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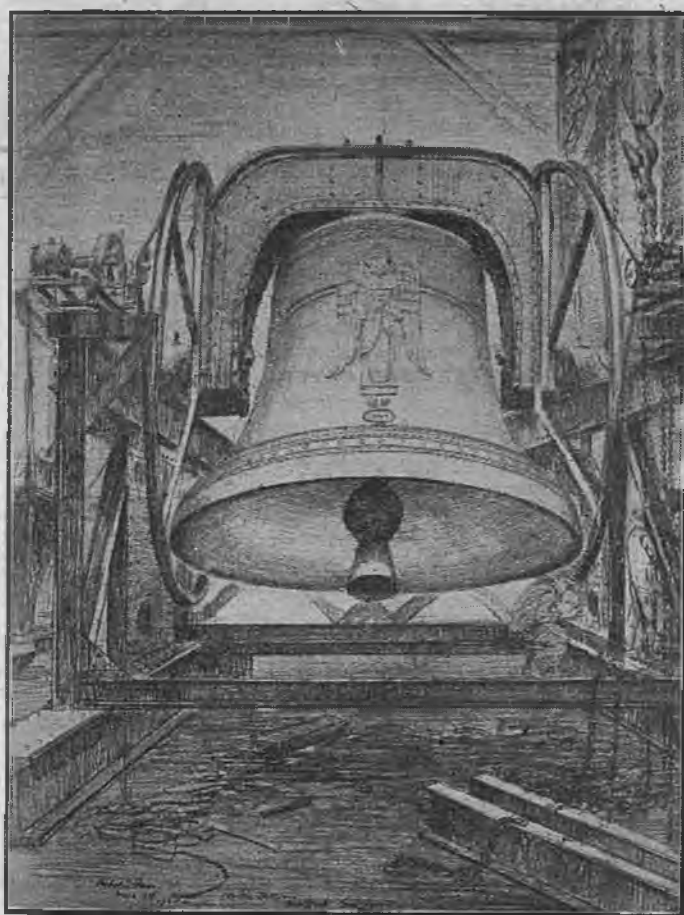
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CHELMSFORD.

The interest of the Exercise will centre next week upon Chelmsford, where on Monday the Essex Association will celebrate its jubilee and on Tuesday the Central Council will assemble for its annual meeting. Each, in its own way, is an important gathering. The Essex County Association has for fifty years been among the most virile of the territorial organisations, guided by energetic and tactful leaders, with the result that it established and has continually maintained a foremost place in the Exercise. The jubilee celebration will doubtless draw together a big gathering of members and friends, and it is largely as a compliment to the association that the Central Council fixed upon Chelmsford as the venue for this year's meeting.

The Council seems likely to have quite a full day's sitting on Tuesday. In its agenda are items which may make the session a fairly long drawn out one, and one or two of the subjects will doubtless provide interesting debates. Not the least controversial is the Methods Committee's report round which we may expect to get the main arguments in regard to what shall in future be recognised as a peal of Doubles and Minor. If, however, that should fail in this purpose, then the motion in the name of Mr. Whittington should not fail to bring a clash of opposing views. The old standard of a peal on five and six bells has been challenged, and the Council will be asked in the report to recognise a new condition, and, in the motion, to reaffirm the existing standard. The Council, in brief, will be asked whether it will accept in a peal on five or six bells the single extent, or a medley of extents as the unit of truth.

The whole Exercise is awaiting a decision on this point, and we have no hesitation in saying, despite the claim made by the Methods Committee that their proposal is 'in harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise,' and that 'tradition' will be 'ample safeguard against any excess,' that no step that has ever been taken in regard to fixing the standard of a peal has been so retrograde in its principles as this proposal of the Methods Committee will be if carried. Instead of raising the standard, it will open the door to all sorts of jiggery-pokery by unprincipled conductors—and unprincipled conductors have been known in the Exercise. And for what is the Council asked to do this? To justify the inclusion in the Minor Collection of certain compositions of which, up to now, no one but the composers and the committee have had a good word to say? If in their construction these particular compositions have anything to recommend them, they have the vital disadvantage of introducing a

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principle which can lead, despite all the committee's assurances, to the introduction of 'fantastic arrangements,' and even the committee could not tell us where the line could be drawn. It is for the Council to draw the line, and we shall be surprised if they do not do it emphatically by ruling out such compositions as the Law James London and Morris arrangement of Doubles.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

HENRY PRING 1 Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE 12 Tenor

Composed by FREDR. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. The visitors to Bristol desire to express sincere thanks to Messrs. W. A. Cave and H. Pring for arranging this peal, and regret that the former was unable to take part in it.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD 1 Treble	† RICHARD C. BELTON 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	† EPHRAIM W. RANDES 7
* CHARLES ALLSOP 3	JAMES S. HUTCHEY 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	E. HARRY STONELEY 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	JAMES GEORGE 10 Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First touch on ten bells.
† First peal of Caters.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS 1 Treble	† WILLIAM ATTERBURY 6
THOMAS LAW 2	FRED HOPPER 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	JOHN T. HENSMAN 8
EDDIE J. HOBBS 4	† HORACE SMITH 9
* ERNEST SIBLEY 5	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 10 Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is shortly leaving Northampton for Coventry.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT 1 Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 6
CHARLES WEBB 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 8
JAMES GEORGE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT 5	ALFRED HAGGETT 10 Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Josephine J. Addison and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who is a member of the King's Norton band, with the best wishes of the ringers. It was also the anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise rung at the same church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY S. RICHOLD Treble	SAMUEL EVANS 5
THOMAS CADGE 2	SAMUEL FORD 6
ERNEST AMBROSE 3	THOMAS CHINERY 7
* BERNARD ADAMS 4	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by E. AMBROSE.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH AND OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CITY CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM BLAKE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	VICTOR BENNETT 6
SAMUEL HOUSLOW 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
RICHARD POST 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

First peal on the bells and first peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Smith, 'father' of the Oxford Society, and to Mrs. Horwood, mother of the tenor ringer.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal in a Surprise method. This composition (author's number 66) is now rung for the first time. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the above tower. Arranged for the ringer of the fourth.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

* SIDNEY PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM A. PARSONS 3	JOHN W. GLRW 7
† JOHN VICARS 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. R. B. Chambers, J.P., B.A., churchwarden 1897 to 1919, also to the late Mr. J. H. Powell, churchwarden 1914 to 1920.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC WARD Treble	PERCY MASSAM 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMOLD 6
HARRY WARD 3	HAROLD L. JONES 7
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TOMPKINS ... Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
ALFRED KING 2	ARTHUR J. SMITH 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method in the county and for all except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. Sawford Dye and Mr. Dye from their honeymoon, and as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on completing 25 years' faithful service in this belfry.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. BIDNELL Treble	A. KAY 5
E. S. RUCK 2	C. FRANKLIN 6
R. J. BIRCH 3	H. PARKES 7
E. G. BUESDEN 4	* A. SWAN Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Freight for having everything ready.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
WILLIAM STANNARD 2	REV. B. H. TYRWITT DRAKE 6
CHARLES STANNARD 3	ANTHONY PRICE 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 356).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Druke was elected a life member of the above Guild prior to starting for the peal.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* HEZEKIAH THORPE ... Treble	† ERNEST THORPE 5
* MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	† JOHN W. SMITHSON 6
JOHN THORPE 3	* ALBERT SMITHSON 7
J. HENRY BOWER 4	† FRANK SHACKLETON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT SMITHSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor, also first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May, 1928. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Tom Chown (an old member of the local company), the late Mr. W. T. Chown (son of the above, who was a member of the local company several years ago), and the late Mr. T. G. Jones, who was a sidesman at the above church for 40 years.

