, Blandford). Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury) was re-appointed inspector of belfries.

### THE DIOCESAN WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Dealing with the question of the Diocesan War Memorial and the Guild's contribution to it, Mr. Hervey Beams explained that at Marlborough last year this matter was referred to the General Committee of the Guild, who had fully discussed it after having seen the plans and drawings and having had an interview with the Dean of Salisbury. The original scheme of a Diocesan War Memorial, which was to provide a certain number of windows in the north aisle of the Cathedral, had been dropped. The scheme now proposed was one in which the diocese was taking a large part, and the relatives of the late Bishop Ridgeway, a former president of the Guild, were also taking a large part. It was to make one of the chapels in the south transept of the Cathedral the Chapel of St. Nicholas. The relatives of the late Bishop Ridgeway were providing the altar and the accessories, and the diocese was to provide the panelling which would separate the chapel from the next chapel and also, as he understood, from the front. The Guild of Ringers had been asked by the Dean to take their share in erecting a part of the panelling. They had allotted them a piece of oak panelling nine feet six inches high and six feet eleven inches wide. After the committee saw the Dean and viewed the spot they decided to recommend the scheme to the Guild for adoption. The approximate cost to the Guild, £200, seemed a bit heavy, but it was not heavy when one considered the amount of panelling to be done, and certainly not heavy when they remembered who were to be commemorated by it (hear, hear). He was not in a position to say how many men in the Guild gave their lives in the war, or how many died as a result of the war, but the number was larger possibly than many of the members suspected. The question was whether it was possible to get £200. He did not think the raising of £200 would be a difficult matter if the whole diocese was worked systematically. The name of the fallen ringers would be inscribed in a parchment book, called 'The Book of Remembrance,' which would be kept in the shrine they were asked to erect.

Mr. Heggibottom submitted an amendment to the scheme, proposed by the Devizes branch. The amendment was that a sum of £200 be raised for the panelling (or screen) in Salisbury Cathedral, and that such sum be raised by applying to the Parochial Church Councils for a grant of not less than 1s. per bell and 1s. per ringer in the respective parishes; and that the ringers, most of whom had already contributed to one and perhaps two memorials, be not personally canvassed for subscriptions.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox said if the memorial suggested were placed in the Cathedral it would be the finest ringers' memorial in the whole

of Great Britain. He was sure Mr. Hervey Beams' scheme would be largely taken up.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed that the resolution be modified to read that the sum of £200 be raised for the erection of panelling in the Cathedral, and that each parish in the diocese be applied to for 1s. per bell and 1s. per ringer.

In this form the motion was carried nem. con.

#### 'STRIKES' AMONG RINGERS.

Expressing the hope that the motion would not be considered to be of a controversial nature, the Rev. Carew Cox proposed that the following be added to Rule 6:—

'In any case of difficulties arising between members of an affiliated tower and the church authorities of the parish, members of the Guild, whether paid or voluntary, shall not withhold their services on that account, but shall appeal to the Guild, either through the Chairman of the local branch, or the Master. If the incumbent of the parish so desire, a representative of the Guild may be appointed to offer advice on both sides.'

Similar rules were, he said, in operation in the Bath and Wells and other dioceses. The more the Guild was recognised as having a moral hold over its members the more easily would the difficulties be rectified. He put it to them that ringers did not join the association for their own pleasure, but purely for the purpose of helping forward the brotherhood of ringers throughout the country, and to advance their recognition as church workers. 'It is utterly contrary to the spirit in which church work should be done, especially the work of calling people to church, that there should be anything of what the Press are pleased to call strikes among ringers,' urged Mr. Carew Cox. 'That does the church no good at all, but it does give a very bad impression. It emphasises, to my mind, the absence between ringers and the church authorities of a parish of the Christian spirit of forbearance; and I take it that we as a Guild are out to intensify our brotherhood as ringers' (hear, hear).

There was no dissent, but owing to the pressure of time the Chairman suggested that they should postpone consideration until the next meeting, and this course was agreed to.

A service was afterwards held in the Cathedral, at which the Dean of Salisbury preached from the text 'O come, let us worship' (Psalm xcv. 6). The Dean said he desired, on behalf of the Chapter, to extend to the Guild a very hearty welcome to the Mother Church, and to assure them that although they had lost their bell turret, and so could not have a peal now, they took a very sincere interest in all the Guild were doing to extend the science of bell ringing and de-

velop it in the towers of the diocese on sound lines. They sympathised with the Guild in their loss of their Master, who had done so much for the work.

An appropriate anthem, called the Bell Anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' (Purcell), was sung by the choir, and the hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing.' The collection was for the Diocesan Memorial Fund.

The Guild were afterwards entertained to tea in the Church House, and later in the evening touches were rung in the towers in the city.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ENFIELD.

