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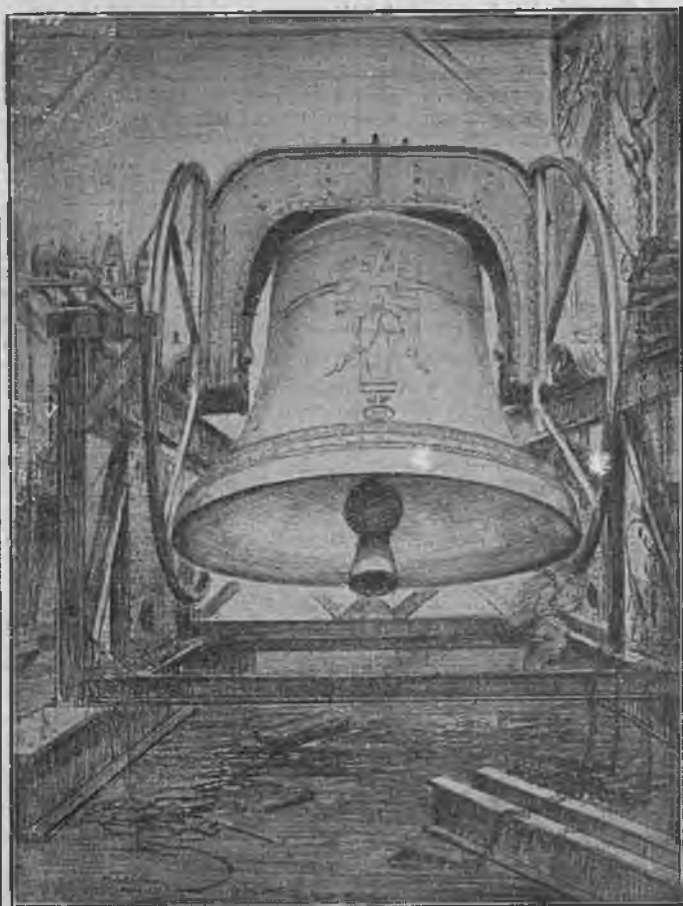
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THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION.

The business of the Central Council meeting, as we indicated last week, is likely to be made as interesting from what does not appear in the agenda as from what is actually printed in it, and one of the items which may lead to considerable debate is the suggested revision of the Council's rules governing its constitution and management. The present rules were formulated when the Council was first established forty years ago and they may have been well adapted to the conditions then prevailing. The majority of the territorial associations and guilds were themselves quite young and were only just beginning to make their influence felt. It would have been impossible to ask of the associations more than they could obtain from the ringers in their own areas, and the Council had to be somewhat delicately poised. Its formation resulted from a representative meeting held in 1889 in Birmingham in connection with a celebration of the birthday of Henry Johnson and presided over by Sir Arthur Heywood, when a resolution in the following terms was passed: 'That this meeting, whilst failing to see the advantages of a National Ringers' Association, is of opinion that great benefit would accrue to the Exercise if a committee consisting of one or more selected members from each association could meet from time to time to consider and decide such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity.' Here, at any rate, was the intention of the promoters: it was to 'consider and decide.' But the fact that the associations themselves represented at that time but a small proportion of the ringers of the country made it necessary to begin warily; hence a constitution based not upon the ringing societies, but upon a body of individuals which the societies were invited to appoint.

The times have changed since those days. There are comparatively few change ringers who really matter who are outside the associations, and, with one notable exception, no associations with the promotion of change ringing as one of their cardinal objects who remain outside the Council. The Exercise is a much more closely knit body to-day than it was forty years ago; the Council has proved its value to ringing and it has no need to be apologetic for any action it takes. It consists of some of the best brains of the Exercise and its work has been approved. The fact that practically every association of importance has within the last twelve months readily adopted a rule to become affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by its rules and decisions is proof that the Council is to-day recognised as the central authority on matters relating to ringing—as distinct from the purely

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domestic affairs of the societies themselves. This, therefore, is the time for the Council to recognise the associations in a more formal way than has hitherto been done, by forging a link with them in its own rules and adapting its procedure so that the Council and the associations may deal direct with one another.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	*ADAM DEAS 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	†DAVID VINCENT 8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	†STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 10
JOHN ANDERSON 5	JOSEPH E. KEEN 11
WILLIAM STORY 6	THOMAS H. REEVES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH E. KEEN.

* First peal of Cinques 'inside.' † First peal on twelve. Stephen W. Stratford's 100th peal. Arranged for Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
RALPH COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ALBERT W. COLES 9
GEORGE F. HINTON 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. G. H. W. Royle, A.K.C., a former curate of All Saints', and Miss Nora F. Huggins, daughter of Dr. S. P. Huggins (churchwarden), which took place at High Wycombe the same day. It was also a birthday peal for the ringers of the 7th and 11th bells, who were 'presented' to the ringing Exercise 63 and 62 years ago respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8079 CHANGES;

SAMUEL J. HUGHES Treble	JOHN GOODMAN 6
*SIDNEY THOMPSON 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
*JOSEPH H. COX 3	WALTER FARLEY 8
HENRY GOODMAN 4	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 9
HARRY GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a welcome to Dr. A. W. Perowne, Bishop of Worcester, on his visit to Dudley.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BASHFORD Treble	ALFRED J. BELL 6
REGINALD H. THORPE 2	*LEONARD A. TIDY 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 3	ARTHUR WILLETT 8
*FRANK JEAL 4	WALTER CLAYDON 9
HARRY K. HOOPER 5	CHARLES A. ALDWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Caters as conductor. Quarterly peal for the association.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES... .. 6
FRANK JENNINGS 2	†RONALD H. DOVE 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	DANIEL COOPER... .. 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	JOHN SPARROW 9
H. BERNARD WELLS 5	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Composed by Wm. T. ELSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	HARRY PRICE 7
HAROLD F. MARTIN 3	GORDON W. CHECKITTS 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 9
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5	*ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

JOHN PERRY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 7
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WALTER LAGO 8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5	B. LESLIE JONES Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication, of the restoration, decoration and refurnishing of the interior of the chancel and Lady Chapel of Holy Trinity Church, as a memorial to Lieut. Maurice Darby, Grenadier Guards, who gave his life at Neuve Chapelle in 1915. The cost of the beautiful improvements (over £2,000) has been borne by Mrs. Cope Darby, of Sunnyside, Coalbrookdale, sister of Lieut. Darby. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. V. C. Rodenhurst, father of the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