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On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HARRY BARTON	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	HENRY JENNINGS	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge in the Isle of Wight, also by Messrs. Barton and Jennings.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
STAFFORD H. GREEN	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
WILLIAM WELLING	Treble	FRANK CORKE	5
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ...	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
EDGAR HANCOX	4	WILLIAM HONOR	Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. Tom Beadle, the worthy veteran of the local band.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH).

AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY CASHMORE		Tenor 27 cwt.	
EDWIN YATES	Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	5
LEONARD A. SMITH	2	FREDERICK C. CASE	6
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	3	THOMAS E. READ	7
	4	ALBERT J. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Jim, third son of the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY		Tenor 15 cwt.	
ERNEST G. GARRARD	Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN	5
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ...	6
*JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	Tenor

Composed by T. R. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th were elected members of the association previous to starting.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

TONY PRICE		Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
ALFRED BACON	Treble	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT	5
*ARTHUR WIGMORE	2	*FRED WIGMORE	6
TOM GREENACRE	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
	4	*BERT GOGLE	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for B. Gogle, and as a birthday compliment to E. Barker.

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

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST BENNETT		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	Treble	*RICHARD E. JONES	5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	TOM WILDE	7
	4	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN F. PIKE		Tenor 20 cwt.	
*HERBERT E. DAY	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Day is of Hitchin, and this peal was arranged on his behalf.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
HARRY HARGREAVES	Treble	WILLIAM PROCTER	5
*THOMAS JACKSON	2	*ARTHUR EXTON	6
*JAMES SMITH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
H. BERTRAM POTTS	4	*HAROLD BIRTWELL	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of the conductor.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE LIVERSIDGE VARIATION.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
J. HENRY WRIGHT	Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON	5
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.	2	FRED COTTON	6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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GAYTON, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ERNEST LAMBERT 4
JAMES W. HAYNES 2	FRANK BURGESS 5
GEORGE PARKER 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM GARTRY Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
GEORGE BLANCHARD 2	*FRANK LORD 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	JOHN BASS 4
†SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. V. COOPER.

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

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

*CYRIL SHARP Treble	HARRY WOODING 3
TOM FOWLER 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
†HARRY PETTIT Tenor	

Conducted by H. WOODING.

* First peal. † First peal on five bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Pettit and the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ST. CHURCH OF MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with different callings.

*J. WILLIAM LOMAS Treble	*M. EDWARD WATSON 4
C. HENRY WEBB 2	*WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
TOM ATKINS 3	*ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by TOM ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, which were augmented from three to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and opened on May 12th, 1928. First peal on the bells by a local band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday, May 7th, 720 Double Court: M. White 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Forwood 5, T. Price (conductor) 6. Arranged for the tenor ringer, who hails from Shouldham, Norfolk.

SHOULD NONCONFORMISTS RING AT CHURCHES?

A SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DISCUSSION.

In delightful spring weather, the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at that beauty spot, West Lulworth, which, as usual, proved a great attraction. The world-famous Lulworth Cove is close by this old country village, encompassed by hills, and the Cove is one of the most remarkable features of the coast. It is a fairly-like inland sea, almost shut out from the ocean proper, and guarded by two projecting spurs of rock which form the Pillars of Hercules of this miniature Mediterranean.

Two motor coaches brought the majority of the ringers, one starting from Bournemouth and picking up en route a total of thirty. Another starting from Weymouth did likewise, and arrived via Bere Regis with a party of 32. Both coaches passed through most of the 'Hardy country,' and enabled the visitors to see Lulworth Castle, with its circular towers at each angle; the front of the mansion, which is ornamented with heraldic shields and allegorical statues of music; and also Bindon Abbey, a Cistercian monastery founded in 1172.

The bells, a light ring of six, were available from 2.30 p.m., and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Job), and the Rev. H. L. Phillips (late chairman of the Wimborne Branch) gave a short and excellent address. Colonel Robson (churchwarden) read the lesson.

Subsequently high tea was served in the Church Hall, where between 80 and 90 ringers and friends sat down as the guests of Col. Robson.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Vicar was voted to the chair. Five new members, including two ladies, were elected.

The Secretary reported he had been in communication with the authorities at Milton Abbey for their summer meeting, and he was pleased to say they could hold it there in June. This announcement was received with applause, and carried unanimously, no meeting having been held at Milton for a number of years. The Secretary also called attention to the annual festival to be held at Bridport on May 11th, and to further meetings which would be held during the summer at Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury and Frampton, with an occasional practice.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch) proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Col. Robson (who had provided such a sumptuous feast), and to the organist and choir. He reminded them that the late Rev. W. P. Schuster, who was Vicar of West Lulworth, was formerly the general secretary, and had done such good work for the whole Guild. He would have loved to see such a meeting as that.—Mr. Dance seconded, and Mr. Hewlett, endorsing what had been said, paid a special compliment to Mrs. Ironmonger and her party of ladies who had done so well for such a large gathering.—Both the Vicar and Col. Robson replied.

The business being ended, the Vicar called on Col. Robson to give a talk on the subject of Nonconformists taking part in ringing, under the heading of 'Unity of the Churches and Ringing.' Col. Robson made an eloquent speech, and was listened to with the deepest interest. He took a very broad view of his subject. He is churchwarden at his church, and a practical ringer. He said we had heard a lot of talk of our empty churches and the falling-off of our bellringers, and parishes not able to get ringers to ring the bells. Even at his own church they could only ring three bells. It was 'Ding, dong, bell,' a shame on the village. Unfortunately, the doctor had ordered the Vicar not to ring again. Why should there not be unity of the churches, and why not have Nonconformists come and ring the bells? The churches belonged to the people. If clergy could preach in other churches and chapels, why should not ringers from other denominations ring the bells in the church? When recently in Scotland, where there was no Church of England, he found he could say his prayers in the other church as well as in his own. In conclusion, he asked, 'Why are we short of ringers?' He knew one thing was apathy, and he was pleased that two of the number who had joined the Guild that day were going to be ringers at his own church.

The Vicar, who followed, said the question was a deep one. They must ring the people to church, and they must make bellringers out of their churchmen.

Mr. Burton, who agreed with Col. Robson's broadminded view, said they wanted more of it in the church. He knew one church where Nonconformists rang for the service and then went to their own chapel to worship. He was a member of the choir, as well as a ringer at his church, and sometimes the choir went to the churches of other denominations to assist in the music. Why, therefore, should not ringers of other denominations ring the bells of the church? They rang for God, and not for the churchpeople only.

Mrs. Ironmonger (who was formerly a ringer) said a lady who used to ring with them was a Nonconformist, and she eventually got confirmed and came to the church and proved an excellent member.

The Rev. H. L. Phillips, Mr. Dance and the secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) took part in the debate, which proved very interesting.—Col. Robson was thanked for his talk, and the Vicar for conducting the meeting.

NEW BELLS AT WOKING.

TREBLES DEDICATED BY THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD.

