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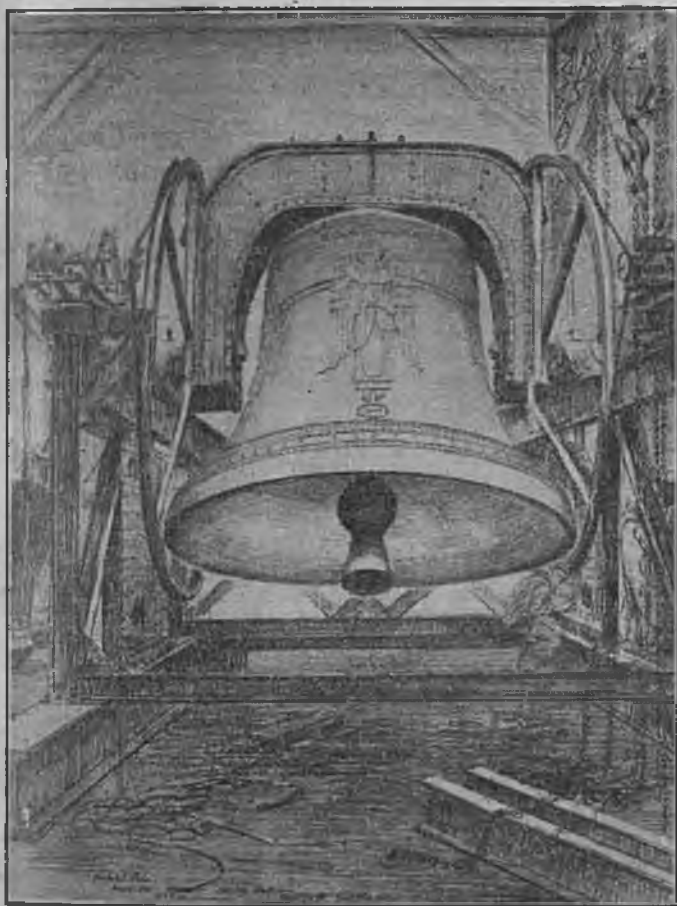
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A REVIVAL IN PEAL RINGING.

The analysis of peals, rung in the year 1927, which is available to the Exercise this week, is again full of interesting material for those who like to examine what has been done by the various associations and to compare results with past years. The care with which this analysis is compiled from year to year places the Exercise under a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the committee of the Central Council, who are called upon to labour consistently to keep abreast of their task and whose work forms a record which increases in value as each year recedes. To have in tabulated form the complete list of peal performances will be of great benefit to the historians of the art in the future.

As to peal ringing itself, while it is, perhaps, confined to a minority and is by some people looked upon as a selfish occupation, unless the peal is rung for a special purpose, there are one or two important points which must not be overlooked. A peal is the best training which a ringer can have; for it tends to bring out the highest qualities which he possesses, in fitness, mental alertness, concentration, perseverance and performance. No number of touches will work quite the same improvement on a ringer of average ability, as a peal, and the result must almost inevitably be to make him better qualified to discharge efficiently those duties which he owes to the Church. Even in itself, a good peal is a worthy achievement, and as an example of team work is unexcelled in any other pastime.

It is, therefore, gratifying that the peals rung last year have shown an increase. For three years there had been a gradual falling off in the number, but 1927 has seen a welcome revival, the aggregate being 174 above the previous year. A healthy sign of the increase is the fact that more ringers rang their first peal and a greater number of new conductors appeared upon the scene. The committee remark upon the decline in Surprise ringing, especially on the falling off in the number of peals of London, but add that there is no need for pessimism. Actually the total number of Surprise peals on eight, ten and twelve bells fell by only 14, but London Major dropped by 34. To some extent, of course, the decline in this method is general, but a closer examination reveals that it has occurred more particularly in special areas, and therefore has had more or less a local cause. The Essex Association, for example, rang only five peals in 1927 against twelve in 1926. The Winchester Guild, which had two companies proficient in the method, provides an even more striking example, for only four peals were rung against 16 in the preceding year. Ringing in

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these higher methods is seldom general in an association, and those who take part in the peals are usually limited in numbers. Thus it takes very little to cause a marked fluctuation in the total of peals rung in a method like London, and illness, such as we believe we are right in saying overtook two of the leading Surprise conductors in the areas mentioned, made a big difference to the results. Even the drop in London Surprise peals, however, need alarm no one, as long as there has been a general improvement in other directions.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEEDMAN WHITE 2	... Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2		REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
MAURICE SMITH 3		GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 4		RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5		FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 70th birthday.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	... Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2		HARRY WRIGHT 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 3		WILLIAM J. LEE 8
EDWIN R. GOATE 4		GEORGE MAYERS 9
*ARTHUR G. KING 5		WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*CHARLES H. SONE 2	... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
†MRS H. BAKER 2		WILLIAM SPICE 7
*WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3		†BERTRAM LUCK 8
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4		†ARTHUR H. SMITH 9
†HARRY BAKER 5		WILLIAM WENBAN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten. First peal as conductor on ten. Birthday peal for Miss A. Lavender, of Lamberhurst. Credit is due to ringers of 8th and 9th, who, although this was their first ring on ten, struck their bells well throughout the peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE 2	... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2		MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
CHARLES J. CHOCHET 3		JAMES BOLLOCK 8
ERNEST BRETT 4		JAMES E. GROVES 9
HERBERT LONDON 5		EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

EALING.—In the belfry of Christ Church, on Sunday, May 13th, in 20 mins., 720 of Double Bob Minor (on handbells): E. C. S. Turner 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, W. G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5
ARTHUR K. GOWER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
JOSEPH SHARP 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
EDWARD W. BRAY 4	ERNEST GOWER Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by E. GOWER.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Meurs and Stainbank.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* ROBERT LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
A OLIVER LEWIS 2	HARRY PRICE 6
* FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH ... 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CYRIL TANSELL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	ALBAN E. SLATTER 6
HAROLD CASSEL 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
JOHN WINDLE 2	LEWIS RAWNSLEY 6
WILLIE FOSTER 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 7
ARTHUR J. SMALLBONES 4	VERNEY BAIRSTOW Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

J. Broadley from Bradford, the rest are of the local company. The same peal was rung on May 6th, 1882, in the same tower, and Mr. J. Broadley is the only surviving ringer who took part in the peal on that occasion. It was conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PRYKE Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
* JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALFRED J. BERRY 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal on an inside bell.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON Treble	* WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	JAMES C. GRAY 6
* JOHN ANDERSON 3	ERNEST GOSDEN 7
JAMES E. SCOTT 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

