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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The labours of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council for more than a year past will be found concentrated in the tables and report which we print in this issue, and will provide our readers, not only with a fund of information, but with material for much study, if they would compare what was done in peal ringing in 1923 with the results of 1922. These annual statistics, with the commentary of the report, are full of interest to the ringer who has any more than a purely selfish interest in peal ringing. They are a useful index to the progress made in the art, by individual societies as well as by the Exercise as a whole, for, while the principal duty of ringers is in connection with the services of the church, it cannot be denied that peal ringing is one of the best indications of their capabilities.

This analysis, which was originally privately published, has been officially compiled by the Central Council for many years past, and, to those gentlemen responsible for the actual work, the Exercise is greatly indebted, for the labour involved is really colossal. It is spread right over the year during which the peals are rung and through the months which follow, for the final tabulation cannot, of course, be completed until the last of the records has appeared. We doubt if any but those who have actually taken part in the work can fully realise all that is involved in the task, and it is fortunate for the Exercise that the Central Council can find men able and willing to devote so much time to this matter. And not only is it a question of giving the necessary time. Infinite pains are required in the sorting out of details, for without accuracy the analysis would be useless. The report is itself a monument to the Committee's work, and the records of the Exercise would be much less complete without it.

It is impossible here to touch on the many points of interest which are revealed in the analysis, but it is pleasing to be able to note that, reckoned in points, the peals rung show an increase in the quality of the methods. It is a singular fact that the number of peals was exactly the same as in the preceding year. The aggregate of points is, however, 31,538, against 30,362 in 1922, and the average per peal is thus increased from 16.1 to 16.736. Twelve-bell peals have increased, but there was a falling off in the number of ten-bell peals by no fewer than 36, and while Surprise peals on ten and twelve bells are down by 12, Surprise Major peals have leapt up by no fewer than 39. On the other hand, comparing the figures with

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those of 1922, these Surprise Major methods were rung by only 25 associations, whereas the lower number of the previous year was spread over 29 societies. This seems to be the least encouraging feature of the year's peal ringing, but in most respects the analysis fully justifies the Committee's comment that, in view of the general conditions which have prevailed, the Exercise is in a very healthy condition.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb. in D flat.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED BARNES... .. | Treble | EDWARD JENKINS... .. | 7 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. | 2 | SAMUEL WOOD... .. | 8 |
| TOM WILDE... .. | 3 | SAMUEL BOOTH... .. | 9 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. | 4 | CHARLES R. JILLEY... .. | 10 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. | 5 | GABRIEL LINDOFF... .. | 11 |
| TITUS BARLOW... .. | 6 | HARRY CHAPMAN... .. | Tenor |

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal on the bells. First twelve-bell peal in the county. The band represents nine towers, four counties and two countries. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. S. Wood for making arrangements, and Messrs. Norbury and Walmsley for having everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

| | | | |
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| EDGAR GUISE... .. | Treble | ALFRED PEARCE... .. | 6 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES... .. | 2 | WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. | 7 |
| MISS ANNIE BROWN... .. | 3 | JOSEPH GOULD... .. | 8 |
| EDWIN J. BROWN... .. | 4 | HENRY T. HOWELL... .. | 9 |
| GILBERT PEARCE... .. | 5 | GEORGE TREW... .. | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD... .. | Treble | CHARLES SENIOR... .. | 5 |
| H. E. RICHARDS... .. | 2 | WILLIAM H. SENIOR... .. | 6 |
| PERCY GOIT... .. | 3 | HERBERT DRANSFIELD... .. | 7 |
| ALBERT NORTH... .. | 4 | SAM GIBSON... .. | Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. HARDY.

Conducted by S. GIBSON.

* First peal and first attempt, and bells from Huddersfield. Ringers of treble, 5th and 7th are from Earlsheaton; 3rd and 4th from Mirfield; 6th and tenor from Batley. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Garforth.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH, W.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb.

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|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| CHARLES F. W. HUNT... .. | Treble | HARRY H. MANCE... .. | 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... .. | 2 | JEFFERY R. GAMMON... .. | 6 |
| FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW... .. | 3 | FRANK SKEVINGTON... .. | 7 |
| RALPH MACKRILL... .. | 4 | HARRY MANCE... .. | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
(SPICED), 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble | RICHARD A. GOFTON 5 |
| JAMES E. GOFTON 2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6 |
| GEORGE R. HOLMES 3 | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7 |
| R. ALDER GOFTON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung, and there were 2,528 changes in each method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| BERNARD V. COLLISON ... Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5 |
| HERBERT MARKWELL 2 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6 |
| WILLIAM LATTER 3 | *FRED. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 7 |
| MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 4 | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last, of Tonbridge. For calling see C.C. Collection, No. 177.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

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| *JOHN LOFTHOUSE Treble | JOHN WATSON 5 |
| MATTHEW KEARNEY 2 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6 |
| THOMAS STANCLIFFE 3 | THOMAS WILSON 7 |
| ESAU WALMSLEY 4 | †WILLIAM E. WILSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. † 50th peal for Lancashire Association. This peal was rung to commemorate the passing of the Blackburn Bishopric Bill through Parliament.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, DEANE,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5 |
| *FRED. F. RIGBY 2 | †ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6 |
| JOHN POTTER 3 | *PETER CROOK 7 |
| JAMES BOLTON 4 | FRED. PAGE Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from treble. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the 7th ringer.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George the Martyr, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| *ARTHUR H. KEIGHLEY ... Treble | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | EDWARD D. SMITH 6 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL 7 |
| WILLIAM A. BATTEN 4 | †HAROLD N. PLATT Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| OSWALD J. HUNT Treble | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5 |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH 2 | WILLIAM T. COX 6 |
| JAMES F. CLARKE 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 4 | HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor |

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *FRANK BELSEY Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 2 | WILLIAM SPICE 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | *HARRY PARKES 7 |
| ISAAC EMERY 4 | CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 200th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR LINTOTT Treble | THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 5 |
| JOHN WILKINSON 2 | PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6 |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3 | JAMES MARTIN 7 |
| THOMAS W. GILMOUR 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

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

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble | HARRY BAKER 5 |
| *MRS. H. BAKER 2 | GEORGE BILLENNESS 6 |
| CHARLES TRIBE 3 | TRAYTON BOOTH 7 |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4 | WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major with an inside bell. The above is probably the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ARCHIE T. DRAGE Treble | WILLIAM K. NORTH 5 |
| HERBERT W. DRAGE 2 | WALTER SMITH 6 |
| ALFRED CLARK 3 | BARNARD PATMORE 7 |
| WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE ... 4 | ARTHUR BARLEY Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal of Triples by all except conductor. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt on May 10th, and on the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th, and on the occasion of the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the 4th, to whom the band offer their congratulations. The conductor hails from Great Munden, remainder are local.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

