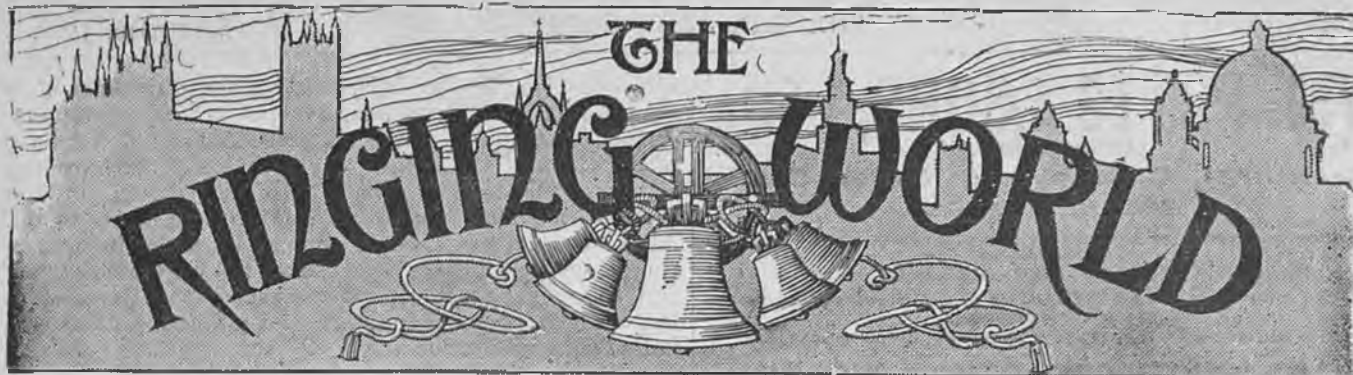


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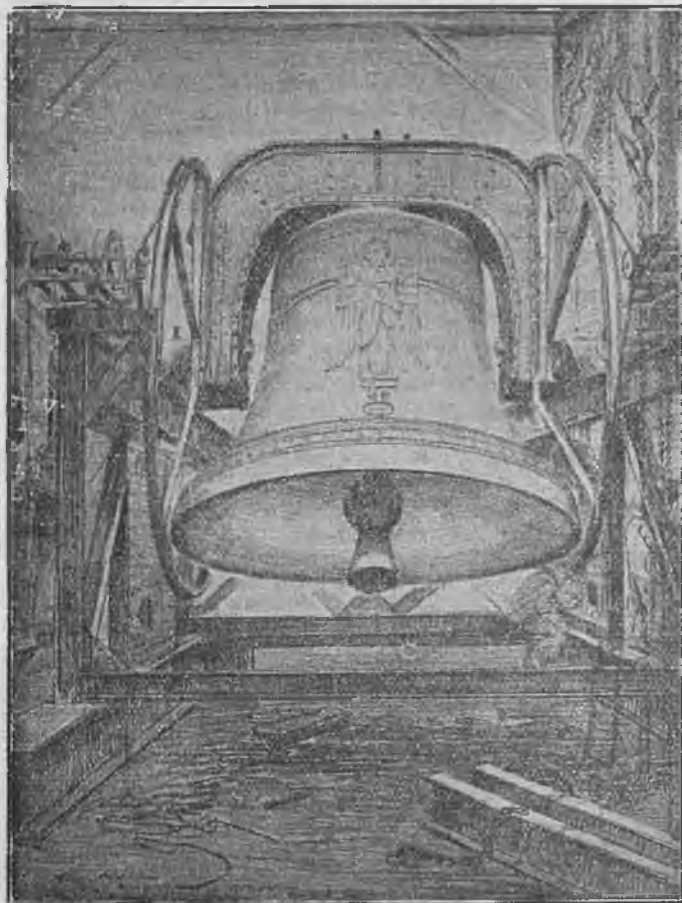
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The near approach of Easter is a reminder that within the next few weeks many of the associations and guilds will be holding their annual gatherings and preparations will be afoot for the Central Council meeting, which is to take place at Whitsuntide at Plymouth. Easter Monday is the most popular day in all the year for the big meetings of the associations, and quite a number of important gatherings are held. It is impossible to avoid this clashing of events, but the meetings are well spaced over the country, so that few, if any, suffer in attendance from the fact that so many fall on the same day. Without in any way detracting from the importance of the rest, quite the most interesting gathering this Easter will be that of the Midland Counties Association, which is to celebrate its jubilee at Derby. Born out of the association for the Archdeaconry of Derby, which was established in 1882, the M.C.A., which took its present name in the following year, has long been one of the leading organisations in the country, and Easter Monday's gathering in the city of its origin should be a great and interesting occasion. Incidentally, between Easter and Whitsun three other territorial societies will celebrate their jubilees—the Worcestershire Association, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association. These events, which mark the rapid passing of time, recall many and striking changes to those who can remember the early days of these societies, changes in the status of the ringers, in the condition of the bellfries, even in the type of the men, as a body, engaged in the art—steady progress through the years in all these things and not least in the development of the art.

It ought not to be necessary, but it may be as well, to remind ringers that these annual meetings which are shortly to be held are the place at which to ventilate, not only their grievances, which they are usually ready to do, but also any constructive suggestions they may have for the improvement of their own association in particular and in furthering the interests of the Exercise in general. Too often the annual business meetings of the larger associations are very much 'cut and dried' affairs. That is not the fault of the officers, who are not to be blamed if the only matters on the agenda are the formalities necessary under the rules and constitution. The annual business meeting is the members' opportunity to voice their opinions and get something done, but ringers frequently go to such meetings, and, although they may have ideas, remain silent. Whether it is a 'grouse' or a suggestion, it is better ventilated. Moreover, discussions which genuinely reveal ringers' opinions on a

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subject which may be of interest outside their immediate organisation are helpful to others and can lead to a wider consideration through the Central Council. We have often pointed out that this body could be of much greater service to the Exercise than it is, if only ringers, through their associations, would provide it with work to do. Association meetings would stimulate a wider interest in ringing matters generally if discussions were encouraged, and there is no subject of interest to the Exercise at large which does not primarily or ultimately affect the individual organisations.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HARRY BOSWELL 7
†HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	THOMAS RODEN... .. 8
G. ARTHUR BAKER 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
HERRBERT T. PIPER 5	*GEORGE LANGLEY Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Alderman John Lewis (Mayor of Wolverhampton) and Mrs. M. F. Collett (a benefactress to St. Peter's Church).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. John's Society.)