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

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON Treble	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ... 5
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 2	* SIDNEY MOODY 6
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
HARRY BARTON 4	† WILLIAM H. G. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. A commemoration peal for William Rayner. First peal of Stedman Triples by an Island company.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	HARRY BOYCE 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Arranged for the ringer of 2nd, who was in the district to act as judge at the ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild at Cadoston. Ringers of 4th and 6th kindly came from Newport and Neath respectively to make up the band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM BOND 7
JOHN BURLS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOHN SMITH 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	JOHN WOODBERRY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. It was also A. Hackett's 100th peal. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Thomas for meeting them and providing tea, which was greatly appreciated.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	ARTHUR WARD 5
HARRY THORPE 2	*THOMAS HALL 6
HARRY HAYNES 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ERNEST NIDD 4	HARRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Haynes, of Hough-on-the-Hill.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
JACK JUDGE 2	JAMES NAPPER 6
FRANK TUFFREY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*WILLIAM H. THORNE 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First in the method away from tenor.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE Treble	*THOMAS WILSON 5
JAMES SMITH 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
THOMAS HOWARTH 3	WILLIAM H. HUNTER 7
*RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	*FRED READ Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

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

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	ALEXANDER EVANS 6
*LEONARD G. TANNER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	†FREDERICK G. STUCKEY Tenor

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Tanner.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MORRIS J. MORRIS Treble	*WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 2	†GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	JOHN NEAL 7
†FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor. ‡ 400th peal.

CARISBROOKE.—At St. Mary's, on May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins: F. Taylor 1, A. Drake 2, A. Long 3, F. Priddle 4, P. Reynolds 5, W. Chambers 6, C. Taylor (conductor) 7, B. Sibbick 8. First quarter-peal for 3rd, 4th and 8th, and first as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 5
PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	GEORGE POUND Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN HUMPHREY Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 5
ROBERT G. HOARE 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 6
WALTER CLAYTON 3	MAURICE NORTHOVER 7
HARRY HOOPER 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
HENRY E. HAMMOND 2	†ALBERT WIFFEN 6
*GRAHAM LINDRIDGE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	WALTER H. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method on a working bell.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	ALFRED PRIOR 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, E. W. Furbank, and the son of the fifth ringer.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

†CHARLES DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	JOHN W. GLEW 6
RONALD H. DOVE 3	JOSEPH LORD 7
JACK BAILEY 4	*NORMAN R. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

* First of Triples. † First peal. A farewell peal to the conductor.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROY WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
AUGUSTUS V. GOOD 2	CAPT. J. H. FREEBORN 6
*HARRY LONG 3	JOHN T. KENTISE 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

*SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	FRED LAMBETH 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	† WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
*WILLIAM BOLWELL 2	*FRED LAMBETH 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 5 qr.

GEORGE MIDDLETON Treble	SIDNEY MONTON 3
REGINALD WILLIAMSON 2	*RICHARD ABRAHAMS 4
FRANK FOX Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

* First peal.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT Treble	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4
WILLIAM J. COOMBS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK 3	EDWARD L. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Ranford.

RECORD PEAL OF LONDON COMMEMORATED.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise Major was commemorated at King's Norton by a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: Jack Withers 1, H. Williams 2, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, J. Eaton 5, C. Webb 6, J. George 7, John Withers 8.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise and Kent, and one of Oxford.

CHARLES H. PAGE Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
GEORGE CRAWLEY 2	FREDERICK CRAWLEY 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hilary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

WILLIAM J. JONES Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
*JAMES F. SMITH 2	JOHN COOKE 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Minor inside. First peal of Minor as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK COOPER Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. F. May, who had been churchwarden for 42 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT FELTHAM.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Feltham on Saturday last, when some 60 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Triples, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major. Touches followed alternately of Triples and Major, and the methods rung during the meeting were Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and members who could only ring rounds had the same opportunity as the more advanced. The Rev. E. A. Godfrey paid a visit to the tower to welcome the association to Feltham, on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Browell), who was unable to attend. Service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Godfrey, and tea was afterwards served at the Church Hall. The Rev. E. A. Godfrey presided, supported by the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary.

Mr. J. A. Trollope occupied the chair for the business meeting, when Ruislip was announced for the next meeting place. This beautiful old church is well worth a visit, and June 9th is the date to be remembered. There are cheap fares on the District Railways from the Mansion House down, also from Baker Street downwards.

Harlington (where the strawberries grow) was the choice for July 7th, with Harmondsworth bells for ringing also; and July 28th for St. John, Hillingdon, where Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow and Mr. J. J. Pratt will do all they can to make the meeting a success, both in and out of the tower. All meetings will be announced in 'The Ringing World,' likewise alterations of dates, if necessary, in due course.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to the Rev. E. A. Godfrey, to Mrs. and Miss Cromwell, the hostesses, who had a busy time, and, last but not least, to Mr. A. J. Lewis, the steepkeeper, who had everything in order and a hearty welcome for the visitors. Lady ringers were well represented at the meeting by Mrs. Goodfellow, Mrs. Deal, the Misses Chapman, Bradford, Giles, Wilkinson and Fuller. Among other well-known ringers present were Messrs. Trollope, Goodfellow, Hunnisett, Roberts, Herbert, Davis, Hewitt, Sanders, Corke, Deal, and J. R. Mackman, of H.M. Borstal Institution, to which he summoned several handbell ringers, viz., Messrs. Trollope, Roberts, Wilson, Turner and Hewitt. At the time of writing, no one knows how many of them were detained. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, but there are more in store at Ruislip, Harlington and Hillingdon.

CONCERNING THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a sense, and up to a point, your conjecture that the Methods Committee 'asked for discretionary powers to ensure that their own views should prevail,' is quite correct. You did not suppose, did you, that we had asked for powers which we did not intend to use, or that we should put anything in the new book which was not, in our judgment, right? But if the suggestion is that our intention was 'merely' to get the better of the Analysis Committee on the points in dispute between us, then it was not so; nor does the list of names published in your last issue countenance such an opinion. In their report, the Analysis Committee recommended several changes in the names printed in the first edition of the Minor Methods Collection. We have considered these alterations, each on its own merits, and for the most part have agreed to them. The exceptions are:—

1. Surprise Method No. 38, given in the first edition as 'Primrose,' was altered to 'Ringers' Surprise.' We have decided to keep the name Primrose. First, because that is the name by which, it seems, it is most usually known; secondly, because it is so called in Mr. Davies' recent book on Surprise Methods; and thirdly, because leading six-bell ringers urged us to make as few alterations in the names and numbers printed in the first edition as possible.