One of the most successful meetings in the history of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary Magdalen's, Enfield, on Saturday last, when, in spite of such weather as would usually keep people indoors, over 50 members and friends attended. Several short touches—short to give everybody an opportunity of ringing—were rung in many methods from 3.30 onwards until the time of Divine service. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Thomas), who addressed a large congregation at length on their duty as Christians and workers for God.

Tea was served in the Church Hall adjoining, and a few words of welcome were spoken by the Vicar before he had to depart; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his address, and for the use of the bells.

At the subsequent business meeting, the president (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.) took the chair, and 15 new members were elected, including several of the local band, who expressed a keen desire to learn change ringing, and for whom the society is arranging some help.—Mr. C. Turner voiced their thanks to the association, giving the members present a hearty welcome to Enfield.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, was chosen for the next district meeting at the end of June.

Whilst a few members paid another visit to the tower, others took a welcome opportunity of ringing at St. Andrew's Church, where the bells were available, through the kindness of the Rev. R. Howel Brown. The towerkeeper, Mr. C. Plume, very kindly met the ringers, who enjoyed several touches ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise on a nicely going peal, which have not long since been rung by the Whitechapel Foundry with excellent results.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells at Bridport, Dorset, are to be dedicated on Ascension Day, and, as will be seen from a notice in another column, the following day will be devoted to ringing, and a cordial invitation is extended to members of the Exercise. The bells, with 22 cwt. tenor, are from the Whitechapel Foundry.

Canon W. W. C. Baker (President of the Bedfordshire Association) is shortly leaving Dunstable, having accepted the living of Southill, a village near Biggleswade. His pending departure is much regretted by the parishioners, particularly the ringers. During his stay in Dunstable, Canon Baker has seen the advance of ringing from 'Stony' to Surprise.

At the Easter vestry, held at Linslade, Bucks, Mr. A. Vickers, one of the ringers, was elected people's warden, and Mr. F. Bultruss and Mr. G. White, sidesmen, of St. Barnabas.

Mr. Samuel Wood, the veteran, of Ashton-under-Lyne, celebrated his jubilee as a peal ringer on Saturday, when he took part in a peal at Pendleton. Mr. Wood's first peal was rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on May 9th, 1874. There has been much ringing history made since then, and Mr. Sam Wood has helped to make it.

A peal at Ilminster on Saturday also celebrated a jubilee, Mr. Henry Raison, who rang the tenor, having completed 50 years of service in the tower.

A gold badge, suitably inscribed, has been presented to Mr. Raison by his brother ringers in recognition of his long service.

Another peal on Saturday was in celebration of a third ringer's jubilee in the Exercise—Mr. W. Large, who has done a great deal of spadework in and about the county of Gloucester. A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Longborough, marked his completion of fifty years of ringing.

Mention of Mr. Sam Wood's jubilee recalls the fact that it was no less than 41 years ago on Sunday next that he called the famous 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Mottram, the peal occupying 9 hours 48 mins.

One of the long lengths of Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shore-ditch on May 19th, 1777. This was the 11,080 by the College Youths, rung in that period when there was keen rivalry with the Cumberlands for the record length in the method.

On May 20th, 1780, a 5,220 Titum Bob Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, by the St. Martin's Youths.

A peal of 5,120 Cumberland Treble Bob was rung at Edmonton by the Cumberland Youths on May 20th, 1795.

More than one record has been made on May 21st. In 1833, the 13,054 Stedman Caters was rung in 8 hours 16 mins., at Cheltenham, and on this date last year, the famous 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark.

On May 21st, 1861, 10,061 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hours 56 mins., at Wednesbury, and on the same date, in 1873, the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland, at St. Mary's, Dundee, conducted by the late Matt. Wood.

The 17,024 Double Norwich was rung at Kidlington in 11 hours 12 mins. on May 22nd, 1899.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Reg. D. Marshall, who is at present a patient in Manor House Hospital, Golder's Green, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. At first it was thought he was suffering from gastric ulcers, but later the cause of the trouble was diagnosed as appendicitis. The operation which was performed was entirely successful.

Readers who are intending to purchase a cycle should send their inquiries to a brother ringer, Mr. R. Lathbury, Castle Street, Cambridge, whose advertisement of ladies' and gents' cycles appears in this issue.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

### PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

At the annual committee meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Oxford, Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed: 'That the Oxford Diocesan Guild take steps to erect a memorial to the late J. W. Washbrook in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and that all Guilds and Associations be invited to subscribe.'—This was carried unanimously, and will doubtless be carried at the annual general business meeting, held on the day of festival, at Oxford, on July 26th.

### AFTER MANY YEARS.

The first change ringing for some years at Minety, Wilts, took place on Thursday, May 8th, when several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. Edwards 5.