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDICK Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY... .. 5
FREDERICK S. BACON 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER 7
RICHARD STEERS... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Harriet Susanna Johnson, wife of the late Mr. John Johnson, several years people's warden at the above church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5023 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RICHARD C. HIDE Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE 5
*DOUGLAS H. S. WHITE 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
*ERNEST G. HIGGIN 3	KEITH HART 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 4	*GEORGE P. ELPICK Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers of 1, 2, 6, and 8 are Sunday service ringers at Southover, the rest are from Brighton.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*FRANK BUCKLAND 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method away from treble.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WILTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

A. J. WYATT Treble	S. P. MERSON 5
S. A. WYATT 2	† D. F. SHELDON 6
A. W. HAYWARD 3	J. HUNT 7
* H. E. CAUSLEY 4	S. G. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since augmentation. All the above are Sunday service ringers, with the exception of the ringers of the 5th and 7th, who are hon. members of the Guild, their kind assistance for the occasion being greatly appreciated.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HUGH R. THORPE Treble	† CYRIL HYGATE 5
* RICHARD V. FULLER ... 2	BERNARD H. WELLS ... 6
† RONALD TUFFIN 3	ROBERT G. HOARE ... 7
FRANK JEAL 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINFOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
JOHN BASS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Specially arranged, by permission of the priest-in-charge, to enable all to ring a peal on February 29th, none having previously rung a peal on this date.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday evening, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. King 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, W. Gorringe 4, B. Jarvis (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 5, G. Mills 6, J. Powell 7, E. Mills 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

* ALFRED HOWKINS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. All the above are bachelors, their average age being 50 years.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR APPELATE Treble	* FRED NEWTON 5
JOHN H. LENTON 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
WALTER SWALLOW 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
HARRY BROWN 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. C. WALTERS

* First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, March 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT ALLSOP Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR 5
BERNARD ALLSOP 2	JOHN TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM BLAGSHAW 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 7
EDWIN BLACKWELL 4	* ERIC DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal. A birthday peal for Bernard Allsop. All are Sunday service ringers at Darley Dale.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	HAROLD HAMER 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM JONES 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
NORMAN BASTOW 4	JAMES H. BASTOW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal in any method by the ringer of the fourth. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hollows on his 76th birthday.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
* GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First touch in the method. This 54 course composition, with the 2nd the extent in 2-3 and 6 courses only in 4th's, with all the 5-6's and 4-6's, is now presumed to be rung for the first time.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Wednesday, March 2nd, in 25 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. W. Unwin 4, F. R. Weller 5, P. G. Brett (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. T. Bailey, sister of conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
MAJOR J. K. B. HESSE 2	THOMAS LANGDON 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
ALFRED B. PECK 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHARLES JEFFES Treble	*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 5
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 6
BEN JARMAN 3	WILLIAM NASH 7
THOMAS BLOW 4	FREDERICK W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEERE Treble	G. ERNEST SMITH 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
*ALBERT E. CHESMAN 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of London and first attempt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	HENRY EVERS 5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS 2	RICHARD W. STANNARD 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM DENT 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S MATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
KRITH HART 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 30). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
†F. BERNARD MARTIN 2	DENIS R. MORRIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*RICHARD E. G. LUTON ... Treble	E. JOHN BERRY 5
†THOMAS MOULDEN 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
GEORGE LANCASTER 3	E. JAMES WOODROFF 7
SIDNEY H. HOPPER 4	FREDERICK STAGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Malahor), who was inducted on February 26th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY CHAMBERS Treble	FREDERICK R. PALMER 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3	AMOS SMART 7
JAMES T. WARD 4	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 143). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Frederick R. Palmer. This is the 150th peal which A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins have rung together.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	*ARTHUR G. BASON 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal at first attempt in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*HARRY NAGINGTON Treble	†WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 2	ALAN M. HICKMAN 6
†PERCY H. WALKER 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WALTER LYCETT 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday peal for the composer, Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Saturday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, 120 Bob Minor: Wm. Blackledge 1, R. Walmsley (first 720) 2, J. Booth 3, J. Grounds 4, T. Grounds 5, P. Frankland Rigby (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL BAMFORD, R.M. ... Treble	WILLIAM TERRY ... 4
BERTRAM LUCK ... 2	LEWIS LADD ... 5
FREDERICK RYE ... 3	ERNEST VERRIER ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST VERRIER.

ASTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK NEWMAN ... Treble	JOHN WELCH ... 4
SIDNEY CARTER ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Woodbine, two 720's Oxford, and three 720's Kent.

FRANK WILSON ... Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
JIM TEBAY ... 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... 5
*HECTOR WOODBURN ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. M. Fosbrooke.

PECKLETON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON ... Treble	*FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 4
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 2	*ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE ... Treble	ALEC WHITMORE ... 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... 2	JOHN WELCH ... 5
GRAHAM PRATT ... 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Carter, mother of the conductor.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN N. KIRKERIDE ... Treble	*JOHN WOODS ... 4
ERNEST OVERSLY ... 2	*LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 5
RICHARD T. BATESON ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ASHWATER, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

(NORTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

*W. SLER ... Treble	J. SANGWIN ... 4
*C. CHOLLWILL ... 2	F. SANGWIN ... 5
C. SANGWIN ... 3	G. PINECOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents

F. CANTER ... Treble	H. PHELPS ... 4
*P. PONTING ... 2	H. BARRATT ... 5
E. JEFFERIES ... 3	F. PONTING ... Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all, and first for the association. All are local ringers. This peal was well under way a fortnight before, when the tenor clapper broke off half-way up the stem.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Kent, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, and four different 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*F. GARTSIDE ... Treble	J. C. FIELDING ... 4
L. DAWSON ... 2	J. BURGESS ... 5
H. NUTT ... 3	H. SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by F. GARTSIDE.

* First peal. This is the first peal rung on the bells since 1905, when the then well-known local company rang 7,200 changes in ten different methods.

DEAN, NEAR BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

*RONALD HICKMAN ... Treble	*ERNEST AUSTIN ... 4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
WILLIAM HUNT ... 3	*HARRY BALAAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

* First peal. + First peal in the method. An excellent performance by the conductor, who is one of the very few one-armed ringers in the Exercise. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Winchester.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY J. ELLIOT Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOT 4
HARRY W. GAYTON 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE 5
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH 3	HERBERT LACK Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

V. GLASS Treble	W. S. BUTLER 4
W. BUTLER 2	A. EVERS 5
W. MELLIN 3	E. BRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

First peal of Surprise Minor rung at this tower by a local band, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7-8

Conducted by J. BRAY.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
ALFRED BARNES 9-10	

Composed by JOHN THOMP. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Laflin.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At BLEAK HOUSE, LEIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALBERT FLEET 1-2	*CYRIL HERBERT 5-6
*ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	DOUGLAS HARRIS 7-8

Composed by J. BARKE. Conducted by D. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method 'in hand,' and also as conductor, to whom the peal was a birthday compliment.