Since the year 1884 the Parish Church of St. Peter, Woking, Surrey, has had a ring of six bells. They were originally cast by William Eldridge in the neighbouring town of Chertsey, where for a long period there was a flourishing offshoot of the foundry first established at Wokingham. The fourth was recast in 1766, and the tenor in 1887, and to these six bells two trebles have been added. The augmentation has been carried out as the result of the efforts of the local ringers, who launched the scheme and collected all the money. They are fortunate in having among their number Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., who is also churchwarden, and he has done a great deal towards the successful outcome of the scheme. The new trebles, which have been tuned to blend with the old bells, are hung in the pits and fittings of the former trebles, which have been hoisted into a new iron frame built over the old. A perfect 'splice' has been effected, and an admirable circle obtained for the ropes in the ringing room. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon an excellent job. Each bell is inscribed, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' and with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens. The work done up to the present has cost about £200, but it is hoped to raise a further sum to enable the rehanging of the rest of the peal to be carried out.

The dedication was performed on Saturday by the Bishop of Guildford. The church was full almost to capacity, a considerable portion of the congregation being ringers from every part of the diocese. The old six bells were rung prior to the service, at which the Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. J. G. Bruce, Rector of Worplesdon, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, the other clergy present being Canon G. Askwith (Vicar of Woking), Archdeacon R. Irwin, and the Rev. P. Bradshaw (curate of St. Peter's, Woking). The Guildford Diocesan Guild's special form of service was used, with the introduction of suitable dedicatory prayers. It opened with the singing of Psalm 150, followed by a short lesson read by Archdeacon Irwin, and the Magnificat. The congregation stood during the dedication of the bells which followed. The Woking Parish Church bellringers, followed by the Rev. P. Bradshaw, Admiral T. P. Walker and Mr. F. C. T. Mann (churchwardens), Archdeacon Irwin, the Bishop of Guildford and the Rev. J. G. Bruce, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the ropes of the two new bells were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens. After the words of dedication and a prayer that the bells might continually call together faithful people to praise and worship, the ropes were handed to the conductor, and while the Bishop and clergy were returning to the chancel, the bellringers rang a few 'rounds' on the bells. After the hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' the Bishop gave an address, and during the closing hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' an offertory for the bell fund was taken, and amounted to £14 6s. At the conclusion of the service a Diocesan Guild band rang 504 Stedman Triples.

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BELLS.

The Bishop took his text from Isaiah xl. 3, 'A voice that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God.' He said a church building itself and all its adjuncts, however great their beauty might be, were only means to an end. They were to help us to realise the glory of worship, the beauty of the Divine presence, and the great compelling thought that our very best was all too poor for the worship of the majesty of God. To give less than our very best to His service was not only unworthy of Him, but unworthy of us. All the adjuncts of the church should reflect that great truth. Yet how easy it was without any means of grace to forget that and to miss our chances, and how often we did miss them. We were always missing our chances, and he thought this was particularly true of our church bells. They ought never to be sounded without prayer. He believed he was speaking to many bellringers, and he would say to them, Don't miss your chance. Don't ring your bells without praying as you ring. They may be a voice crying in the wilderness to those who hear them—that most wonderful cry which could fall on human ears, so searching and so full of appeal: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight a highway for our God.' Otherwise, what justification was there for the bells of the church? It was not the mere music; they meant something spiritual. The bells were a call to the human race and all who heard to prepare the way of the Lord, and as we listened we should pray that the message might go home into life after life and soul after soul. Never was there a time when the bells and the bellringers should be so much at work, because the habit of public worship had decayed, and decayed very sadly indeed. We should not have so much to deprecate and deplore, or be anxious over if all of us, when we heard the bells, prayed, to accompany them. It was a solemn thing, the Bishop added, to come to a service like that. It involved an issue of deeper spirituality and more real religion, and it could not leave them unaffected, unmoved and unchanged.

BIG TEA PARTY.

Subsequently, the Church Hall was filled for a big tea party, which numbered about 220, and included subscribers to the bell fund and the ringers. Admiral Walker presided, and he was supported by the Bishop of Guildford and Mrs. Greig, Archdeacon Irwin, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. F. C. T. Mann (churchwarden), Mr. G.

Milner Walker, J.P., Mr. Walter C. Ryde, K.C., Mr. Price Williams (chairman of the Urban District Council), Mr. E. A. Young (secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. A. L. Ryde, Mr. A. A. Hughes (of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (secretary of the Guildford Guild), etc.

After tea, Admiral Walker referred with pleasure to the fact that the Vicar, Canon Askwith, had got on so splendidly following his illness that he had actually been able to take part in the dedication service (applause). The Chairman also expressed deep appreciation of the fact that the Bishop had come amongst them to dedicate the bells in the church. They thanked him also for his inspiring address. They now had, he said, a good ring of bells. It was not quite complete, but a ring of eight was infinitely better than a ring of six. Referring to visitors that day, Admiral Walker said they had one with them whose father was Bishop Titcomb, who was Vicar of Woking fifty years ago. They also had Mr. Ryde, K.C., who was captain of their old bellringers 30 or 40 years ago. Admiral Walker added that Sir John Simon, who formerly resided in the parish, was prevented from attending owing to the general election. This showed what old associations a parish with bells had. Sir John Simon was there for about six months, and remembered the place mainly on account of the bells.

A CHEERFUL CROWD.

The Bishop of Guildford said a company of bellringers seemed as cheerful a crowd as one could find oneself with. He had had some very interesting and cheery meetings since he had been Bishop of Guildford, and one that stood out was the great meeting of bellringers at Croydon last year, when ringers from every part of Great Britain gathered in their thousands. More and more he felt that one of the revivals of church life which was most welcome and likely to be most powerful, was that among the bellringers. He felt they had a great source of strength and a great ministry as important as any. Therefore, when he was asked to come to a gathering of that kind he did not come with the idea that he was paying them a compliment or doing them a favour; he came with the utmost possible pleasure and a sense of privilege to share in the comradeship and fellowship with men who were working together for the same purpose that he was working, to increase the Kingdom of God. The Bishop added that he and his wife would go away with a feeling that they had spent a profitable and delightful afternoon and evening in their company (applause).

PRESENTATION TO ADMIRAL WALKER.

Mr. W. H. Edwards, the secretary of the Woking Parish Church ringers, paid a tribute to Admiral Walker's work in connection with the new bells. He felt sure they would never have got the new bells without Admiral Walker, and the local band of ringers very much appreciated what he had done (applause).

At the request of Mr. Edwards, the Bishop presented Admiral Walker with a gold badge in the form of a bell as a token of the local ringers' appreciation. The Bishop said the badge was given by the ringers in a spirit of real affection to one who had won respect and regard by the whole-hearted way in which he threw himself into the life of the parish and especially the bellringing (applause).

Admiral Walker suitably acknowledged the ringers' kindness, which, he said, had taken him 'flat aback.'

The Rev. P. Bradshaw voiced the thanks of the assembly to the churchwardens and their wives and the other ladies who had helped in the provision of the tea. He also thanked the local band of ringers for arranging the decorations, especially mentioning the miniature bells hanging over the tables.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reminded the company that the addition of the two treble bells was not the end of the scheme to restore the Woking bells. It was desired to have the other six rehanged, and if Admiral Walker was as enthusiastic in this as he had been already, this would soon be accomplished. Admiral Walker wanted more money for the rehanging of the old bells, and among the things he had done to augment the bell fund was to have replica models of the two new bells cast. The bells were suspended over the tables, and they were for sale.

