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COMPOSITIONS AND AUTHORSHIP.

One of the committees of the Central Council which has, over a period of many years, produced really tangible results is the Methods Committee. It has been carrying on its labours nearly as long as the Council has been in existence, and from time to time the Exercise has reaped the benefit of its assiduous labours in the publication of a 'Collection' of methods. Few people realise the vast amount of work that goes to make up one of these 'Collections,' and the Exercise is extremely fortunate that it is able to find men of sufficient knowledge who will bestow their time and talents upon a task from which they themselves reap no reward except the realisation of a job well done in the interests of others and of the art. The occasional appearance of a 'Collection of Methods' is but a comparatively small indication of the labour that has been involved and of all that has been done in the quiet of the study, but as an example we may mention that in preparation for what in future may be a selected collection of Surprise Major methods, one member of the committee has already been working for years. The publication in immediate prospect is a Collection of Triples methods, which is practically ready for Press, but a Collection of Surprise methods, which may be the next step, is a far vaster business; indeed, if the whole field of Surprise Major is to be explored before the final selection is made, it will probably be some years more before the work can be completed.

Of more present interest, however, is the committee's report to be presented to the Council next Tuesday. It is largely devoted to the authorship of compositions, a subject brought into the committee's purview from the fact that peal compositions, applicable to the methods printed, now form part of the 'Collections.' The committee, it will be seen, look forward to the time when peal compositions will be accepted merely as mathematical formulæ, and as such, they say, should not be treated as the personal property of the 'composer.' For that reason, they tell us, all new peals which are printed in future 'Collections' will appear anonymously. We are not sure that this procedure will altogether commend itself to ringers, and especially to composers whose peals have been the result of much thought and study. It might be possible to get over the difficulties of identification, which is essential to all compositions that are rung, but there seem to us to be two strong reasons which should make the Council hesitate before they accept this dictum of the committee. First, ringers desire to have the guarantee of an author's competence behind the peals they ring, because it is not every conductor who can

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prove a composition before he calls it. In a book published by the Central Council the competence behind the anonymous figures would be taken for granted, but a general application of the principle, established under the Council's lead, might be of very doubtful value. Secondly, we believe such a practice would lead to a serious loss of initiative among composers, and might rob the committee of their help. It is not everybody who likes to work in anonymity—there is a certain kudos and satisfaction in having one's name attached to one's work, which not everybody cares to forego. We remember that even the Methods Committee, not very long since, put up a fight in the Council to have the right of printing their names exclusively on the cover of one of the 'Collections.' Whatever future generations may think of a man's personal claim to a composition, it is early days yet to talk of denying to a composer the rights of his authorship.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLAR, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JACK SPILLER Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
STANLEY SHELLOCK 2	ERNEST SPILLER 7
FREDERICK LERSON 3	EDWARD ALLEN 8
THOMAS GRICE 4	BENJAMIN BAKER 9
HARRY BAKER 5	FRANK BELSEY Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN BAKER.

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

A birthday peal for Frank Belsey.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILLAR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD A. POST Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
*MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
†JOHN P. PELLOE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
†WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOE

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire Caterp. First
peal as conductor on ten bells. This is the only peal of Grandsire
Caterp. ever composed with the 6th behind the 9th throughout,
and the band offer their heartiest good wishes to the composer, Mr.
George Holifield, sen., of Appleton, whose 76th birthday was on May
8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*THOMAS J. FOWLER 2	ANTHONY R. PRICE 6
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
MISS KATHLEEN BRADFORD 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble.

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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Treble	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	JACK WAUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Furbank.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 2	*ERNEST SEDDON ... 6
EDWARD F. MAWLEY ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
CHARLES OLLIVER ... 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. SEDDON.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of the treble ringer, to whom the thanks of the band are due for standing in at very short notice.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
EDWARD H. KING ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX ... Treble	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 5
*WALTER PAUL ... 2	†RICHARD G. BELL ... 6
†HARRY LONG ... 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. All are service ringers at this church.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	*EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
GEORGE GILBERT ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Leonard Stilwell's 150th peal, and the conductor's 50th peal as such.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDELEY ... 7
*STANLEY T. SHELLOCK ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
NORMAN G. LEECH ... 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 4	*J. GEORGE RIDGWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERIC J. SARGENT ... Treble	B. JACK STUBBS ... 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... 2	FRANCES BALL ... 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 5
ALEXANDER EVANS ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
HARRY J. SANGER ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by N. V. ANDREWS.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES HAYNES ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 7
CHARLES DAVIES ... 4	OLIVER HINES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 7168 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp

*WILLIAM MUSK Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Superlative. Longest length of Surprise by all, on the bells, in the county and for the association. Longest length by ringers of treble, 5th, 6th and 7th. This one-part peal, containing the 30 course ends tenors together, without the second long-dodging with the tenor, is now rung for the first time.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	GEORGE PIPER 5
ERNEST J. RONTNER 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 6
HAROLD TOWNSEND 3	WALTER SMITH 7
*ARTHUR SMITH 4	JOSEPH J. JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by H. ROSTRON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung as the monthly peal for the division and as a birthday compliment to A. Ribbans and A. Perry, members of the local company. The band were kindly entertained after the peal by Messrs. A. and W. Smith.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM T. POSTON Treble	H. ERNEST COX 5
JOHN J. WEBB 2	ALFRED T. POOLTON 6
W. GLYN SHAW 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	†ARTHUR NEWTON 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* 200th peal and his 71st of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to James W. Wilkins, who was 71 on the previous day.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*GEORGE A. HOLLOCK Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	†JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	†SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
†Dr. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. This peal is dedicated to the memory of the Rev. G. A. Poole and W. H. Poole, grandfather and father respectively of the ringer of the 4th. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK W. PERRINS 2	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

OTLEY, IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*A. WHITING Treble	G. BENNETT 4
J. BENNETT 2	L. WIGHTMAN 5
C. PRYKE 3	L. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by G. PRYKE.

* First peal on six bells. *First peal as conductor. This was the first peal on the bells in seven methods and first peal on the bells since they were rehung by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*MAURICE C. JOHNSON Treble	*JOHN R. WOOD 4
†FRANK J. ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
*MISS JOCELYN H. JOHNSON 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells, which were restored and augmented to six in May, 1932, by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th are members of the local band.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM H. DAVIES 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2	ARTHUR C. NASON 5
ARTHUR M. BLAKEWAY 3	*HAROLD CORFIELD Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SPROLES Treble	CHARLES HARNELL 4
*PHILIP CRICKSHANK 2	GEORGE MIZEN 5
ALBERT SPROLES 3	SIDNEY G. RICHES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. RICHES.

* First peal. First peal of Minor for all except the ringer of the 4th, who has rung the treble to a peal previously. Rung at first attempt.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sunday, April 8th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, L. Parkin 2, S. Briggs 3, N. Chaddock 4, C. Poulteney 5, H. Chaddock (first 720 as conductor and first attempt) 6, P. Mangham 7 (covering).

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE...	1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	...	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE...	3-4	OLIVE RENTON	...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE
* First peal 'in hand.'