2. Court Method No. 26, given in the first edition as 'College Single,' was altered to 'College Single Reverse.' We can understand and appreciate the views of the Analysis Committee. The method is the reverse of the old College Single. But, according to the general rule of the Exercise, the old method is the reverse variation, and the new the single variation. Further, the method cannot be both single and reverse, any more than a thing can be both right-hand and left-hand. It must be one or the other. To put the matter right and at the same time meet the views of the Analysis Committee, we have called it simply College. It is already so called in the Major Methods Collection.

3. Imperial Method No. 12, called 'Canterbury Pleasure' in first edition, was altered to Canterbury Pleasure Reverse. We have not accepted the alteration. This is the case which is, perhaps, most open to argument, but my colleagues believe strongly that an important principle of method construction is involved, and I agree with them. What more I have to say about this list of names will keep to the Hereford meeting, but I may point out that substantially the Analysis Committee have got all they asked for.

And now a word or two about the report of the late Nomenclature Committee. It is rather pathetic how members of that committee think that that report is still, somehow or other, not dead, but only sleeping, neither accepted nor rejected. Of course, it was rejected, deliberately, decisively and definitely. When you want to oppose a report of this kind, there are two ways of procedure open to you, recognised by all debating bodies from Parliament downwards. You can vote a direct negative and try and induce others to do the same. Or you can move a reasoned amendment, making a statement directly contrary to the principle on which the original motion is founded. For instance, if the proposal is to paint your house sky blue, you can move as an amendment that sky blue is a detestable colour. When it comes to voting, the amendment is put first. If it is carried it becomes the substantive motion, and the original automatically disappears.

That is just what happened to this report. Please let us not hear any more about it being 'side-tracked.' The Council knew perfectly well that when they were voting for Mr. Davies' and my amendment they were voting for the rejection of the report. That was made quite clear, both from the debate itself and from the articles which I wrote in your paper.

Why I adopted that particular procedure was partly because it seemed tactically the best method of opposition, but chiefly because the way in which the Nomenclature Committee presented their report made it almost impossible to vote against it as a whole. They intended to move thirteen separate resolutions, which would have meant thirteen separate debates and thirteen separate divisions, without any opportunity for the Council to say whether it agreed with the foundation statement on which the report was based, namely, whether the naming of methods is in such a chaotic and hopeless condition that an entirely root and branch reform is necessary, extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

But apart from all this the fact that the report was not adopted and the committee was discharged shows that the report was rejected.

The resolution of the Suffolk Guild seems to me singularly futile. The report, once rejected, is dead, and I cannot see how the Standing Committee of the Council can do anything in the matter. But the members of the committee have their full rights as private members of the Council. If they want these resolutions discussed, and in face of what has happened still think they can carry them, there is nothing to prevent them putting them on the Council's agenda. Nor, so far as the names of the Minor methods are concerned, is there anything to stop them moving instructions to the Methods Committee. But please, once again, let it be understood that their proposals as a whole were considered on their merits, discussed on their merits, and rejected on their merits.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A PLEA FOR 'ST. LAWRENCE.'

Dear Sir,—On May 1st, 1911, I had the pleasure of taking part in a peal of 7,200 in 10 Minor methods, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Frodsham. One of the methods included in the peal was named St. Lawrence, after the church in which it was rung. I respectfully suggest to Mr. Trollope and his colleagues on the Methods Committee that this name be retained. The method is No. 8 in the C.O. Collection, and in Mr. Trollope's list the name 'St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob' is given to it. This name is unnecessarily long, and no better sounding than St. Lawrence. I would also suggest the retention of the name Long Stanton for method No. 20. There are some good members of the Exercise at Long Stanton, and, as far as we know, none at Ennerdale.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

THE 'SHELVED' RECOMMENDATIONS.

In view of the decision of the Suffolk Guild to endeavour to get the various recommendations of the defunct Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council considered, it is well to recall what the recommendations were. They were submitted to the Council two years ago, and were as follows:—

1. No method shall have more than one name.
2. No name shall belong to more than one method.
3. No name shall contain more than one word.
4. Class designations, when added to a name, shall always have some reference to the thing designated. Thus, the word 'bob' in this connection shall always, as originally, have reference to dodging.
5. The names 'Pasallatessera' and 'Pasallatria' shall not be used in any C.C. publications; should it be necessary to distinguish the classes which were once so designated, they shall be otherwise and properly described.
6. The fifteen floral names shall be changed.
7. (This gave the names which it was proposed to substitute for the floral titles.)
8. 'Edinburgh Castle' shall be called 'Edgware.'
9. In 28 names the word 'Castle' or 'Abbey' shall be omitted. (Then follow the amended names.)
10. The following 23 names shall be substituted for old and unsuitable names as a first instalment. (Then follows the list of suggested changes.)
11. No names or terms, supplementary of, or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C., should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.
12. A supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up to date, should be at once put in hand.
13. In the case of all new methods which have been rung under names it is proposed to alter, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, or to their society, to approve of the proposed new name.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS MACK.

AN OLD HASLEMERE RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Thomas Mack, which took place on Sunday, May 6th, after ill-health for some considerable time, Haslemere ringers and others have lost an old friend. He was born at North Tuddenham, Norfolk, where he learnt to pull a bell. He was very well known in the Guildford District, and when in good health he was a regular attendant at ringing meetings. He was a man of great personality and charm, and always had a kind word and a smile for all those with whom he came in contact, both in ringing and everyday life. He enjoyed a good joke, a good story, and a good song, and the writer has heard him take part in all three.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 10th, the chief mourners being his daughters and son, his wife not being well enough to attend. The local ringers were well represented; there were also ringers present from Chiddingfold and Guildford. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over his grave by A. H. Pulling 1-2, A. J. Bartlett 3-4, F. Bowden 5-6, J. H. B. Hesse 7-8. The tower bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral, and two plain courses of Grandsire Caters rung by the following: Miss Collard 1, H. Furionger 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, B. Elliot 4, F. Bowden 5, R. Overy 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10. In the evening, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, conducted by F. White and F. Bowden, by the same band, with the exception of Mr. E. C. Smith in place of Mr. A. J. Bartlett.

There were a great many beautiful wreaths, including one from the local ringers.

A complete list of Mr. Mack's peals is not available, but he had probably rung between forty and fifty. Great sympathy is felt for his wife and family. He will be missed by many. The writer has known him for about twenty years, and never heard him say an unkind word of any one.

Mr. Mack knew many of the famous men who have had their residence in the district, and he was the last man to see Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, who died at Aldworth, near Haslemere, on October 6th, 1892.