Afterwards touches were rung on handbells, much to the interest of those who had seen nothing of the kind before.

The Woking Parish Church band who rang during the dedication service consisted of J. Brackley, Admiral Walker, A. P. Osborne, W. H. Edwards, F. Foot, H. Greenhill, T. Strudwick and C. Coles. Mrs. Edwards and D. Munday were spare ringers.

Touches on the bells were rung throughout the evening. There were 'rounds' for those who could do nothing more, and the methods ranged up to London Surprise Major.

THE LATE MISS NELLIE JOHNSON.

The death of Miss Nellie Johnson makes one think of Henry Kirke White. Her short life was full of poetry. One regrets that it was not her privilege and delight to have taken part in a peal of Stedman 'in hand.' What a happy home circle is broken! We loved her in life; let us not forget her in death.

If worth, if genius, to the world are dear,
To Nelly's shade devote no common tear.
Her worth on no precarious tenure hung;
From genuine piety her virtues sprung.

C. F. W.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE ALLDER, OF BURNHAM.**A BUCKS PIONEER.**

One of the old South Bucks ringers, who began ringing on the original peal of five bells in the 'seventies, passed away on Sunday, April 28th, in his 71st year, after a few weeks' confinement to his house—George Alder, of Burnham.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on May Day, his children and friends in attendance, and the service being conducted by the Vicar. There was a large display of floral emblems, one in the shape of a bell, with carnations and laurel leaves, sent by the Burnham ringers inscribed: 'In kindly and grateful remembrance from some of his old friends and fellow-ringers.'

George was ever an outspoken man, in business, sport or bellringing. On the football field for years his shrill, clear voice earned him the nickname of 'Piper,' which clung to him to the last. He was a clever builder, and never hesitated to take on any difficult job below ground or upon a roof, and he would climb about a high roof without fear like a cat.

For nearly 50 years he has acted as steeplekeeper at St. Peter's tower, and he frequently took out a bad-going bell. He spent many hours doctoring up the bearings and fittings, thus saving the church-wardens some expense.

He was a member of the College Youths, the Middlesex Association, and the Oxford Guild, and had rung peals in most of the standard and Surprise methods on eight bells. He was also one of the earliest members of the Berks and Bucks Association of ringers formed in 1878, and took a hand with the writer in the practices at Boyne Hill and Farnham Royal held from 1878 to 1882.

Of a generous, impulsive good nature, his death breaks the chain of half a century—round ringing to method, the old school and the new—and his willing and obliging disposition regarding the tower and bells ('his' tower he always called it) at all times will be sadly missed by those who enjoyed the combined practices there for the past 20 years, when the Surprise methods were tackled by so many ringers in the Burnham district with success.

In the evening, after the funeral, the local ringing company, with Mr. W. H. Fussell's help, rang two touches with muffled clappers, conducted by the Rev. Percy Nott. Half-pull could not be attempted, but well-struck changes in the same old way that George began his ring with, 'Stoney,' marked his end. It is hoped later to ring a muffled peal for him as a farewell from his fellow-churchmen.

W. H. F.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th, about forty being present. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and continued until 4.30.

At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Beddard) first said that he hoped those present would kindly consider themselves as his guests. He went on to deliver an eloquent address on the history and uses of bells from the earliest times, tracing their development from the rude wooden instrument which was used in their stead at the beginning, and mentioning particularly four principal uses to which the bells of the church have been put for many ages—the sacring and passing bells, the Angelus and the curfew.

A collection on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 10s.

At the Parish Hall, a capital tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. This was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

Mr. S. S. Vince, of Lower Beeding, and Mr. A. E. Andrews, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, were elected new members. All the officers of the division were re-elected, viz.: Hon. secretary, A. D. Stone; Committee of Advice, K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler.

A discussion then arose as to the advisability of arranging combined practices of the whole division. This, the meeting considered, would not be practicable, supporting the view that the grouping together among themselves of adjoining towers for practice would be found more successful.

The holding of divisional meetings on Wednesdays instead of Saturdays was then discussed, it being decided that one meeting this year should be held on a Wednesday, as a trial, Mr. Keith Hart kindly offering to act for the hon. secretary at this meeting.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and most instructive address, and for his generous hospitality, coupling with this the name of the organist. This was enthusiastically received, and the Vicar, in his reply, again referred to the great pleasure it had given him to welcome those present.

Ringling was again resumed and continued until close on nine o'clock, the methods during the afternoon and evening ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Superlative Cambridge and London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Bolney, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Shoreham and Southover (Lewes).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Stedman Caters at King's Norton on Saturday was rung on the 26th anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise at the same church. Mr. Harry Withers, who on the former occasion took down the figures of the peal as rung, on Saturday again appeared from somewhere and presented the band with figures of the composition they had just completed. On this occasion he had taken down the sixes of the turning course!

Mr. George Williams asks us to thank his many friends who have sent him birthday congratulations and good wishes.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, on May 18th, 1883. The peal occupied nine hours and forty-eight minutes, and was conducted by Mr. Sam Wood. It is interesting at this date to recall the names of the men who set up the record of that day, for, in the words of the footnote to the peal, 'This is the longest peal ever rung in any method by one set of men.' The ringers were Thomas Moss, James Adams, James Wood, jun., Samuel Wood, Benjamin Broadbent, Joseph Mellor, George Longden and John Thorp.

Thurstans' famous four-part, still recognised as a 'masterpiece,' was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

On May 19th, 1777, a peal of 11,080 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths.

The South-West tower of York Minster and its ring of ten bells was destroyed by fire on May 20th, 1840.

The celebrated 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, was rung in 8 hrs. 16 mins. on May 21st, 1888. It was conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates, and among those who took part were Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Canon G. F. Coleridge. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley was also in the peal, and used to say it was the finest struck peal he ever took part in.

Next Tuesday is also the anniversary of that wonderful achievement, the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, rung by the College Youths in 1923.

Thirty years ago next Wednesday was rung the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, and the same day is the anniversary of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, exactly a hundred years earlier. This was the first peal of Stedman Triples outside Norwich.

A correspondent who has been much interested in the recent achievements of Mr. James George, would like to ascertain something of the doings of ringers at the other end of the scale. Who has been the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, or Surprise Major? To publish the names and ages of these youthful ringers might be an incentive to the juveniles to conquer such things at a still earlier age.

JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A GIANT OF THE EXERCISE.

Mr. F. E. Dawe writes: I can quite appreciate and fully corroborate Mr. C. F. Winney's remarks about the peal of Treble Twelve In at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 29th, 1884—45 years ago. Mr. Winney and I both took part in it, and it was as he describes, a very different proposition in those days, for when a band was made up it was always agreed to meet at the church 'on the off-chance of the tenor going well!' This was usually expected in dirty weather, when cold, damp, fog and rain prevailed—especially the two latter!

I have known bands meet there and then not go up, in anticipation of a 'rough time.'

During the progress of the peal in question (which was a good one), and which Hayes called, there were many anxious looks. All frequently scrutinised Hayes, and the same thought must have pervaded the mind of each of us, 'Can human being last the time?' He did, and I well remember being the first to speak to him immediately on setting the tenor, and his reply was, 'Yes, Frank, I had to keep the furnace going at full blast, and very little water in the boiler!'