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| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... Treble | FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5 |
| MISS NORA SHORTER ... 2 | CLARENCE H. DORRIS ... 6 |
| RICHARD HAYES ... 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING ... 4 | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIS WEITHAM ... Treble | ROBERT HARRISON ... 5 |
| HARRY BOWER ... 2 | *FRED. MORTIMER ... 6 |
| GEORGE LEWIS ... 3 | OLIVER CAWOOD ... 7 |
| JAMES EVINSON ... 4 | COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor |

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal and first attempt.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

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| THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5 |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2 | *CHARLES WEBB ... 6 |
| *JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3 | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. BALL ... 4 | ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of London as conductor. * First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Elijah White, one of the local ringers, on his 80th birthday. The ringer of the third bells from Long Eaton.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Treble | FRANK CLAYDON ... 5 |
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... 2 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3 | WALTER SMITH ... 7 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4 | WALTER HAMMOND ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by the 7th and tenor ringers. Rung immediately after the induction, and as a welcome to the Rev. Bassett Kerry; also as a birthday compliment to Geo. Wiffen.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

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| WILLIAM JOHNSON ... Treble | REGINALD BROWN ... 5 |
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... 2 | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6 |
| JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM CHAMBERS ... 4 | HARRY BARTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman in Carisbrooke. To commemorate the late William Rayner, buried at Arreton on May 15th, 1923, who for 50 years carried on change ringing in the island.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEDDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ROWLAND LEWIS ... Treble | CHRIS. BOWERS ... 4 |
| CHARLES LAYTON ... 2 | DAVID HORNE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID HORNE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Ranford. It was also the quarterly peal for the Ledbury district.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN C. OWEN ... Treble | *FRANK JAMES ... 2 |
| ALBERT H. HARBER ... 2 | *SIDNEY ELTON ... 3 |
| *THOMAS C. SYKES ... 3 | THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty 120's of Grandsire (10 callings), and twelve Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR THORNTON ... Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4 |
| WILLIAM LEANING ... 2 | GEORGE HOBBS ... 5 |
| JACK BRAY ... 3 | BERNARD GILLATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal by all the band except conductor. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY HODSON ... Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4 |
| *CHARLES ROBINSON ... 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5 |
| ALBERT HUCKLE ... 3 | ARTHUR KING ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT 'ST. MICHAELS,' JOSEPH'S ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2 | *A. C. HAZELDEN ... 5-6 |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4 | *MRS. A. C. HAZELDEN ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: GEORGE PETTER.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE.**

MR. J. W. PARKER'S REMARKABLE PRODUCTION.

Ever since the possibility of splicing methods has been realised, composers have sought to join up the Surprise Major methods, but without success; indeed it was generally considered that the false-ness which must occur would inevitably preclude any true peal in, at any rate, the old and best known methods.

But even this field of what many thought to be fruitless research has at length been conquered, and once again the Exercise owes another forward step in the practice of change ringing to the genius of Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, who only a few weeks ago published in our columns an article showing how peals combining Stedman and Erin Triples could be obtained in symmetrical courses.

Mr. Parker has opened up a new phase in ringing, and in obtaining a peal of Spliced Surprise Major has given not only ringers, but composers, something to think about. To get this peal he has not had to find two methods with clean proof scales, but has spliced together Cambridge and Superlative! Both methods are rung in every course; neither method is exclusively used at any particular lead, although it will be seen that Cambridge is rung mostly in the first three leads, and Superlative in the last three, and what strikes us as being remarkable is that the peal is made up of exactly the same number of changes from each method.

The peal has been rung by the Whitley Bay band, who are to be congratulated upon having added one more to their many successes, and it is quite certain that if other bands take up this advanced form of method ringing they will find in it something that will tax their capabilities, and, we imagine, add to the interest of their peals.

The leads in each course

to be rung as

| | M | W | H | Cambridge | Superlative |
|--------------|---|---|---|-----------|-----------------|
| 5056 | | | | | |
| 23456 | | | | | |
| 42356 | | | | 123 | 4567 |
| 65324 | — | — | — | 123 | 7 456 |
| 43526 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 54326 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 35426 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 45623 | — | — | — | 1234 | 7 56 |
| 36524 | — | — | — | 1234 | 567 |
| 53624 | — | — | — | 1234 | 567 |
| 62534 | — | — | — | 1234 | 7 56 |
| 45236 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 24536 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 52436 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 42635 | — | — | — | 12345 | 7 6 |
| 56234 | — | — | — | 1234 | 567 |
| 25634 | — | — | — | 1234 | 567 |
| 63254 | — | — | — | 1234 | 67 5 |
| 26354 | — | — | — | 12 | 34567 |
| 32654 | — | — | — | 1 | 234567 |
| 32546 Before | — | — | — | 12 | 67 (come 3 & 4) |
| 53246 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 25346 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 34256 | — | — | — | 123 | 4567 |
| 23456 | — | — | — | 23 | 1 4567 |

The leads as shown give 2528 of each method. The 4th leads may be rung in either method, but all the others must be strictly adhered to, or falseness will occur.

The composition also runs true to Superlative only, but not Cambridge.

First rung as printed above at St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, conducted by J. A. Gofton.

TERLING BELLS REHUNG.

The beautiful old peal of five bells in the Church of All Saints, Terling, Essex, have been rehung by Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich. The work has been admirably carried out. It was proposed to add a new treble bell to make a ring of six, and it is a great pity that funds were not forthcoming to carry out the whole work. Mr. Howell has, however, so rehung the existing five bells that a new treble bell can be easily added, and it is hoped this will be done in the near future.

NOISY RINGING CHAMBERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—After our bells were recast a few years ago we had the same trouble as your correspondent, viz., too much noise; in fact, we could not hear the bobs called unless we put wadding in our ears. We have had this altered in a way I can recommend, by having a new floor put in 18 inches below the old one. The material used is 3-ply oak about 1-inch thick put together in panels about 4ft. square, and covered on top with sound proof felt about 1-inch thick. This has made a very satisfactory job, and looks well. Our tenor is 25½ cwt., and the ringing chamber is about 20ft. by 18ft. by about 18ft. high. I think that to leave the air space between the floors does more to reduce the sound than filling it up with wool.—Yours faithfully,
J. H. BFD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.**

The annual meeting of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Swindon on May 10th. The beautiful toned peal of ten at Christ Church recently opened were available from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., and made full use of.