J. H. B. H.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting was held at Penistone on Saturday, May 12th, and members were present from Wath, Darfield, Shelley, Felkirk, Anston, Almondbury, Sandal, Conisborough, Harbury, Wortley, Roystone, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued in various methods of Major, Triples and Minor until 5 p.m., when Mr. F. Tinker invited the visitors to tea in the schoolroom. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness and welcome.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Carlton, presiding. It was agreed that a summer meeting be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st, in which the Bishop of Wakefield and Canon H. E. Hone, Rural Dean, Rector of Barnsley, invite all the clergy and ringing members to join.

The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, the cup contest taking place at the same time. After the usual vote of thanks, members adjourned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 9 p.m.

**LUDLOW MAYOR ENTERTAINS RINGERS.
A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.**

On Saturday last a band of ringers from various places visited Ludlow, on the invitation of Mr. W. R. Nash, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples on the fine ring of eight, in honour of the golden wedding of the Mayor (Alderman John Palmer).

The party met at 2.15, and, after a look round the church (which is one of the finest parish churches in England), ascended the 137 steps to the ringing chamber. The bells were soon raised, and a start was made for the peal. All went well for some time, and it seemed as though success would be assured, when a trip occurred, which caused a shift, and stand was called after 1 hr. 35 mins. ringing. The band was W. R. Nash (Ludlow) 1, W. Short (Glent) 2, H. Smallwood (Knighton) 3, W. J. Beniams (Ludlow) 4, F. Evans (Knighton) 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet) 6, W. Farley (conductor) (Bristol) 7, A. Nason (Ludlow) 8.

The band, together with some of the local ringers, afterwards partook of an excellent repast, at the invitation of the Mayor, who presided. The vice-president was Mr. A. Chester, and it is interesting to note that Alderman Palmer (who was for many years a ringer at Ludlow) and Mr. Chester rang together in the first local peal on the bells after the rehanging in 1890.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and some good touches rung on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor for his kindness in entertaining the band. Mr. Palmer, in replying, said how he had enjoyed hearing the bells, and hoped the ringers would come again soon and finish the peal.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A RHONDDA RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. James Cross, of Pentre Rhondda, who passed away on Monday, April 30th, at the age of 55 years. His end came with tragic suddenness. He was at work in his garden an hour previous to his death, and had attended to his duties at the colliery during the day. On the previous Sunday he visited the tower and rang for both morning and evening services, and attended evensong. A man of apparently good health, the news of his unexpected death came as a great shock to his many friends, whose sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, son, and daughter.

Deceased had been a member of the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers for nearly 25 years, during which period he had served as treasurer, deputy-leader, and for eight years as leader. He rang 35 peals with the society, conducting four. These peals were rung in ten different methods, including the only peal of Erin Triples rung in Wales. As a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, he rang several peals, including Caters, and his attendance at their meetings was always highly appreciated. His services as a ringer will be missed, for he was thorough and safe, and an excellent striker. His genial nature and even temperament commanded the respect of those who knew him.

A native of Somerset, from the Bath district, he was a colliery worker, for many years as a shoeing smith, and during later years as an ostler.

The funeral took place on Saturday, May 5th, at Treorchy, the Rev. D. Spenser Jones (Vicar) officiating. The bearers were eight of his brother-ringers.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Palmer 1, B. Davies (conductor) 2, Royden Davies 3, W. Palmer 4, J. Lovett 5, G. Wines 6, F. Lasbury 7, H. Crabb 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the treble and 4th. The ringer of 3rd was a friend of the deceased from Llantrisant.

MUFFLED BELLS

On Thursday, May 10th, at Bicester, Oxon, 364 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. R. Smith, vergers at the church for 33 years; and on Saturday, May 12th, 308 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled, in memory of Miss E. Scarrott, sister of one of the local ringers.

At Kidlington, Oxon, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. Hancox 1, F. R. Coombes 2, W. F. Judge (conductor) 3, F. Tuffrey 4, E. Bennett 5, W. H. Thorne 6, J. Franklin 7, C. Bennett 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late William Franklin, aged 81, a former ringer at this church for a great number of years, who was interred two days previously.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Thurstan's 'Masterpiece,' the famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples, was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1926, at Birmingham. To-day is the anniversary of the 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, conducted by Samuel Wood. At the time it was the longest length of Major.

On May 20th, 1840, fire destroyed the south-west tower of York Minster and the ring of ten bells in it.

Forty years ago next Monday the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a peal of 15,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. Among the survivors of that band are the president of the Central Council (Canon G. F. Coleridge), the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the conductor (Mr. W. T. Pates).

Monday is also the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland, called by Mat. Wood, of Bethnal Green fame, at St. Mary's, Dundee, on May 21st, 1873.

The record peal of Stedman Cinques, 12,675 changes, in 9 hrs. 47 mins., was rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on May 21st, 1923.

May 22nd is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, to which James W. Washbrook rang the tenor in 11 hrs. 12 mins.—still one of the greatest physical feats in ringing history. This was in the year 1899.

The names of the ringers of 2nd and 3rd in the peal at Fressingfield on May 3rd were George Filby and Jacob Filby.

There is a rumour afloat, writes a correspondent, that when 'Henry the VIII.' removed his court from Manchester to Keyston last week the 'bishop' must have been kidnapped, or otherwise fallen off the load. A search party, working backwards to Kirkmanshulme Lane, discovered nothing more than two half bricks, a huge iron watch chain, and a rusty lump hammer.

LONDON'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Rayner, steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, Holborn, who passed away on Tuesday of last week at the great age of 92 years. Mr. Rayner was the oldest ringer in London, and was a well-known figure in the Exercise in the Metropolis.

The funeral service took place at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Monday last.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I thank you for inserting in your paper the notice of a proposed Masonic Peal Book, and am glad to say that I am having response to my request for subscriptions.

Would you be good enough to intimate in your columns that I have particulars of the following peals in the form of cuttings from your paper, but that if there be other peals I should be glad of particulars. Those that I have are:—

February 27th, 1926.—Stedman Triples; Erdington.

April 24th, 1926.—Stedman Caters; Solihull.

July 17th, 1926.—Stedman Cinques; Chelmsford.

December 4th, 1919.—Grandsire Caters; St. Clement Danes.

March 29th, 1924.—Kent Treble Bob Major; Garston.

February 14th, 1925.—Stedman Triples; Bushey.

April 9th, 1927.—Cambridge Surprise Major; Crayford.