WOODFORD GUILD'S EXCURSION.

When, at the beginning of the year, the St. Mary's, Woodford, Guild decided to hold an outing on April 30th, there were some who thought that it was somewhat early for such an event, but, as subsequent events proved, the venture was eminently successful.

The party, consisting of the Woodford band and six guest ringers, left Woodford at 8.30 a.m. in a comfortable motor-coach, and the first stage of the journey was made through thick mist, but, despite this, Dunstable was reached 20 minutes before schedule, and the party were thus afforded the opportunity of looking round the fine old Priory Church, which is a splendid gem of Norman work with a particularly impressive west front.

Mr. A. E. Sharman arrived very shortly afterwards, and the fine toned ring of eight were set going to a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by other touches, from call changes to Kent Major, and a service touch of Double Norwich.

The journey was continued, passing Whipsnade Zoo and on to Ivinghoe Beacon, which is one of the highest spots in the Chilterns (762 feet). An ascent was made, but the normally fine views were partially obscured by the still lingering mist. At Tring the ringers were met by Mr. F. J. Reeve, one time president of the Herts County Association. A very pleasant hour was spent with the mellow ring of eight.

After dinner the route took the company through some beautiful country to High Wycombe, where they were met by Mr. R. Coles and others, including the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. With the assistance of these gentlemen, proceedings commenced with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by call changes and Grandsire Triples on the back eight, three leads of Treble Ten and a concluding touch of Stedman Cinques. This was undoubtedly the 'high spot' of the day's ringing.

A short run of two miles brought the party to West Wycombe, which is a village of considerable charm. The church stands on a hill some three or four hundred feet above the village, and was built by an eccentric nobleman, Lord Francis Despencer, or Dashwood, whose large and imposing mausoleum adjoins the church. The tower is surmounted by a large ball, in which seven or eight people can sit, and rumour has it that this was the scene of many a drunken carousal. The view from the tower is an entrancing one, and the sight of the village nestling as it does at the foot of the hill and surrounded by trees is one well worth the strenuous climb. The stay in the tower was rather short, but touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

Tea was served in the village, and at the conclusion of a very happy meal, Mr. W. H. Seabrook, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Woodford band for inviting them to such an enjoyable affair. He was sure that it was a day that would not speedily be forgotten by any of the party. Mr. Morris, on behalf of the Woodford company, said that it had given him and his ringers great pleasure to have the guests with them. He also thanked his assistant, Mr. J. A. Waugh, for the admirable organisation of the day's programme.

Amersham was the last stopping place, and an hour's ring on the six bells was much enjoyed, methods rung being Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, and, with the assistance of Mr. W. Redrup, of the local band, a course of Cambridge Minor.

The homeward journey was started at 9.30 p.m. and Woodford reached at 11 p.m., when a tired, albeit extremely happy, party dispersed to their various homes. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the Guild would like to thank the towerkeepers and incumbents at the various churches for their ready permission and assistance, which made the outing the unqualified success it was. The assistance of Mr. A. D. Barker, secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks District of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was also very valuable. The bob calling was shared by Messrs. W. H. Seabrook, J. A. Waugh and J. G. A. Prior.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.**

Lincoln 'Fair Saturday' (April 28th) brought round another very enjoyable annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced at two o'clock at the Cathedral, and also at the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's. At 3.15 a special ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral. This was conducted by the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. R. A. Mitchell), who also gave the address, in which he mentioned the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of its late president, Canon Jendwine. He paid a very warm tribute to Canon Jendwine's great interest in the work of the Guild.

An excellent tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. Rupert Richardson took the chair at the commencement, and the Dean of Lincoln was then unanimously elected president of the Guild, and took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

Mr. Rupert Richardson and Mr. F. W. Stokes were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively.

The meeting heard with very great regret that Mr. F. F. Linley, owing to continued ill-health, wished to relinquish the office of hon. treasurer. Mr. Linley has been treasurer of the Guild ever since its formation in 1899, and has always taken the greatest interest in Guild affairs. He has also been president of the Northern Branch since 1905.—On the proposition of Mr. G. Chester, seconded by Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Mr. E. Dawber, of Gainsborough, was elected to the vacant office.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. Referring to the former, the Master said that he had during the past year attended meetings in all the branches of the Guild, and he was particularly struck with the number of young and enthusiastic ringers who were coming along. He also said that although there had been a big drop in the number of peals rung (65, as against 94 in the previous year), he did not consider this as an unfavourable sign, as the quality of the peals rung had been well maintained. He mentioned one of the chief events of the past year, namely, the completion of the Rev. H. Law James memorial fund for adding two trebles to the peal of ten at Surfleet Church. There had been a wonderful response to the appeal, and the sum of £176 0s. 6d. had been raised in ten months, no less than £76 15s. 4d. having been subscribed by friends outside the Guild, showing in what great esteem the late Master was held.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the incumbents of the other two churches in the city for the use of the bells, and to the Dean for presiding and so kindly arranging the service.

Immediately the meeting closed, members made their way again to the several towers, where ringing took place until nine o'clock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Quite a pleasing feature of the afternoon was the opening of the bells at the advertised time by the local band.

A service was conducted by the minister (the Rev. Fred Cottier), who, in his address, took notice of opinions of ringers as expressed in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' concerning the sermons of clergy at ringers' meetings, and kept off the subject of 'Bells,' with the result that the congregation had the pleasure of listening to a very enlightening talk on the uses and misuses of mental and physical powers in mankind extracted from Plato's re-related story of 'Atlantis.'

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, where later the business meeting was held.

The minister took the chair, supported by the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier), and, after offering the members a hearty welcome, referred to the bereavement of two of the local ringers, who were burying their mother that day.—The meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect, and the bells during the day were rung half-muffled.

Places chosen for the forthcoming quarter's meetings were: June 16th, Christ Church, West Didsbury; July 21st, St. Peter's, Swinton; and August 18th, quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Prestwich.

Two new members were elected, viz: Walter Dalley, Pendlebury, and Albert Smith, Reddish.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman for conducting the service, the address, the use of the bells and for his services in the chair; to the organist, Mr. F. Ellis, and to the ladies and local ringers.

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PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I express a hope that members of the Central Council will not lose sight of the fact that the Exercise is a body of men bound together by common interest in a science; and that, therefore, when the Council meets, its members will treat this question in a scientific spirit, remembering that it is not in accordance with that spirit to seek to restrict ingenuity merely or mainly out of deference to conventions about form.

ACCEPTED CANONS VIOLATED.