I think most of our older friends will agree with me in saying that John Murray Hayes, a stonemason by trade, was certainly one of the three or four strongest men in the ringing Exercise during the last 70 years.

I remember him being accosted by some men with a weight-lifting machine by 'Try your strength, sir,' and Hayes replied, 'Well, I've been doing that all day.' Whereupon he had a pull, and the indicator went right round the clock face as far as it could go!

Amongst many other notable performances, Murray Hayes rang the tenor to the famous 15,840 Treble Bob at Bethnal Green 61 years ago.

At an occasional convivial gathering it was a rare treat to get him to sing 'Tom Pearce's Old Mare' with a rollicking chorus concerning 'Uncle Tom Cobley and all,' which could be relied upon to 'bring down the house.'

Yes, 'Jack' Hayes was a good, honest, open-hearted creature, always ready to do a good turn for all, and never cherishing evil thoughts of anyone. I wish more of his calibre existed now. I rang fully 50 peals with him.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MORE MONEY WANTED FOR WAR MEMORIAL.**

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport (which was revisited after a lapse of 18 years) on Saturday, and was largely attended. A service was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. S. H. Viggars (Rector). The lessons were read by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kington Magna, Gillingham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Archdeacon of Sherborne (Bishop Joscelyne), one of the vice-presidents. Church bells, he said, were as sermons in wrought iron; they summoned the people to higher thoughts and issued a general call to useful service.

A luncheon, attended by about 160 members and friends, was served at the Greyhound Hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. R. Hugh Gundry, of Shroton Rectory, Blandford, Master of the Guild, who was supported by Bishop Joscelyne, the Rev. S. H. Viggars, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Canon Hutchings (Beaminster), the Rev. C. Carrow Cox, president, West Dorset Branch (Lyme Regis), Messrs. W. S. B. Northover (Bridport), Frank Bugler (Beaminster), Martin Stewart (Ferndown), and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, hon. secretary of the West Dorset Branch. Others present included the Rev. J. C. Phillips (Bournemouth), the Rev. E. H. H. Lee (Whitechurch Canonicoorum), and the Rev. A. B. Hutton (Loders).

Luncheon over, the toast of 'The King' was duly honoured.

At the business meeting a statement of accounts was submitted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards. It was shown that the balance in hand amounted to about £90. This was reported to be the highest credit balance on record, but the Secretary reminded his hearers that he foresaw heavy expenditure in the near future, and that this money would be all required. Fifty pounds was on deposit, and so earning a small amount by way of interest.—The report was adopted on the proposition of the Rev. C. C. Cox, seconded by Mr. J. B. Benger (Dorchester).

On the proposition of Mr. Stewart, the officers were re-elected en bloc, as under, and thanked for their past services: Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. T. H. Beams; hon. auditors, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Wimborne, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, Kington Magna.

The Master, returning thanks for his re-election, said he was proud to hold the office he did. He had been a ringer for about 50 years, and ringing was one of the keenest joys of his life. He would gladly continue to do all in his power for the good and welfare of the Guild and its members. He again repeated a previously made appeal to branch secretaries that they should advise him of their meetings in order that, whenever possible, he might be present. He particularly asked that such notice should be given him of the proposed dedication of bells after rehanging or the addition of new bells.

The General Committee was elected as follows: The appointed officers of the Guild and of branches; the Rev. C. Wood, the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe and Messrs. J. R. Jerram and E. B. Barter.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, presenting a statement of accounts relating to the War Memorial Fund, said the amount paid in to the hon. treasurer was £120. In addition they had £3 17s. in the bank and about £2 14s. in hand (the amount taken up in a collection at that day's service). The expenses incurred—mainly for printing—amounted to £3 17s. They were still a long way short of the amount required, and, although they had till their jubilee year, 1932, in which to raise the balance, it was his fervent hope that every member would do his best to have the fund completed and done with at the earliest possible moment. He would not be satisfied until the money was raised.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover also deprecated the slow way in which the money was coming in. It was a debt they owed, not to the Guild, but to the memory of their fellow-members who went down in the war, and he thought it was incumbent upon them to see to it that the money was raised with the least delay. The amount due was about £80, and he proposed that £30 of the balance they had in hand as a Guild be voted to the Memorial Fund.

The Master agreed that the money should be raised as soon as possible, but he queried whether their Guild funds, raised for an altogether different purpose, could be put to that use. He did not think it was right or fair to make the memorial a charge upon their funds; that memorial was originally intended to be a personal contribution from the members.

Messrs. Edwards and Cox agreed, the latter expressing the hope that the susceptibilities of those members who had not contributed would be touched as a result of the comments made that day. The matter was then allowed to drop.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Bishop Joscelyne for his attendance and words of encouragement, to the Rector of Bridport for taking the services for them that day and the use of his church and bells; to Mr. Beams and his local committee for the excellence of their arrangements; to the incumbents of surrounding churches for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Walter Trump, who had so successfully maintained his high reputation as a caterer.

Ringing took place during the day at Bridport, Beaminster, Bradpole, Whitechurch, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, and Symondsbury, where the bells were rung.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT PERRANZABULOE.**

A well-attended meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Perranzabuloe on Saturday, May 11th, when there were about 50 present from St. Mabe, St. Gluvias, Gwennap, St. Agnes, Illogan, Truro Cathedral, and the local band. The bells, a nice ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt., hung last June by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were raised at 2.30 p.m. and kept going until nine o'clock, except during the interval for service and tea.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Father Boyd (Vicar), the lessons being read by the Rev. Father Skrine (curate). The Vicar took an unusual text, for he based his remarks on the words which one often sees on a brass plate outside the front door of a house, namely, 'Please do not ring unless an answer is required.' He said that ringing was an outward ceremony for a form of worship, which required the combined efforts of a band who should not turn their ringing into a mere pastime.

After tea it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Gluvias, an invitation having been received from Mr. Nicholls, who said his Vicar very much wished the next meeting to be held at that place. The last Saturday in September was decided upon as the date. It is, however, possible, that an earlier meeting will be arranged during July at St. Mabe, to create local interest in the rehanging and augmentation of the present ring of five, which are hung anti-clockwise. The Vicar is quite keen on this project, and the local ringers are confident that the money would be forthcoming if a start were made. It is thought, therefore, that this would be a good way of supporting the local band in their hope and desire.

NEWBURY BELLS RESTORED.**REDEDICATION SERVICE.**

The rededication of the bells of Newbury Parish Church was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday afternoon, April 28th, when about 700 people attended, including the Mayor and Corporation of Newbury. The Church Lads' Brigade led the civic procession from the Municipal Buildings to the church. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie). Bishop Shaw gave an interesting address on the use of the bells, remarking that Newbury bells were recast 125 years ago at the local foundry, Aldbourne, Wilts. The bells have now been retuned and hung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, to whom great credit was due.

About 95 ringers were present from all parts, and were afterwards entertained to tea in the Parish Room.

The Bishop offered his congratulations to the parish on accomplishing its purpose so thoroughly.—The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) expressed his great satisfaction at what had been done. It was a special feature of this scheme that although the bells had been retuned and rehung, their character had not been destroyed, and they were the same old Newbury bells.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Guild, spoke of his boyhood acquaintance with Newbury bells, and it was a great delight to hear them ringing again, and to know that they are now safe.

Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain of the tower) thanked the Rector and the committee for their efforts in raising the fund for restoration. The collection on behalf of the bells fund amounted to £12 10s. 9d. The Rector said the collection would now clear the debt of restoration, and thanked Mr. A. A. Hughes for the splendid work his firm had done.—Mr. Hughes suitably responded. The bells were kept going in the evening until nine o'clock.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

The following is the Council's statement of accounts for the year ending May 21st, 1929:—

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in bank	26	15	6
Cash	1	7	0
Subscriptions	14	12	6
Interest on stock	5	0	0
Total	£47	15	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Loss on sales, etc.	3	9	0
Hon. Secretary's expenses	2	10	0
Peals' Analysis Committee's expenses	5	2	6
B.B.C. Committee's expenses	2	1	6
'Ringing World'	2	1	9
Balance in bank	33	7	6
Less cheque not yet presented	17	3	
	32	10	3
Total	£47	15	0

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

WHAT SHALL CONSTITUTE A PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the Methods Committee's Report and your leading article and the other correspondence which has followed it. With a great deal of the report and of Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of May 3rd, I agree, but there are one or two points on which my views differ very considerably from those of the Methods Committee, and as I know that I am by no means alone in my opinions, I would like to try and express some of them here, in order that the Exercise, and particularly those members of the Central Council who have to decide what is to be done about it on Whit Tuesday, may have both sides of the question before them.

First of all, let me say that I do not want to take up an extreme view and refuse to listen to any arguments that do not agree with it; I readily admit that the whole business is a most complicated problem, and that many reasonable arguments can be, and have been, put forward on both sides. But it must also be said that a lot of unreasonable arguments have also appeared, and that there has been (as someone has already said) 'much muddled thinking' on the subject. It has been my aim and object in expressing my views to face the facts and to follow them out to their logical and reasonable conclusion.

I have said in these columns that I value and respect the opinions of Mr. Law James, and I say the same of his two colleagues on the Methods Committee, but I cannot remain blind to the fact that their collected views (as expressed in the report and in their individual letters) would bear much more weight with the Exercise and the Central Council if they showed a little more sign of consistency. In the issue of May 3rd there are laid out before us four definite examples of occasions on which members of the Methods Committee have flatly contradicted each other, and in some cases themselves as well. This is not by any means a complete list of their contradictory statements, and I would like to mention just one or two more. The Report says: 'The claim has been made that this arrangement (i.e., Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor) does really consist of seven true and complete extents on the grounds that if we count rounds at the start there are 720 true rows, then another 720, etc. We cannot accept this as sound argument.' Nor can I! But who was it that made this claim? Was it not the Rev. H. Law James himself, who half a column lower down signs the report that contains this statement? If anyone doubts this, I ask him to look at the issue for January 18th, page 41, and read the second paragraph of Mr. James' letter, ending with the words, '... so that each of the seven is true and complete.' Mr. Law James can hardly deny that he has been the chief advocate of counting rounds (in certain cases) as the first row of a touch or peal and not the last. When I asked him to reconcile this policy with the Central Council's rule that 'a peal must start from and end with rounds,' he replied (at the second time of asking) that it was a 'natural law which cannot be altered.' And now the Report tells us that 'it is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise, and contrary to the nature of change ringing, to count rounds at the start as a change.'

I have said that I agree with a great deal of the Report. I certainly agree with its producers in hoping that the Council will accept the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge as a true performance. A lot has been written about 'juggling with truth' and the meaning of 'true and complete,' etc. Surely, a great deal of this is irrelevant to the main issue. The point the Exercise is trying to decide is not whether any individual 720 (or sequence of 720's) is true and complete or not, but what it is going to accept as a true performance, so that then it can bring its rules into line with this.

I think that we must all agree with the Methods Committee in regarding the Bankes James arrangement as made up of two round blocks of 2,160 changes and one ordinary 720. If it is going to stand, it must be regarded in this light and not as seven separate 720's. It is in their next point that I differ so entirely from the view expressed in the report, which says, 'We do not consider it of any particular importance that this block appears so nearly to consist of three true and complete extents.' That is where I, and I believe a great many others with me, disagree entirely. The leading article on April 26th suggested that the committee wanted the Central Council to admit as a peal of Minor any composition in which each of the 720 rows appears seven times, no matter in what order, and this desire was denied by Mr. Trollope in the next issue. Now I do not wish to read into the Report anything that is not there, but I do honestly think that the writer of the leading article was to a certain extent justified. It certainly appears that the committee advocate allowing a certain amount of scope in the arranging of the block of 2,160 changes, provided that each of the 720 rows appears three times. They particularly say that they consider the fact that in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement the 2,160 is so nearly three successive true 720's of no importance. This is where I think the majority of the Exercise will find it so hard to agree with the committee.

Now I have advocated letting in this composition as an exception, and I drew up a rough outline of the main points of the policy which embodies this. I am aware that this is an original, and perhaps bold, policy to put forward, but there is really a great deal to be said for it, and I do urge the Exercise to consider it. After all,

it is an exceptional case. Time, practice, and experience have proved this. The arrangement is habitually rung to Cambridge Minor, but not (to my knowledge) to Kent or Plain Bob. Why? Surely because there is a need for it in Cambridge, and not in the other cases. I ask those who think deeply about this matter to consider very seriously this question, and I want to lay great emphasis on it: 'Is it a reasonable thing to alter the whole basis of five and six bell peals for the sake of one (or, if you like to include Mr. Morris' Doubles, two) compositions? Some people may say that there are other compositions at stake as well, but I would remind them that practically everyone who has expressed his views on this subject, not excluding the members of the Methods Committee, have, when it has come to arguing in detail, gone straight to Mr. Bankes James' peal of Cambridge Minor.

In the policy which I put forward in my last letter I would, however, like to make a slight modification, and that is, substitute for suggested resolution (iv.), 'That in the case of Treble Bob methods in which not more than one (or 4, or 7; I leave this important point for the consideration of others) essentially different 720's are obtainable, a round block of 2,160 changes may be substituted for any three successive 720's, provided that this block consists of three blocks of 719 true changes joined together by the three members of the missing Q set.'

I submit that this is a reasonable and logical line of action to take, and that it satisfies the desire of the majority of the rank and file of the Exercise, which is to admit the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor and exactly similar compositions without opening the door to all kinds of peals of Minor in which we may substitute for three 720's a block of 2,160 containing all sorts of repetitions, provided that each row only appears three times. Whether this latter is really what the Methods Committee want the Exercise to allow or not, I do not know, but in spite of Mr. Trollope's contradiction of this in his last letter, it is certainly what they appear to advocate in the Report.

I am aware that this letter contains a certain amount of adverse criticism of the members of the Methods Committee. May I repeat, in conclusion, that I respect all that they have written, and agree with a great deal of it, and that what I have written has been in no unfriendly spirit, but because I feel very strongly that that part of the policy which they appear to advocate, which I have dealt with above, is not in the best interests of the Exercise.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

'ROUNDS' FIRST OR LAST?

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Severn's letter in your issue of April 26th, I am sorry to note that he seems deliberately to have misquoted me. I think that my letter of April 12th could not have been plainer, on two points at least.