A STRIKE SETTLED.

The strike among the bellringers at Neston Parish Church has been amicably settled. The Parochial Church Council asked the ringers, in view of the state of the church finances, to continue their services without payment, and this they have agreed to do, it being understood that the usual grant of £32 per annum would be resumed at some future date when the position became easier.

After 30 years' service, Mr. C. Coventry has retired from the captaincy of the band, and Mr. S. Bartley has been elected in his place. It is hoped that Mr. Coventry's services may be recognised in some tangible way in the near future.

COMPLIMENT TO AN EARL.

As a compliment to the Earl of Warwick, who attained his coming-of-age on Friday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, by: H. C. Burt 1, W. Harrison 2, A. T. Green 3, W. Collett 4, C. Wildsmith 5, A. W. Bond 6, E. H. Adams (conductor) 7, H. Broderick 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of treble, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

(Continued from page 154.)

In continuation of the toast list at the Henry Johnson Dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday week, Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'The Visitors,' among whom he specially mentioned the Rev. H. Mettowan, the new Vicar of Aston. Mr. McGowan, he said, had promised at the first opportunity to have the bells of Aston Parish Church put in order, and he (the speaker) hoped they would be 'boiled up' (applause). Mr. Walker mentioned other distinguished visitors among the gathering, and referred with pleasure to the fact that they had a company of over twenty from Bristol and district. Visitors to Bristol always received a warm welcome from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, who were working really hard in that city, not only to encourage Sunday service ringing but also the social spirit, which was such an asset to success. In coupling with the toast the names of Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. Walker referred to the forthcoming 'All England' gathering at Croydon, and hoped that Mr. Johnston's efforts and enterprise in this matter would be crowned with great success. From his own experience at the last similar gathering he was sure that those who went to Croydon on April 2nd would have a day filled with interest and pleasure.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEALS OF BELLS!

Mr. Johnston, who first responded, said that among the visitors they must not forget the ladies, who were present in considerable numbers. Some of them rang, some of them owned and ran ringers (laughter). He had brought one himself (applause). The ladies came because they looked forward to a pleasant evening; he did not know whether any of them also came to make sure what time the menfolk left that establishment (laughter). Why was it so many people came to Birmingham year after year to attend that gathering? It was because they had good bells—and others—to ring upon (laughter), they were welcomed with enthusiasm on their arrival, they were delightfully entertained, and were looked after on the morrow and through the week-end (applause). Referring to the statement of Alderman Pytchett as to the £250,000 surplus which the governors of King Edward School would have after its removal from New Street, Mr. Johnston said he was all in favour of educating the youth of Birmingham, but it seemed to him the alderman's estimate of the possibility of the installation of bells in that great city was much below the mark. It would provide at least 250 peals of bells at the present rate of bell metal (laughter). Referring to the gathering at Croydon on April 2nd, Mr. Johnston said he hoped Birmingham and the Midlands would be strongly represented. Preparations were being made for a large gathering, and, bearing in mind that the figure eight had a considerable influence in ringing many methods, they had engaged eight halls for the day; if necessary, there would be eight towers for ringing in. They did not however, go any further, because they did not want to encourage any idea of excess, and did not wish them to think that they were going 'one over the eight' (laughter). On behalf of the visitors, he thanked the members of St. Martin's Guild for their gracious reception and for their hospitality, for the happy evening they had given them and the merry week-end which he knew they had provided for them (applause).

Mr. J. W. Jones also responded, and said one reason why he was there was that on January 15th, 1890, he took part in a date touch of Grandsire Triples at Caerleon, rung muffled in memory of Henry Johnson, senior, of Birmingham. He was now the only survivor of that band, and he felt it his duty to be there that night. One of those who rang in that touch was largely responsible for introducing change ringing into South Wales, and his son, Mr. Claud Davies, now of Liverpool, was among the visitors that night. The members of St. Martin's Guild had done their visitors 'real well,' and he was sure everyone had enjoyed the evening (applause).

IT RESTS WITH THE RINGERS.

Mr. J. E. Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and said he desired to do what he was sure they would all wish him to do, and that was to congratulate the Editor upon the success of his wonderful effort in connection with the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary and the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge. He had the pleasure of taking part in the proceedings, and the organisation of every part of the great meeting was a veritable triumph for Mr. Goldsmith and those associated with him. Mr. Smallwood went on to say that 'The Ringing World' was a most valuable adjunct to the Exercise. He thought the time had arrived when they might have a larger paper, but that did not rest so much with the Editor as with the ringers, who could make it possible by extending the circulation. The Editor was doing his very best to stimulate interest in every phase of the art, and his tenacity was remarkable. Many a man would have given up years ago, but he had stuck to it, and they congratulated him upon it (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, said his task as Editor was no sinecure. There were many difficulties in catering for a public in a subject of limited interest, but the aim of 'The Ringing World' was to do its best for the encouragement of the art. With regard to the restoration of the bells at Cambridge in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary, a greater sum was required than

was anticipated, and a further amount had to be raised. Any ringer, therefore, who had not given to the fund because he thought it was closed, could now do so, and his contribution would be welcomed.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed 'The Chairman.' He said they used at one time to invite a distinguished ringer to take the chair at that annual gathering, and Sir Arthur Heywood did so on several occasions. Eventually one of their Rectors accepted the invitation. Old ringers said that it was a mistake, but that Rector was Canon Willink, and they found it was no mistake, for Canon Willink was one of the finest chairmen they ever had (applause). Then they had Canon Grose Hodge, who was another excellent chairman, and he was succeeded by Canon Guy Rogers, whom they all appreciated as a chairman, and who had made a deep impression (applause).

The toast having been honoured, Alderman Pritchett briefly replied on the Rector's behalf.

The speeches were interspersed with music. The part-songs of St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman) were again a feature of the programme. They are a never-failing source of sheer delight, and at each appearance they had to respond to an undeniable encore. Miss D. E. Griffin rendered contralto songs with charming effect, and the banjo duets of Messrs. Ernest Jones and Alfred Kirby were received with warm applause. Mr. Arthur Cooke was the accompanist. St. Thomas', Bristol, handbell ringers gave a pleasing selection, and the happy evening came to an end all too soon; albeit the hands of the clock pointed nearly to eleven.