The management committee meeting was held at the King's Arms Hotel in the afternoon, after which a service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Bodycomb, in the absence, through ill-health, of the Vicar (Canon Mayall). The address was given by the Vice-President (the Ven. the Archdeacon of Swindon), who made reference to the great and successful effort of Mr. E. Bishop in raising funds for the new bells at the Parish Church.

Tea was prepared at the King's Arms Hotel, and 72 sat down, including five clergy.

At the business meeting which followed, the balance sheet was unanimously adopted, and its completion in time for that meeting was a pleasing feature.

All the officers were re-elected, and the remaining business successfully carried through.

A vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon for attending the meeting was proposed, and carried unanimously, and in response, the Ven. Archdeacon stated that he was agreeably surprised at the remarkably businesslike way in which the association was conducted. He was very glad to have been with them that day.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Bodycombe, the organist, Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. Hearn, concluded the business.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, 1925.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**REVIVAL OF AN OLD SOCIETY.**

An inaugural meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, and attended by a number of Nottingham and district ringers. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Coppock, local vice-president of the M.C.A., supported by Mr. F. Blood, hon. local secretary, M.C.A., and representatives from St. Mary and St. Peter's, Nottingham; Beeston, Ilkeston and Cotgrave.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, explained that the idea was to revive the old society in order to keep green the memory of the late William Doubleday Crofts, to provide a meeting-place for social intercourse and handbell ringing, and to encourage combined practices in the district.

On being put to the meeting, it was unanimously decided to form the society. The election of officers then resulted as follows: Master, Mr. A. Coppock; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Blood; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Jones; steward, Mr. F. W. Bailey.

The place of meeting and amount of the subscription were then considered, and suggestions made as to how the society can be made of benefit to the district.

Eventually these details were left in the hands of the committee to discuss and draft rules, etc., and report at the next meeting.

Several touches were afterwards rung upon handbells, the meeting altogether being a success. It is hoped soon to attempt a peal at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, where the late W. D. Crofts was the leader.

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

Sir,—Referring to the above peal, and to Mr. Frank Smith's letter in this week's paper, his right to represent the county of Middlesex in the peal has not been questioned, and is not likely to be as far as I am concerned.

But whatever he may have been asked when he received his invitation to ring does not appear to me to matter, seeing that the official record of the peal shows him to represent the Middlesex County Association. That it was the intention that ringers in the peal should represent associations is proved by the fact that one member of the band was elected to the Sussex Association before starting for the peal (as stated on page 281 of 'The Ringing World' for May 2nd), and also because that particular ringer does not live in Sussex, and could not, therefore, represent that county.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES, Joint Hon. Sec.,
Middlesex County Association.

P.S.—It would be interesting to know, quite apart from the above, if it is in order to elect a ringer to membership of an association, prior to starting for a peal for another association.

LADIES' GUILD.

An enjoyable practice of the Western District was held on Saturday at Coalpit Heath. The bells, a new ring of six by Taylor, of Loughborough, went beautifully, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Rob Minor were rung.

At the invitation of the Vicar, a party of twelve sat down to an excellent tea. Members will be notified of the arrangements for the annual meeting in July.

SECURITY OF TENURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The above seems better as a heading for the subject of which your excellent article on May 16th deals than 'Strikes and Lock-outs.' It not only sounds better, but it defines the point on which both ringers and clergy desire assurance.

As such an assurance is at least as much a benefit to the parish priest as to any individual ringer, I do not share your doubt as to our being able to include the clergy in such a scheme as you propose.

Supposing every association printed the following note at the end of their rules:—

SECURITY OF TENURE.—No ringer likes to feel that he may be excluded from the practice of an art to which he has devoted much time and labour. On the other hand, no parish priest would like to find that some Sunday the accustomed ringing was omitted, morning or evening.

Therefore, everyone who joins this association, ringer or clergyman, pledges himself by so doing, not to take any action which would interfere with the regularity of the ringing, until the difficulty which has arisen has been laid before their association. This last paragraph might well be repeated on each receipt form. Two results would be involved: every band would make most strenuous efforts to get all the clergy enrolled as members. At present some do not trouble about this. The result is that most clergy know little or nothing of our associations; if most of them were members few difficulties would arise.

And the associations would have to admit the clergy, whether ringers or not, for the same subscription as ringers. This would be in itself an excellent thing, and encourage the clergy to take an interest in ringing.

Will your readers, clergy and ringers, let us know what they think of this?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

DEATH OF AN AUGHTON RINGER.

SECRETARY OF FORMER LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The death of Mr. William Bentham, one of the ringers at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, took place on Wednesday, May 7th, after a brief illness. Mr. Bentham, who was in his 67th year, had retired on superannuation about a year ago, with the good wishes of his employer, the L. M. and S. Railway Co. He had been a ringer at Christ Church for over 40 years, and was, in conjunction with the late Rev. W. T. Bulpitt, ringing secretary of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, from its birth to the time of its amalgamation with the Lancashire Association. Previous to living at Aughton he had been a ringer at Wigan Parish Church, and owed his early instruction in the art to the late Mr. Jos. Prescott, of St. Peter's, Hindley. He was an excellent striker, and had conducted many peals of Grandsire Triples, as well as taking part in many peals in the other standard methods.

The funeral took place at Christ Church on Saturday, May 10th, in the presence of a large number of friends and parishioners, and also many officials, etc., of the L. M. and S. Ry. Co. Messrs. W. Fairclough, H. J. Morley, James Marsh and W. H. Gibbons, ringers at Christ Church, acted as bearers, and among the many beautiful floral tributes which covered the coffin was one in the form of a bell from his fellow ringers. Muffled touches were rung before and after the service, the local ringers being assisted by Messrs. E. Caunce (Liverpool) and H. Fyles (Halsall). An attempt for a muffled peal unfortunately came to grief, after 2 hrs. and 45 mins. ringing.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 10th. This village is very popular for a ringers' meeting, for all around the church everything is pleasing. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a large party gathered for tea.

A short business meeting followed. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Woolley) was present, and offered a hearty welcome to the association, and further expressed the wish to gain knowledge that would help him to strengthen the ties of fellowship that exist between church and ringers.

The Chairman (Mr. Wm. Reyner), on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome and kindly interest, and suggested as a stimulus the introduction of new blood into the art. Young men from the church should be introduced to the senior members, for their example and knowledge to be copied and emulated.

Sympathy was expressed towards two members, Messrs. Fish and E. Crossland, of Cawthorne, who are seriously ill, and it was hoped that their recovery may be speedy and complete.