First, that a peal '... shall COMMENCE and end with rounds ... that it shall consist of 4,999 different rows AND TWO ROWS OF ROUNDS....' Does this look as though I have joined his 'majority' in that rounds shall be the 'LAST ROW OR CHANGE'? You will excuse the capitals; they would appear to be necessary.

Secondly, that I did not wish to quote a 'majority.' I have no right to speak for anybody but myself in letters which appear over my name; the views of the Leytonstone company would be expressed over the signature of its hon. secretary, and not through one of its members. And, unless the opinions of a very goodly number of ringers have personally been canvassed by Mr. Severn, he, too, has no right to talk of 'majorities.' My letter of April 12th said this in a gentler way.

I wrote therein of 501 opinions. I will go further, and say that it is doubtful if Mr. Severn could name five men who have given him a perfectly logical reason as to why the Bankes James five thousand of Cambridge Minor should be considered false. A number object to it because the extents do not run round; others because it does not conform to the existing rule that a peal shall commence FROM ROUNDS. Mr. Severn says this 'from' is immaterial to him. Quite! It is the basis of his objection to the peal.

We all have our different opinions, and none of us is more correct than another in a case of this description. We (in the form of the Central Council—bless 'em) have got to agree as to which view shall be considered correct, and no talk of falsity on a split straw will help to decide the question. The peal has come, and, I hope, to stay, but if the Central Council decide otherwise, sensible men will abide by its decision. Personally, I hope it will decide for the Cambridge and any others similarly constructed, and against the London, although I must admit the truth of Mr. Drake's past arguments on the question of 'splicing' as applied to the latter. I am not going to endeavour to justify my inconsistency in supporting extents in spliced methods, while I am against peals in spliced extents. I cannot!

I am obliged by Mr. Severn's kindly advice on conducting London, out of his experience of forty years. This I shall carefully note. He has, however, missed my point with regard to the setting out of his figures; but, as I said, it was merely a piffing example of following tradition, and it is not worth further explanation.

Writing of London, I wonder if Mr. Severn would object to my ringing this method with 164235 as a plain lead-end, with second's-

place bobs—would the 720 be 'legitimate'? Or would his doughty champion (Mr. W. Willson) describe it as an abortion, a monstrosity, or a what not? In my meagre experience of four-TEEN short years I have rung the extent many times—legitimately!

I object to Mr. Drake's definite statement that a method must be varied by two kinds of call only. The 22-Surprise-method peal rung at Chigwell (which, Mr. Severn may recall, I had the honour to conduct) contained calls that were neither bobs nor singles; but I do not think Mr. Drake means us to take him too literally in this respect.—Yours faithfully,
GEO. L. JOYCE.

81, Salisbury Avenue, Barking, Essex.

May 4th, 1929.

A DEFINITE LINE.

Dear Sir,—In their report, the committee seem to have made out their case and put it clearly before us so that we can vote on it, yes or no, quite easily.

With regard to your article on it, when you say there should be 'no juggling with truth,' this does not seem a very happy use of words: whereas when you say in the same sentence that we have to decide whether to 'insist upon the extent of a method as being the unit of truth,' you seem to have expressed the matter very happily. To me they seem to be an unpleasant way and a pleasant way of saying the same thing—not, as you put it, opposite things. At any rate, to ring more than a single six-score, or a single 720, is to repeat rows, and if we call such lengths a peal, we are juggling with truth—most certainly—although it is not a nice way of putting it.

At the same time, I do not like the constant repetition of the appeal to the tradition and usage of the Exercise. Our forefathers, it would seem, deliberately refused to have anything to do with splicing. It two methods were to be rung together they made them into a combination or 'Union,' and rang them as a new method from beginning to end. The practice of splicing has grown up in the last twenty years, and is a new thing, and we need not pretend that it has anything to do with the traditions and usage of the Exercise. It is better to face the fact that it has not, and that being a new thing it requires new regulations.

Theoretically I would support those who object to 'juggling with truth,' and those who would 'scrap the lot.' But in practice I am afraid I have not the courage of my opinions, and dare not lay such a proposition before the Council. I will challenge those who speak so boldly on this matter to table such a proposition, and I will support it. But it must be understood that 'no juggling with truth' means that no peal of Doubles must exceed 120 changes, and none of Minor shall exceed 720. Also that 'scrap the lot' makes all splicing illegal. For if we are to favour one kind only, the splicing of extents must come before the splicing of methods.

The conclusion of the whole matter is this. The Methods Committee have drawn a definite line and given their reasons for it. We may not agree with that line, but at any rate their opponents have drawn no definite line. They are not yet agreed where the line should be drawn, and they have given no reasons for their objections. All they say is that one does not like this, and another does not like that. This will not do. Either we must have a definite line drawn somewhere, and reasons given that we can all work on, or we must take one of the two extremes, of absolute truth, or absolute variety.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE FINAL JUDGES.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the report of the Methods Committee that is to be submitted for debate at the coming meeting of the Central Council. In the meantime, however, I would like to add a few personal comments in the shape of a brief summary of the 'going-off' course, and the various 'turning courses' that have occurred, as 'the trend of opinion' has forced the leading critics to repudiate their original contentions and subordinate to the irreconcilable truths revealed in reasoned argument.

Most of your readers are aware that primarily an attack was made upon my arrangement of Grandsire Doubles. This, the critics sought to discountenance, but at the same time still continue to recognise the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge S. Minor. I replied in the issue of 'The Ringing World' on December 14th last, pointing out the irrationality of such argument, quoting the ruling of the Central Council which requires that on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The critics, then realising the futility of their argument, continued by admitting that even Mr. James' Cambridge Minor was 'threatened' with expunction. I contend that, if the rule quoted above be adhered to, not only Mr. James' Cambridge, but most decidedly all arrangements in this category must be dealt with alike.

Incidentally, the criticism comes from exponents of the art whose activities are not limited to the narrow margin of exploration open to the five-bell ringer, and under these circumstances a large number of the Exercise (particularly the five-bell ringers), will echo Mr. J. T. Dyke's sound query, 'If you must destroy, what are you going to substitute?'

As the committee aptly remark in their report, it is the five and six bell ringers who must be final judges in this matter, and, in
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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting was held at Shelley on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the local men were present in force to welcome one and all. Members attended from Wath, Felkirk, Royston, Penistone, Huddersfield and Elland. Tea was enjoyed at the local inn. Mr. A. Nash (president) presided at the business meeting.

The coming Central Council meeting failed to attract a delegate.

A summer 'rally' was voted out for this year, and the Roylands-waine Cup contest, to be held on June 15th, will do away with a monthly meeting and allow full and free endeavour at that annual event.

The Secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) sprang a surprise on the meeting by stating that Dr. Horne, Old Hall, Shelley, having been told of the high position held by Shelley ringers in the association in winning the shield twice in succession, and otherwise standing high in the estimation of the association and churchpeople, he desired to entertain them to a dinner. This was accepted with delight, and the secretary was requested to write to Dr. Horne, thanking him for the honour.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers for the splendid arrangements made for the meeting. Further ringing followed at Shelley and Kirkburton, and completed a happy meeting.

DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING.

Staverton is a pretty village on the banks of the River Dart, a few miles from Totnes. Its church is a fine edifice, and its well-built tower contains a fine-toned ring of six rehung by Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, in 1927. At the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. E. D. Drake-Brockman) the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held their quarterly meeting here on Saturday, May 11th, and ringers attended from Brixham, Paignton, Collaton, Cockington, Torquay, Buckfastleigh, Exeter, Crediton, Kenn, Clyst St. George, Talaton, Swindon, etc., as well as some of the local ringers.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon, and a service followed, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. A. F. Searle, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. F. J. Luxton, of Torquay (chairman of the Branch) presided.