**LADIES' PEAL OF STEDMAN.**

Peals by the Ladies' Guild are few and far between, but a noteworthy success was achieved on Saturday, when, for the first time, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight ladies. This was achieved at St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, and the ladies represented six towers. They made an unsuccessful attempt a few weeks ago, but, nothing daunted, they met again, and a good peal was the result. The ladies were not, of course, new to the method, but it is striking evidence of the progress being made that a company of ladies can score such a peal. Congratulations will be extended by the Exercise to the band, whose efforts, under the capable leadership of Miss Edith Parker, have thus been rewarded.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.****ADDITIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on May 3rd, at Ranmoor, due to the fact that Chesterfield, the place originally selected, was still unavailable for ringing. A committee meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and a proposal put forward to elect two more vice-presidents, making a total of four, with a view to assisting the president in carrying out his duties. After some discussion this was carried, and the names of Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, and Mr. George Halksworth, of Doncaster, were selected by the committee to go before the general meeting. It was also decided that a committee meeting be summoned at Sheffield in November for the revision of the rules of the society.

A short musical service was held in the church at 5 p.m., an interesting address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls), himself an accomplished change ringer.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, immediately after which a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells, followed by the annual business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

A report of the year's work was given by the hon. secretary, showing gratifying progress. During the year 22 peals have been rung, including the first peal of Bob Maximus in the county of Yorkshire, and one of Rutland Surprise, being the first for the association.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), in place of Mr. F. Watkinson, resigned; vice-presidents, Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield Cathedral), Mr. John Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore); hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. Chown (Sheffield Cathedral); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Sam Thomas (Ranmoor); hon. auditors, Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield).

New members were elected in Miss Ivy Eastwood, Mr. E. Napten, of Whiston, and Mr. H. Muscroft. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and local company, concluded the meeting. Fifty members were present during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING FACILITIES.**

The following towers will be available for ringing for visitors to the Central Council Meeting:—Whit Sunday:

St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.  
St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.  
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 10 a.m.  
Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.  
Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.

St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents the following towers will be available to Central Council representatives for peals: St. Clement Danes (10), Enfield (8), Edmonton, All Saints' (8). Representatives desirous of taking part in peals at Edmonton or Enfield please communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield. For St. Clement Danes write to Mr. J. W. Cornford. Applications must be received not later than May 19th.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. secretary, College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. secretary, Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**PEALS FOR TWO SOCIETIES.**

'Enquiry' writes: 'When peals are published under two Associations or Societies, do both include the peal in their records, or only the society first named?'

We believe the general practice is that, for the purposes of association records, both societies enter the peal. For the purposes of the Peals Analysis, compiled by the Central Council, the peal goes to the credit of the society first named only.

**ASHTON KEYNES BELLS.**

The bells at Ashton Keynes, Wilts, have recently been quarter-turned, and on Thursday, May 8th, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on them by F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, F. Edwards 4, H. C. Bond 5. Also a six-score, with F. Poole, one of the local ringers, on the treble. The bells are in good going order.

**THE LATE MR. THOMAS DOBLE.****SPADE WORK IN SOMERSET.**

The West Somerset coroner (Mr. Foster Barham) conducted an inquest at Stogursey on Monday week upon the late Mr. Thos. Doble, who died suddenly while ringing on the previous Saturday. Medical evidence showed that a blood vessel on the brain was ruptured, and death was caused by extensive hæmorrhage.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of last week at St. James' Cemetery, Taunton, the first part of the service being held in St. Mary's Church, where deceased had been parastan for close on 40 years. The Rev. S. W. Payne officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Allen, and the full choir attended as a mark of respect to one who was a former chorister. The hymns sung were 'Pleasant are Thy courts above,' and 'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.' At the close of the impressive service, the Dead March in 'Saul' was played by Mr. C. J. Revell, in the absence of Mr. H. A. Jeboult. The mourners were Misses A. and G. Doble (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Doble (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nevill (son-in-law and daughter), and Miss Membury (cousin). A large congregation was present, including the churchwardens, and many prominent tradesmen and residents of the town. Mr. E. E. Burgess, general hon. secretary, represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and Mr. P. Merson, hon. secretary, the Taunton Deanery. The bearers were fellow ringers from St. James' Church, Messrs. W. J. Tarr, H. Basley, E. Priddle, E. E. Burgess and J. Hunt.

After the committal prayers at the cemetery, four ringers stood around the grave, and rang on a sweet-toned peal of handbells a course of Grandsire Triples: J. Maddock 1—2, J. Hunt 3—4, H. J. Poole 5—6, P. Merson 7—8. The bearers and other ringers returned to St. James' Church and rang 504 changes each of Stedman Triples (E. E. Burgess, conductor) and Grandsire Triples (J. Hunt, conductor). In the evening, St. Mary's peal of twelve was rung in rounds by ringers from Taunton and neighbourhood; also a touch of Stedman Caters, with J. Burge conductor.