Sir,—The challenge of the Rev. E. B. James to Mr. Pulling is unfair. Both Mr. Trollope and I have said that the 'Symphony in C (Cambridge) Minor' is false. If Mr. James will condescend to direct his guns on me, I will be pleased to entertain him. To say that 'there are 1,500 changes' on six figures is a travesty on the English language and unworthy of a man of his brilliant achievements. Fortunately, it requires neither a Sherlock Holmes nor a university education to understand this matter of commonsense. He says, 'neither will he find a change repeated in the first 720 changes.' Let us see. The 720th change is 34256. The same row 34256 comes up at a plain lead, ten leads previously. The second 720 (the rev. gentleman has erroneously quoted this) ends with 42356. That row repeats at the ninth lead (a plain lead). In the third 720 rounds comes twice. First at a plain lead (9th), again at the end. The majority of ringers know by now that there is a great difference between theory and practice. In theory, counting rounds before you go off as one of the rows, it is true that in the triplex blocks the first 720 rows of each are true, but NOT THE CHANGES. Here's the snag. If the last row in each 720 belongs to the NEXT, why bring up rounds at the end with a BOB, seeing that the hand-strokes, bobbed or plain, are alike? Further, if the round at the start is included, it must have been rung in a previous peal at the end.

The cold fact is that the composition, though superb as such, violates the accepted canons of ringing, and neither admiration for the illustrious composer—nor sycophancy—ought to override principle. It contains no quality not already obtained in the orthodox extents. Those who want to foist it on the Exercise have betrayed their ulterior motives. Last week at a meeting a supporter said, 'One bit at a time.' Another year it will be the Grandsire Doubles rammel, and once the keystone of an arch is down we know what follows. Holt's singles were invented to obtain what could not be got otherwise. Tom Lockwood's homing single in his 9,120 Treble Bob got every change tenors together, for the same reason, but for what purpose was the James 'symphony in C minor' produced? I note that the resolution is No. 13. Ominous, I hope. I just wonder if the agenda was deliberately framed, for the next item, 14, is another attempt to play 'ducks and drakes' with the new rules.

W. WILSON.

SIX-BELL REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir,—Mr. Whittington is giving a wrong impression to other Guilds and not playing the game to his own Guild by his remark, 'that no one from a six-bell tower is good enough for the Central Council.' He knows the Guildford Diocesan Guild had one representative who was elected when his tower had only six bells. When that member speaks at either the Central Council or his own Guild he is always listened to with respect. Since his election his tower has got two more bells, but I certainly have not noticed he wears a bigger hat for that reason.

A. H. PULLING.

THE TREBLE'S BACK STROKE LEAD.

Sir,—My words at last year's Central Council meeting and at our own Guild meeting were: 'On paper the composition is true, but in practice, as we ring, hand and back stroke, it is false.'

Will ordinary ringers look at the last five leads of the first 720, commencing at the plain lead before the bobbed 45623? PL 34256 In the first place, would any other peal of Cambridge Minor be allowed to have five bobbed leads? In all the thousands of compositions in the Exercise it will not be denied that the back stroke of the treble lead is the main change. In the Bankses James peal the poor treble has no back stroke lead at part ends, as we are told it belongs to the next. So it goes on right to the end of the peal; then, if he has it, he has had eight lots of rounds —if he doesn't, where does he finish? Being in the grip of pleurisy, it is difficult to write a letter, and I would suggest to the Rev. E. B. James that he writes to the two gentlemen who, some weeks ago, signed a letter saying the composition was false; also to the association which refuses to print the composition, if he wishes for further information.

A. H. PULLING.

'NEW MEANING' TO FAMILIAR TERM.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. Bankses James introduces a new meaning to the familiar term 'changes,' which I do not think will be generally accepted. He states that 164235, bobbed from 146253, is a different (Continued in next column.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

One of the most successful meetings of recent times in the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday. Almost forty members were present. The bells, raised about 3.30 p.m., were kept going in various methods (including Double Court, which had been particularly specified for practice) up to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a useful message to the ringers on 'Ascensiontide.' Afterwards the whole of the members present were entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Parish Hall.

The necessary formal business meeting was quickly despatched under the chairmanship of the Vicar. Five new members from the local tower were elected. Sincere thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. A return was then made to the tower.

OXFORD GUILD'S LOSS.

DEATH OF POPULAR BERKSHIRE RINGER.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild sustained a great loss on Thursday, May 4th, by the death of Mr. James Abery, of Englefield, Berks. 'Jimmie,' who was 66 years of age, was ringing on the Saturday previous in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Aldermaston, so that his death came as a great shock to his many old friends. He was a born teacher and could get a young band along quicker than most men. A very steady ringer and a first-class striker, he was an asset to any band and had rung upwards of 70 peals, including Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 7th, in the church, which stands in Englefield Park. Many were present, some from a considerable distance. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss Robinson 1-2, A. Wiggins 3-4, R. T. Hibbert 5-6, J. Swain 7-8. The tower bells, which he had loved so well, were rung immediately after the service half-muffled to a good 560 Bob Minor: H. Tucker 1, W. Edwards 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, H. Smith 4, J. Swain 5, R. T. Hibbert 6. The bells were rung muffled in the evening by the local ringers.

So we left 'Jimmie' near the tower in which he had spent many happy hours, knowing full well that we shall miss him every time we journey Englefield way. May he rest in peace. R. T. H.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The pre-Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday last. The very fine peal of ten in the tower of St. Oswald's Church was kept going during the afternoon, and in the evening the eight at St. Aidan's, another good peal, were tried in addition.

A very pleasing innovation was a short service at St. Oswald's, the association form, hitherto used only at the annual festival, being used. The organist and members of the choir attended, and the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Lilburn, in the course of a short address, welcomed the visitors. Referring to the modern neglect of public worship in our churches, he said that the command which Moses received from God to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies showed that those who claimed to worship God in nature were ignoring God's plan revealed to the Israelites of old.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, thanks were accorded, on the motion of Mr. W. Story, J.P., Newcastle, to the Vicar, organist and choir for the very inspiring service they had arranged; to the clergy of St. Oswald's, St. Aidan's and All Saints' for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had attended to the material wants of those present.

Mr. F. Robson, West Hartlepool, welcomed the visitors, Mr. T. Metcalf, Middlesbrough, and Mr. Hudson, of Sharow, members of the Cleveland Association.

PEALS OF MINOR—Continued from previous column.

change to 164235, plained from 162453. Well, so it is, but not in the sense that the word 'change' is used by the Exercise. If this meaning to the word is accepted, applied to higher numbers a great deal of repetition would be admissible, and the Painswick 17,000 Grandsire Cinques would constitute a true peal!

No, sir, a change, as generally accepted, is a row different to the preceding row. Hence an extent of Minor must consist of 721 rows/720 changes, and, as stated by Mr. Stephen Wood, must come back to the point from which it started.

C. T. COLLES.

Other letters have been received from Mr. E. C. Gobey and Mr. C. Severn disagreeing with the Rev. E. B. James' statements (that his composition consists of seven true 720's and that there are 1,500 'changes' to be had on six bells.

A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.**BELLS OF SILEBY RETUNED AND AUGMENTED.**

The bells of Sileby Church, Leicestershire, were dedicated on Saturday by the Bishop of Leicester. The old five, which had got into an unringable condition, the oak cage, which had done duty for 200 years, having got into a state of decay, have been retuned and rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have also added a new treble bell. In addition, two new floors have been provided, and the whole cost, nearly £800, was raised by the parish in about six months.