8 THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	CHARLEY BATES 5
JOHN P. TARLTON 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	WILLIAM H. TURTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ERNEST HIBBINS 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by C. W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. H. Symonds and F. F. Mortlock. Messrs. Dennis, Ward and Hibbins are from Cambridge, Pipe from Grundisburgh, Chinery from Long Melford. The rest are local men.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JARMAN Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	*ARTHUR L. MURRAY 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	BEN JARMAN 7
*CHARLES JEFFS 4	THOMAS HULL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4, also as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who is returning to Ireland, and was proposed a member of the Herts County Association previous to starting for the peal.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

KENNETH C. TAYLOR ... Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
HERBERT T. PIPER 2	ARTHUR BENNETT 6
JACK W. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
BENJAMIN DALTON 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas E. Taylor and Miss Marie Burton, who were married on this day at St. Mark's Church, Wolverhampton, the bridegroom being a member of the Tettenhall band of ringers. The conductor's 200th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' REVERSED.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. Timothy Rees, of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, who was on this day consecrated as the new Bishop of Llandaff, the consecration taking place at St. Asaph's Cathedral.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. EDWARD,
K. AND M., AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* ROY LINTER 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
HENRY PRING 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 5
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS DOROTHY R. FUTTER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
* MISS ESTHER MATTHEWS 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Master Rex.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. RUSSELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Williams (churchwarden at the above church for the last thirty years).

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS HESKETH Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN H. MOORE 2	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 6
HARRY GRACE 3	PERCY GRINDEY 7
SIDNEY G. HUMPHRIS 4	HARRY HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Moore, who has attained the age of 75 years.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SUPT. WILLIAM GREEN Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	REGINALD H. JARVIS 6
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	JAMES H. JARVIS 7
ALBERT S. NEWMAN 4	FREDERICK CANDY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SMITH.

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BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
FRED HINDLE 3	NORMAN BROWN 7
RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Norman Brown, of Poolstock. It was his first peal of Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
* RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method. G. W. Steere's 300th peal. In this peal neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strike over the tenor behind.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Markwell. Canon Masters came into the belfry after the peal and congratulated the band and kindly entertained them to tea.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD BENNETT Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	* FREDERICK W. MARSHALL ... 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 3	JOSEPH WOOLLEY 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight. First peal on the bells. Arranged to enable the Rev. R. H. Whitford, of Bristol, who was on holiday in Cornwall, to ring a peal in his native parish. He very kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	* LEONARD DRAKE 5
GEORGE W. SLACK 2	* SIDNEY SADLER 6
* G. WILFRED SLACK 3	* CECIL WALLACE 7
* JOSEPH BENNETT 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since their recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight in November, 1930, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the tone and 'go' being excellent. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Joseph Dobson, who was a sidesman at the above church for more than forty years.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

* 150th peal. † 50th peal.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	HARRY L. SMITH 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	†EDWIN CATTELL 6
*GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
SIDNEY A. JOHNSON 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First 'inside.' † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and nine of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	REGINALD MORRIS 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4

JAMES T. RANDLE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
REGINALD MORRIS 3	HARRY T. CHANDLER Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

This and the peal at Whitney were rung to oblige H. T. Chandler, of H.M.S. 'Tiger,' who was home on leave.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR DUNGAY Treble	PORTER PECKETT 4
†ALFRED E. BACON 2	*FREDERICK BUCKENHAM 3
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal. † 130th peal. The ringers of the treble and 5th were proposed members of the above association before starting the peal.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents of New, 8 of St. Simon's, 10 of Grandsire, 10 of Stedman and 8 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	ALBERT RAINBIRD 3
*FRANK G. RINGE 2	HARRY TURNER 4

ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainbird on the 24th anniversary of their wedding. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. Lindsay, for kindly entertaining them to tea before the peal.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DAVENTRY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	GEORGE HOLLOCK 4
GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 5
ERNEST MARSH 3	*REGINALD BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HANCOCK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. M. Dodd and Miss N. Soden.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	REGINALD MORRIS 3
WILLIAM EVANS 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4

JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Henry Dew, a one-time member of the above Guild.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. E. SMITH Treble	A. NICHOLLS 4
*H. KEMP 2	*O. NEWSON 5
W. SMITH 3	A. LING Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MISS E. H. J. PRICE Treble	*ALBERT V. BOWEN 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Barker, wife of the conductor, also a farewell peal to Miss Price, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

OCKLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT HILLS Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
BERNARD H. WELLS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

In these 720's, six of which are from the 'Mad Hatter's' 'Q sets,' 5-6 never come together the wrong way. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL Treble	JACK HOUSE 4
*JESSE BAILEY 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
CECIL MOGFORD 3	*EDWARD WATTS Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Cook for having everything in readiness.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
MANFIELD GINN 2	CHARLES J. BALL 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Treble and 2nd ringers were proposed members of the Beds Association in the tower. Mr. C. J. Ball's first attempt for peal of Cambridge Minor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
OSWALD J. HENT 2	GEORGE GARDNER 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Bung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Mayoress of Coventry, and to Mr. Summers, father of the captain of the local band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins. in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Prior: R. Hayden 1, F. Springham 2, Walter Prior 3, William T. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, T. Jordan 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. Mr. W. T. Prior is a member of the local band, and was formerly a member of the Stansted company. Three members of that band took part in the quarter-peal, viz., Messrs. W. Prior, G. Jordan and T. Jordan.

THE POTTERIES OUSTS ITS 'POTS.'
ACTIVITY IN THE STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.
BY 'ROAMER.'

For many years a large number of the bells in Stoke-on-Trent and district have had a most unenviable reputation, but 1930 appears to have been a turning point. With Easter of that year came the re-opening of the bells of Stoke Parish Church, which for many years had been a very 'lumpy' lot. The eight bells, with a tenor, were cast by Taylor in 1831, and after a long period of service the same firm was called in to give their attention, and once again Stoke has a complete 'Taylor' job.

Whitsuntide of that year saw the finish of the rehanging of the bells at St. John's, Longton, after having paid a visit to Loughborough. These are a peal of eight by Rudhall, 1834, and have a tenor weighing 15½ cwt. For a long time they had been in a deplorable condition, but things have been made shipshape in a most thorough manner.

During the time the work on the foregoing was well under way, the bells at Norton-in-the-Moors, a peal of six cast by Dobson in 1826, were 'in the soup,' and they deserved it. The sequel was 'a nice handy peal by Taylor,' with a tenor of 12½ cwt. completed in August.

Without any blaring of trumpets, the peal of six at Madeley was re-opened in September, after having been on a picnic to Loughborough, and, as the result of the visit, are now in much better condition, the 'wash and brush up' and new 'fal de lals' having given them a fresh lease of life to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. These bells are a peal of six with a tenor weighing about 11 cwt., and were all cast at Gloucester, the second, third, fourth and fifth in 1711, the treble in 1753, and the tenor in 1808.