Mr. Doble was amongst the first to join the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on its formation in 1890, but several years before this he had endeavoured to promote change ringing in the county. In 1886 he conducted the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles on St. Mary's bells, and he was the leader there for a number of years. For some years past he had been an honorary member of St. James' band. His peals do not tally with his spade work in the years that are gone, for the services he rendered the association in its early days by helping young bands were invaluable, and his efforts have borne fruit. His peals number 45, including Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. He rang his last peal in 1921. In addition to the local association, he was a member of the Devonshire Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Many beautiful flowers were sent, including one from the C.E.M.S., and one from the ringers of St. James'.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch was held on Saturday week at Chipping Norton, ringers being present from a number of towers. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Service was held in church. The Rev. Noel Hopkins gave an eloquent address. Tea was next partaken of, when the following towers were represented: Ascott, Churchill, Chipping Norton, Chastleton, Charlbury, Enstone, and Spelsbury, with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) were also present. At the business meeting, the accounts were passed. Special mention was made of the loss the branch had sustained by the death of one of its oldest hon. members, the late Mr. W. Toy.—The chairman (the Rev. J. W. Palmer), the branch secretary (Mr. J. Keyte), and also the Guild representatives were all re-elected.

It was proposed to make the opening of Spelsbury bells a special meeting, and to hold the autumn meeting at Churchill.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the Master of the Guild made special allusion to the leading article on the front page of that week's 'Ringing World.' He urged more ringers to support the paper, and Mr. T. Hibbert endorsed the Master's remarks.

Mr. A. J. Wright spoke on the finances of the Guild.

Ringers then made their way to the tower for further ringing, which brought a successful meeting to a close.

**RINGER AS CHURCHWARDEN FOR 25 YEARS.**

At Chorley (Lancashire) Parish Church, on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins. by J. Marsden 1, G. W. Brindle 2, R. Clayton 3, W. Blackledge 4, J. H. Gartside, junr., 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, G. Hewitt (first quarter-peal on a working bell) 7, H. Southworth 8. The quarter-peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Gartside, senr., on his retirement from the office of warden after 25 years' service. He has also been associated with ringing in this tower for more than fifty years. All the above band are service ringers at the church.

**BELL WEIGHTS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There was a misprint in my former letter to you relating to bell weights, which I neglected to correct, but will answer one of the questions in Mr. Burton's letter. The last sentence should have read: '— in former days bells were weighed WITH the clappers.' Bells are weighed before being tuned, and those are the weights given in the tower. It is hardly likely that founders have to lose metal turned out by tuning (especially nowadays). No doubt if I gave wrong information on that point, one of the founders would pull me up.

With regard to St. Peter Mancroft bells being retuned, that is no doubt a matter of opinion. Some people, of course, would like to see the canons cut off these bells.

As quite modern tenors have been weighed again when being rehung and found to be lighter, I think the 'clappers and tuning' argument will stand against 'inaccuracy of scales.'—Yours faithfully,  
CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

**DEATH OF FORMER SUSSEX RINGER.**

Sussex ringers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Sydney Saker, who for some years was hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of the Association. He had been a member of the Blacklands Guild, Hastings, for a long period, and an honorary member of the Battle Society since 1896. He rang his first peal at this historic place on Feb. 29th, 1896, and, through his instrumentality in getting some well-known ringers to that distant corner of the county, some of the Battle men, in 1898, were enabled to ring their first peal of Stedman. Two journeys were required for this peal, for the first attempt was stopped in the last 500 by the Dean, who admitted himself to the tower by his private key. Mr. Saker did a great deal to encourage ringing in East Sussex, and in conducting the affairs of the association he brought to bear a keen business instinct and a professional training, together with a genial disposition which made him beloved by all who knew him.

Mr. Saker had resided for some time at Purley, where he died on April 19th, after a painful illness, extending over several months. The funeral took place at Hastings on April 24th. The first part of the service was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Thornton) officiating. The interment was at the Borough Cemetery. The tower bells were rung fully muffled as a last mark of respect, both before and after the service, by the Blacklands ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. Livermore, the captain.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****STOCKPORT BRANCH AND THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

'May is, according to the old poets, the "fairest maid" of the months. It is a delightful month, inasmuch that it has the fairness and beauty of youth; it is a time of freshness and fragrance outdoors, with the countryside garbed in beautiful green—a green such as the desert traveller must often long for in his exile' (A May Magazine).

But on the occasion of a Stockport branch meeting at Mottram-in-Longendale on Saturday last there was something else the desert traveller always longs for, viz., rain; the 'fayre mayd' was having a bath. Those who braved the elements were, however, amply rewarded for their trouble. The quality of Mottram bells and their 'go' being so well known, further comment is unnecessary. Ringing opened soon after 3 p.m., with a touch of Double Norwich, and much use was made of the bells until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Power), who gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, to which forty members and friends, including the Vicar, sat down. This had been kindly prepared by several ladies connected with the Parish Church.

Mr. J. H. Jackson presided over the business meeting. The question of 'general improvement' was brought up for discussion, and deferred for consideration.

A resolution supporting the motion of the Crewe branch, to have the Guild's annual festival, at present held on August Bank Holiday and the last Saturday in July, alternately, held on Easter Monday each year, was carried.