Mention was made of the forthcoming cup contest at Hoylandswaine, particulars of which will be given later.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and local company, for the excellent arrangements.

PRESENTATION AT PORTISHEAD.

At St. Peter's belfry, Portishead, on Tuesday, May 13th, the captain, Mr. W. Gillingham, had a very pleasant surprise. A few of the former ringers wished to show their appreciation to their captain, and this took the form of an illuminated address framed in oak, and a handsome silver-mounted umbrella bearing the recipient's name.

The Rev. H. S. Briggs and Mrs. Grieves presented these tokens to Mr. Gillingham, and the address read as follows: 'Presented to Mr. W. Gillingham by his former pupils of Portishead belfry as a token of their affection and gratitude towards him.—Mary E. N. Briggs, Mabel G. N. Grieves, Edith M. Harvey, Mary G. Staley, Henry S. Briggs, Charles O. Grieves.'

Mr. Briggs spoke of the pleasure it had been to them to be members of the band for a number of years, and referred to the regular ringing for every Sunday service year by year, which was maintained by Mr. Gillingham's untiring energy. He hoped the forthcoming years would be as successful as the previous ones had been.

Mr. Gillingham, in expressing thanks and great surprise, said it had been a pleasure to have such apt pupils, and he regretted they were unable to continue their valuable help. His mind went back to the time of the commencement of their eight bell ringing. The two trebles were added in 1897 entirely by the efforts of the ringers, and Mr. Nisbet had been, then as now, his faithful colleague. Mr. T. Doble hung the two new bells which came from the Loughborough foundry, and the band deeply regretted to hear of Mr. Doble's sudden death, which took place quite recently.

It might be added that two of Mr. Gillingham's pupils took part in the first ladies' peal which was rung at Cubitt Town in 1913, also that his band of ladies rang the first peal for the Ladies' Guild at Portishead in 1915, the three first mentioned on the presentation address taking part. Of these events he is very proud.

The Portishead band read with great pleasure the account of the peal of Stedman which was rung at Old Windsor on May 10th, and offer their heartfelt congratulations to the eight ladies on their splendid achievement.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT OVERBURY.

On Saturday, May 10th, the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held the spring meeting at Overbury, and in spite of the inclement weather, and the fact that the village is only accessible by road, the attendance was well up to the average, nearly fifty members being present.

The bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon and evening in various Minor methods, and Doubles rung for the beginners. The association's special form of service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) gave an interesting address, taking for his text, 1 Cor. ix. 16, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' A collection, taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis Church and Bell Restoration Fund, realised 14s.

Tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar, was partaken of in the Village Hall, and at the subsequent business meeting he presided, supported by the Revs. T. P. O'Connor (curate of Overbury), G. W. Webb (curate of Breidons Norton), J. A. B. Mercier (Rector of Kemerton), D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), and Messrs. J. Hemming, J. D. Johnson and J. Hall (branch officers).—It was decided, subject to the approval of the Rev. G. H. B. Greening, to hold the summer meeting at Offenham, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. O. Attwood as conductor.

An interesting and encouraging feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers nominated for membership, no less than two honorary and fourteen performing members being elected.

On the proposition of Mr. C. A. Binyon, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, providing tea, and presiding at the meeting; and to all who had assisted in making the meeting such a success.—The reverend gentlemen present briefly replied in turn, and a selection of popular airs, and a touch of Erin Cinques on the handbells, brought a most successful and enjoyable afternoon to a close.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern district of the London County Association held a splendid meeting at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday. The church, which is situated in a quiet secluded spot, has a fine peal of eight on which a company of over 30 enjoyed ringing during the afternoon. Tea was served in the Church Room attached to the Vicarage, and a routine business meeting followed.

At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. H. Ensor (Vicar) for the use of the bells, and also for the sumptuous tea he provided. After the business a move was made to the church again, and the Vicar gave permission for an extra hour's ringing. Some good touches were accomplished, Stedman, Cambridge, and the other methods being rung. The ringers came from different parts of London, and some from outside the London area, which speaks well for the popularity of the tower, and also of the district.

ILMINSTER RINGER'S FIFTY YEARS' RINGING

An interesting function took place at Ilminster, Somerset, after the peal rung on the 10th inst., when Mr. Harry Raison was presented with a gold badge inscribed, 'Presented to Harry Raison by his brother ringers, May 10th, 1924—fifty years a ringer,' to commemorate the completion of fifty years' ringing. He commenced ringing at Puckington Church, three miles from Ilminster, half a century ago, and 32 years ago joined the Ilminster band, which was then being initiated into the art of change ringing. Of the members then constituting the company three remain to this day, and all three were in the peal, the other two were the ringers of the treble and fourth bells.

The writer took up ringing in 1898, and can vouch for the fact that Mr. Raison has been a most regular attendant at both practice and service ringing on Sundays. He has always been found at the back end, and though he has only scored three peals it has been due more to want of opportunity than lack of desire. Owing to the position of the church peal ringing is not encouraged.

After completing the peal, the party was joined by the other members of the Ilminster band, and sat down to a spread at which the presentation was made.—Mr. Raison suitably responded, and said it had come as a complete surprise to him. It had been his one idea to score a peal on the occasion.

It was suggested that the party might adjourn to Puckington, and have a pull there, as being an appropriate finish to the proceedings. Cars were chartered, and the whole party went merrily off in spite of a downpour of rain which had lasted practically the whole day. Here the conductor of the peal, Mr. J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton) initiated some of the company into the mysteries of Oxford Bob Minor and College Single, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were also rung.

YOUNG RINGER'S 50 PEALS.

Few young ringers can claim 50 peals while still only 16 years of age, and the half-century which has been completed by Jeffery R. Gammon is an extraordinarily good record. This promising ringer was a pupil of Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association, and the following is the list of his peals: Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Royal 5, Maximus 1, Stedman Triples 12, Caters 10 (including 6 on handbells), Cinques 5 (2 on handbells), Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Royal 1, London Surprise Major 2.

MR. JOHN FLINT'S 400 PEALS.

The peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Bolsover on Saturday, April 26th, was Mr. John Flint's 400th peal, a considerable number of which he has conducted. They have been rung in exactly 100 towers in 25 counties. The following is the list:—

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Minor in one method | 1 |
| Minor in two methods | 3 |
| Minor in three methods | 1 |
| Minor in 7 Treble Bob methods | 6 |
| Bob Triples | 1 |
| Bob Major | 3 |
| Boy Royal | 28 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 5 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major (on handbells) | 22 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 1 |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 2 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 4 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | 85 |
| Double Norwich Major | 2 |
| Double Norwich Caters | 4 |
| Double Norwich Royal | 1 |
| Grandsire Triples | 7 |
| Grandsire Caters | 9 |
| Stedman Triples | 20 |
| Stedman Caters | 6 |
| Stedman Cinques | 1 |
| Forward Major | 1 |
| Forward Royal | 6 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 4 |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal | 10 |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 75 |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 13 |
| Norfolk Surprise Major | 2 |
| Peterborough Surprise Major | 15 |
| Yorkshire Surprise Major | 1 |
| Yorkshire Surprise Royal | 1 |
| London Surprise Major | 20 |
| Bristol Surprise Major | 2 |
| Pudsey Surprise Major | 2 |
| Rutland Surprise Major | 2 |

Total ... 400

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Many happy returns' to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who will celebrate his 67th birthday on Tuesday.

The first peal at Gainsborough was rung 'on the new peal of eight bells,' on Whit Tuesday, May 24th, 1768, 'by the Nottingham band of Sherwood Youths.' This was 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal,' and the bobs were called by J. S. Canner. There is still a board in the tower recording this peal, and beneath the record are the words, 'Labor omnia vincit.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters (albeit a false one) was rung at Horsley Down Church, London, on May 28th, 1787.

The first Surprise peal out of England—Superlative—was rung at Bray, Ireland, on May 28th, 1801.

On May 28th, 1912, the present Bristol Surprise record was set up, when the peal of 15,264 was rung by the Middlesex Association, at Hornchurch, Essex, in 9 hrs. 49 mins., conducted by Mr. W. Pye. Another 'lucky' peal has to be recorded. A 5,024 of Bob Major was rung at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, on Saturday, and, when the bells were lowered, the 7th rope broke at the first pull.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Bolton on Friday, and was the first peal in the method by Fred P. Rigby, who rang the 2nd. This young man rang his first touch in change ringing on May 13th, 1923, and in just a year has rung six peals in six methods—and he has not yet left school. There is promising material here.

A peal was rung at Wrentham, Suffolk, on Thursday, to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton. Mr. Naunton, who is the 'father' of change ringing in that part of Suffolk, is 80 years of age, and has been a ringer at the Parish Church, Wrentham, for over 50 years. Owing, however, to ill-health he was compelled to give up ringing at the end of February. We hope, however, he may yet sufficiently recover to return to his place in the belfry.

At the Easter Vestry, at Feering, Essex, Mr. C. J. Rogers, a ringer at All Saints' Church, was elected people's warden.

As we mentioned in this column last week, it is 50 years since Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, rang his first peal. He took part on Saturday at Macclesfield in the first twelve-bell peal in Cheshire, and it is just fifty years since his father conducted a peal in that tower.

STEDMAN CINQUES BY WIRELESS.

Special arrangements are being made to broadcast two courses of Stedman Cinques from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday. This is to be done as the prelude to a broadcast service from 8 o'clock to 8.30 p.m. The bells will be rung from 7.45 p.m., by the Sunday Service band. In previous broadcasting of this kind, bells have only been chimed, and this, it is believed, is the first time that the actual ringing of church bells has been transmitted by wireless. A microphone is to be specially fixed for the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is high time that someone took hold of the reins in the E. Berks and S. Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There has been nothing arranged by the branch secretary since Easter Monday, 1923.

The only gatherings have been one at Beaconsfield in 1923, arranged by Mr. J. C. Mayne, and at which a good suggestion was made for another at Farnham Royal and Stoke Poges in two months' time, but which was allowed to fall through owing to the branch secretary's shortcomings; and another at Bray on Easter Monday of this year, which was apparently arranged by the Master, and the Vicar and ringers of Bray.

When is the annual meeting to be held?

ARAB.

WISBECH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the attempted peal at Wisbech in your issue of to-day I see it stated that the back eight bells are by Wm. Dobson, and the two trebles by Mears. Have the latter two bells been recast? The whole peal of ten were cast by Dobson, originally in 1823. I have the rubbings of the inscriptions at this moment before me, and find that both trebles were inscribed alike, viz., 'William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, fecit, 1823.' I have never heard of their being recast; but, of course, this may be the case.

I have not rung in Wisbech since the 'seventies.' And, as far as I remember, when I was last in the belfry, the trebles had no ropes on them, and were never used, because it was said that they could not be heard distinctly outside.

I shall be glad of any information on the matter.—Yours, etc.,
May 16th, 1924. J. R. JERRAM.

HELD OVER

Owing to the space taken up this week by the Peals Analysis, a number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1923.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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(f) Including 17,280 = 6 peals, 9,344 = 2 peals, 7,488 = 2 peals, and 7,008 = 2 peals. (g) Including 10,912 = 3 peals. (h) Including 7,360 = 2 peals. (i) Including 7 Canterbury.
(k) 184 Clements. (l) Including 10,080 = 3 peals; and 7,900 = 2 peals.

MINOR.

| No. of Methods. | TOWER BELLS. | | | | | | | | | | Total Total | |
|------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|---|------|-------------|--------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Peals | Points |
| Bath & Wells | 5 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 51 |
| Bedfordshire | 4 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1(b) | 13 | 163 |
| Cambridge Univ. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 14 |
| Central Northants .. | 3 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | 93 |
| Chester Diocesan .. | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 | 296 |
| Cleveland & N. Yorks | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 |
| Ely Diocesan | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 56 |
| Essex Association .. | 5 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 165 |
| Gloucester & Bristol | 5 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 32 |
| Hereford Diocesan .. | 5 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 28 | 205 |
| Hereford County | 5 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 119 |
| Kent County | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 32 | 293 |
| Lancashire Assoc. .. | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 142 |
| Lincoln Diocesan .. | 7 | 5 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 25 | 235 |
| Lincoln & Monmouth | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 10 |
| Middlesex County .. | 5 | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 19 |
| Midland Counties .. | 12 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 35 | 279 |
| Norfolk Guild | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | 85 |
| Oxford Diocesan | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 40 |
| Peterborough & Dis. | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 15 |
| Salisbury Diocesan .. | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 30 |
| Salop Archid. Guild .. | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 81 |
| Stoke Archid. Guild .. | 2 | — | 3 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 21 | 253 |
| Suffolk Guild | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 36 |
| Surrey Association .. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 19 |
| Sussex County | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 48 |
| Warwickshire Guild .. | 7 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 24 | 320 |
| Worcester & Districts | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 34 |
| Yorkshire Assoc. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 81 |
| Independent | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 103 | 11 | 49 | 26 | 19 | 2 | 91 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 316 | 3292 |

(a) includes 72000.