The new treble weighs 7½ cwt., and the tenor, cast in 1622, is 23 cwt.

There was a public procession before the dedication service, in which all classes and denominations of Sileby residents joined. The Parish Council, the Methodist and Baptist Churches were represented, and, in addition to the Sileby ringers, there were members of the Goscoat and District Society and representatives of the Midland Counties Association. The clergy and Bishop brought up the rear.

The service itself was a stirring one, and as the procession left the church 'the bells of the Parish Church sounded down the ways the peal of jubilee.'

The inscription on the bells are as under:—

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2nd Bell.—In honorem gylielmi cymbriae dyvis rebelles Scotos victribus armis debellantis 1745.

3rd Bell.—Jesus be ovr spede.

4th Bell.—Celorum Chrste Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste 1622.

5th Bell.—Henry Penn made mee, 1707-8. John Wooldrige, Thomas Kilborne, Chvrchwardens.

Tenor Bell.—Cvm Sono Si Non Vis Venire Nvnqvam ad Preces Cvpies Ire, 1622.

WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, May 12th, at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Radcliffe and Miss Edith Concadden, which took place prior to the quarter-peal. The bridegroom is a ringer at the church.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes): E. Martin 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, Miss A. M. Eager (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 3, F. A. Burnett 4, P. Giles 5, E. R. Warner 6, W. Tate 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. Paulinus' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the late E. Barnett, sen.): J. A. C. Abson 1, E. Barnett 2, G. V. Murphy 3, Miss M. Redpath 4, H. E. Audsley 5, E. A. Barnett 6, H. Hoverd (conductor) 7, W. E. Bond 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 3, and first away from the treble by 4.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 13th, on handbells, at the Technical Institute, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: John W. Humphreys (first quarter-peal) 1-2, William Saunders 3-4, Alfred S. Bagley (conductor) 5-6. Ten and a half different callings.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Goldsmith (first quarter of Triples) 1, O. Waghorn 2, F. Relf (first of Triples as conductor) 3, R. E. Weller (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, J. Powell 6, W. Goring 7, F. Chapman 8.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Chapman 1, F. Relf 2, W. Haigh 3, O. Waghorn 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, F. Lambert, jun., 6, W. Goring 7, J. G. Powell (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for treble, 2nd and 5th ringers, and first as conductor in the method.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, April 18th, after an attempt for a peal, which broke down after an hour's ringing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ron. Allsop 1, W. Blagshaw 2, H. Taylor 3, B. Allsop 4, Robert Allsop (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, J. Taylor 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, J. Howe (first quarter-peal) 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Monday, April 9th, for an evening service, at St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. James 1, J. J. Lamb 2, C. Elliott 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Foskett (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. G. Bennington 8.

THE KING'S ACCESSION.

At Twyford, Hants, on Sunday evening, May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mansell 1, L. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, H. J. Wilkinson 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8. Kindly arranged for the conductor and rung in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the King's accession.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. E. Alex. Young, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, who will be 69 on Tuesday.

Mr. William Latter, who has been a ringer at Tunbridge Wells and a member of the Kent County Association for over 50 years, has intimated to the Tunbridge District his intention of relinquishing the office of district secretary next October. He has filled the post for 40 years.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, is suffering from an attack of pleurisy. We are pleased to say that he is making satisfactory progress, and, as will be seen in another column, has been able to write two letters.

When home on leave from Northern India last year, Mr. C. Norman Sharples, of Blackpool, took back with him a set of eight handbells. On Easter morning the guests staying with him were awakened in time for early Communion by Bob Major tapped on the bells. An unusual 'waking up' indeed for that part of the world.

A 'new' name appears among the peal reports this week. The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Old Windsor is usually known as 'Tony.'

The report of a peal of Doubles rung at Croft, Leicestershire, has been sent without the date.

The peal of New Cambridge rung at Welford, Northants, on Saturday, May 12th, is dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. G. A. Poole, who was Vicar of Welford for over 30 years (1844-1877), and the late W. H. Poole, who was a member of the Oxford University Society, and instructed one of the first bands of ringers at Welford over 60 years ago. They were grandfather and father respectively of the ringer of the 4th (Dr. F. Stedman Poole).

The peal at Hillfarnace, Somerset, was rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and not the Midland Counties Association, as published.

Mr. Ted Jenkins has changed his address. We are informed that certain malicious persons have set it abroad that this is a retreat from 'Kate' or a prelude to an engagement to 'Sally.' This is utterly refuted, and any person or persons repeating this atrocious libel will, we understand, be communicated with by the solicitors concerned, viz., Messrs. Dodg-'em, Snap-'em and Catch-'em.

The band who rang the recent peal at Hillingdon are quite content to make their claim to the first peal on the ten bells over rung there by a local Sunday service band. The earlier peal of Triples had been lost sight of as a 'local peal.'

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS AT TEWKESBURY.

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when the Ringers' Chapel and the new bells at the Abbey are to be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. O. D. P. Davies. The dedication will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and the sermon preached by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The visitors are to be entertained to tea by Mrs. J. Davies.

Before the service ringing will be open to anyone, but only the back eight bells will be used. The twelve bells will be heard for the first time during the service, when they will be rung by No. 1 band, representing various associations and guilds.

After the service a touch will be rung by No. 2 band, consisting of officers of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Other bands have been made up as follows:—

No. 3	Band	5.45	Stedman Cinques
No. 4	"	6.0	Stedman Cinques
No. 5	"	6.15	Rounds and Queens
No. 6	"	6.25	Stedman Cinques
No. 7	"	6.35	Rounds and Queens
No. 8	"	6.45	As arranged
No. 9	"	6.55	Rounds and Queens
No. 10	"	7.5	As arranged
No. 11	"	7.15	Rounds and Queens
No. 12	"	7.25	As arranged

The bells will be open to anyone at 7.35 p.m.

Photographs of No. 1 and No. 2 bands will be taken immediately after service.

Photographs of groups of all attending will also be taken. Orders for photos should be given to Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary.

Anyone wishing to reach Warwick from Tewkesbury should catch the 7.8 p.m. train from Tewkesbury to Stratford-on-Avon, and then travel by bus to Warwick.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR DEAD ORGANIST.

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, for evening service, April 29th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. A. Gacoon, organist for 40 years, who died suddenly on the previous day: F. Atwell 1, J. Bullen 2, T. Butler 3, C. Greedy (conductor) 4, F. Greedy 5, F. Crabb 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8. On Tuesday, May 1st, the day of the funeral, several courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung by All Saints' and St. Woolos' bands.