One new member was elected, and, in reply to the usual votes of thanks, the Rev. M. Power, a typical son of the Emerald Isle, expressed his pleasure in having the company of the Guild. He apologised for the state of the weather, and closed his remarks with a humorous story about the local weather, and it is doubtful whether our American cousins can beat it.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m. Many old ringers will be glad to learn that Mr. James Adams, of Sydney, formerly of Ashton-under-Lyne, and who has only recently arrived in this country, was present on the occasion, and looking well. He is staying with his nephew, Mr. B. Thorp, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**DEATH OF A WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.**

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Thomas O'Connor, who passed away on April 25th, at the age of 47 years, and who had been connected with St. Peter's tower, Wolverhampton, for about 25 years. The deceased had been ailing of late, and was advised to go into hospital for an operation, after which pneumonia set in and the end quickly came.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Fred. Stockley (Rector) at St. Peter's Church, and the committal prayers at the graveside said by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, who at one time was clerical secretary and treasurer to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of which the deceased was a member.

'Tommy' (as he was familiarly known) was of a genial disposition, and big-hearted. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow, son and three daughters to mourn their loss.

An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was made at St. Peter's on May 1st. All went well for two hours and forty minutes, when rapping on the belfry door brought about an untimely finish. Upon the door being opened, who should enter but a 'man in blue'! It appears that he had been requested by May-day demonstrators near by, to 'come to some arrangement' with the ringers, as the speakers could not be heard above the sound of the bells. When he realised the position—impressed upon him by the indignant band—he hinted that another start might be made. However, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (half-muffled) was made on May 9th at St. Luke's, but this, too, did not mature, through a turn-over in the 38th course.

**LAMBETH RINGERS ENTERTAIN ALDERSHOT RINGERS**

On Saturday, May 3rd, the ringers from Aldershot Parish Church (St. Michael the Archangel) visited London, and were entertained by Lambeth ringers, a very pleasant time being spent. An interesting hour or two was spent in Lambeth Palace; then came tea; a move afterwards being made to the belfry, and short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Rector of Lambeth (formerly Vicar of Aldershot), joined the party, and a social at the Rectory House occupied the remainder of the evening. The visitors departed after 'Auld Lang Syne' had been sung in approved fashion.

The trip was arranged in response to an invitation by Lambeth ringers in return for hospitality last summer, when the Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes and his ringers visited Aldershot, and a cricket match was played between the members of the respective towers. A warm friendship exists between Aldershot and Lambeth ringers, and it is hoped to foster this feeling by social events on future occasions.

The Aldershot ringers (particularly the juniors) will cherish very pleasant memories of their visit to Lambeth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern district of the Essex Association was held at Langham on Saturday, April 26th, when 31 members braved the storm. Service was conducted by the Rev. Ward, who is a member of the association, and who presided at the tea, which was provided at the Gunn Inn, Dedham, Host Sterry being a member of the local company. Three new members were elected, one of them at the age of 12 years, who rang a long touch of Bob Minor from the top of a box. It was quite an unusual sight to see so small a ringer.—Mr. W. J. Nevard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and Great Totham was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their meeting at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, May 3rd. There was a very poor attendance, members from Solihull, Smethwick, Netherton and Handsworth only being present, but the few had a very enjoyable time, and a good practice. Unfortunately there was no service, owing to the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Morgan) being ill. Very little business was done except to choose the place of the next meeting, St. Michael's, Greenhill, Lichfield, being selected, if permission can be obtained, on the first Saturday in July.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Neal for having everything ready, and for his help throughout the afternoon.

**THE PEAL AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—When I received the invitation to ring in the above peal, I was asked to represent the county of Middlesex. Having resided in Hampstead for upwards of 25 years, I claim that I have the right to do so, certainly more than many members of the Middlesex County Association who do not even reside in the county.—Yours truly,  
48, Mansfield Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. FRANK SMITH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. HIGH-WATER MARK.

The committee of the Midland Counties Association, in the annual report, state that the past year had been, financially, as fruitful as its preceding one, the balance sheet showing a clear gain of £38 5s. 5d. on the year's working. The association has apparently reached the high-water mark of prosperity, having a capital balance of upwards of £170. Heartiest thanks are accorded to those patrons and hon. members whose generous support has enabled the association to reach this goal. Grants to Church Bell Restoration Funds have been made to the following places: Castle Donington (£25), West Hallam (£3 3s.), Orston (£3 3s.), Belgrave (£5 5s.).

During the year 143 peals were rung for the association, and although this is a smaller total than the 149 rung during 1922, the variety and quality of methods undoubtedly show improvement. As an instance of this it may be mentioned that three quite distinct bands rang London Surprise. The great bulk of the peals have been rung in the Leicester district, as is shown by the fact that four Leicester members are credited during 1923 with totals of 59, 49, 45 and 42 M.C.A. peals each, respectively. Peals in Surprise methods increased from 30.8 per cent. to 34.2 per cent., and on eight or more bells, from 58.4 per cent. to 67.8 per cent. Three new methods were added to the peal list: Princess Mary Surprise Royal and New Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester, and Rutland Surprise Major at Bolsover. The membership roll on December 31st, 1923, was: Patrons and hon. members, 222; ringing members, 736; total, 958.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Wirksworth on Saturday, April 26th, members being present from Derby and Duffield, together with the local company, numbering about twenty. Owing to the weather conditions a few members were deterred from making the journey. Wirksworth, situate about 13 miles from Derby, is a pretty little market town, and is the terminus of the branch line of the L. M. and S. Railway from Duffield, the latter place at one time famous in ringing history.