(b) includes 10080.

DOUBLES.

| No. of Methods. | TOWER BELLS. | | | | | | | Total Total | |
|----------------------------|--------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|--------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Peals | Points |
| Bath & Wells Assoc. | 8 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 17 |
| Bedfordshire Assoc. | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 11 |
| Cambridge Univ. Guild .. | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 5 |
| Central Northants | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 10 | 42 |
| Devonshire Guild | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Ely Diocesan Assoc. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 8 |
| Gloucester & Bristol .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 6 | 23 |
| Hereford Diocesan | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | 48 |
| Kent County Association .. | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 7 |
| Lancashire Association .. | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 7 |
| Lincoln Diocesan Guild .. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Middlesex County | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Midland Counties | 10 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 34 |
| Norfolk Guild | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 5 | 23 |
| Oxford Diocesan | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 12 |
| Salisbury Diocesan | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 9 |
| Salop Archidiaconal | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Stoke Archidiaconal | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Suffolk Guild | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Surrey Association | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Warwickshire Guild | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| Worcester & Districts .. | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 13 |
| Independent Societies .. | 10 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 45 |
| Total | 61 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 94 | 342 |

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 1923.

The anticipations of your committee, expressed in last year's report, have not been realised if the number of peals only is taken into account. A further increase was expected, but the figures show the singular fact that exactly the same number of peals have been rung as in 1922.

This does not necessarily mean lack of progress, for abnormal conditions undoubtedly exist. Business needs increased attention, and it is known that for this reason many ringers, whose names frequently appeared in the peal columns, are unable to organise or take part in so many peals. Again, peals away from home entail expense, and with unemployment so rife, the number of these must be considerably curtailed.

Taking all the circumstances into account, it may be truly said that the report shows the Exercise to be in a real live condition, and that the return of better times will mark the beginning of a great advance.

While the total number of peals is 1,885 (the same as in 1922), the tower bell peals are slightly increased, being 1,728, as against 1,716, the handbell peals with a corresponding decrease being 157 against 169; the following table showing the totals for the year:—

HANDBELL PEALS.

| | MAXIMUS. | | | | | | | | | | CINQUES. | | | | ROYAL. | | | | CATERS. | | | | MAJOR. | | | | TRIPLES. | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | Treble Bob | Stedman | Grandsire | Treble Bob | Little Bob | Plain Bob | Stedman | Grandsire | Superstitch | Double Norwich | Little Bob | Treble Bob | Cambridge Court | Norwich Court | Plain Bob | Stedman | Grandsire | MINOR. | DOUBLES. | Total Peals. | Total Points. | Average Points per Peal | | | | | | | | | |
| Points per Peal. | 18 | 32 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 28 | 10 | 30 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | | | | | | | | | |
| Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | 5 | 55 | 18.33 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bedfordshire Assoc. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 8 | 8.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cambridge University | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 81a | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 21 | 280 | 13.33 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chester Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 48 | 9.60 | | | | | | | | | |
| Durham & Newcastle | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 100 | 25.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ely Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | 2 | 9 | — | 9 | 91 | 10.11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Hereford Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | 1 | 16 | 38 | 6.33 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hertford County | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 4 | 41 | 10.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kent County | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 3 | 28 | 9.33 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lancashire | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 28 | 28.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4.50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| London County | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 5 | 76 | 25.33 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middlesex | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 6 | 118 | 19.66 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Midland Counties | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 49 | 12.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Norfolk Guild | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | 15 | 153 | 10.20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oxford Diocesan | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 28 | 28.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| S. Martin's Guild | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 13 | 352 | 27.07 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Soc. for Arch., Stafford | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Soc. R. Cumberland | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 8 | 8.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suffolk Guild | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 167 | 11.92 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warwickshire | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 36 | 18.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winchester Diocesan | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 19 | — | 23 | 190 | 8.26 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Worcestershire & dist. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 8 | 124 | 15.50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yorkshire Association | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 5 | 52 | 10.40 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Independent Societies | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 | 14 | 7.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 2 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 40 | 8 | 30 | 8 | 4 | 157 | 2096 | 13.35 | | | | | | | | | |

a) Little Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bobs spliced. (b) Double Oxford. (c) Including 7008

MINOR AND DOUBLES.

| No. of Methods. | MINOR | | | DOUBLES | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|-------------|
| | 1 | 7 | Total Total | 1 | 2 | Total Total |
| | | | Peals Pnts. | | | Peals Pnts. |
| Ely Diocesan Association .. | 1 | 1 | 2 19 | — | — | — |
| Hereford Diocesan Guild .. | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 3 |
| Lincoln Diocesan Guild .. | 1 | — | 1 5 | — | — | — |
| Midland Counties Assoc. .. | 1 | — | 1 5 | — | — | 1 5 |
| St. Martin's Guild | 1 | — | 1 5 | — | — | — |
| Soc. Archd. of Stafford .. | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 3 |
| Suffolk Guild | 3 | — | 3 15 | — | — | — |
| Total | 7 | 1 | 8 49 | 2 | 1 | 3 8 |

| | Tower Bells. | Handbells. |
|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Maximus | 12 | 2 |
| Cinques | 44 | 15 |
| Royal | 47 | 11 |
| Caters | 97 | 14 |
| Major | 683 | 65 |
| Triples | 435 | 38 |
| Minor | 316 | 8 |
| Doubles | 94 | 4 |
| Total | 1728 | 157 |

Comparing this with the year 1922, it is seen that 12-bell peals have increased by 15, those on 10 bells have decreased by 36, Major peals are 65 more, Triples are 32 less, and Minor and Doubles have decreased by 11.

The greatest number of peals has been rung by the Kent County Association, with 155 tower bell and three handbell peals, equalling 2,329 points, while the most points have been scored by the Midland Counties Association with 3,127 for 144 peals, including four on handbells. The first named shows an increase of 39 peals, and 530 points over 1922, the Midland Counties having five peals less, but 373 points more. Two other societies have rung over 100 peals, as follows: The Norfolk Guild, 134 peals, including 15 on handbells,

equalling 1,774 points; and the Lancashire Association, 125 peals, including one on handbells, and 1,979 points. Taking the first of these as the survivor of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, these are the same four societies which rang over 100 peals in 1922.

The Ancient Society of College Youths has the highest average of points per peal, with 30.83 for 40 peals, including three on handbells. The Middlesex County Association is second with an average of 27.75 for 76 peals, including six on handbells, and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has dropped to third's place with 25.2 for 20 peals, including four on handbells.