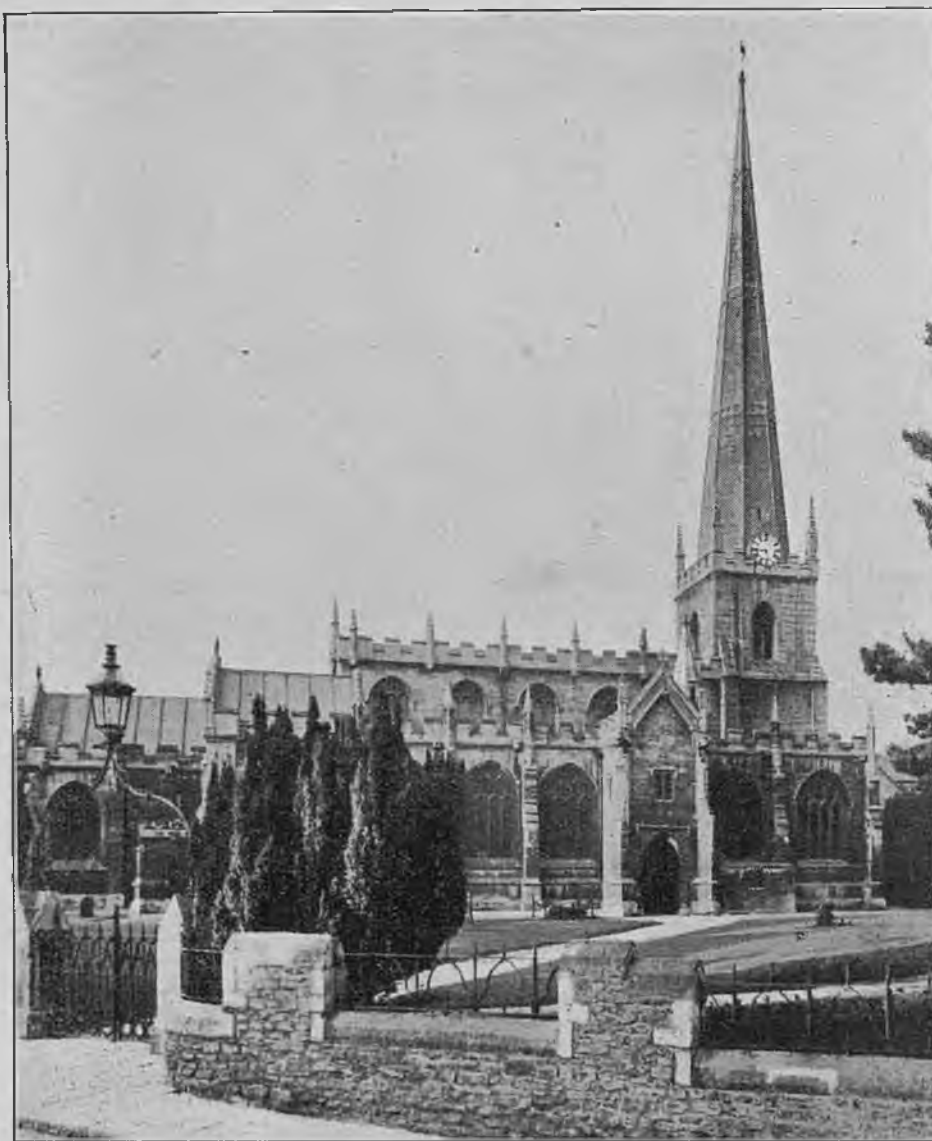
GENEROUS GIFTS TO TROWBRIDGE.

NEW PEAL OF BELLS, CLOCK AND CHIMES.

Trowbridge Parish Church, Wilts, which is of great beauty and historic interest, is, as we have already announced, to have a new peal of 12 bells. The present 10 have been silent for some time owing to bearing trouble, etc. The Church authorities not being in a financial position to carry out the recasting and rehangings of the bells, the ringers are to be allowed to take upon themselves the task of raising the money for the work. At a public meeting of the towns-

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The Salvation Army Band gave a concert in order to raise their 'target,' to recast a bell, and at this concert the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Usher, said he would like to make an offer to the town. If they would back up the peal by raising the total sum of £1,100 for the bells, he would give a new clock with chimes. The present clock, bearing the name of I. D. Harris, Southcote Street, Bath, 1847, has practically done its work, the striking gear having been out of action since 1912. The Loughborough Foundry referred Mr. Usher to Messrs.



TROWBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

people interested a Bell Fund Committee was formed, and all were soon putting a 'shoulder to the wheel.'

The bells were allotted for 'adoption,' and they were soon booked for recasting and making into one 'family.' The enthusiasm was so great that it was decided to add two more, which would make the first ring of twelve bells in the county of Wilts and the Diocese of Salisbury. The effort still 'going strong,' it was thought that a new peal was worthy of a new 'H' frame, with all the bells hung in the totally enclosed pattern of ball bearings.

J. Smith and Co., of Derby, who will supply the latest electrically-driven movement.

The directors, staff and employees of Messrs. Usher's Wiltshire Brewery, Ltd., are bearing the cost of recasting the tenor bell in Mr. Usher's honour, and without any assistance from him, thus leaving him free to provide the new clock and chimes.

Any Trowbridgians afar who would like to add their names to the list of subscribers may send to Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Trowbridge, or Mr. C. Raison, 113, Newtown, Trowbridge, Wilts.

The new bells are to be dedicated on July 25th, and a Ringers' Day is to be held on August Bank Holiday.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

WARWICK PROGRAMME.

The final arrangements for Warwick meeting are as follow:—
SUNDAY.

Ringling, Warwick St. Mary's (10), 10-11, 5.30-6.30.
Ringling, Lillington (8), 9.15-10, 5.20-6.20.
Kenilworth Castle, 2.30.
Ringling at Kenilworth Church (6), 3.20-4.15.
Tea at Pump Rooms, Leamington, 4.45.
Ringling at Leamington Parish Church (8), 5.20-6.20.
Headquarters 8 o'clock.

MONDAY.

Warwick Castle, St. Mary's Church, etc., 10.30.
Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford, 3.
Ringling at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford (8), 5.45-6.45.
Headquarters 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY.

Council meeting 11 o'clock.
Lunch at Headquarters, 2s. 6d., 1.15.
Tea at Headquarters, 5.30.
Ringling at Warwick St. Mary's (10), 6.30-7.45.
Ringling at Lillington (8), 6.30-7.45.
Social at Headquarters, 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

Daimler Works, Coventry, 10.30.

If any Council members or friends wishing to take lunch or tea on Tuesday, or visit the Daimler Works on Wednesday, have not already notified Mr. F. W. Perrens, will they please do so by to-morrow's post? His address is 45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

The following report of the Methods Committee will be submitted to the Council:—

During the past year the MS. of the Collection of Triples Methods has been completed and the book (the publication of which has already been authorised by the Council) will shortly be on sale.

In accordance with a promise given at the meeting at Liverpool, the next task will be to prepare a book on Surprise Major Methods. We wish to point out that though it would be comparatively easy to issue a collection of 30 or 40 excellent methods complete with suitable compositions, yet the lines on which we have hitherto worked necessitate a complete survey of the whole ground as a preliminary. In the case of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Plain Major methods, we worked out every possible method before attempting any selection. Such a plan is hardly feasible with the Treble Bob Major methods, owing to their enormous number. But since the aim is to produce a definitive collection, other means must be sought of finding out what are actually the best and most characteristic Surprise methods possible. This will take a lot of work and time, although it may not appear obviously in the result. But if (as we imagine is the case) the Central Council thinks the job worth doing, we are prepared to put it in hand.