This, however, did not end the ousting of the 'pots' from the Potteries. The epidemic still spread, the authorities of Church Lawton taking the opportunity of the bell hangers being in the district, had the bell fittings overhauled and trued up whilst the bearings were 'decarbonised.' In other districts the church authorities were going at it 'hammer and tongs,' and, judging from the results, so were Taylors. Tunstall, with its small slender spire which appears to be all window openings and gives the impression that a puff of wind would blow it away, was having trouble with its bells. Originally a ring of six by Mears, 1856, with a tenor about 14 cwt., they were augmented by Warner in 1901 by the addition of two trebles, and on this octave the late James Washbrook spent many happy hours during his life in the Potteries. That this peal was too big for the tower was without question; the experts from Loughborough were called in, and without any unnecessary delay their advice was acted upon, and soon after the bells arrived at the famous Midland town they looked like pots in a china shop after a bull had had an afternoon out. The rejuvenation has been complete, and a most extraordinary job has been successfully accomplished; the octave is most musical, and, although the tenor now weighs only 10½ cwt., there is a wonderful depth of tone which gives one the impression that their weight has been increased and not reduced. A visit into the tower gives one a good idea of the difficulties under which the hangers had to work; the new framework is a neat job, and its construction is most ingenious.

Of the Hodnet bells little need be said here, as a full report has appeared in these columns recently. The octave at Market Drayton has had its long promised 'birthday,' and is now completely 'Taylorised,' as also is the six at Kids Grove, full particulars of which have already been given. At this latter church the authorities are to be complimented on their fine achievement. Previously, the sound which came from the tower was a splendid imitation of kitchen utensils being thrown about by an angry ringer's wife on his return home from a 'ringing tour,' but now all is harmony, the peal having been recast and increased in weight.

As the Bishop of Stafford said at Market Drayton, 'the Lichfield Diocese is rich in bells,' but it is also richer by the fact that its bells are looked after, as this short review of work carried out in twelve months in such a small area shows, and indicates quite clearly what can be done by a determined effort.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Gamlingay on Saturday week. There was a very poor attendance from the Ely Archdeaconry, but members from the Huntingdon District and friends from Bedfordshire saved the situation. The following towers were represented: Biggleswade, Clifton, Fulbourn, Gamlingay, Great Staughton, Haslow, Kempston, Potton, Sawston and Trumpington.

A service was conducted by Mr. Daniels (lay reader, in the absence of the Vicar), who gave a very interesting address. The services of the organist and choir were greatly appreciated.

Tea followed at the Cock Hotel, and, as this was a by-meeting, no business had to be transacted. Mr. Hurry proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Daniels for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir.

The tower was again visited, various methods being rung, in the course of which one ringer scored his first course of Cambridge Surprise, and another his first touch of Woodbine.

THAT SECRETARIES' PEAL!**'W.S.' IS ANNOYED WITH 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

'W.S.', who called over the coals those secretaries who rang a peal together on March 21st, when, in the areas of some of them, district meetings were being held, is obviously annoyed with 'The Ringing World.' 'It is tragic,' he writes, 'when the editor of a paper devoted to Church work descends to such piffle about "tunnel vision" and "limited outlook." Abuse is no argument, and the Church teaching behoves its members to set a better standard than the so-called reply in yours of the 10th. It is a good specimen of a "twist" and an attempt to side track, but it will not alter facts. I pointed out quite fairly, with (sic) any uncalled for remarks, things that were justified, and they were backed up by extracts from your own paper. Your reply only dealt with part, and you preferred to give a distorted view of the subject rather than print the whole. I do not expect anyone in the peal ringing portion of the Exercise to give up their peals, but I do expect them to refrain from telling the others what they should or should not do,' . . . and so on.

We do not think we twisted any facts when we pointed out that Mr. C. T. Coles is as much a general secretary of his association as any secretary of an association can well be, and whether our reply was 'tragic' and 'piffle' depends, in our view, upon how you look at it: whether you look at it, as it were, as part of the general landscape, or whether you look at it through a tunnel.

If only a portion of the original letter from 'W. S.' was dealt with it was because it was really the only germane part. The complaint was against Guild officers who had 'asked and appealed for loyal support at meetings,' and who 'should put their own house in order first.' The fact that other ringers rang peals on the days when their associations were holding district meetings was in the mind of 'W. S.' when he wrote his first letter—the cuttings which he sent with it proved this—but as these ringers have never, as far as we know, made any appeal for loyal support at meetings, they were hardly the culprits—it was the secretaries who were the real offenders. And, as for our reply, did we not tell them to sit up and take notice of 'W. S.'s' complaint? And have they not sat up and taken notice? The offender-in-chief tells us that he nearly sat up all one night to take notice of it, but thought better of it and went to bed. He also tells us that if he guesses aright the identity of 'W. S.' (this secret is locked securely in the editorial bosom), then 'W. S.' does not attend the meetings of the Guild, in whose area he lives, even when he has not got a peal on.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM ELLIOTT.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. An ideal spring day encouraged members from near and far, and they enjoyed some excellent striking on the fine old peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), the heaviest in the county. A service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Croft, who gave a very interesting address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson. After the service, the Vicar kindly invited all ringers to an excellent tea at the Vicarage, and 52 took advantage of his kind hospitality.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) took the chair. Mr. F. Hunt, Earls Colne, was unanimously elected an hon. life member of the association. Two ringing members and two probationers were also elected from Dunmow. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Bardfield on July 25th.

After thanking the Vicar for his excellent address, and the organist for his services, Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the bountiful tea, and wished his thanks to be extended to Mrs. Croft and the ladies who had assisted in preparing it. Continuing, Mr. Howard said the association always got a good reception at Kelvedon, and they were all most grateful for what had been done for them. They were also indebted to Mr. Elliott for the arrangements he had made (applause). He was pleased to see Mr. Moss there from Mistley. He had been indisposed for some long time, and they hoped he would soon be restored to his normal health. He was also glad to see Mr. W. Keeble, who had not enjoyed the best of health lately. They had missed his name in the peal reports, but now that he had improved they hoped he would be able to carry on the good work for a considerable time.—Mr. Moss and Mr. Keeble returned thanks.

The Vicar, in reply, acknowledged the thanks, and added a little testimony to Mr. Elliott for all he had done in the belfry and teaching a young band. Mr. Elliott was then handed a copy of 'The history and art of change ringing' (by Ernest Morris), with the following inscribed therein: 'To William Elliott, as a small but grateful recognition for his splendid work for the Church as a bellringer for over 50 years. A. W. Croft, Vicar, May 2nd, 1931.'—Mr. Elliott suitably replied amid loud applause.

Fearing bells were available during the evening, and various touches were rung, including London Surprise Major.