I should like the reports in the form in which peals are printed in your paper, and, in addition, the number and name of the Lodge of each ringer. I have full particulars of those quoted above.—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Although the little village of Burstow is rather an out-of-the-way place to get to, the Southern District of the Surrey Association held a very successful meeting there on Saturday, May 5th, forty-one members being present from Horley, Crawley, Redhill, Reigate, Buckland, Godstone, Limpsfield, Chart, Croydon, Mersham, and the local band, with visitors from Walton-on-Thames and Swindon. The Rectory grounds were thrown open by the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Bradley, and the ringers very much appreciated this kindness. Ringing began with 120 of Grandsire Doubles by an entirely local band, this being the first 120 by a local band since the war.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and afterwards tea was served in the Rectory Grounds by kind invitation of the Rector, who, after full justice had been done to the splendid repast provided, took several snaps of the party.

A meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Three new ringing members, W. Batchelor (Buckland), T. Woodcock and J. Bradley (Burstow), and one hon. member, Rev. A. F. Bradley (Burstow), were elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the halls, for his address at the service, for the tea he provided, and for throwing his grounds open, also a vote of thanks to the organist for presiding at the organ, concluded the meeting. Ringing was kept up until 9 o'clock, the methods rung being London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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

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A=New Cambridge. B=1 New Cambridge. C=1 of 11098. D=Plain Bob and St. Clement's. E=1 of 11232, record length.
F=1 of 17824, record length. G=Plain Bob. H=London Bob and St. Clement's. K=1 of 18600. J=1 Plain Bob and 2 Court Bob.
M=Oxford Bob. N includes 7104 and 8854. The 2 Spliced Surprise peals were both London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.
Spliced Major and Triples include 2 of Canterbury and Bob Major. 1 of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, and 1 of Bob Major and Grandstep Triples.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

rung during the year 1927.

Associations.	MINOR.										Total	DOUBLES.							Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 to 15		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Barnley & Dist.	1										1	18							18
Bath & Wells	5			1	1					1a	8	1	2						3
Bedfordshire	4	1	1		1	1	8				16	1	1						2
Chester Dio.	8		1	3	1	1					14	7							7
Devonshire	3										3								3
Dur. & Newc'stle	3				1		2				5								5
Fly Diocesan	13										13	1							14
Essex County	2		2	3			3				10		1						11
Glos. & Bristol	3			1							4	1	13						14
Hereford Dio.	6						1	7			14	11	2		1	1			15
Hertford Co.	3	1	1	2			2			1b	10	5							13
Kent County	5	1	2				5				14			1					15
Lancashire	9	1	8	1	2					1c	22	1							23
Lincoln Dio.	4	2	5	4				7		4d	26	1							27
Llandaff & Mon.	1										1	3							3
Middlesex Co.	1										1	1							2
Midland Co.	23	10	5	2			1				41	18	4	1	2				25
Norfolk Guild	8		3								11	1	1						2
North Notts.	1		3		1		1				6								6
Oxford Dio.	3	1					2				6	8	1						9
Peterboro' Dio.	5		1	4		1	9			1e	21	7	2		1				10
St. Martin's G.	1										1								1
Salisbury Dio.	1										1	4							4
Shropshire Ass.				1							1	1							2
Stafford Arch.											1	1							2
Suffolk Guild	6		5			2	1				14		2						16
Surrey Assoc.	4	1		1							6								6
Sussex Assoc.	1		1								2	1							3
Swansea & Br.	1										1	4	2						6
Truro Dio. G.											5								5
Warwickshire G.	10	2	1				1				14	4							18
Winchester Dio.	2			1							3								3
Worcester & Dis.	3		1	3		1	8				16	2	1						3
Yorkshire	1		4				10				15								15
Ind. Societies	1	1	1		2	1	7				13	5	2						7
Total	146	21	45	27	10	8	74	8			339	108	30	7	5	1			151

(a) 7,200 Surprise in 10 methods; (b) in 8 methods; (c) in 9 methods; (d) two in 12 methods, one (10,080) in 14 methods, one in 15 methods; (e) in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS rung during the year 1927.

Associations	CINQUES.	CATERERS.	MAJORS.	TRIPLES.	MINOR.	DOUBLES.	Total Handbell Peals.												
	Stedman	Plain Bob Royal	Spliced Bob Ryl. & Gr. Caters	Erin	Stedman	Grandsire	Spl. Sted. and Gr.	Superlative Sur.	Double Norwich	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Little Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	1 Method	3 Methods	1 Method	3 Methods	
Ang. Soc. Coll. Youths													3	2					5
Bedfordshire		1																	1
Cambridge Univ. Gld.		1	1						1		3	1		1					8
Chester Diocesan														1					1
Devonshire																	1		1
Fly Diocesan												3							3
Essex County		1								3	5	1		1	1				11
Hertford County							1				1			1					3
Lancashire						2				1	1			1					5
Lincoln Diocesan		3								2									5
Middlesex County	2		1				1		1	1	1	1	1	1					9
Midland Counties										2			1	1	1				6
Norfolk Guild										1			2	3				1	5
Peterboro' Diocesan																	1		1
St. Martin's Gld. B'ham					2									2					4
Staff. Archdeaconry					1														1
Suffolk Guild					1						1								1
Truro Diocesan Guild																			1
Warwickshire Guild					1														1
Worcestershire & Dis.			1																1
Yorkshire						2			2	1	5								11
Total	2	6	2	1	4	4	1	1	4	5	26	2	7	7	7	1	3	1	84

LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AT RAINHILL.

The first 720 of Minor known to have been rung on the bells of Rainhill, Lancs. by a local band, was accomplished on April 9th, when an extent of Plain Bob was brought round by W. Eustace 1, E. Griffiths 2, W. Darwin 3, J. Timblin 4, H. Ashtou (conductor) 5, W. Gilroy 6.

KING'S NORTON.—On Thursday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 47 mins.: A. Chambers 1, J. Withers 2, W. E. Moore 3, H. Williams 4, C. Webb 5, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 6, J. George 7, J. Betterton 8.

THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The pleasing feature of the year's peal ringing is that we can show, except in Surprise ringing, an all-round revival. After two years' decline, the number rung is only 44 short of the best post-war years. Moreover, there are other features which show an increased interest in this branch of our art.

The total number of peals rung during the year is 1841, being 174 more than in 1926, the increase being distributed as follows: On twelve bells 16, on ten bells 1, on eight bells 89, Minor 45, and Doubles 23.