The most encouraging feature revealed by the analysis is the continued increase in the number of Surprise peals. Although those rung on 10 and 12 bells have decreased by 12, the Major peals of Surprise are 39 more than last year. London shows an increase of three peals, Bristol 10, Cambridge 12, Superlative 11, other methods three. The greater interest in these top class methods, giving as it does a higher average of points per peal, is sufficient to show that the Exercise is in a progressive condition.

Included in the Surprise methods rung are one each of Middlesex and Princess Mary Royal, four peals of Yorkshire, and one each of Palatine, Edinburgh, Lancashire, Rutland and Norfolk Major.

205 peals of Treble Bob have been rung, made up as follows:—Six of Kent Maximus, 24 of Kent and four of Oxford Royal, 145 of Kent, 19 of Oxford, and seven Spliced peals of Major; these figures differing but slightly from last year.

Double Norwich with 150 peals also shows very little change, but Plain Bob has increased by 20 peals to a total of 187, and Little Bob with five peals remains the same.

Coming to odd numbers, Cinques, Caters and Triples, with the exception of three peals, i.e., one of Erin Caters, and one each of Court Bob and Bob Triples, the whole of them were rung in the two standard methods, Stedman and Grandsire. These methods again run a close race for supremacy, but the fact that Stedman is now at the top with 343 peals, an increase of 11, against 297 of Grandsire, is certainly a mark of improvement.

New methods have been rung as follows: Princess Mary Surprise Royal, and Rutland, Edinburgh and Palatine Surprise Major. Little Bob Maximus has also been accomplished, and Cambridge Court Bob Major was rung for the first time on tower bells.

The outstanding peal of the year is undoubtedly the practically perfect of 12,675 of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at Southwark Cathedral; following this was the record length (17,280) of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Guild, the record length (12,896 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, and the record of Cambridge Surprise Royal (10,440 changes) by the Middlesex Association.

Other lengths over 7,000 are three peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, being 7,008, 7,488 and 9,344 changes, by the Chester Guild; 10,912 of Kent Treble Bob Major and 7,008 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, and 7,360 of Kent Major by the Stoke Association.

Apart from the number of changes, there are many other noteworthy performances, but space forbids the mention of them all in detail. Briefly, to refer to a few, we notice a spliced peal of three methods of Plain Major; Stedman Caters, being the first peal in hand by all, and first of Stedman Caters as conductor; a peal of Bob Major where two of the band had each lost an arm in the war; the first peal of Major by a police band; Grandsire Caters, being the first in the method by all and rung at the first attempt; a handbell peal by three generations of one family; and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, being the first in the method by all. It must also be noted that the first handbell peal in a train was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

As shown by the table, six-bell ringers have fallen back a little in the number of peals. The decrease of 11 is all in Minor, Doubles being the same number as last year. Here again the decrease is compensated for by an advance in quality, and the peals include one of 10,080 by the Bedfordshire Association, and 7,200 by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has given us the most remarkable performance in Minor ringing, their total including three peals of seven extents, consisting of 29, 30 and 35 methods, respectively.

The names of conductors of five peals and over are as follows, the number of handbell peals being shown in brackets:—47 peals, A. H. Pulling (23); 31 peals, W. H. J. Hooton (22); 29 peals, F. Bennett; 28 peals, J. H. Cheesman, H. J. Poole (2); 26 peals, R. Sperring; 25 peals, B. Jenkins (5); 24 peals, W. Pye (2); 22 peals, G. H. Cross (3); 19 peals, T. H. Taffender (1); 18 peals, W. Keeble (2); 17 peals, C. F. Bailey (4), G. Williams; 16 peals, J. F. Dyke, K. Harl, R. Matthews, G. R. Newton; 15 peals, H. Langdon; 14 peals, C. Camm, C. T. Coles, C. H. Kippin, junr., A. E. Lock, E. Morris, W. C. Rumsey, A. Wright; 13 peals, G. Billenness, A. Walker (6); 12 peals, W. Ayre (3), W. Nye, O. Sinnetts, G. E. Symonds (2), T. Tebbutt; 11 peals, C. Edwards, B. A. Knights, F. W. Naunton, G. R. Pye, J. E. Sykes, A. Tomlinson, J. A. Trollope; 10 peals, F. H. Dexter, T. Groombridge, junr. (2), C. F. Winney (5); 9 peals,

N. R. Bailey (9), F. Berrett, F. Chamberlain, H. M. Day, P. J. Johnson (2), Tony Price, the late J. W. Washbrook (1); 8 peals, J. Austin, J. Bennett, W. A. Cave, A. Harman, W. T. Last, J. D. Matthews (2), G. F. Swann (3), S. H. Symonds (4), W. Welling; 7 peals, E. Barnett, senr., H. Broughton, C. W. Clarke, F. Cotton, G. A. Fleming, E. C. Gobe, J. Houldsworth, J. P. Hyett, H. Knight, C. R. Lilley, J. Lord, J. Potter, J. H. Riding, J. Thomas (6); 6 peals, E. M. Atkins (3), W. H. Barber (1), R. F. Elkington, J. Fernley, F. Fisher, J. Flint, T. T. Goffon (4), Bert Gogle, L. Head, E. G. Hibbins, S. T. Holt, J. D. Johnson (3), W. F. Judge, A. E. Norman (2), H. R. Pasmore, F. W. Perrens (1), W. Rogers, E. Whiting; 5 peals, W. B. Cartwright, P. Crook, F. W. Dixon, A. E. Edwards, J. A. Freeman, G. Gilbert, L. A. Goodenough, A. Greenfield, J. R. Griffin, T. Groombridge, senr., H. L. Hariow, W. H. Hewett, F. J. Lewis, H. Ludkin, W. Page, W. Poston, R. Richardson, F. Skevington.

In addition there were 34 conductors of four peals (11), 49 of three peals (12), 96 of two peals (6), and 271 of one peal (5), the remaining peal being non-conducted.

The number of lady conductors included in these figures is one more than last year, and they have increased the number of peals called by three. Miss E. K. Parker has conducted three peals, including Stedman Caters; Miss Nellie Johnson, two handbell peals, including one of Kent Royal; Miss A. Parkins (now Mrs. Richardson); and Miss Hilda F. Willson, one each. The reverend gentlemen have fallen off as conductors, there being only four, as against six last year. Three performances by young conductors may be specially mentioned, W. P. Whitehead and T. W. Taffender having called a peal each at the age of 15, and H. J. Poole conducted 28 peals, including the difficult 12,896 of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The following table compares the number of peals rung each month during the years 1922 and 1923:—

| | 1922 | 1923 | | 1922 | 1923 |
|----------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
| January | 120 | 147 | July | 134 | 80 |
| February | 181 | 145 | August | 175 | 134 |
| March | 124 | 145 | September | 158 | 147 |
| April | 162 | 195 | October | 165 | 192 |
| May | 137 | 153 | November | 174 | 153 |
| June | 120 | 154 | December | 235 | 240 |
| | | | | 1885 | 1885 |

It is at once seen from this that the energy shown during the dog days of 1922 was not repeated the following year.