The eight bells of St. Mary's Church were kept going in various methods, including Kent Treble Boh Major, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a few of the younger members secured their first touch in these methods.—At the business meeting a vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting, was carried unanimously.

It was decided that the next monthly meeting be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at the Loughborough District Meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th. Ringers were present from Loughborough, Shepshed, Hugglescote, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and the local tower. Touches of Stedman Doubles and Triples and Grandsire Triples and Boh Major were brought round.

The Rector conducted the service, and gave an address.

The meeting was held in the Schoolroom, when Messrs. John Albert Walton and Wallace Burton were elected ringing members, and the Rector an honorary member.

After the meeting, the ringers enjoyed a bountiful tea given by the Rector, to whom a hearty vote of thanks were given.

### STEBBING RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The annual festival organised by the Stebbing, Essex, ringers was attended by about 60 members of the Essex Association and friends from Braintree, Felsted, Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Rayne, and Stebbing. After a service at the Parish Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. C. E. Livesey, Vicar, the company adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea was provided by local ladies. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. L. Wiffen, District Master, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. sec., North-Eastern district; and Messrs. J. T. Barker and Stock, churchwardens.—Mr. Howard, proposing thanks to the Vicar, and to the ladies for providing tea, commented on the kindly welcome which the ringers received, and the pleasure it gave to visit the well-kept church at Stebbing, with its stone screen, considered to be the finest in Essex. Stebbing depended solely on agriculture, and the way in which the church was cared for denoted self-sacrifice by the parishioners.

The Vicar, in reply, said the church, previous to the Reformation, was closely associated with the social life of the people, as was shown by the recreation and amusements it provided after holy days. The present year would witness the 600th anniversary of Stebbing Church, and a week's commemoration would be held in July, when the Bishops of Chelmsford and Colchester and three previous Vicars of Stebbing would take part. A pageant was being written for production on the vicarage lawn.

During the evening there were songs by Mr. M. E. Hammond, Mr. C. G. Cargill, and Mrs. Haslen, handbell ringing by Braintree and Stebbing ringers, and touches on the church bells, including London Surprise.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING SCHEME DRAFTED.

A general meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, and as this place is not one of the best to reach either by train or road, it was a most gratifying surprise to the officials to see such a good attendance of ringers, who were present from Tadcaster, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Newcastle, Shildon, Saltburn, Stockton, Scarborough, and the local company. The bells, a beautiful peal of eight, recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in the early part of 1914, were set going shortly after 9 a.m., and kept going until about 7 p.m. in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. A short service was held in the church at noon, and dinner was provided at the Victoria Hotel, the company numbering 54. The president (the Rev. A. Simpson) was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Robson, M.A.), the wardens, the vice-presidents (Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. J. W. Passman), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

The loyal toast was honoured, and the President, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address to the ringers, thanked him most heartily for the interest shown in ringers' work. He also thanked the wardens and the organist for officiating at the organ during the service.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Robin Hood's Bay, and hoped that meetings like those would come round oftener. He hoped the association would not be long before they could arrange another meeting there, by which time he hoped the Vicarage, now undergoing alterations and repairs, would be completed, so that he could ask them to look round and have a cup of tea with them.

Nine new members were elected, including the Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay as an hon. member; two life members from Tadcaster; two life members from Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and four performing yearly members.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to consider and report to the next meeting the Sunday Service ringing scheme, presented their report, which it was hoped each belfry would consider, so that it could be got into working order, and adopted at the annual meeting to be held at Middlesbrough on Whit-Monday next, June 8th.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### THE CLOSING OF QUEENBOROUGH TOWER.

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester district was held at Hartlip, on Saturday, April 26th, and owing to the threatening weather only a small number attended, apart from the local band, about 20 ringers putting in an appearance. What was lacking in numbers, however, was made up for in other ways, as the ringing was good, the service hearty and bright, the tea very enjoyable, and the business short and unanimous. Ringing commenced soon after three, and methods from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise rung. The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Creaton). The organist and a full choir attended, also a few villagers. The Vicar gave an excellent ringers' address, and at the close tea was partaken of in the schoolroom adjoining, over 40 sitting down to a repast, which had been admirably catered for by lady helpers of the church.