Taking the handbells alone, the only decrease is on ten bells, of three peals, twelve-bell peals are the same, while eight bells are increased by 16, Minor by 3, and Doubles by 1. The total of handbell peals is 84, being 17 more than 1926. This will be seen if the following table is compared with that for the preceding year:—

Tower Bells. Handbells.		
Maximus	...	16
Cinques	...	2
Royal	...	47
Caters	...	89
Major	...	39
Triples	...	14
Minor	...	8
Doubles	...	4
		1,757
		84

The Midland Counties Association, with the highest total for the year of 183 peals, including 6 on handbells, shows a substantial increase of 53 over 1926. The Lancashire Association has increased its total by 32, being 134, including 5 on handbells. Kent County has 112, all on tower bells, being the same as last year. Yorkshire also has topped the century, having 103 peals, including 11 on handbells, an increase of 25.

Altogether 24 societies, along with two newly-affiliated, have increased the peals by 343, four have the same number, and fourteen have decreased the total by 118. The most striking increase is that of the Warwickshire Guild, from 5 last year to 29 this, while in the opposite direction the Durham and Newcastle has dropped from 31 last year to 17 this.

Many will deplore a decline in Surprise ringing, but there seems to be no need for pessimism. The increased interest in peal ringing will, we believe, soon remedy this.

It may be that the most serious feature of this class is the fall of London Surprise Major from 68 peals to 34. Some compensation is the fact that the Rev. H. Law James' peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative has been rung twice. Other Surprise methods which have decreased are Cambridge Royal from 19 to 14 and Cambridge Major from 89 to 76.

Methods showing an increase are Cambridge Maximus from 3 to 6, Bristol Major from 20 to 27, Superlative Major from 44 to 63, and other methods of Maximus and Royal from 2 to 4, and Major from 12 to 17. Taking Surprise methods altogether, there is a decrease of 14 peals.

Peals of Treble Bob show a substantial increase of 33, making 219 in all. These are made up as follows: Maximus, 3 of Kent and 1 of Oxford; Royal, 18 Kent, 2 Oxford, 1 Cambridge and 1 Spliced; Major, 154 Kent, 34 Oxford and 5 Spliced.

Double Norwich shows 8 peals more, a total of 110, and Double Oxford continues to show the usual 2 peals. Plain Bob is up to 178, an increase of 39. Other methods of Maximus, Royal and Major are 3 less than last year, and Spliced methods containing Royal and Major 6 less.

A remarkable feature of odd-bell methods is the turnover of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Whereas last year the former was 24 peals ahead, this year Grandsire has a lead of 32 peals.

The following table shows peals on odd-bell methods in detail:—

	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Erin.	Other Plain	Spliced.
Cinques	28	3			
Caters	55	42	1		1
Triples	198	230		11	
	281	275	1	11	1

Altogether Stedman is 2 less, Grandsire 48 more, and other methods 4 more.

Five and six bell ringers have made a big increase, being on tower bells 42 more peals of Minor and 22 of Doubles, and on handbells 3 more of Minor and 1 of Doubles.

'Superlative' Surprise Maximus, Ipswich, St. Blaise and London-derry Surprise Major, and Pershore Bob Major have been rung for the first time.

The year was a notable one for long lengths, two records having been beaten. The Treble Bob Major record now stands at 17,284, and that of Superlative Surprise Major at 11,232, both rung by the Lancashire Association. 11,008 of Double Norwich Major was accomplished by the Kent County Association, 9,600 of Spliced Treble Bob Major by the Midland Counties, 8,864 and 7,104 of Treble Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association, 7,200 Surprise Minor by the Bath and Wells, and 10,080 in 14 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

Other peals of interest were an Oddfellows' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by Lancashire, a Foresters' peal of Minor by the Kent County, the first Surprise peal (Cambridge Major) by Freemasons at Crayford, Kent, a 'George' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on St. George's Day by the Suffolk Guild, a 'Joseph' peal of Double Norwich and the first peal of Royal by Freemasons by St. Martin's, a 'Grand-fathers' peal of Stedman Caters by the Royal Cumberlands, a peal of Grandsire Triples, with two Americans taking part, by Gloucester and Bristol, and a peal of Bob Minor rung by a father and five sons of the Norfolk Guild.

The number of peals rung each month in 1926 and 1927 is shown in the following table:—

	1926	1927.		1926	1927.
January ...	173	148	July ...	99	120
February ...	130	152	August ...	121	139
March ...	101	133	September ...	135	140
April ...	136	159	October ...	174	191
May ...	119	149	November ...	186	165
June ...	109	144	December ...	184	201

The footnotes show that more ringers have scored their first peal than was the case in 1926. This year's number is 811. Those who have rung a peal in a different method, or method on a different number of bells, number 1,096, also an increase on last year's figure. Ringers of their first peal inside number 86, away from the tenor 7, in the method inside 71, Maximus 14, Cinqus 10, Royal 32, Caters 27, Major 83, Triples 26, Minor 81, Doubles 54, on twelve bells 18, on ten 25, on eight 38, on six 3, on five 9, Surprise 37, 'in hand' 11, in method 'in hand' 29.

The number of new conductors totals 81, and conductors of a fresh method 63.

Other footnotes show that 80 peals were the first on the bells, 25 the first since restoration, and 163 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 68, birthday peals 294, wedding (including silver, golden and diamond) 70, church festivals and dedications 29, Empire Day 1, Armistice Day 17, Anniversaries 53, welcome and farewell peals 43.

Peal ringing by the ladies still increases, and 95 have taken part in peals. Four appear among the conductors, one having conducted three peals and three one peal each.

As usual, we conclude our report by giving the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 51,839:—

1881 ...	156	1902 ...	1,313	1915 ...	259	1923 ...	1,885
1885 ...	500	1905 ...	1,519	1917 ...	130	1924 ...	1,860
1889 ...	797	1909 ...	1,628	1919 ...	1,048	1925 ...	1,689
1894 ...	859	1913 ...	2,358	1920 ...	1,471	1926 ...	1,667
1898 ...	1,002	1914 ...	1,415	1921 ...	1,632	1927 ...	1,841

(Signed)

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Alton District was held at Binsted on Saturday, when about 30 ringers attended from Blackmoor, Binsted, Chawton, Froyle, Farnham, North Stoneham, Winchester, Binfield and Selborne. During the afternoon and evening a variety of methods was practised, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

At the business meeting, the bands of Chawton, Froyle and Selborne joined the Guild, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Blackmoor and Selborne on September 22nd. Due notice of this will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The spring meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Deane on April 28th. Close on 70 members were gathered together, and they were met by Dr. Smith, the town clerk of Basingstoke, on their way to the church. Through the instrumentality of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who resigned the incumbency 12 months ago, a new treble bell has been added to the other five, and the addition has made an enormous difference in the ringing. A pleasant feature was the large number of parishioners who came to join in the service. The ringers and parishioners filled the church to overflowing. Why not invite our congregations to attend as well? Their presence is a mark of unity.