The number of peals rung on the Saturdays was 1,034, Sunday peals numbered 91, and Friday 79, the remaining 681 being about equally divided between the other four days. Holiday peals numbered 79, and there were also rung for the Royal Wedding 34, on Empire Day five peals, 11 for Armistice celebrations, 18 on New Year's Eve, and 26 on the Eves of and Festival days of the Church: 33 peals were in honour of royal birthdays, including four for Princess Mary's son.

The footnotes to peals tell us also that there were 687 who rang their first peal, while on 8 to 12 bells 1,089 men rang a fresh method, 175 six-bell ringers ring a method for the first time, or increasing the number of methods in a peal. Twenty-seven rang their first peal on twelve, 24 their first of Maximus, first of Cinques 13 ringers, first on 10 bells 43, of Royal 67, Caters 25, first on 8 bells 47, of Major 87, Triples 35, of Minor 78 and Doubles 42, and 28 rang their first peal on handbells.

Seventy-four joined the ranks of the conductors, and 117 conducted their first peal in the method. First peals on the bells numbered 60, and first in the method 157. There were 292 birthday peals, including those for royalty, and 17 for a coming-of-age, 20 peals of welcome, and 31 farewell peals; 47 for weddings, 21 to celebrate silver weddings, and six golden weddings; 58 anniversary, three memorial, and three for thanksgivings. Muffled peals numbered 21, and half-muffled 58. The fastest peal ever rung may also be noted.

As usual, we conclude with the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the grand total since the beginning of that year being 44,762:—

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1881—1886 | 1887—1900 | 1901—1910 | 1911—1920 |
| 1885—500 | 1902—1513 | 1915—259 | 1921—1632 |
| 1889—797 | 1905—1519 | 1917—130 | 1922—1885 |
| 1894—859 | 1909—1628 | 1919—1048 | 1923—1885 |
| | 1913—2359 | | |

F. W. CARPENTER, Kingerby Vicarage, Lincoln.

A. T. REESTON, New Mills Stockport.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

JOSEPH W. PARKER, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on Monday, May 5th, 594 Grandsire Caters: *A. King 1, Y. Green 2, T. Chenery 3, W. Ibbett 4, J. Taylor 5, *J. Newington 6, T. Dennis 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8, W. Welch 9, P. Taylor 10. * Longest length on 10 bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—At St. Werburgh's, on Sunday evening May 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; E. Bradshaw 1, H. Carnwell 2, W. Carnwell 3, A. Edwards 4, A. W. Hall (conductor) 5, E. Edwards 6.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Webber 1, S. Grabham 2, E. Thorne 3, I. Farmer (conductor) 4, E. Gould 5, H. Phillips 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor.

EXETER.—On Sunday, May 18th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, on the 'Thomas eight,' a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes (Brooks'), in 53 mins.: J. Sandover 1, T. Laver 2, F. Gardner 3, W. Lethbridge 4, G. Betts 5, C. Glass 6, F. J. Davey 7.

EARL SHILTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: K. Deacon 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, R. Belton 4, H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, G. Newton 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for K. Deacon and G. Newton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For evensong, on Sunday, May 18th, 960 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, F. W. Croft 2, Geo. T. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, W. J. Croft (conductor) 6.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): A. Binfield 1, E. Bridges 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, G. Pulson 4, A. Kedwell 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, T. Farley 7, J. Coppins 8. G. Paulson hails from Matlock, and was on a visit.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, F. Hodges 3, H. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 27th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): Mrs. Deal 1, R. Deal 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Dyas 4, F. Digby 5, G. Shipp 6, W. Bottrell 7, E. Davis 8. Rung prior to evening service.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, 288 Kent Treble Bob: W. Saunders 1, L. Griffiths 2, W. Wase 3, J. L. Hayward 4, J. H. Riding (conductor) 5, G. R. Jones 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Weatherby 8. Also several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Rung after a peal attempt at Broughton had come to grief, train time not allowing for a fresh start.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Littleport, Ely (8 bells). Arrangements will be made for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whit Monday, June 9th. Particulars next week.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Details next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

PUBLICATION.

'AMONG THE BELLS.'—THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I to XX complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

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Set of 2 octaves, Chromatic, 25 bells, tenor size 20, key E, made by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough; in splendid condition; very little used; price £10 or near offer; can be seen any time.—A. E. King, 14, London Road, Calne, Wilts.

NOTICES.

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.—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.—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.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

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.—J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

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.—Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

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. Gorringer, Hon. Sec., Manston, Dorset.

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.

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. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

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.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

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.—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. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

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.—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.

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.

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 Road, at 5. Members 6d., non-members 9d. 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, service at 6 o'clock. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 31st. Short service 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. All welcome. Bells available 3 p.m.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Benefield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Meat tea 5.15. Meeting after tea. Those requiring tea (visitors 2s. 6d.) please notify Rector, Benefield, by May 28th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th. — Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, May 31st, to Brighton. Travel by the train leaving Victoria at 12.45 p.m. The charge to members will be 5s. Will members desiring to attend please inform the honorary secretary by Wednesday, May 28th, to enable the necessary arrangements for cheap railway tickets to be completed?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., 36, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey. Telephone: Malden 117.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The usual May meeting will be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will kindly be provided in the Parochial Hall by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8). Meeting at 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Schoolrooms at 5.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 27th. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8 bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield (6 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at Cafe, Brooks Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in National School, near Church, at 5.45. Special business. A good attendance is desired. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 36, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, not later than May 28th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, May 31st. Members of the Barnsley and District Society are invited to attend. Bells (8) early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 27th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will members please note that subscriptions for current year are now due.—F. Coffon, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The meeting at Capenhurst will be held on May 31st, not June 14th, as arranged. Ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Short service 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea at 5 p.m., Cooke's Cafe, Carolgate, 1s. 6d. per head, will be provided for those who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, by May 28th. Please note this is important. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

STOKE ARCHIDIOCEAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at Kingsley. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea served at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Kuntton, Stoke-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 31st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 3rd.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall on notification to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on or before Thursday, June 5th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Monday, June 2nd. —David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th.—F. H. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s. The numbers for dinner and tea must be sent me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

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