Numbers of the visitors stayed in Birmingham until Sunday, and were welcomed at the various towers, while the mid-day gathering was yet another example of the great social spirit which exists in ringing circles in the Midland city and of the hospitality of St. Martin's Guild.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, price 2s. 3d., from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

THE 'FOURTH OF MARCH' AT APPLETON.

Good ringing, good singing and good fellowship have marked the celebration of the 'Fourth of March' at Appleton for many years, and none of these were lacking at the 114th anniversary, held on Saturday last.

After the visitors had tried their skill on the beautiful peal of bells, a party of some 30 to 40 friends, old and new, gathered under the hospitable roof of the Thatched Tavern, there to enjoy the good fare provided.

Among the old friends it was again a pleasure to meet Mr. George Holifield, sen., and it is pleasing to reflect that with 'George II.' carrying on, and 'George III.' coming along, there should be every prospect of the old traditions being maintained. The stalwart brothers White, too, were in fine form, delighting the guests at intervals with their tuneful handbells and harmonious voices.

After 'The King' had been duly honoured, the Rector, the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, gave the guests a kindly welcome, referring in his speech to an old friend taken from our midst by death, 'Lasher' Bennett.

The Master of the Oxford Guild proposed the toast of 'The Appleton Society,' coupling with it the well-known names of Mr. George Holifield and Mr. R. White, congratulating the former on his restoration to health and the latter on the good work recently finished at Stanlake. The Master emphasised the usefulness of 'The Ringing World' and the importance of supporting this, the only 'ringing' paper. 'Every ringer should take it in,' he said, 'or, failing that, at least every tower should have its copy.'

In replying, Mr. Holifield gave a short account of the Appleton Society, mentioning some of the events that had taken place during his 'fifty years and more' of peal ringing. Indeed, the reflections heard on various sides—'47 years since my first fourth of March,' '44 years since my first peal of Caters here'—made some of the younger members regret the celebrations they had missed, while confirming their intention to be present at all future ones 'so long as they can crawl.'

BELLS DEBT CLEARED.

To celebrate the clearing of the debt on the bell restoration fund at Woodford, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, March 6th: W. J. Corney (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. O. Turner 2, R. Cousins 3, F. W. Corney 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. R. Morley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Bob Minor rung half-muffled at Dean, Hants, last week, in memory of the dead Bishop of Winchester, was an excellent performance on the part of the conductor, Harry Bulaam. He has only one arm, and rang the tenor, a 10 cwt. bell. It was also his first peal in the method.

There are at least two other one-armed ringers in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. George Pullinger, the former general hon. secretary, and Mr. J. W. Faithfull, of Southampton.

The report of the peal of Bob Minor at Leigh, Kent, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Some time ago we made reference to an old ringing society known as the Chapel Youths of Stourbridge. Mr. A. J. Skelding has traced some of their records, and here are the details of a peal, the anniversary of which fell on Monday last:—

On Monday, March 7th, 1785, was rung at Stourbridge, by the Society of Chapel Youths of Stourbridge, a complete peal of Bob Majors containing 6,160 changes. Time, 3 hours 55 minutes. Samuel Green treble, Josiah Badger 2nd, Thomas Milward 3rd, John Milward 4th, John Moseley 5th, Thomas Orford 6th, William Milward 7th, John Watkins tenor. The hobs called by William Milward.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded fifty years ago next Sunday.

On March 14th, 1727, the London Scholars rang the first peal on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields—a 6,006 Grandsire Cinques. The next day the College Youths rang a peal of 6,314 Grandsire Cinques on the same bells.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Superlative at Great Holland, Essex, on February 20th, was George M. Rashbrook, and not George M. Lashbrook, as printed in our peal columns.

EIGHT WILY BACHELORS.

ANOTHER ESCAPE.

They have escaped again, but surely the Ladies' Guild could not have known about it! On Leap Year Day eight mature and eligible bachelors, well known in ringing circles, after sleepless nights of growing anxiety, spent many hours in trepidation. It is said they dared not venture out until dark for fear of being waylaid and captured by those cave-women who, on this day of special privilege, seize their prey by the hair—if they have any—and drag them off to a lifetime of matrimonial bondage.

But these eight, although timorous, are wily birds—their age proves their experience, or is it their phenomenal luck that has saved them thus far?—and when they did set out for a clandestine meeting they sallied forth disguised as married men.

By devious routes they arrived at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, but it was not until they had locked themselves in the tower and had searched every nook and corner to make sure there was no hidden siren who might yet hook one of them, that they were able to breathe freely.

And then, to celebrate their escape, they rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which in future is to be known as 'Bachelors' Joy.'

BISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

Writing in the 'Lincoln Diocesan Magazine,' the Bishop of Lincoln refers to the death of the Rev. H. Law James. 'Henry Law James,' he said, 'was well known throughout the diocese as an enthusiastic bellringer and as the Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. He was also known to many as one of the most devoted parish priests of the diocese, and to not a few he was known as one who had in an eminent degree the gift of friendship. On several occasions I had the opportunity of spending a night at Surfleet Vicarage. It was then that I discovered a side of Henry James' character which did not always appear. Not only was he a theologian, he was somewhat of a philosopher. In many minor matters he was curiously conservative, but in the larger and deeper matters he had that wide, even liberal outlook, which is possible to those who are sure of their foundations. Greatly will Henry Law James be missed in the diocese. In his own parish he was trusted and loved, and throughout a wider area men were thankful to have known him.'

BEQUESTS FOR BELLS.

Two bequests for bells have recently been made. Miss Caroline Johnson, of Camberley, Surrey, who left £114,818, gave £1,000 for a peal of bells at Frimley (Surrey) Parish Church.

Her gift, however, had been anticipated, as about two years ago a small chime was placed in the tower.

Miss Mary Constance Barnes, of Kensington, whose estate was valued at £31,504 gross, left £600 to the Rector and churchwardens of Cattistock Church, Dorchester, the income to be applied in the maintenance and repair of the carillon and church tower; £150 to the parish council of Cattistock, upon trust to pay the premiums of insurance policies on the said carillon and tower, 'and I declare it to be my wish that the annual carillon recital which has for many years been held shall be continued.'

One hopes the ringing eight at this church may be cared for under the bequest.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BY R. A. DANIELL.