OVER, CAMBS.—For morning service, Sunday, May 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington 6.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

PROGRESS OF THE RESTORATION FUND.

The fund for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman is already making good headway, and the appeal to the Exercise will be formally launched in a few days. It is expected that a sum in the neighbourhood of £350 will be required to put the bells in order, and the money will have to be raised quickly if the work is to be carried through and the re-opening is to take place by the end of the summer. The amount required must be promised before any order for the work can be given, for, obviously, no one in a scheme of this description can undertake a guarantee. The campaign to raise the funds, therefore, will have to be an intensive one. The preliminaries are being arranged, and we hope to make a full announcement next week.

Meanwhile, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association last Saturday voted three guineas, which brings the amount promised by associations up to £34 19s., in addition to which the committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will recommend a grant of £10; and the Suffolk, Warwickshire and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds propose to take action to subscribe to the fund.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The five bells at Broadwoodkelly, Devon, have been recast into a ring of six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and were rededicated on Saturday.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. James George, who has been unwell for some months, has had a relapse, having been attacked by influenza. His name is being missed from our peal columns, and everyone will hope that he may soon be fully restored to health and once more at work at the rope end.

Mr. George Williams, the popular Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, was 74 yesterday.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 14,112 London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 8 hrs. 40 mins. in 1903.

The ringers of Over, Cambs, are raising funds for one bell in the coming augmentation, and hope to dedicate it to the memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley. To save any misunderstanding that may arise, this is purely a local effort and should in no way affect the official scheme.

A grandfathers' attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost at Irthingborough on Saturday week in the 59th course. Doubtless, however, these eight 'grandads' will have another shot and show that there's life in the old boys yet.

Little Girl (telling her parents about party): 'And then Mr. Morris recited "Curse you." Mother: "'Curse you"?' Little Girl: 'Yes. "Curse you shall not ring to-night."'

THE PROPOSED OUTING TO BELGIUM.

Will those ringers who are still considering the above outing to Ypres in August, please make their decision now and notify me at once, and oblige.—W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester.

RINGER'S GIFT TO HIS PARISH CHURCH.

A NEW CLOCK FOR BANSTEAD, SURREY.

A new church clock is now being fixed in the tower of Banstead Church, Surrey, which is to be dedicated on May 23rd. The clock strikes the hours on the tenor bell and chimes the Cambridge chime quarters on four other bells of the peal of eight.

The time is shown on three skeleton dials of a special design, made of solid bronze, the whole of which is gilt with best English transfer gold leaf, together with the hands, which are also of a special design.

Owing to the construction of the tower a special chamber for the clock had to be made above the bells, leading down to the dials below, which are fixed in front of the lancet windows.

The donor of the clock is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of the Surrey Association and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and is a regular member of the band at Banstead Parish Church.

Everything in connection with the clock is of the highest possible quality and workmanship, and has been made by J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, Shropshire.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

III. THE SOCIETY'S RECORDS.

Annabale was scarcely in his grave before the trouble which had long been brewing came to a head. Divisions arose which split the Society in two and came nigh to wrecking it entirely. Osborn says the cause is unknown, but there is evidence enough for us to make a pretty accurate guess. We know enough of human nature in general and ringers in particular to be sure that there was in these old societies a good deal of rivalry and clash of personal ambition. The many times men changed from one company to another shows that.

When I find that after Annabale has called every peal during six years, John Cundell called three in which Annabale did not ring, and, later on, Annabale called several in which Cundell did not ring, I suspect rivalry between the two. Then I find John Holt, Annabale's biggest rival, joining the Society and Cundell as his chief supporter. Holt prepares to issue his broadsheet by subscription from the College Youths in the face of Annabale's opposition and disapproval, and Cundell's is the address where it may be bought. I look through the subscription list and I find the names, so far as I can trace them, are either those of old and well-to-do members who have ceased to take any active part in ringing, like Thomas Lester, the bell founder, William Skelton, the lawyer, John Hardham, and William Oram; or else they are men like William Underwood, who have been with Holt in the Union Scholars' Company, or Killican, who had joined the College Youths with him.

Here is evidence of division among the members, and all the time another and more active society was watching and waiting to profit by any dissensions among them. Then Annabale dies, his strong control has ceased, there is no man big enough to take his place, and in the struggle that follows the Society is split in twain.

Two important results followed. One was the formation of one of the most brilliant companies in the history of ringing; and the other that the College Youths lost all their old peal books and records. The Society has been very unfortunate in the matter of its records. The peal books of most of the other old London societies — the Union Scholars, the Eastern Scholars, the London Youths, and the Cumberland Youths—have come down to us intact. But all the old College Youths books are gone. The Society possesses a book with a register of names from 1637 and a record of peals from 1724 to 1753. It is an old document, but not the original. It is a copy made for a Mr. Blackwell, of Ampney Park, near Cirencester, a member of the Society. Dr. Raven, in his 'Bells of England,' says the list of names is in the British Museum; but on turning it up I find that it, too, is a copy; in fact, a copy of the Society's copy.

The peal book which contains the records of the years about which I am going to write dates only from 1843. It consists partly of sheets from two old books (contemporary with the peals rung) and partly of newly written sheets to replace destroyed ones. There is no question that the records are accurate, but they are not always first hand contemporary evidence. There is only one book, and that a fragment, which still exists of those belonging to the College Youths of Annabale's time. This is possibly the book to which Shipway refers when he wrote—"a book containing memorials of the society in

the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries after escaping the ravages of the fire of London has been unaccountably lost" (Note 5).

The book (it is before me as I write) is in manuscript, folio size, and consists of twenty-six leaves, some badly damaged and not always bound up in the right order. It is obviously the remains of a larger book. It contains seventy-six Four-and-Twenties on four bells and ten Six-scores in different methods of Doubles; but no Six-bell methods. Then follow the records of peals rung from 1726 to 1745 numbered 9 to 57. Then some touches of Grandsire Triples and then the second half of Holt's Ten-part written out in full by the lead-ends. The page with the first half has disappeared. The appearance of this peal here is interesting. It clearly shows that Annabale's 'not Encouraging' of Holt's broadsheet was not (as usually said) because he objected to the peals, but because he objected to Holt's presence in the College Youths' Society.

The book has leads and touches of Grandsire Caters, Union Triples and Caters, a lead of College Triples and two 5,040's of Bob Major. One is a Three-part with every lead written out in full. This was the Sixth twelve times home. The other is Annabale's well-known Three-part. There are also directions how to get a 40,320 of Bob Major. After giving the last four methods on four bells, there is this note, 'These four (which are the last I shall prick) Mr. Annabale says he prickt to make up just 120; and although this number is much greater than has been generally allowed by most Ringers, yet he further says he believe's there may be prickt, by various Methods with one plain Hunt in them 192, without those which every Bell are alike' (Note 6).