Kingsteinton was chosen for the next meeting to be held on Saturday, October 12th. One life member and one unattached performing member was elected.

The Chairman expressed regret at the impending departure of Rev. L. W. Browne, of Collaton, a member of the branch, but expressed pleasure at his new appointment.—The reverend gentleman suitably replied.

The Chairman also expressed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly inviting them to Staverton, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the organist.—The vote was acknowledged by the Vicar.

The company afterwards returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. The tit-bit of the evening was a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was favourably commented upon, and which delighted the Vicar. Some of the visitors also wended their way to Dartington on their return home, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Diocesan Guild was held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th, and over 40 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Havant, Hambledon, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore, and Titchfield, with visitors from King's Somborne, Rogate, and Ryde.

By permission of the Rector (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers), the bells were available during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated and preached. A tea which he kindly provided was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Archdeacon being unanimously voted to the chair. It was decided, subject to consent, to hold the next meeting at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for providing the tea, and to the lady who had presided at the organ during the service.

After the meeting the members paid a further visit to the tower until 7.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major, also Grandsire Caters, and Stedman Triples on handbells.

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conclusion, I appeal to such as it may concern to give the matter more than passing attention.
LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.
Leeds, Yorkshire.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. —C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton on Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stand Church, Whitefield, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, 5 p.m. Half railway fares, 1s. 6d.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cotton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Mendleshams bells (6) also available. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested; all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting, May 18th, at Whitechapel. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service. Tea (at kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting at 5 p.m. Also St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (8), if required, 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. — J. A. Waugh, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Andover Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury Branch) will be held at Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. Good bus service from Newbury (five miles).—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. Seers, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting is arranged to be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Business: To discuss a joint meeting with the Bedford Association.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon, St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). General business meeting 2.30 p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Train leaves Bristol, Temple Meads, 9.35 a.m. Cheap return fare 3s. 1d.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The next meeting will be held at Louth on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Appleby's, Aswell Street, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. The bells have been rehung, and a good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 20th. The ring of bells at Pulham Market (8) and St. Mary, Pulham (8) will be available. Dinner at the King's Head, St. Mary, Pulham (2s. 6d. per head), at 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Whit Monday. Service in St. Peter's Church at noon. Dinner at Clapp's Restaurant 1 p.m. Towers open: Tiverton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh and Washfield. All ringers welcome.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch.—District meeting at Terrington St. Clement on Whit Monday. Ringing at 11 a.m. (8 bells). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at King William Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. — W. G. Cross, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. Cathrall, 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 20th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel, 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2/6. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Rylands St. Business meeting after dinner. A revision of the Guild Rules will be submitted for adoption. Towers available Cathedral (10) 10.30 to 11.30, 6.30 to 8.30; All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6) 10.30 to 12, 3 to 6. Other 8 and 6-bell towers in neighbouring villages during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 20th. The towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service in St. Peter's Church, at 4 p.m. A meat tea will be provided in Parish Hall, adjoining church, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, May 20th. The bells of the Cathedral (10, tenor 21 cwt.) are available for ringing from 11 to 2, 3.30 to 4.45 and 6 to 9 p.m. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Annual business meeting to follow, and it is hoped that members will turn up in good numbers and make this meeting the success it deserves.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, May 20th. The Central Committee will meet at 10.45 a.m. in the Parish Hall (near the church). Service in the church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, when the preacher will be the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at the Royal Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. The bells available are Kettering (10) throughout the day, and Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), Desborough (8), Weekley (6), Isham (6) and Barton Seagrave (5) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (Founded 1879. Jubilee 1929.)—The 50th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m.: Lunch at Corn Exchange. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6). Private bus service will be provided between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. to enable ringers to visit the various towers. No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Sawston (8) on Saturday, May 25th. A good attendance is requested. Election of district ringing master, etc. Those requiring tea please notify by 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Church of St. Paul, Bentley, is situated on the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, 3 miles from Brentwood, 4 from Ongar. Buses leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) at 3, 3.30 and 4 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th, instead of on the 18th, as previously arranged. A plain tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, to all who notify me by Thursday, May 23rd.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2.45. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, May 22nd.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. As Mr. Cowper, 88, Melbourn Road, Royston, is arranging the tea will all members who require tea notify him? A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, after service. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 21st.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Aldington (by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long) on May 25th. Mrs. Slingsby's 92nd birthday party. Bells available 2.30 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Winterbourne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend, advising me not later than May 20th.—G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea must notify E. A. Webley, Faringdon, early in the week.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute, for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Tea can be had at Hutchison Café, Market Place. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe St., Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? A good attendance is requested.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 25th. Church of St. Giles' (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.). Available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at The Crispin at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Please send names in. Reports available. Subscriptions due. Members from other districts cordially invited.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must inform me on or before Wednesday, May 29th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. Please advise me of tea requirements not later than May 29th. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country!—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during

the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. Numbers for tea by May 29th to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Amersham on Saturday, June 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The meeting at Stowmarket is cancelled.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ANOTHER TOWER GAINED IN NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Great Easton on May 4th, about 50 members and friends attending from Braintree, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Dunmow, Stebbing, Maldon, Stapleford, Royston, Barley, Melbourn, Trumpington, Chelmsford, Springfield, Bardfield and Writtle. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise were rung. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widrington), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) reading the lesson. Afterwards the ringers sat down in the Parish Hall to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Widrington, Mr. H. S. Woodcock and the local ringers and their wives.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) was in the chair, supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Arnold), the Rector, Mr. C. H. Howard and Mr. H. S. Woodcock.—Three honorary members, one life member, and 13 ringing members were elected.

Mr. Howard gave a short account of the work of the association since it was formed, for the benefit of the new members from Great Easton.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Colne Engaine on July 6th.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. Woodcock, and the local band for the hearty welcome they had given the association on their first visit to Great Easton.—To this the Rector responded, saying it had been a pleasure to him, and that all ringers would always be sure of a good welcome when they visited his parish. Some then found their way back to the tower, while others rang courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major on the handbells. The association has thus gained another new tower with its twelve new members, who are making good progress with the help of Mr. H. W. Smith and other friends from Dunmow.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Souter 1, S. Moss 2, H. Meadows 3, W. Stiff 4, G. F. Honeywood 5, Charles Honeywood (conductor) 6.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Collins 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker 5, Gunr. R. Martin, R.G.A., 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Butcher (first quarter) 1, J. Sharp 2, P. Branford (first quarter inside) 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, W. Whitehead 6, L. Honess 7, H. Gardner 8.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 5th, for evensong, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, J. McCluskey 2, E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, H. Arrand 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Smart, sen., 1, T. A. Doick 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, A. Holden 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. T. A. Doick, who was on a visit to Pulborough.

WITHEYHAM, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ladd 1, H. D. Whyte 2, G. F. Tizzard 3, N. Kingswood 4, F. N. Gurr 5, E. J. Oliver 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, E. J. Ladd 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Brant 1, J. Phillips 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Shorter 4, G. Walmsley 5, F. Goddard 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

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