After tea, Colonel Locke presented to the Vicar, for the church, a history of the bells at Hartlip, which gave full particulars of the first castings—and subsequent recastings—together with all inscriptions on the bells. This had been handsomely inscribed and framed, and the Vicar promised it should be hung in a prominent place in the church.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Luck, churchwarden, Colonel Locke, Messrs. Haigh and Spice (district representatives), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). Two new members were elected, one non-resident, who was proposed previous to a peal, and Swanscombe was unanimously chosen as the next meeting-place, in July.

The Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between the Vicar of Queenborough and himself, arising out of the proposed visit, from which it appeared that the Queenborough tower had been closed owing to three or four of the ringers not regularly attending church. The secretary had written regretting the Vicar's drastic action, and said he hoped they would soon re-form a band so that the bells might be heard again.—His action was approved of by the meeting.

Mr. F. Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and presiding over the meeting; to the organist and choir for their attendance, and to the ladies who had so kindly arranged the tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased they were to have a visit of the association, and remarked on the contrast of Hartlip to Queenborough. All his adult choristers were ringers, and nearly all the ringers choristers, and most regular in their attendance. He did not entirely approve of the action of the Vicar at the latter place in closing the tower; if he were not satisfied he would "close" the ringer—not the tower.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and Rainham bells were also available, where standard methods were rung.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 25 runs: A. Bromley (first 720) 1, R. T. Lambert 2, G. Burt 3, F. J. Lambert, senr., 4, R. E. Lambert 5, H. J. Hammond 6.

**PENSHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for Divine service, and as a last token of respect to the late Viscount Hardinge, of South Park, Peshurst, who has acted as Rector's warden for the past 21 years, and was elected to fill the post for the ensuing year only five days before his death, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled bells, were rung by the following: Morning: L. Goater 1, M. Lambert 2, A. Richardson 3, D. Findlay 4, C. Baker 5, A. Reader 6, H. Seal (conductor) 7, H. Baker 8. Evening: B. Pankhurst 1, J. Medhurst 2, A. Denton 3, A. Reader 4, C. Baker 5, J. Denton 6, P. Denton (conductor) 7, H. Baker 8.

**THAMES DITTON.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 4th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. F. Adley (conductor) 1, F. Hawthorne 2, W. Massey 3, G. Higgs 4, F. Brown 5, W. Tilley 6. Ringer of 5th bells from St. Mary's, West Molesey.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, J. E. Waters 2, F. Edwards 3, H. Glassor 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, F. J. Lewis 6, G. Dore 7, W. H. Hayward 8.

**PURTON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: H. Lewis 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. H. Hayward 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Upshall 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 in the same method.—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Prior 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, E. J. King (Peckham) 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Fraser (Eltham, first quarter of Stedman, aged 77) 1, H. Belcher 2, T. A. Easterby 3, H. James 4, E. B. Crowder 5, J. Daffers 6, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Rurrell 8.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. Potter 1, F. Rigby 2, J. Bolton 3, E. Cusforth 4, John Potter 5, J. T. Potter 6, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary sermons.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, May 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. Dew 5, W. Tucker 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

**HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. J. Ross 1, E. G. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, F. Blee 4, T. Langdon 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. T. Tucker 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. D. Harris 4, W. Tate 5, W. G. Edwards 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8.—Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. W. Rogers 3, W. Tate 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Sunday, May 4th, for special service, at the Cathedral, 528 Grandsire Cinques: G. Williams (conductor) 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. Paine 3, W. C. Lampard 4, F. Cox 5, H. Cook 6, W. Tate 7, W. Andrews 8, F. W. Rogers 9, C. Russell 10, E. G. Lampard 11, G. Noice 12.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, for evensong, on May 4th, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: G. W. Cooper 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. Vincent 3, H. A. Edwards 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, A. Prior 6, H. Wood 7, W. Stead (conductor) 8.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, W. Chapman 2, R. Scott 3, H. Norman 4, W. Cross 5, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 6, A. J. Andrews 7, J. Carter 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Barrett (first quarter-peal) 1, B. O. Soden 2, H. Mariow 3, J. W. Wetherell 4, J. Mackay 5, J. Bennett 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8.

**TEING, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 490 Grandsire Triples: F. Askew 1, C. Badrick 2, F. Keen 3, H. Rhil 4, P. Hart 5, F. C. Reeve 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th, and also of 4th on an inside bell.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. A. Harding 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. J. Moore (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell) 4, J. H. Munisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Rung for evensong.