When I first inspected the book I thought it might be the work of Annabale, but this note proves that it is not his. It is evidently the official book kept by the Society to record their performances and methods. The peals were afterwards written into a formal peal book by a man named James Albion, who did this work for most of the London societies at that time.

Albion was elected a member of the Union Scholars in 1747 and rang in several of their peals, including the 'Original' at Westminster. In 1754 he left London and went and lived at Bath, where he was appointed master of a large school. He probably took this book with him, for it was found there many years later. On December 9th, 1754, he rang a peal of 'Union Tripples' with the Bath ringers.

This manuscript seems to have been unknown to Jasper Snowden and the other people who have written on the history of ringing.

NOTE 5. Shipway obviously means the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, not the sixteenth and seventeenth. This book, or what remains of it, is certainly not so old as the fire of London, 1666.

NOTE 6. It is interesting to compare this note with the following entry in Annabale's own notebook: 'These four I prickt to Make up Just 120 which has Convinced me that there are a Great Many More prickt then (sic) there has been allow'd by Most of the Ringers in London, and I do believe there is to be prickt by Methods with one Plain hunt in them 192 without those which every Bell are alike.'

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on St. George's Day, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 42 mins. by the following members of the National Guild of Police Ringers: P.C. Thomas Bannister (Metropolitan Police) 1, ex-P.O. Ernest Brett (Metropolitan Police) 2, Sergt. George Schleuter (Metropolitan Police) 3, P.C. Frederick Digby (Metropolitan Police) 4, P.C. Edward Holt (Metropolitan Police) 5, Sergt. Albert Lawrence (Herts Constabulary) 6, P.C. Walter Claydon (Reigate Borough Police) (conductor) 7, P.C. Norman Bagworth (Metropolitan Police) 8.

A DIAMOND JUBILEE.

OPENING OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH BELLS COMMEMORATED.

The Parish Church of Great St. Mary, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, has a grand peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. When the church inventory was taken in 1552, Sawbridgeworth possessed 'five great bells,' the 2nd and 4th probably having been cast by John Tonne in London about 1510. The treble of the old five was recast by Phelps in 1728, and the 3rd by Phelps in 1733. A new treble was added in 1749 by Thos. Lester, making a peal of six, and in 1795 the famous John Briant, of Hertford, recast the tenor.

In 1870, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were called in to put the peal in order. The old 2, 3, 4 and 5 were recast, and in 1871 two new trebles were added to complete the octave, the bells now being dated: Treble and 2nd, Taylor, 1871; 3rd, T. Lester, 1749; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, Taylor, 1870; tenor, J. Briant, 1795.

This augmented peal was opened on April 11th, 1871, with a 'great ringing day' by Squire Leonard Proctor and his famous band, who rang on the bells Grandsire Tripples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Tripples, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major, which is recorded on a board in the ringing chamber.



The Church of Great St. Mary, Sawbridgeworth.

The first peal rung on the octave was in 1881, this being a peal of Grandsire Tripples.

Church bells are specially for the purpose of calling people to worship, but there are other suitable times for the ringing of church bells. Saturday, April 11th, 1931, was such an appropriate occasion, it being the 60th anniversary of the opening of the peal.

Sawbridgeworth is fortunate in having a very distinguished Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Goudge, M.A., D.S.O., who, on being approached with regard to the ringing of the bells in a peal to celebrate the 'diamond jubilee,' readily gave consent, and put a notice of the anniversary and peal attempt in his parish magazine, while Mr. Harris, one of the oldest residents, whose father was largely instrumental in having the peal augmented sixty years ago, expressed a wish to entertain the ringers to supper after the peal attempt.

Ringers from Essex, Herts and Kent were welcomed in the belfry by the Vicar and the churchwarden, Mr. Morris (also a ringer), who wished success to the attempt.

A good start was made for the 'Original' under the conductorship of the 'Kentish man.' Unfortunately, the peal came to grief after ringing 3,260 changes in 2 hrs. 10 mins., but great credit is due to the local man, A. Levey, in his first attempt.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRANT TO STEDMAN TERCENTENARY FUND.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Whitechurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of six, were raised about three o'clock, and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the curate (the Rev. C. G. Jones Evans), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, officiating and giving a very interesting address. Immediately following the service, tea, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served. The Rev. C. G. Jones Evans presided over the business meeting, and at the outset, on behalf of the Vicar, heartily welcomed the association to the parish.

Various items were discussed arising out of the minutes, chiefly in reference to proposed restorations and instruction. It was stated that owing to the tower having large louvres, thus causing the sound of the bells to be rather deafening, a gentleman had promised to give ten pounds towards remedying this, if it was possible. It was therefore recommended to the Vicar that the louvres should be bricked up.

The hon. secretary read the letters he had received and the prospectus describing the interesting work by Mr. Ernest Morris, 'The history and art of change ringing,' and it was unanimously decided that the association purchase a copy.

The hon. secretary also explained the proposal to celebrate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by restoring the bells on which he rang at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge. It was then unanimously resolved that the association subscribe three guineas to the fund.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Cowbridge. Quite a number of new members were elected from Abergavenny, Blenavon, Trevechin, Newport, Chepstow and Llanarth.

A letter was read from Pentre tower in reference to ringing at the Cathedral on the day of the enthronement of the new Bishop, and after discussion it was left in the hands of Mr. E. Coombes to arrange with the Dean. Various minor items were discussed, and after the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed, and the bells afterwards rung, bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The April meeting of the Guild was held at Hawkurst, which proved a very popular venue. The local band had everything in readiness, and ringing in most of the standard methods was carried on until 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Tea was served at the Eight Bells Hotel, the well-laden tables proving welcome in contrast to the cold wind and rain outdoors. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Guild Master presided at the business meeting.

Woodchurch was chosen for the next meeting on May 16th, and an invitation from the Rev. G. S. Long to visit Aldington on May 30th for Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday was accepted with thanks.

Mr. C. Tribe extended a hearty welcome to members of the Hastings and District Guild, and hoped that at some future date a joint meeting of the two Guilds would be held, when opinions could be exchanged, which would perhaps be of great benefit to the Guilds and also to the objects they stood for.—The Rev. N. E. Hope briefly replied.

Seven new members were elected. The Guild Master congratulated Mr. Cyril Brown on conducting his first peal, and also the conductor and the whole band who rang the first peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Kent County and the Guild at Quex Park.—The hon. secretary thanked the local secretary for the arrangements made, and said that the tea was one of the best they had had at a Guild meeting.