While presenting this report, we should like to call the attention of the Council and the Exercise to a question which has always been of considerable interest to ringers and which forced itself somewhat prominently on our notice when we were preparing the book on Triples, and is almost sure to arise in the case of Major methods. We mean the question of the authorship and ownership of methods and peal compositions.

The subject is a large one and we do not intend to deal with it fully. Still less do we intend to try and suggest any final solution of the problem. The question is one which must be settled (if it is settled at all) by the general consensus of the Exercise and not by any rule laid down by authority. We wish merely to give ringers and composers some direction on general principles.

Opinion on authorship of compositions has varied and developed considerably in the course of time. During the 19th century it was generally held that a composition was an independent thing and the composer (once he had satisfied people that he was the first to produce it) was considered to own it and to have exactly the same rights that a writer has in a poem or a musician in a song. In the circumstances, any question of legal copyright did not arise, although there was always a latent possibility of its doing so.

(NOTE.—The question of copyright in peal compositions did actually arise when I wanted to include a number of peals of Treble Bob collected by Jasper Snowdon and published by him in the early 'Bell News.' Mr. William Snowdon formally gave permission for them to be used and thus reserved his copyright.—J. A. T.)

So long as composition was done on entirely experimental lines (and all the older composers did work thus), this view of authorship was justified. Men like Holt and Reeves and Thurstons and Johnson could say that they had created something which did not exist before, and they could fairly claim ownership rights in their peals.

The first of the influences which ultimately were to undermine this opinion was the publication in 1878 of Jasper Snowdon's 'Treble Bob.' It was there shown that a peal composition is not an inde-

pendent thing, but is closely and definitely related to other compositions. It can be reversed, and it can be begun at a different lead or course-end; and the resulting compositions will differ widely in appearance from and yet be essentially the same as the original. Composers accepted this; but for a while it did not affect their ideas of authorship. The composer still owned the peal, only he extended his bounds of ownership to include the variations—bounds which were clearly defined, or at least were assumed to be so.

These opinions are probably still held more or less by the great majority of ringers. But for some years past new ideas of composition have arisen (new for all practical purposes; actually Fabian Stedman treats of ringing as a mathematical science) which have made it impossible for our more advanced composers to accept these old ideas. The pioneer of the new style of composition was perhaps the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, while the man who first fully used it was Mr. W. H. Thompson. The difference between the old and the new is that while the old composers thought they were producing artistic creations analogous to the writing of music, the new considered that they were solving mathematical problems. And it depends entirely on which way a man looks at the question what his views about authorship and ownership will be. When composers and the Exercise are sufficiently educated on the subject (and that will be when a later generation has grown up), then people will recognise that a peal is an expression of mathematical law, and no question of authorship or ownership will arise.

Meanwhile, the old ideas prevail and are producing difficulties quite unknown in former times. The production of methods and peals has been so enormous and the range of mechanical variation has been so widely extended that, so far as most compositions are concerned, it is absolutely impossible to say whether they are original or not; and the suggested remedy—a register of peals—will not help us in the matter. In many methods it is impossible for a man to know with certainty what has already been composed and what variations of extant peals will apply; and it would be unreasonable to expect him to refrain from putting his name to a peal until he had found out. After all, if a man has by fair means and honest work composed a peal, he is entitled to credit, even though somebody previously had, unknown to him, done the same, although he could (but did not) have got it by variation from an older peal. In ringing we always trust the honesty of the ringer. Our committee could have (as, in fact, we did) produced a peal of St. Clement's Triples by hobbing the same Q sets as Holt's ten-part. We put Holt's name to it. But if a man had composed it independently and rung it, it is difficult to say that he would have had no justification for putting his own name to it.

So much for general practice. But for Central Council publications we suggest that a higher standard is necessary. We should recommend that in no instance should any author or composer's name be put to any method, and that in the case of peal compositions names should be omitted except to old and well-known productions or such modern ones in which the proofs of originality are unmistakable. We suggest that this recommendation shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council. In the case of the Triples book we felt that it would not be fair to adopt it in its logical completeness. Two gentlemen, who were not members of the committee, provided a number of peals for the book, and in every case we have attached their names to these compositions. On the other hand, all peals composed by any of us, whether obtained specially for the purposes of the book or got previously, are being published anonymously. Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.

(Signed) EVERARD S. POWELL.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

ASCENSION DAY.

CHESHUNT.—For evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *P. Nicholls 1, *E. J. Newnham 2, E. Pickett 3, C. A. House (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, G. Maxim 5, W. J. Newnham 6, A. J. House 7, *J. Springbett 8. * First quarter-peal.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—For evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: H. C. R. Vine 1, *Miss P. J. Palmer 2, *W. P. Lambert 3, E. T. P. Field 4, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. J. Gosney 6. * First quarter-peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Ascension Day for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lucas 1, E. Hancock 2, R. Darvill 3, P. E. Jones 4, C. Nicholls 5, W. S. Childs (first quarter 'inside') 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, E. Preston 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church on Ascension Day for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. Dedman 1, W. Insley 2, F. Vickers 3, W. Jeffs 4, F. Jeffs 5, E. Belson 6, C. Vincent 7, First 720 London Minor on the bells and first by all the band. Also rung as a birthday compliment to F. Dedman.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—For Ascension Eve service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): F. B. Yates 1, H. H. Fearn 2, H. Williams 3, H. J. Turner 4, C. Webb 5, J. E. Eaton 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, J. Withers 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

'BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S' BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild saw the usual large crowd of smiling faces gathered together at Boyne Hill, and it is worth recording that the secretary had so many notifications of attendance that some forgot to turn up after sending their names. The weather was of the usual kind, sunshine and showers, with the annual thunderstorm during the service.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, again conducted the service, and continued his address from the previous year, with especial reference to the ringers' service and duties to religion, society and themselves.

Mrs. W. E. Taylor and helpers succeeded in putting up a wonderful tea despite some worries, the excellent fare receiving such attention that there was little left to be cleared away.

Letters were read from Canon Coleridge and Sir Charles Bennett expressing regret at their absence. Lord Meston was also unable to come, but the Mayor of Maidenhead, Councillor A. E. Norris, managed to turn up in spite of his busy civic life.

The accounts, showing the healthy financial condition of the branch, were passed. The secretary's report followed, and it was noticeable to some that he had 'the calling' (M.B.W.H.) on the back.