At the business meeting a letter was read from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, an old friend of the Guild and former district secretary, who is now Master of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association. The Yateley band gave a 'turn' on their handbells by ringing Grandsire Doubles. This was very much appreciated, especially by some of the younger members of the Guild, who had not had the privilege of hearing handbells before. Meetings are usually dry and rigid, but a little music in some form or another creates enthusiasm, interest and admiration.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 12th, a good number of members and friends being present from various towers in the branch, including Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bassingham, Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Brigg, Cranwell, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln, Nocton, Scotherne and Willingham. There were also present Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson from the Ellos Deaneries Branch, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and Mrs. Humphries, representing the Southern Branch, and Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Treeton, Rotherham. The bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's were available during the afternoon and evening, and Washingtonborough after the business meeting.

Service was held in St. Peter-at-Arches' Church, the Guild Office being used. The Rector (Rev. R. Bond) officiated, and gave an instructive address to the large congregation present. The service was fully choral, the singing being led by an augmented choir consisting chiefly of members of the branch, to whom credit is due for the efficient way in which they performed their duties. Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) read the lesson. Tea was provided at the Co-operative Cafe, at which 76 members and friends were present.

The business meeting followed, over which Mr. F. F. Linley presided, being supported by Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln District president), Rev. H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), and members of the committee.

Apologies of absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Canon W. Hicks, Messingham, and Mr. R. Scott (Sleaford district secretary), also the Dean of Lincoln, who had written expressing regret at his inability to be present, likewise thanking the members for the vote of sympathy in his sad bereavement by the death of Mrs. Fry, which was passed at the Guild annual meeting.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the following were elected members of the branch: Miss E. Thompson, Barton-on-Humber, Mr. E. Rouse and Mr. E. Sanderson, Broughton, while Mr. F. Laming, of the latter place, was re-elected.

Mr. Geo. Chester proposed, and Mr. G. Webb seconded, that a grant of £1 ls. be made from the Northern Branch funds towards the re-hanging of the bells at Killingholme Church, and this was agreed to.

Mr. C. Chester suggested that cards of membership be introduced in the place of receipts for subscriptions received.—After discussion, Mr. Chester proposed that the matter be left over for investigation by the committee. This was agreed to by the members.

The President congratulated the district secretaries on their work during the past year, and thanked them and the auditors for their services.

Mr. Geo. Chester informed the members that he had, that afternoon, had an interview with the Rev. H. Law James, who for special reasons was unable to be present at the meeting, and stated that, all being well, he saw no reason why the Cathedral bells should not be in position by about October.

Mr. Linley proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, especially the Rev. R. Bond for allowing the service to be held in St. Peter-at-Arches' Church and for his address.—This was carried, and responded to by the Rev. Bond.

A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. H. T. Parry, who, in reply, congratulated the branch on its staff of officers, and at the same time made reference to some of the members being neglectful in giving notification respecting their intention of being present at tea. Also the delay of progress through one or more of the members failing to put in an appearance on practice nights.

Votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success were also passed and brought the business to a close, after which the members adjourned to the various towers for further ringing.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Elsham on Saturday, April 14th. Amongst those present were Rev. Canon Knight, of Laceby, and members from Bigby, Burton Stather, Laceby, Killingholme, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, Ulceby, Brigg and the local members. Considering the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. The handy ring of six were kept going during the afternoon. The Vicar of Elsham (Rev. J. Inglis) conducted the service, and gave a very interesting address. Tea was served in the school, 31 members sitting down.

Laceby possesses a nice peal of five bells now that a new treble has been installed by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. A band of learners are working hard to learn change ringing with the help of members from Grimsby.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) presided.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

Mr. C. W. Taylor proposed, and Mr. G. Blanchard seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, and to Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, for playing the organ. Thanks were also given to the Vicar and local ringers for making the arrangements, and to the ladies for the catering.—The Vicar, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to arrange district meetings, because he thought they were a great help to the ringers. He spoke of the excellent work of Mr. G. Blanchard, the district Ringing Master, in walking to Elsham every practice night to teach the Elsham band, who hoped to attain their first peal in the near future.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the above district was held at King's Somborne on April 21st. The attendance was above the average. Ringers from Winchester, Hursley, Portsmouth, Stoneham, Micheldever, Overton Stockbridge, and Romsey were present, and ringing took place during the day at King's Somborne, Stockbridge, Broughton and Longstock.

Service was held in the village church, conducted by the Rev. G. E. H. Theophilus, M.A. (life member). An address was given by Canon Braithwaite on the subject of 'Unity.'

After service, about 60 sat down to tea in the Village Hall. Speeches of welcome and thanks were made, and the ordinary business meeting followed, with Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild) in the chair, supported by the clergy and Mr. C. A. Smith (district secretary). Mr. Andrews reported on the Overton and Micheldever towers, where he is giving instruction.

The Chairman urged the necessity of getting members of unaffiliated towers to join where the whole band is unwilling. No fewer than 25 new members were proposed and accepted.

The Chairman then referred to the subject of diplomas for young ringers.—The Vicar of Stockbridge proposed that the district should support the idea. This was seconded by Mr. Hillay and carried.

This concluded the business, and members left for different towers, where ringing was continued and various touches brought round.

DEVON GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT COLLATON ST. MARY.**

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Collaton St. Mary, near Paignton, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from Paignton, Torquay, Brixham, Newton Abbot, Littlehempstone, Cockington, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Christow, Exeter, Crediton and Dartmouth, the visitors including the Revs. E. V. Cox (Exmouth), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), and M. Kelly (Lipton), the local ringers also being present. The bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon, and a service was later held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. W. Browne), who gave an interesting address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by the chairman (Mr. F. J. Luxton, of Torquay).

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, August 25th, Lustleigh and Cockington were proposed. On a vote being taken, Lustleigh was selected.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a large number of visitors present, and they were proud to have with them Rev. Maitland Kelly.—The former President of the Guild, in reply, said he was delighted to be with them, and it pleased him to see so many young men present. Commenting on the work of the branch during the past year, he noticed no peals had been rung, but he was gratified to see that Sunday service and practice ringing had been regularly carried out during the year.

The local band were congratulated on scoring their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the previous Sunday evening.—The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for making arrangements for the tea, and to his helpers at the tea table.—This was acknowledged by the Vicar.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was afterwards indulged in. Several members visited Berry Pomeroy, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Others also visited Stoke Gabriel, and everyone agreed that the meeting had been in every way successful.