The towers represented by the thirty members presente were Ashford, Kennington, Egerton, Tenterden, Stone, Frittenden, Rolvenden, Beenden, Lamberhurst, Salehurst, Hastings, and the local band. Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung on handbells, and further ringing afterwards took place in the tower.

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After the failure, the band were met by Mr. Morris, Mr. W. Turling and the local ringers, and sat down to a splendid supper, Mr. Morris presiding.

At the conclusion the conductor proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for his kindly thought and interest in the ringers and ringing, and expressed regret at his inability to be present. The conductor also asked that an appeal be made to the young men of Sawbridgeworth to come forward, and hoped that some would respond in order to keep the art alive in the town, especially with such a grand ring of bells.

Mr. Churchwarden Morris said he would be pleased to convey the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Harris, who was now 80 years of age, and remembered well the opening of the bells. Mr. Morris added that he and the Vicar would do everything possible to get the young men to learn change ringing.

All good things come to an end, and, train time having arrived all too quickly, the two Essex men and the Kentish man bade farewell to the company, after spending a most enjoyable time.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The Rev. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley, was elected president of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday, in succession to the late Canon W. W. C. Baker. The occasion was the 49th annual meeting, held at Bedford, when there was a representative gathering of ringers present from the county and surrounding districts.

In proposing the Rev. A. Rust as president, Miss Steel (one of the vice-presidents) said the association had lost a valuable president and friend in Canon Baker, but she hoped Mr. Rust would prove a worthy successor.—Mr. Herbert seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. Rust, in returning thanks for his election, said it was a tremendous compliment to ask him to fill the place left vacant by the death of their old friend, Canon Baker. It was not mock modesty on his part when he said he did not feel qualified to step into his place. Mr. Rust said he had not lost his interest in ringing, or in the association, of which he had been a member for 28 years, but he felt he had a difficult part to play in following such a man as the late Canon Baker, but he would do his best to justify their confidence in him (applause).

The following were elected as vice-presidents: Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. C. Herbert (Woburn), Mr. J. Nicholls (Leighton Buzzard); auditor, Mr. E. Herbert; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Sharnian; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. A. E. Sharnian and A. King.

THE LATE CANON BAKER'S WORK.

The following report was submitted by the Rev. A. Rust on behalf of the committee: 'In presenting this our 48th annual report, the thought uppermost in our minds is the irreparable loss this association has sustained during the past year by the passing of Canon W. W. C. Baker, our president. It seems almost impossible to imagine the Beds. Association without him to help to guide its destinies, as we find his name in every report hitherto issued by the association. The first as an undergraduate on the committee, afterwards many years secretary, and since April 17th, 1911, president. A wonderful record of unbroken and unselfish service to the members of your association. Many members attended the funeral at Southill. Your association sent a wreath. Muffled peals were also rung at several churches in the county. We also regret to record the deaths of Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, and Mr. W. Cooper, of Sharnbrook. May they rest in peace. The year has otherwise been marked by much good work in all districts. Over thirty meetings have been held in different towers in the county. It is most gratifying to record that for the first time ringing members have topped the 200 mark. The peals rung show a slight decrease on the previous year. It is pleasing to note though, that many first peals and first in various methods have been scored by the younger members. This speaks of progress. The summer festival was held at Cardington, where we received a warm welcome, a good attendance spending an enjoyable afternoon. In conclusion, we again wish to thank the clergy for so readily granting members the use of bells for meetings and peals; our hon. members for their valued help and support. And would once again emphasise to all members the importance of loyalty in the success of the association. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members. It is the secret where success depends on co-operation.'

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL.

In proposing the adoption of the report, the President again referred to the loss sustained by the death of Canon Baker. He said it was not possible to express in words what the loss meant to the association. His work was well done, and they should think of him now as enjoying a well-earned rest. He suggested that the secretary should write to Mrs. Baker expressing the sorrow of the association at his death.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Sharnian said it had been suggested that the association should try to raise a memorial to their late president, and he thought a suitable one would be to raise sufficient money to place two additional bells in the tower at Dunstable. The probable cost would be about £200.

This was seconded and carried.

As next March would be the 50th anniversary of the formation of the association, it was decided to leave a suitable form of commemoration to be arranged by the committee.

A resolution was passed that the association should be affiliated with the Central Council and loyally abide by its rules and decisions.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Robins (St. Paul's) and the Rev. F. M. Squibb (St. Peter's) for the use of the towers.

During the day ringing in various methods was enjoyed by the members on the bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in 47 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, Jas. E. Brown 3, E. Scambler 4, W. Norman (conductor) 5, A. Eilbeck 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles on the bells. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, who are Sunday ringers at the above church. Ringers of 5 and 6 are from Egremont.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Heston on Saturday, when a company of 34 assembled, representing eleven towers. Mr. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) set the bells going shortly after 3 p.m., and methods practised during the meeting were Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob Triples, Crayford, College, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The visitors were entertained to an excellent tea by the Heston band in the Church Hall. The Rev. George Craggs (Vicar) presided, supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and an old and esteemed member of the Heston band, Mr. Carter. The Vicar gave the association a hearty welcome, and said how pleased he would be to welcome them there at any time.

Business followed tea, when the Vicar vacated the chair in favour of the vice-president.

It was announced that the dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth would take place on June 13th by the Bishop of Kensington, details as to which will appear in 'The Ringing World' later. The July meeting is to be held at Ruislip.

The hon. secretary was requested to send letters of sympathy to Mr. Hunnisett, of Ealing, and Mr. Baldwin, of St. John's, Hillingdon, the former being seriously ill at home, and the latter awaiting an operation in King Edward's Hospital, Ealing. The company wished them both a speedy recovery. A vote of condolence and sympathy was offered to Lady Clarke and family in their bereavement by the death of Sir Edward Clarke, who gave the bells at St. Peter's, Staines.

A vote of congratulation was accorded to Mr. Tom Beadle on his 81st birthday, and, a plate being placed on the table on his behalf, 14s. was deposited therein.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to the Heston band for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated by all, and to their wives, viz., Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Gladman and Mrs. Cattermole, for their untiring efforts in doing all they possibly could for the comfort of the company.

The tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m., when a pleasant and enjoyable meeting came to an end.

A CURTAILED MEETING.

The North and East District meeting, held at Pinner on Saturday week, might have been a great success, but circumstances were against it. First, the rain! This undoubtedly kept many away, and consequently the attendance only just reached the thirty mark. Then just before tea time a request came that the bells should cease ringing because of illness near by. As it was elicited that this was a genuine case, no more ringing was done. Up to this point matters had gone very well, and several good touches, from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, had been rung. The few minutes before tea time were spent in ringing a course of London Surprise Major on the handbells, in which a very welcome visitor, Mr. T. T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, took part. No doubt even such good ringers as the brothers Pye find it difficult to ring London double-handed, when out of practice, but it was a good course until the last few changes. Mr. C. C. Mayne rang the tenors quite well, and should do better with a little practice.