In making this brief report on the working of the branch, he said, 'I would remind you that it covers a period of practically ten years. As most of you know, the state of affairs in the area covered by this branch was not too good when, partly through a request from our late Master, I took over the duties of branch secretary and treasurer. The financial position should speak for itself. In June, 1924, there were no funds in hand and a debt of 10s. The balance in hand on December 31st, 1924, was £5 5s. 4½d. At the end of 1933 the amount was £31 4s. 2½d. Of course, our working expenses have risen, but this is natural as our branch increases in size. For six months' working in 1924 they were £4 1s. 10½d. For 1933 they were £7 12s. 6d. Subscriptions were received in 1924 from 181 members for the current year and arrears from 21 members. In 1933, 249 members paid for the current year, with arrears from some 41 members. These arrears are no pleasant thought to any secretary, although they may be worse in other parts of the country. Our branch now numbers about 320 members, of which some 295 ringing members are due to pay annual subscriptions, and you will notice from the financial statement that only 242 of these paid for 1933. However, 40 of these have since cleared up their debts. In 1924 our number of towers was 18; at the end of last year it was 29. Now it is 30, although we have members from 35 different towers in our area, and one may be pardoned, perhaps, for feeling just a little proud of our success, not a little of which is due to the kindness of our late Master and also to the publicity given to our doings by our friend, the Editor. In passing, I would commend his journal to your notice. Don't say that you don't like "The Ringing World" because there is nothing interesting in it. Write to the Editor, and when you have read your grouse in print, you may change your mind. (A better plan would be to edit "The Ringing World."—Ed., "R.W.") There are quite a number of ringers in various parts of the country (and some non-ringers, too) who look for the reports of our monthly meetings with interest. Some of them would like a contribution every week, but this is too much of a good thing for our scribe. In conclusion, we look forward to the time when the East Berks and South Bucks Branch represents one-quarter of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which state of affairs can be accomplished by the kind co-operation of all our members.'

This report was received with acclamation, as was also that of the Branch Ringing Master, who gave a brief summary of the meetings in the past year and peals rung by members of the branch, which included 12 Surprise methods. The attendance at the meetings, though good, can always be improved upon, as the meeting tries and caters for all with 'rounds' to Surprise.

A grant of two guineas was voted towards the new organ at Bray, which is to be a memorial to the late Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, some time chairman of this branch. A hope was expressed that a move would be made to add two trebles to the existing six bells, which would receive sympathetic consideration by the Guild.

An honorarium of £2 was voted towards the Branch Ringing Master's expenses.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; seven representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. F. D. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Redrup, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds towards the memorial to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, which will be further augmented by towers in the branch area.

Mr. A. J. Wright said that the amount received to date was £29 18s. 6d., and any sum would be accepted with thanks and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) thanked the members for their handsome donation, and, in congratulating the branch on re-electing their officers, said that he was glad to see that they had not punished the chairman for playing truant, but hoped that they would not let it become a habit. As for

the branch secretary, he said, 'Don't rub him up and don't try and smooth him down, but take him and keep him as secretary.'

An invitation to a joint meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Hillingdon was accepted, and a suggestion for something similar at Denham was left to the secretary to arrange.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to try and hold the next monthly meeting at Clewer. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. E. Wigg for conducting the service, giving the address and acting as chairman for the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor and friends for arranging tea, and to the organist (Mr. Slater). In proposing this, Mr. T. J. Fowler remarked how grateful the members were for the presence of the Mayor of Maidenhead in spite of his busy life.—Mr. J. W. Wilkins, who seconded, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to be present at this prosperous branch meeting, particularly as it was in this tower where he first learned to ring nearly 60 years ago.

Mr. W. H. Fussell paid a compliment to the acting chairman, saying what a great debt they owed him for keeping the members of the branch interested during the day. He also mentioned that this was the branch of the 'Bright Young People.' In reading of their doings, he said, it made him feel about 16 himself. He hoped they would all turn out in their blazers and badges in the summer, but was one of the qualifications going to be a bright (and shiny) place on top?

The Mayor of Maidenhead remarked that when he came in he felt entirely out of his element, as he had no knowledge of bellringing. He expressed astonishment that there was such an organisation in that part of the country and wished them every success. He had enjoyed the whole of the proceedings.

Mr. A. J. Wright apologised for the lateness of the reports. It was hoped that they would be out shortly.

Ringling continued in a variety of methods until 21.00 hours (9 o'clock).

OLDEST RING OF SIX.

YARNTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

A grant of three guineas to the restoration of Yarnton bells, said to be the oldest ring of six in England and one of the heaviest, was made at the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wootton on May 5th. The total cost of the restoration will be about £80. Yarnton bells are all dated 1620, and the name of the donor, Sir Thomas William Spencer, a former lord of the manor, appears on all but one.

Ringers attended the meeting from Northmoor, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Woodstock, Yarnton, Ducklington, Eynsham, Cassington, Tackley and Wootton, and among those present was Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the Guild secretary.

Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the branch secretary, in his annual report, stated that two more towers, Coombe and Brize Norton, had joined the Guild, and he was hoping that Northleigh would join shortly. He pointed out that the number of honorary members was beginning to dwindle, and said he thought that every churchwarden should be an honorary member. As regarded ringing members there were 111 this year, a slight decrease, owing to Clanfield having dropped out. Their total number was about 130.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £27 10s. 11½d., compared with £23 18s. 1½d. last year, and, in addition to the three guineas voted to Yarnton, it was decided to give a guinea towards the memorial tablet of the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, which is to be placed in Christ Church Cathedral.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. G. H. Stuart Gmelin, who was in the chair, was re-elected chairman, with Mr. Evetts as secretary and treasurer, and the following representatives on the General Committee of the Guild: Messrs. T. Bond, N. Spindlow and G. Clarke.

Before the meeting there was a service in Wootton Church, when the sermon was preached by Mr. Gmelin. The service was taken by the Rector of Wootton (the Rev. F. R. Marriott), and the lesson read by the branch secretary.

After the meeting peals were rung at several towers in the neighbourhood.

DEATH OF VETERAN RINGER.

On Wednesday, April 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Knighton, Leicester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled by G. Clarke 1, H. Farmer 2, S. Shelton 3, H. Laker 4, W. H. Clarke (conductor) 5, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Wilson, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred at Gilroes Cemetery, Leicester, on April 13th. Deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 84 years, was an honorary life member of the M.C.A.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Dodleston, Cheshire, on Friday, April 6th, with clappers half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Dryland 1, G. Case 2, J. Hughes 3, C. Dryland 4, J. W. Clarke 5, H. Roberts 6. Rung as a last token of respect, following the funeral of Mrs. C. S. Yarwood, wife of Mr. J. Yarwood, schoolmaster, organist and choirmaster for over 40 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NORTHAW.

A perfect day brought quite a crowd to a North and East District meeting, held at Northaw on Saturday last. Still unspoiled by the builder, and not yet reached by the inevitable motor bus or coach, Northaw is one of the few remaining places near London where a real 'country' meeting may be held; and this, as well as the weather, was no doubt the cause of the attendance reaching the very satisfactory total of 36, a record for a meeting at this tower.

At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. L. Sparkes) took occasion to welcome the association to Northaw, and to remind ringers that this meeting coincided with the jubilee of the placing of the bells in the tower.

After a real country tea, the business meeting was held. In the reading of the minutes it was noticed that at the last meeting a vote of congratulation was passed to the band of youngsters that rang a peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in December last, the youngest band then to ring a peal of Major. The hon. secretary pointed out that this record had not lasted long, and had already been beaten by a band whose average age was about two years less. Further, the Hart Street band obviously had no chance of regaining the record, as, like the rest of us, they were getting older every day. Mr. Coles proposed a vote of congratulation to the Crayford peal band.