**KIDLINGTON.**—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Webb, F. R. Coombes, L. Tuffrey, E. Bennett, C. Bennett, J. Franklin, J. Judge (conductor), A. Morris.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor), F. R. Coombes, F. Webb, E. Bennett, C. Bennett, J. Franklin, W. F. Judge, W. H. Thorne.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—On Sunday, April 20th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Watson 1, T. Coulthurst 2, Geo. Jackson 3, Miss Stuart 4, W. H. Deanison (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe (covering) 7.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. Ellis (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.—On April 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. Barnett 2, W. Ellis 3, H. Strickland 4, S. W. Crabb 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. Ellis (conductor) 4, E. A. Hull 5, C. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, W. Scott, junr., 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway (first as conductor in the method) 5, W. Upton 6, H. Jennings 7, J. Leal 8.—On Sunday May 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Chambers 1, W. H. Fussell 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, S. Moody (first quarter-peal) 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: B. Wilson 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Bookwood 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 London Surprise: F. A. Mitchell 1, J. Burles 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, L. Beckett 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: S. Baker 1, C. M. Mitchell (first in the method 'inside') 2, F. M. Mitchell 3, L. Beckett 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad (conductor) 7, A. Bookwood 8.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, G. Hewett 3, G. Coomber 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, J. Pelling 8.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday morning, in connection with the Vicar's last service at the Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, W. Mills 3, G. Hewett 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.—Also for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Lambert 1, W. Mills 2, M. E. Hope 3, G. Tuzzard 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

## NOTICES.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, May 24th. Meeting at Bishopwearmouth Church (8) at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity (8) and St. Ignatius (8). Tea in St. Ignatius Mission Hall, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before May 21.—George S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Over, Alderley, on Saturday, May 24th.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 27th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene St., Chelsea, S.W.3.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands (Sermon by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton), at 5 p.m. Tea 1/6 per head in the Schoolroom adjoining; afterwards followed by the business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) will be allowed to members attending. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Christ Church, Hastings; 2.30 to 4.30, and at the latter church from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Cecil H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.**—The official opening of recast peal of bells will take place on May 17th. Hearty invitation to all. Ringing from 2.20. Tea 1s. 3d.—E. Malkin, Sheffield Park, Glossop.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 4.45, at the Bear Hotel. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on May 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. E. W. Bryan) will entertain the members to tea.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, May 17th.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—An intermediate meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6). Short service in the church at 4.30. General meeting at 5. All ringers are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A combination meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, May 17th. Bells at 5 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Archdeacon Howson will hold a special service during the afternoon. Meeting by arrangement. All ringers welcome. Come in hundreds and make this meeting a success.—John Halsall, 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Kilndown (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Vicarage Rooms for all who advise me, not later than the 20th, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 21st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Meeting 6.30 in Institute. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec., 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (10) will be available at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow, kindly arranged by C. H. Drake, Esq. Will all those requiring tea, which will be at a small charge, please send their names to me not later than May 20th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Carlton (6) on Saturday, May 24th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 20th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting May 24th, at Shaftesbury. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30, at Holy Trinity Church. Preacher, Rev. F. W. Aldous. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers available: Holy Trinity, St. Peter's and St. James', Shaftesbury, Motcombe, Fontmell Magna and Compton Abbas.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston, Dorset.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Whitney-on-Wye on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at the Vicarage, by the kind invitation of the Rev. L. W. Richings, R.D. Kindly advise me by the 19th.—J. P. Hyatt, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at Thurleigh. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 24th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, May 24th. The bells, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank, at liberty from 3 o'clock. Tea by invitation at 5 o'clock, meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please send word to Mr. H. Gaskell, 274, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday morning?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards at the school. Visitors requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, the 21st.—Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. It is hoped members will endeavour to attend.—F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will all those who intend being present kindly send in their names to reach me not later than Wednesday, May 21st?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 24th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea, 2s. each, at Mr. V. Beesley's, 34, Southgate, 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. W. Dickinson, Gas Works, Heckington, by the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 19th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St. Magnus on May 29th. \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BRIDPORT, DORSET.**—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Thursday, May 29th, Ascension Day, at 8 p.m. The bells will be available for visitors on Friday, the 30th, from 10 a.m., when all ringers, especially change ringers, will be welcomed.—T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, May 27th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, May 31st. Bells: Eynesbury (6), St. Neots (8) and Eaton Socon (6). Service in Eynesbury Church at 4.30. Tea, in the Church Room, at 5. Members 4d., non-members 6d. All wishing for tea please notify the District Secretary (Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton) by Tuesday, May 27th.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Next meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided to all members who notify Mr. E. Ayers, 4, Bull Hill, Oxenhope, by Tuesday, May 27th, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Alderton, by invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will all those likely to be present please let me know not later than the 27th? — Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.** — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, May 31st, to Brighton. Leave Victoria Station by 12.45 p.m. train. The charge for members will be 5s. Will all members wishing to attend please let the hon. secretary know by Wednesday, May 28th, the latest, to enable him to make necessary arrangements for reduced fares?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec. Telephone number: Malden 117.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be on the 14th June next at Staveley.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

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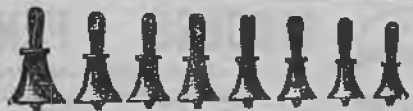
**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday, April 9th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. E. Jelly 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, J. Foster (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, H. Harris 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**—On Monday evening, April 7th, 504 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Tickner 3, H. Baker 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. Tribe 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Neve 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, W. H. Lambert 5, H. Baker 6, R. Edwards 7, A. Blackman 8. Longest length by Messrs. Brown and Neve.

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