After a good tea, the company attended evensong, which was taken by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. A. Rowland). Afterwards the usual business meeting was held. Two members were elected, and it was announced that the new trebles at Isleworth would be dedicated on Saturday, June 13th. The arrangements for the next district meeting were left in the hands of the hon. secretary.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. R. H. Colyer for arranging the meeting, the proceedings terminated, and members went home early for a change!

METHOD EXTENSIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The correctness or otherwise of extensions continues to be purely a matter of individual opinion, generally of a contradictory nature.

The time has long been ripe for the Central Council to, at least, consider formulating rules and regulations to which such extensions as do conform to them will be officially recognised.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Central Council opportunity might be taken to give this matter a practical turn with a view to its ultimate settlement, by the setting up of a small committee empowered to collect, analyse, and report upon such evidence as is available to the next annual meeting. While unanimity may not be a feature of the report, we, of the rank and file, would at least feel that representatives had at least made an honest effort to put this debatable subject on a basis of common understanding.

Yours truly,

Dunedin, New Zealand.

JAMES S. WILDE.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: C. Gash 1, E. Lubbock 2, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, J. P. Kent 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**A MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE DERBY DISTRICT.**

Ockbrook is a village situated some five or six miles east of Derby in the southern division of the county, and the Church of All Saints is a building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, and a western tower with low octagonal spire, restored in 1894, which contains six bells, one of which is dated 1653, and two others 1664, the three trebles being a recent addition. A new font was placed in the church in 1878, although an older one of the 12th century exists. The stained east window represents the four Evangelists, and was brought from the Wigston Hospital, Leicestershire.

Such is the place chosen by members of the Derby District of the M.C.A. for their first quarterly meeting of the year, members being present from the various towers to keep the bells going to different methods, including Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At the tea and business meeting, which was held in the Church Room presided over by Mr. Henry Fletcher, the members were pleased to welcome Mrs. R. B. Chambers and Rev. F. C. Bayliss, her brother. Tea being disposed of, a very pleasing ceremony took place. Mrs. Chambers presented to the members of the district a copy of the book, 'The history and art of change ringing,' by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, the general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., asking them to accept the same in memory of her late husband, Ald. R. B. Chambers. She had written a suitable inscription in the book as follows:—

'The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers
(Derby Branch).
In Memoriam.

Robert Baker Chambers.

President 1920. At rest 1928.

Ring in the valiant man and true,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Presented by Mrs. Chambers, May 2nd, 1931.

In a few suitable words, Mr. C. Draper, on behalf of the members, thanked Mrs. Chambers for her kindness in providing the district with so valuable a gift.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Youlgreave on Saturday, April 18th. About eighteen ringers were present from Baslow, Bakewell, Chester, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Farndon, Pulford, and Youlgreave. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 27 cwt.) were raised at 3 p.m., and some good ringing was accomplished in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A substantial tea at an inn nearby was followed by an informal business meeting presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. It was arranged, if possible, to hold the next meeting at Hathersage on May 23rd, where an invitation to tea has been kindly extended to all members by Mr. H. Newbery. One new member, Miss J. Dugdell, of Dore, was elected, and the usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Withington on Saturday, April 25th, in very inclement weather. Mr. Jesse Gillot, who has been resident in Gloucester for forty years, took this opportunity to visit his native Cotswold village. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also a welcome visitor.

The members were welcomed at the church by the Rector (Rev. D. Austin Fisher) and the local ringers, and the bells were set going in various methods, everyone being agreeably surprised at the 'go' of the bells.

The Rector conducted the service, and gave an excellent address. Mr. John Harper, of Cheltenham, kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Mill Inn, an old-fashioned hostelry, with its wide open fireplace, and an array of churchwarden pipes hung on the walls.

At the business meeting the Rector presided over a gathering of some 26 members, representing the following towers of the branch: Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Badgeworth, Elkstone, Prestbury, Swindon, Leckhampton and Withington.

Rev. D. Austin Fisher was elected an hon. member, and Mr. T. S. Williams a performing member.

Members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Winchcombe was selected for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector and to the local ringers for their hearty welcome. The Rector expressed his pleasure at having the members at Withington.

The tower was again visited, when the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clements, of Bourton, was more than welcome. The meeting proved most enjoyable, despite the bad weather.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th, and, although the weather was very unsettled, the numbers steadily increased until the company numbered over forty. The tower of St. John-the-Baptist's Church was open at 2.30, and ringing continued until 4.30, when a special service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. G. Matthews, who gave a most excellent discourse on 'Manliness,' illustrated by various notable examples. The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where an excellent tea had been provided. The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman. One new tower (Upper Beeding) having become affiliated, the whole of the members were elected to membership. The election of Mr. W. J. Rawlings, Beckingham, Kent, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

All the officers of the division were re-elected, viz.: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; committee, Messrs. J. A. Hart, J. Wren, and G. Apps; Committee of Advice, Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler. The meeting concluded with the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address, and to the organist who so ably accompanied the singing. Thanks are also due to the Southover Branch for their kind assistance in arranging the meeting.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal, and a very fair standard of ringing was maintained. The following towers were represented: Boxhill, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas), The Good Shepherd, Crawley, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield, Seaford and Lewes (Southover).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**JUDGE ELECTED BRANCH CHAIRMAN.**

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch seems to lose none of its attractions, for, although the weather was most unkind, over seventy persons attended the Guild service at Windsor Parish Church on Saturday week, when the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Hamilton, M.A., welcomed the branch and gave an interesting address from the text, 'Make ye two trumpets of silver.'

An excellent tea was enjoyed by all, and about 100 were present for the business meeting, which was preceded by some Stedman Triples on handbells. The Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., made a short reference to the loss that the branch had sustained by the death of the chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A., the whole gathering standing in silence for a few moments.

The election of a chairman for the meeting was combined with that of chairman of the branch for the ensuing year, a unanimous vote being accorded to the Hon. Sir Charles A. Bennett, one of His Majesty's judges, who has been an interested member of the branch for many years. The other officers were re-elected, viz., Branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch representatives for general committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 17s. 10d., an increase on the year's working of £2 17s. 11d.

The election of a goodly number of new members during the year was confirmed, and a new band from Braywood, together with their Vicar, were elected. The Master, general secretary and general treasurer all thanked the members of the branch for their welcome, and congratulated them on their many successes and speedy conclusion of the business.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, chairman and Mr. T. Smith, who were responsible for the excellent arrangements.