This was seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins, who stated that he was glad to do so as the conductor of the previous youngest band to ring a peal (Minor at an average age under 17).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pinner on June 9th, and, in reply to a question, the hon. secretary stated that the usual joint meeting with the Hertford Association was arranged to be held at North Mimms on July 28th.

Mr. Coles welcomed to the meeting two district secretaries of the Herts Association, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. Ayre.—Mr. Nash said that they of the Herts Association were grateful to the Middlesex Association for looking after the tower of Northaw, which was actually in Hertfordshire, and added that there 'are no boundaries in these parts.'

Mr. Ayre said he was very happy to be present, and asked members to book November 3rd for the jubilee festival of the Hertford Association at St. Albans.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which was carried with acclamation, and to which the Vicar replied with thanks to the association for attending in such strength.

Some handbell ringing by Messrs. E. M. Atkins, W. Ayre, G. R. Pye, A. J. House, C. T. Coles, Miss Prockson and others was listened to with great interest by some liking visitors to Northaw, but an attempt for Stedman Triples came to an untimely end, it not harmonising with Bob Minor on the church bells. Needless to say, the Bob Minor won.

Ringers on the pretty peal of six, placed in the tower 50 years ago by Taylor and Co., consisted of rounds for some very promising youngsters of both sexes and all sorts of methods, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, for the 'old 'uns,' the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) having a pretty busy time in seeing that everybody had a pull. The Primrose Surprise convinced at least one ringer that he could not learn a method without knowing what to do at the back stroke lead of the treble, in spite of what experts in writing had to say about it.

A PLEASANT RIVERSIDE MEETING.

On Saturday last, about 35 persons wended their way to that pleasant spot on a bend of the Thames where stands Isleworth Parish Church. And a pretty picture it made, too. The water was high and the delightful weather had coaxed many of the younger generation to bathe, while the rowing fraternity were much in evidence. But those 35 did not visit Isleworth for that. The locals wondered what was on. The reason was a meeting of the South and West District of the association. Isleworth bells have a peculiar charm, and at times on Saturday they could be heard at their best. Numerous touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, while Kent and Cambridge Royal were just as popular.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), the lesson being read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). A very tasty and plentiful tea was partaken of in the Church Hall. Handbell ringing followed, some of the experts managing a touch of Bob Major after fearful effort!

The business, of a routine nature, was quickly over. The chief items were thanks to all kind friends in Isleworth who had helped in making the meeting so successful, and a decision to visit Sunbury for the next meeting, probably on June 2nd.

It was with regret that news of the illness of Mr. C. S. Bird was heard, and congratulations were extended to Mr. F. G. Baldwin on his recent marriage.

Further ringing in the tower followed, and all tastes catered for, under the guidance of Ringing Master Collins.

YOUTH AND ENTHUSIASM.

A GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING.

About 25 ringers gathered at Farnborough, Hants, on May 5th, for a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. This old church is well worth a visit, and the wooden tower is particularly interesting to ringers. Its main structure is a series of massive timbers, which carry the bell frame and spire, the exterior being weather boarded. Despite the 'skeleton' nature of the building, however, the light peal of six bells run like 'tops' and ringing on them is a real pleasure, although in the ringing chamber they are rather noisy.

The main contingent of ringers (more than a dozen) came from Aldershot, where youth and enthusiasm go hand in hand, and other members were present from Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham and the local tower, with the hon. treasurer and general hon. secretary of the Guild. The ringing, with the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) in charge, covered the usual ground, from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, and one band, including five of the Aldershot band (among them three ladies) rang a short 'touch' in six methods of Doubles and Minor alternately without interval.

Canon Challacombe, the Rector, visited the tower in the afternoon to welcome the ringers, and looked in again in the evening. He conducted the Guild's service, when, with Mr. T. A. Stroud (the Guild's 'own organist') at the organ, and the congregation including a number of choristers, the singing was a real delight. The Rector, in his address, referred to the sacramental aspects of the ringers' work.

At the subsequent tea and business meeting the Rector presided. Mrs. J. Corbett (wife of the hon. treasurer) was elected an hon. member, and the following new members were elected: E. H. Stradling (Aldershot), J. Henderson (Ash) and H. Hughes (Farnham).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to the local band, especially Mr. Gasson, for the arrangements.

NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Moy, of Aylsham, Norfolk, who passed away on May 5th at the age of 65 years. Mr. Moy was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association on May 6th, 1890, and was for a number of years Ringing Master of the Aylsham band. He was a keen ringer and took part in 48 association peals (46 on tower bells and two on handbells).

The funeral took place on May 9th and was attended by several members of the local band, the Norwich Diocesan Association being also represented by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the hon. secretary.

In the evening the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung muffled as a tribute to the deceased's memory.

7,168 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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A = 5th's: B.

B = 4th's.

C = In: W: In: 4th's: H.

Contains the 30 course-ends, tenors together, without the 2nd long-dodging with the tenor. Rung at North Lopham, May 12th, 1934, conducted by the composer.

LATE NOTICE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Perrott on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Martock bells have just been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and will be open to visiting ringers on Whit Sunday afternoon.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec., North Street, Martock.

SITUATION WANTED.

YOUNG MAN seeks work. Any capacity. Anywhere. Ringer on 8 or 10 bells. Can conduct on 8.—Box 1, 'Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 31st, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea.—C. H. Stone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2 till 8 p.m. Tea at Temperance Hotel.—B. Chilvers, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, 1, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., and tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by a short discussion on any business that may have arisen. Short festival service at 6 p.m.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, is the venue of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Church Hall 5.30 (1s. per head). Trains from Liverpool Street to St. James' Street, thence by tram or ten minutes' walk.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-morrow, Saturday, May 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who notify secretary beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), morning and afternoon; Cathedral (10), 5 p.m.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 21st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available all day. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar of Northallerton. Dinner will be provided at the Russell Cafe at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalf, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, Essex. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 1s. 6d.) to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's, Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome, but please send a card to A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-resident members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify the caterer, Mrs. A. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.10 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. Bells (5) just rehung.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea (8d. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th?—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (eight bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know as soon as they can if they require tea?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Egham, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, if possible. Tea and meeting after.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer, Windsor (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than May 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marnhull on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Hellins) at 5. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify early.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify me by May 24th if you intend to be present.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than May 23rd to me.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at West Lydford on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by May 23rd.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Guiseley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford, and A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, Dis. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Western and Eastern Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 26th, when we hope for a good attendance. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 23rd inst. Frequent bus service from Prince Street.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Rousham bells (6) recently rehung by T. Bond, of Burford will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop E. D. Shaw, D.D., on Trinity Sunday, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available during the evening. If requiring tea, please notify in good time.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting at Frodsham on Saturday, May 26th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by the 24th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, May 31st. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea, and it is essential that all those intending to be present must notify me by Wednesday, May 30th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury and Clare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

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