If a ringing society took its name from a church in the seventeenth century the connection would certainly not be that of ringing for church services; for this purpose chiming seems to have been usual. 'The School of Recreation,' a treatise by 'R. H.,' published in 1684, gives us some information about the custom of the time. The book treats of outdoor sports as well as ringing. All these are recreations for mind and body, and in the author's view are God's gifts to men. His instructions about ringing are merely elementary. But he expects a high standard from ringers, and urges them, 'Do not let thy frequent coming (to the church) on week-days for thy diversion make thee absent thyself on Sundays from thy devotion . . . do not let the Sunday morning peal engage thy presence then and the alehouse have thy company afterwards. Be as quick in hearing the chiming for prayers as thou art in the notes for pleasure.' That pleasure ringing was common on Sundays in that century is shown by the fact that Cromwell's second Parliament legislated against it. In reality we still act on the same principle as 'R. H.' gives, for our peal ringing is a recreation. But within the lifetime of the elder of us Church opinion has taken a step forward and claimed ringing as an adjunct to public worship, and so claimed ringers as churchworkers. The convenience of headquarters for stated practice is so obvious that connection with a church in the bygone days may well have been of that nature. I agree with Mr. Trollope that the College Youths went about. We cannot infer from a connection with St. Michael's that they rang nowhere else, or that no others ever rang at St. Michael's.

I think most of the London ringing in the early seventeenth century must have been done within the city. All classes lived there. Building was but then springing up about Covent Garden and Lincoln's Inn Fields. The law students had their centre in the Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery, all situated on the western verge of the city, some within and some without the boundary. North and west of Temple Bar and south across the river there would have been some half a dozen towers which might have had rings of bells. In the city, to the east, there were a few more than one hundred parish churches, and many of these would have rings of bells. The great fire of London destroyed eighty-eight of these churches, of which St. Michael's was one, in 1666. I do not know if much is known about bells then existing in the unburnt towers, but we cannot hope to learn anything accurate about those then destroyed. Stow gives us no help, as he only occasionally mentions bells. But from his description I think we are justified in concluding that St. Michael's was a fine church, and as it was in a wealthy part of the city it was as likely to have a ring of bells as any other church within its bounds.

I conclude that the traditional origin of the College Youths' name is quite possibly true. It matters not in what way a tradition comes to us; if we want to get at its value we must try to visualise the period to which it relates. This I have tried to do to the best of my power, though, no doubt, imperfectly. My object is not to press my view on anyone's acceptance, but to supply him with such suggestions as I can to assist him in forming his own opinion. I am not at variance with Mr. Trollope on any fact in ringing history; I appreciate the time, trouble and thought he has bestowed on his investigations, and hope we shall have further interesting matter from his pen.

R. A. DANIELL.

FAMOUS BELFRY REVISITED.

RECOLLECTIONS OF SQUIRE PROCTOR.

A very enjoyable meeting of the East Herts District was held on Saturday at the old-world village of Braughing, where so very little change has taken place, and which still retains its old-world charm, and its musical peal of bells (tenor 19 cwt.) by Miles Graye. Its old-fashioned cottages still nestle round the church, which was noted for ringing in the past. Squire Proctor and his Benington band used invariably to visit Braughing on May 10th, the anniversary of the long peal of Bob Major. These visits were made without a break, we believe, for fifty years, and Surprise methods were rung. All these men have now passed on, but the bells still send out their silvery tones, with other hands to manipulate them.

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, and gave a helpful and inspiring address at the service upon the words, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.'

Tea was prepared at the Brown Bear, Hostess Denton attending to the wants in true motherly style, having had long experience with ringers from many places upon their visits to Braughing.

Good practice was obtained in several methods, and a helpful and enjoyable time was spent.

TWINS' PERFORMANCE.

At Wrington, Somerset, on February 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: H. H. Yeates 1, Mrs. H. Knight (first quarter-peal on eight) 2, T. H. Ferris 3, A. E. Ferris 4, H. G. Yeates 5, W. T. Gunning (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, C. H. Vowles 8. The ringers of 1 and 5 and of 3 and 4 are twins, and belong to the local band.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. WILSON, OF ISHAM.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD'S TREASURER.

It was with deepest regret that we briefly recorded in last week's issue the death of Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Isham. Mr. Wilson had been in poor health for the last eighteen months, suffering from heart trouble, but about six months ago he seemed to take a turn for the better, and it was a great satisfaction to all his friends that he was able to take a rope again. However, he was unfortunately attacked by influenza about three weeks ago, and although he had apparently recovered he passed to his rest in his sleep on the night of Wednesday, February 24th.

Mr. Wilson was 59 years of age, and had carried on his father's old-established carpentry and wheelwright's business at Isham and neighbouring villages since his father's death in 1893. He was chosen to succeed his father as Rector's churchwarden, and had served the church in this capacity for 23 years. He was also a school manager.

He took up ringing in 1907, when Isham bells were restored. A band was started then—now unfortunately reduced to a sole survivor on the active list. This company struggled on until taken in hand by Mr. Edward Chapman, of Kettering, who eventually conducted its first peal on Boxing Day, 1908. The band afterwards made much progress, eventually ringing peals in fourteen methods of Surprise and Treble Bob. When, during the war, Mr. Wilson was left almost alone in the belfry, he started a ladies' band which was most successful, and in this connection one remembers his enthusiasm when his niece, Miss Cecil Hepburn (as she then was) conducted a ladies' peal on the Isham bells. Since that time Mr. Wilson's perseverance with young hands had kept a band together. He had rung upwards of 50 peals—mostly of Minor in seven methods, but in this connection peals without an educational motive, or for a specific purpose, were repugnant to him. His chief delight was to arrange an afternoon tour of outlying five and six-bell towers, taking two of his recruits on his motor-cycle combination, and in this way he had visited most of the towers within a range of 20 or 30 miles.

He was often consulted in rehanging schemes, and his knowledge of building and woodwork was of greatest use in this connection. More than once he was able to allay a scare of the presence of the 'Death Watch beetle,' and he was always endeavouring to prevent recasting of good old bells and the breaking up of really serviceable frames, though he was the first to advocate a clean sweep where this was really necessary.

When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild grew out of the Central Northants Association in 1924, he was appointed treasurer, an office he had held ever since. He was most anxious that the new Guild should be diocesan in fact, and not only in name, and his association with ringers in outlying districts was partly instrumental in bringing several centres into the Guild.

No finer memorial to him could be conceived than a Peterborough Guild which is truly diocesan and embraces all districts within the diocese. This would be something worth working for. He was a man loved by all who came in contact with him, but he would not tolerate the type of ringer who regarded ringing as a kind of sport and was not a thorough practising churchman. Truly, he will be much missed.