A large number enjoyed touches in various methods, including London, Bristol and Cambridge, ringing being continued up to 9 p.m.

DEATH OF AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.**AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Sussex County Association has lost, through the death of Mr. William Short, another of its original members. As captain of the Warnham band when the association was formed in 1835, Mr. Short at once became a most active leader in the north-western area, taking part in a large number of the early peals, and also giving assistance to other towers in the neighbourhood. Though prevented for some years, by a painful illness, from taking any active part in ringing, his interest in the art retained its keenness to the last, and any ringing information was always appreciated. He was also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Surrey County Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, and took part in about 170 peals, including 10,176 Kent Treble Bob, 6,720 Bob Major, 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure, and the record length 13,440 in that method.

The interment took place on Monday in the shadow of the tower where he had taken part in so many peals. As the mourners left the graveside, the bells pealed out in muffled tones, members of the local band and representatives from Slinfield, Horsham, Lower Beeding and Itchingfield taking part in several touches.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING IN THE FROME VALLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Sydling on Saturday last, the towers represented being Bradford Peverell, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Frampton, Sydling, Wool, Wyke Regis, Upwey and Maiden Newton. The North Dorset Branch was also represented by Kingston Magna and Mere and the West Dorset Branch by Evershot. A number of ringers and friends took advantage of the motor coach that was run from Weymouth, and stepped for a short ring at Stratton on the way.

On arrival at Sydling the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Wynn Werninck) and given a warm welcome. The bells were then made good use of until 4.30, when the Guild Office was conducted in the church by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), several of the parishioners attending the service. The Vicar gave a most inspiring address, taking as his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' Following the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a bounteous tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) was partaken of, members and friends to the number of sixty being waited on by a willing band of ladies under Mrs. E. Ashburnham and Miss Wynn Werninck. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), who was supported by the Rector of Maiden Newton (Rev. B. L. Langham), the Rev. Wynn Werninck and the Rev. A. S. Bryant. Others present included Mr. J. T. Godwin (churchwarden, St. Peter's, Dorchester) and Captain A. Wheeler (churchwarden, Wyke Regis). Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to the death of an old member, namely, Mr. Harry Cozens, who had been a ringer at Abbotsbury for over fifty years, and who passed away on Palm Sunday. The company then stood in respectful silence.

Six new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Upwey and also a combined summer gathering with the Wimborne Branch at Milton Abbey.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman, and seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, to the Vicar for so kindly taking the service and giving such a splendid address, also for providing such a sumptuous tea, and for the use of the bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the organist, and to ladies who waited on them at tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, and reference was also made to the admirable way in which the hon. secretary had organised the meeting and arranged the ringing at five towers.

The meeting being concluded, some of the members again repaired to the tower and rang on the fine mellow toned bells which Sydling possesses. Although only five in number (the tenor weighing 20 cwt.), the general opinion was that they would make a splendid peal if augmented to the octave. It is of interest to note that the three largest bells in the tower date from 1600. In passing, it should be mentioned that Sydling can boast of a very enthusiastic band of lady ringers, which speaks well for the interest taken by the ladies of that village in campanology.

Other members proceeded to Maiden Newton, and rang on the lately restored peal of six, which now go splendidly. Frampton and Bradford Peverell were the two final calls of the day, and at the former place the Vicar (Rev. G. Wynn) very kindly conducted the ringers over his beautiful church. Everywhere the members were given a most cordial welcome, and thus it may be said that the music of the bells was heard through the Frome Valley throughout the afternoon and evening.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Lathbury 1, G. Faux 2, B. Buttress 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

LATE NOTICES.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Swanwick on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. B. Walvin, 39, Derby Road, Swanwick, by Thursday, May 14th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury on Saturday, May 16th. Bus leaves Newcastle (Haymarket) every hour after 12.20. Fare 3s. 6d. return. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —Next meeting to be held at Caistor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Robinson's Cafe, Market Place. Business to follow. Numbers for tea to Rev. A. J. Arch, The Vicarage, Caistor, Lincs., by Thursday, May 14th.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *the Coffee Pot on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. All Ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham.—F. Barker, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, at the Pear Tree Inn. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Saddington, near Kibworth, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Hind Hotel, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) for Fleckney (then 1 mile walk), Reeve or Peberdy. Buses will take you into Saddington at a small extra charge.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea, please. Business meeting at 5.15.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich. Please note change of address.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. All welcome. Thirty minute bus service from Paignton. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. — John Phillips, School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar Church on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1s. per head. A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—There will be a meeting at Redbourn to-morrow (Saturday), May 9th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. All ringers welcomed.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at Stanstead. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise.—D. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on May 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers requiring tea please send word not later than Tuesday, 12th, to H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should reach Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than first post Tuesday, May 12th. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars. —P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, for ringers and wives, etc., the guests of Lord Phillimore. Service at 7 p.m. (short evensong, with organ, hymns, etc.). All are welcome. —F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Cole-ridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m., Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m. Ringers requiring luncheon please inform the secretary before Monday, 11th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, May 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please let me know by May 12th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the guild will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Frequent bus service from Birmingham and Coventry.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Pirholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney (Swindon) on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., only for those who notify me by Thursday, 14th. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is hoped for. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley on May 16th. Bells (8). Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 13th inst.? — Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—The 32nd annual meeting will be held at Warrington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A special meeting has been arranged to take place at Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, May 16th. The bells available early. For tea notify Mr. J. W. Harvey, 10, Milton Road, Rotherham.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mollory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, May 16th, at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Greenstead Green bells will take place on Saturday, May 16th. Thanksgiving service at 3 o'clock by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Ringing commence at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, to those who give notice to Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, Greenstead Green, Halstead, not later than Wednesday, the 13th. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Bramley and Womersley May 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting Jolly Farmer, Bramley. Numbers for tea to me, please, by May 12th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, May 16th. Visitors made welcome, but please advise me in time to provide tea. Bells available: Kingham (8), Chipping Norton (8).—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Elflinsward, Haywards Heath, on Saturday, May 16th. Meeting to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A special service will be held at Elflinsward, at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. A meat tea will be provided at Elflinsward at 5 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. The towers of Cuckfield, Bolney and Lindfield will be open for ringing after tea. Please note.—Those intending to be present should notify the hon. general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 12th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members wishing to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, 21st, by first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhaston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Tea only provided for those sending a card by May 22nd to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting. Application for luncheon tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d. each) must be made before Tuesday, May 19th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or to Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting to be held at Beddington has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, May 30th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, the figures of all peal compositions rung for the above Guild must in future be sent to the peal recorder as under. Will conductors of all peals previously rung for the Guild please send the figures of the composition called and the names of the composers, together with dates and places at which the peals were rung, so that they may be recorded?—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

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