GOSCOTE SOCIETY'S FESTIVAL.**VETERANS MEET AT THURMASTON.**

Teams of ringers from Thurmaston, Birstall, Syston, Cossington, Rothley, Thrusington, Asfordby, Great Dalby, Walton, and Wymeswold, in succession rang merry peals on the six bells of St. Michael's tower, Thurmaston, in connection with the Goscote Bell-ringers' Society's Festival, on Monday, April 30th.

Dinner was partaken of in the schoolroom, the Rev. R. O. Barrett (Vicar) presiding. Service was held in the Parish Church later, the preacher being the Rev. Harold Hurst, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold next year's meeting at Asfordby.

The doyen of the ringers was Mr. Dunsmore, of Walton-on-the-Wolds, aged 84. Amongst the Asfordby group were four veterans—Messrs. T. Hazlewood with 53 years' service as ringer, Eyvander Littlewood (38), F. Lomas (35), and S. Read (29), a total of 153 years—an average of 38 years.

The youngest ringing member of the society is Miss Audrey Mansfield, in her early teens, daughter of Mr. A. H. Mansfield (of Rothley), who is the first of her sex to be admitted to the Goscote Society as a ringer.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at Headquarters at 8 p.m. on June 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe Old Church on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members look up Double Norwich?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Buses for West Clandon leave Guildford (North Street) every 15 minutes.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Ears Colne, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head), followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Oxted on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummon Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, May 19th. Service at St. Mary's Church 3 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: Kidlington (8), Bladon (6), Yarnton (6) at 2 p.m. — W. Evetts, jun., Branch Sec., Tackley Park, Oxon.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Plymouth on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by Bishop of Plymouth). Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 19th. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The practice meeting for May will be held at Lillington (1 mile from Leamington) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available in the afternoon, and Leamington Parish Church bells in the evening after 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett St., Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1s. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, Wimborne St. Giles (8), St. Paul's, Barford St. Martin, Coombe Bissett, Winterslow, Britford and Dinton (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. As there is illness near the church, ringing will be curtailed to one hour before service and after tea.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Arborfield on Saturday, May 19th, 6 p.m., calling at Barkham en route 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, May 19th, 3.30 till 8.30. Cheap trains to Bushey. Bus to Aldenham.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne (8 bells), on Saturday, May 26th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at the School Room 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than the 23rd.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—The memorial tablet to the late Gabriel Chamberlain will be unveiled in Burnham Church tower on Saturday, May 26th, by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the Association. The ceremony will take place at 3.30 p.m. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington, by kind invitation of the Rev. Long, on Saturday, May 26th, when the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dover at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Iver (6 bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., for all those who send their names by May 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26th. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Stockton on May 28th. This year it will take the form of a joint meeting between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. Committee at 11.45 and dinner at 1 at the Vane Arms, High Street, Stockton. Service in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rev. A. Simpson, at 12.15. Dinner, 2s. 6d., to members who send their names by first post on Wednesday, May 23rd; 3s. to non-members and members who do not send in their names. Bells: Stockton (10), Thornaby (8) and Middlesbrough (8) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service at St. David's Church at 2 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 10 a.m.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit Monday, May 28th, and it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend, as there

is some most important business to come before the annual business meeting. For all further particulars see notice of Durham and Newcastle Association meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit Monday, May 28th. The Central Committee will meet in the Schools at 10.45 a.m. Service in Thrapston Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who will give the address. Lunch at White Hart Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made by May 21st, either to Mr. J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston, or the general secretary. The bells available are Thrapston (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Islip (6) from 10 to 11.30 and after the meeting; also Tichmarsh (8), Raunds (8) and Ringstead (6) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

Social evening at the Crown Restaurant, The Market, Nicholas Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27th. Usual and additional Sunday service ringing.

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Monday, May 28th. At 9 a.m. St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, near station, will be opened and stewards will be in attendance to direct visitors or give information upon the day's proceedings.

Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m., St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street.

Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening at the Ship (opposite Redcliffe Church), commence at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets for luncheon and tea upon deposit of 1s. Luncheon 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. (a large portion of this expense will be assisted from a special fund). Tickets for meeting free upon application. All applications should be made before May 20th. Train leaves Temple Meads Tuesday morning at 7.38 a.m. for Hereford, arriving at 9.50 a.m., for Central Council meeting. Return fare 8s. 6d.

Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 28th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. P. E. T. Wildrington, M.A., Rector of Great Easton. 12.15 p.m.: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30

p.m.: Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street. Members 2s. each. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 22nd.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting will be held at Fakenham on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells available throughout the day. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m., 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 24th. Business meeting after lunch.—Arthur C. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnstaple on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner in Bromley's Restaurant, The Strand, at 1, followed by meeting Barnstaple, Pilton, Braunton and Bishop's Tawton towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Rendham (6) and Sweffling (6). Bells at both churches available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 30th?—Hilda F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 (9d. to all sending word before June 6th to Mr. W. C. Rumsey Debenham). Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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NOTICE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Jubilee Celebration at St. Thomas' Church (City), on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall adjoining. All are welcome.—G. Way, 1a, Semont Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

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KELVEDON.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Kent: H. T. Pye 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Elliott 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, W. Elliott 6.

BORDEN, KENT.—For Confirmation service on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Aylett 1, S. Taylor 2, G. Wood 3, J. W. Unwin 4, S. Dobbie 5, T. Jull 6, W. Spico 7, W. J. Walker 8.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Hughes 1, E. Stitch 2, C. Mathers 3, G. W. Hollis 4, W. J. Nulton 5, F. E. Stone 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

HAMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Stephen's Church, for evensong, and in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: B. F. Farmer (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Martin 2, Tom Bevan 3, R. W. J. Hudson (first quarter-peal) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, J. C. Pryor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 7, A. J. Carter (first quarter-peal) 8.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, 720 changes of Double Court: Mrs. L. Warner 1, L. Warner 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, F. Hunt (Linton) 6.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor in 20 mins.: J. F. Smith 1, W. J. Jones 2, G. R. Edwards 3, H. Rogers 4, R. G. Edwards 5, T. Rogers, jun. (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and first by the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, N. V. Harding 3, C. E. Smith 4, H. Hutton 5, W. R. Melville 6, R. S. Philpott 7, W. J. Robinson (conductor) 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. L. Watkins 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, S. Gardner 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. O. Lewis 1, A. J. Martin 2, F. Whitworth 3, Miss A. Johnson 4, H. Price 5, R. Lewis 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, S. A. Jones 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at St. Golthorp's, Bishopsgate, 1,280 Norfolk Surprise Major: G. Shlueter 1, Miss F. Chapman 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. T. Kentish 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

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