The funeral took place on Monday, February 28th. The body was brought into church during a special memorial service on the previous night, for which muffled bells were rung. The church was completely filled for the funeral service. The Rector, Rev. E. J. Atkins, officiated, and the ringers present included Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Rector of Cranford (president of the Kettering Branch), Miss Thursfield (secretary, Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild), Miss Atkins (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. Barber (secretary of the Wellingborough District), Mr. R. Adams (secretary of the Guildsborough District of the Peterborough Guild), Mr. R. Abrams (representing the Orlingbury ringers), Mrs. E. M. Atkins (London), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), Mr. J. Saddington (Burton Latimer), Mr. J. Morris (Warkton), Mr. T. Howell (Little Harrowden), Mr. A. E. York (Rothwell).

Among others present were Mrs. F. Wilford and Mrs. E. M. Atkins.

As the coffin was carried from the church by four friends—Messrs. C. H. Whiting, Geo. Johnson, E. J. Chamberlain and T. Garvey—the organist, Miss Mabel Eaton, feelingly played Mendelssohn's 'O rest in the Lord.'

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave on the deceased's handbells by: W. Perkins 1-2, E. M. Atkins 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, F. Wilford 7-8. Among the many flowers were wreaths from 'The officers and committee, Peterborough Diocesan Guild,' and from 'The Isham bellringers.' Afterwards the whole pull and stand and muffled touches were rung on Isham bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples: H. Page 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, J. Lovett 4, W. Page 5, F. Lashbury 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, G. Wines 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Evans (son of the churchwarden) and Miss E. Stone. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Davies, one of the local band.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM. A LOSS TO LEICESTER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Joseph Sarson Needham, of Leicester, at the age of 74, the sad event occurring somewhat suddenly on February 22nd. Only a few days previously he had rung at St. Saviour's in an attempt for a muffled quarter-peal to the memory of Mrs. Hardsley, wife of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, but after about 500 changes had to give up. This proved to be his last pull. He had been a familiar figure in the Leicester district for over half a century, and was an original member of the Midland Counties Association.

Never a great peal ringer, he had rung about 50 all told, 41 of which were for the M.C.A., others having been rung before he joined the society. The most notable of the latter was the opening peal on St. Saviour's bells—Holt's ten-part—conducted by the late Alfred Millis, on December 2nd, 1882. Mr. Needham rang regularly at St. Martin's and St. Margaret's in the old days, but for over 40 years had been steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's. He aspired to call Holt's ten-part on one occasion, and after many attempts succeeded with a hand 'not too old, not yet too young!'

The writer called his last peal, which was 5,152 Bob Major, at St. Saviour's on January 8th, 1927. He was a keen collector of old ringing books, and also of coins, and had a miscellaneous assortment of handbells, ancient and modern. In a way he was a 'character,' having a style entirely his own, and at social gatherings was best known for his song, 'A fine old English gentleman,' which he was invariably called on to sing. His death will cause a gap in the old familiar faces, very hard to fill.

The funeral service was held at St. Saviour's on Thursday, February 25th. The Vicar, Rev. R. C. Johnson, officiated, and there was a full choir. As the cortege entered the church, the organist played 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and on leaving, 'O rest in the Lord.' The coffin bore a huge bell of flowers from his widow and family. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' were sung, and the Vicar gave a short testimony of Mr. Needham's work as a ringer and steeplekeeper, his regular attendance at church, and his keen interest in all that went on in and around the church he loved. Floral tributes were sent from St. Saviour's ringers and the Leicester Branch, M.C.A. Over the open grave a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by: E. H. Bagworth 1-2, W. P. Whitehead 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, W. Willson 7-8, J. Morris 9-10. A number of sympathising ringing friends assembled in the church and at the graveside. St. Saviour's bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, and on the Saturday an abortive attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples. A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to his memory at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

E. M.

DEATH OF ANOTHER NUNEATON RINGER.

It is with regret we have to record the death of James F. Clarke, sen., which took place at his home, Arthur Street, Nuneaton, on February 29th, at the age of 69. Mr. Clarke was a very enthusiastic ringer, but his employment as an engine driver made his time for ringing somewhat limited. He, with the late Mr. Harry Argyle and the writer, helped to build a good band of ringers at the Parish Church forty years ago, which has since been well maintained. The deceased had a serious illness four or five years ago, and had done very little ringing since. Always of a genial disposition and seldom at cross purposes with anyone, he was respected by all who knew him. He had rung upwards of fifty peals, including several on handbells.

The funeral took place at Chilvers Coton on Thursday, March 3rd, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. B. Davis, president of the Warwickshire Guild. There were many floral tributes, including one each from the Nuneaton parish and Coton ringers. Touches in various methods were rung at both churches with the bells half-muffled.

T. W. C.

LADIES' WELL-ATTENDED MEETING

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Peter's, Hershaw, on Saturday, February 27th, and proved very successful. The Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Brittain), who conducted the Guild service, in his address expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people present.

The tea at the Church House was thoroughly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist and choir, Mr. Woodrow and those who prepared tea.

Mrs. Hazelden took the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Miss K. Eastes, Ottershaw, Mrs. Tuck, Cookham, and Miss D. Viggers, Aldershot, while Miss Lakin, of Sheffield, was welcomed into the district.

It was decided not to hold a quarterly meeting before the annual in June at Wokingham, but to have one at Ottershaw in September. After the meeting the holly was revisited, and various methods practised till 8.30. There were 17 ladies present, and about the same number of men.

THE 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

Ringers who intend to be present at the All England meeting at Croydon on April 2nd are reminded that application forms must be returned to the Croydon Bell Foundry by Monday next. Bands must apply through their tower secretary; unattached ringers must write direct to the Foundry.

The programme published in our last issue indicates the attractive nature of the event, and the preparations being made for the entertainment of visiting ringers.

TROYTE'S 'CHANGE RINGING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is proposed to publish a revised and corrected edition of Troyte's 'Change Ringing' in conjunction with Messrs. Eland, of Exeter, the owners of the copyright. Our desire is to preserve as much as possible of the present book, while endeavouring to bring it up to date and more in accordance with the needs of the learner of to-day. We should be grateful for a few modern touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples to take the place of some of those in the existing text, if conductors and composers with suitable material will be good enough to supply them. As a general rule these touches should not exceed 500 changes, though possibly room might be available for an attractive quarter-peal in each method.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. and M. POWELL.

The Rectory,
Clyst St. George, Exeter.

DEATH OF MR. F. T. GOVER. A FORMER LONDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick T. Gover, of Torquay, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, February 23rd. He had recently had a bronchial attack, but had apparently quite recovered.

Mr. Gover was born at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on July 23rd, 1857, and started to learn to ring at the early age of 12 years. At the age of 18 he migrated to London and soon became associated with change ringing. For many years he was a member of the band at St. John's, Wilton Road, London, and was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on March 11th, 1879 (No. 2898), and among the numerous peals in which he rang in London with the society was a 6,384 of Double Norwich at St. Giles-in-the-Fields in November, 1882.

In 1917 he went to reside in Torquay and soon began to make his enthusiasm for change ringing felt, but he landed on 'stone' ground and came in for many rebuffs, but nothing daunted him. In 1917 the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was formed, and he was elected the first chairman. From that time until his death he rendered invaluable service to all willing to learn the art of change ringing, and was an able instructor and conductor. His patience and very genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and to his efforts is due the progress the Paignton band has made in change ringing. He rang six peals for the Devon Guild, in one of which his wife took part—a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Babbacombe, 1920.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Saturday week, the Vicar, Preb. S. R. Carden, M.A., officiating. Whilst the cortege was proceeding to the cemetery, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by Rev. E. S. Powell (president of Devonshire Guild), Mrs. Powell, W. C. Wakely (Torquay), A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), H. J. Hole (hon. secretary, Mid-Devon Branch), F. Allwood, C. F. Austin, T. S. Collings, A. L. Pope (Paignton), and B. Cooper (Newton Abbot).

Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. A. M. Gover, his wife, who has lost her husband, brother and brother-in-law in the past eight weeks.

DEATH'S HEAVY HAND IN NOTTINGHAM.

THE LAST OF THE CLIFFORDS.

The hand of death has been extremely heavy in the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association this year, and has now claimed William Clifford, jun., the fifth ringer since Christmas. Only the previous Saturday the deceased was at work, and his end came with startling suddenness, his immediate neighbours having no knowledge of his illness before the end came on Monday week.

An accomplished ringer, he had scored some 40 peals in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

Six of the former band at Beeston, who, with deceased, had made a good deal of local ringing history, shared the privilege of bearing him to his last resting place, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on deceased's own bells over the open grave by Messrs. F. A. Salter, F. S. Price, A. Coppock and P. Price. Afterwards, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, by: F. S. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. A. Salter 3, P. Price 4, L. Chadburn 5, A. Lowe 6, E. J. Boot 7, A. B. Moss 8.

And so the name of Clifford becomes but a memory in local ringing circles, after 60 years of active and very useful participation in its work by fathers and sons.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.



This interesting photograph was taken in the cloisters of New College on the occasion of the Oxford University Society's Diamond Jubilee.

Back row: W. Simmonds (Oxford City), W. F. Judge (Oxford City), C. E. Wigg (Keble), J. W. Ryder (Hertford), A. E. F. Trotman (Exeter).

Middle row: A. G. G. Thurlow, Cambridge University Guild (Selwyn, Cambridge), W. Collett (Oxford City), H. C. Ingle (St. Edmund Hall), T. S. Williams (Keble), Rev. F. L. Edwards (New College), W. Thomas, Master (Lincoln), S. Taylor (Merton), H. T. Wisdom (Exeter), H. Miles (St. Catherine's), R. E. Sibthorpe (Keble), E. H. Hiley (Keble), J. B. Howes (Keble).

Sitting: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild (Trinity, Cambridge), Rev. W. C. Barrett, secretary (Jesus), J. S. Pritchett (Balliol), Rt. Rev. E. D. Shaw (Oriel), president, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Keble), Rev. J. F. Hastings (Corpus), Rev. E. V. Cox (Keble).

WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE.

BY E. W. TIPLER.

5,056 by A. J. Pitman.

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USEFUL WORK IN SOUTH BUCKS.

Following a successful committee meeting and practice last month, a really bright and cheery gathering took place at Farnham Royal on Saturday week, when members from the following towers—Beaconsfield, Bray, Cookham, Farnham Royal, High Wycombe, Hillingdon, Hughenden, Marlow, Stoke Poges and Uxbridge—rallied to the support of the branch Ringing Master and secretary. (Sergt-majors please note!) Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Spliced and Cambridge Surprise. Incidentally, three attempts were made to get someone through a course of Cambridge, and plenty of rounds were rung. An excellent tea was provided and enjoyed by all, after which the bells were again set going until a late hour.

Truly, the 'pen is mightier than the sword,' but he who fights and runs away for Double Norwich should not belittle the efforts of those who have held the fort for years. A. D. B.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. TRIBE.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore. Fifty members attended from Aldington, Ashford, Egerton, Hythe, Kennington, Lydd, New Romney, Rolvenden, Stone, Tenterden, Sturry, Rye, etc. A service was conducted by Mr. Anderson, of New Romney, in the absence of the Vicar through illness.

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, after which Dr. Cock, on behalf of the Guild and the Kent County Association, presented to Mr. C. Tribe, founder of the Guild, a cheque for £23.

Mr. Tribe suitably thanked all those who had contributed to the fund.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Anderson presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. S. W. H. Moysey; vice-president, Rev. G. S. Long; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Everett; hon. secretary and president, Mr. P. Page (vice Mr. A. J. Batten resigned).

Songs were given during the evening by Messrs. Tribe, Pattenden, Bryant and Franklon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

There was a good attendance of members and friends at the monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, February 20th, Bulkington, Castle Bromwich, Clifton-on-Dunsmore, Knowle, Leamington, Nuneaton, Stoke and Warwick being represented, together with the local band. Tea was served at the Rainbow Inn, and the bells were rung again in the evening in various methods—Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and several Surprise methods from Cambridge to London. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Caters rung, bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

THE AXIOMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter of 'C. G.' contains just the criticism that is helpful, and is what we want. Not that it is correct. It is not. In his second column, the change numbered fifth is the same as that numbered third, and should be so numbered. The changes then would not be the same in number as the rows. Moreover this column offends against Axiom (b), which speaks of a 'change from any other row.' Two of these rows must therefore be struck out, and the second column is then identical with the first.

But the reason why the criticism is valuable, is because it shows that axiom (c) is not sufficiently obvious, and therefore is not axiomatic. An axiom is said to be the hardest thing in the world to write, for it must be not only short and true, but it must bear its truth on its face. Evidently this was not the case here, or C. G. would not have written.

His suggestion to leave out the latter part of the axiom would be useless, as what is wanted is a means of measuring the length of ringing which has turned out to be false. In the past we have been content to say that so many changes have been rung, but that afterwards they were found to be false. The wording of such a statement contains a falsehood. Ringers have known what was meant, but to outsiders this wording is most misleading; moreover, it is very unfortunate that when ringers are condemning ringing because it is false the very language they use should be in itself false.

Perhaps the best way of wording the axiom would be thus:—

(e) If, however, there is one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be false. Such ringing may have its length measured by counting up the numbers of rows rung, not the changes. For while repetitions cannot be changes, they are still rows.

C. G. also wishes to add the words 'of rows.' I have no objection, so long as this addition is made fairly. That is, that if we say 'repetitions of rows,' we must also say 'changes of rows.' If we make the addition in one case and not the other, our statements are unbalanced, and our thoughts are lopsided. We must not think that because in a certain sentence the word 'rows' is correct and the word 'changes' is not, that they are therefore contrary. A row is the result either of a change or of a repetition, and therefore it is these two words which are contraries.

I have thought it best to leave out the words 'of rows' in every case; but if it is thought advisable they can be inserted, either all through in each case; or, better still, they can be inserted once in each case, and afterwards omitted.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford, Woodbridge.

ROWS, CHANGES, AND OTHER MATTERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will Mr. Drake kindly tell me what is the difference between—

- (a) 'Being removed from,'
- (b) 'Being expelled,' and
- (c) 'Being asked to retire.'

There is a similar result in each case.

My liking for the word 'changes' in preference to 'rows' comes from the fact that the latter word may be read as rhyming with 'cows,' thus conveying a description of the ringing quite different from that intended. This might in some cases be quite deserved, but never, I hope, in describing ringing in which Mr. Drake takes part. He should therefore avoid so describing it.—Yours faithfully, C. T. COLES.

A SILVER JUBILEE.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Kelly 1, J. Neal 2, A. Walker 3, J. Porter 4, G. E. Large (conductor) 5, T. H. Reeves 6, T. C. Kelly 7, J. Golding 8. Rung in honour of the Very Rev. John Canon Roskell, administrator of the Cathedral, who attained his silver jubilee as a priest on February 23rd, and has completed 21 years at St. Chad's Cathedral.

Canon Roskell takes a very great interest in his bells and ringers, and is a very warm supporter of St. Martin's Guild, to whom he offers every facility for ringing at St. Chad's Cathedral.

GLORIOUS DEVON AND A GRAND PEAL.

On Tuesday evening, February 23rd, the Combe Martin band of ringers paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, Bideford, where the annual meeting of the 'Guild of Devonshire Ringers' is to be held on Whit Monday next, May 16th.

After raising the bells in peal, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was followed by a well-struck quarter-peal in the same method in 51 mins.: L. J. Rook 1, L. G. Walters 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. H. D. Gubb 4, C. Rook 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. This is the first quarter-peal on this lovely peal of bells (tenor 174 cwt.), recast and rehung by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being perfect. It is also the first quarter-peal for the above band away from their own tower, they having rung their first quarter in their own tower in March, 1931.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): Miss M. Higgins 1, Miss L. M. Kelly 2, J. Knowles 3, J. L. Gilbert 4, J. Heywood 5, J. C. Taylor 6, H. Taylor 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the local band: I. Evans 1, L. J. Trubshaw 2, E. Trubshaw 3, J. Pooley (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 4, C. Law 5, J. T. Davies 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, R. Sidebotham 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from 'Holt's Original') in 38 mins.: E. F. Crowder (aged 13, first quarter-peal) 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Elliott 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, T. A. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major in 51 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Slater (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, E. H. King 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: D. Ovington 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, G. Plater 3, W. J. Bowden 4, E. H. King 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8. A birthday compliment to Thomas Miller (one of the original ringers of Southgate) on his 82nd anniversary, also as a birthday compliment to W. J. Bowden.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Norris 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. E. Roots 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, C. Cook 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes (first in the method) 7, A. Deamer 8. A birthday compliment to Miss E. K. Fulton and Miss Goodship, of Reading.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Benedict's Church, on Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Faux 1, R. White 2, R. L. Lathbury 3, G. Thurlow 4, J. W. Ward (conductor) 5, F. Harper 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Melbourne 1, Miss Elsie Peltitt 2, A. Wiffen 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Reason 5, E. Bright 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Melbourne and J. W. Hammond, regular service ringers at the above church.

THE LATE CAPT. ACLAND.

Capt. J. E. Acland, of Dorchester, whose death, at the advanced age of nearly 84 years, we recorded last week, was a vice-president, and, from 1904 to 1910, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was represented at the funeral by the present Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. F. W. Townsend and E. Doel (Poole), J. T. Godwin and W. J. Simons (Dorchester). Music composed by Capt. Acland and his father was used during the funeral service, the first part of which took place in All Saints' Church, Dorchester. As the cortege left for West Stafford, where the interment took place, muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Peter's Church.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT CROYDON ON APRIL 2nd.—Will unattached members apply direct to Cyril F. Johnston, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, for invitations, marking the envelope 'Ringers' in the left hand top corner?

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 31st at 8 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th at 7.30 p.m.; *the Coffee Pot on the 22nd at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Visiting ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 1.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. R. Noble, 29, Towngate, Northowram, Halifax.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, March 12th, by kind permission of Rev. R. Home. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Heaps of room.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Great Horwood on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Tower open at 3 o'clock. — H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, in Church House, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. The annual report is now available and subscriptions for 1932 due. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held on March 12th at Whittington-in-Lonsdale. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify the undersigned as soon as possible. All members requested to attend. Visitors and friends welcome. — N. S. Bagworth, Ambrosden House, Ashley Gardens, Westminster, S.W.1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the re-opening of the bells will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. Please advise me if you are coming. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before March 12th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Pitman Institute, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of St. Saviour's, South Street, will also be available from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, March 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to me, please, by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—The peal of 8 bells, which has been recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea, by invitation, will be provided for those who send their names not later than Tuesday, March 15th, to Wm. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham. A social evening is being arranged at The Oak Inn, from approximately 7.30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. All ringers cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 16th?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough on Saturday, March 19th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The March meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Youghreave on Saturday, March 19th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tickets for jubilee dinner on sale. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, March 19th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Reigate bells (10) available 3-5 p.m. and during the evening. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) available 3-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, Reigate, at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Tudor Café, Bell Street. Please notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, if you intend to be present at tea not later than Wednesday, the 16th inst.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. Bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8, ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting after tea. Please roll up, and make it a very successful meeting. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cadbury on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; Preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Tickets for dinner 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. 6d. to all others, to be obtained from local hon. secs. No tickets sold after March 21st.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at The Victoria. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8). Application for luncheon tickets (free for practising members only, 3s. others) **must** be made to the undersigned by first post Tuesday, March 22nd, after that date **too late**. — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

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