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AN ASSOCIATION OF BELL LOVERS?

A suggestion, put forward in another column by a non-ringer, that there should be an association formed for bell lovers as well as bell ringers, is an interesting as well as a novel one. Throughout the country, as the writer of the letter points out, there are a large number of people who are interested in bells, interested in them from the part they play in connection with Church and national life; for their historical association with past ages, as well as for the pleasure which the bells themselves give when well rung. No kind of organisation exists at present which can bring these people together. They are not bellringers, therefore they have no means of keeping in touch, and yet they might be a very valuable adjunct to the organised bodies of bellringers. Many of these bell lovers may be, and probably are, honorary members of the various ringing associations, although all honorary members are not bell 'lovers' in the sense that our correspondent means. They support the associations in the same way that they support other Church organisations—because they are branches of Church work. But there is nothing, at present, which unites in any national sense those who are purely bell lovers and who, while not ringers themselves, are interested in bells for their own sake and for the special purposes for which they are used.

In the idea put forward by our correspondent there appears to be the germ of a very useful scheme. The old notion among ringers that they can retain their position and pursue their practice uninterrupted, by clothing their art with an air of mystery, no longer holds good. These are days when ringers have got to be prepared to justify what they do, and if church bellringing is to be maintained on its present scale, leave alone expanded, the public must be educated. They should be given the opportunity of learning more about the art and encouraged to become interested in it, even if they have no opportunity of participating in it themselves. And the first people that we should seek to enlighten are the 'bell lovers.' If they could be drawn into some kind of national organisation, the educational part of the scheme would be comparatively easy. Then, with their help, much more might be done for the enlightenment of the public by pushing out further and further in an ever-widening circle.

And how valuable, too, would such a body of opinion be if ever there were a serious attempt to silence church bells! Clamorous minorities have often 'got things done' against the desires of great majorities, and who can say that there may not come a time when those who

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love bells will need all their forces to resist an attempt to put an end to church bellringing by some body that is anxious to suppress all forms of 'noise'? Incidentally it is refreshing to read that at Chalfont, where certain members of the Parish Council were anxious to control the bellringing, one member dissented from the sound of the church bells being described as 'noise.' They brought brightness into village life, he said. There are many ways in which a national organisation of bell lovers could exert a useful influence and in which, by co-operation, they could find further interest in the bells. We hope some further effort may be made to develop our correspondent's suggestion.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7	treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2		JOHN A. WAUGH ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3		*HARRY PARKES ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4		RICHARD A. POST ... 10
HARRY HOVERD ... 5		THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 11
*STANLEY J. T. SHELLACK ... 6		THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... 2	treble	*GEORGE WIGGINS ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2		ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
†HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 3		HENRY STALHAM ... 8
†ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 4		ALFRED J. TURNER ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5		†WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Marjorie Dawe (youngest daughter of Mr. R. J. Dawe, a member of Southover band) and Mr. Edmund E. Garbett, of Seaford.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

BEN THORP ... 2	treble	JAMES LEE ... 6
VERNON SYKES ... 2		HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 3		*RICHARD BENSON ... 8
*ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 4		FRED PAGE ... 9
SAMUEL HOLT ... 5		HERBERT BARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BEN THORP.
* First peal of Caters. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss M. Sykes, a ringer at the above church and sister of Vernon Sykes.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	†H. ERNEST COX 5
JOHN J. WEBB 2	EDWIN H. FOSTER 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
CHARLES L. SADLER 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. Arranged and rung in honour of the Easter festival.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW 5
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
*KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
†PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER.

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK BRADLEY Treble	HORACE BYFIELD 5
WILLIAM STIRLAND 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 6
LAWRENCE CHADSBORN 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 4	FREDRICK SALTER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by FREDERICK SALTER.

This composition is on an entirely new plan and is now rung for the first time.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dionysius,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S,

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*ARTHUR H. DEBENHAM 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*W. ARTHUR SKINNER 4	†FRANK MASON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on more than five bells. ‡ First peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	†GEORGE JOHNSON 5
*JAMES W. GODDARD 2	WALTER M. GODDARD 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	§JOSEPH ATKINSON 7
GEORGE DOWLING 4	ARTHUR E. WEST Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. § First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal as conductor on eight bells. Ringing as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK J. MILNER 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 2	ALFRED BARRATT 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

First peal of Forward by all except the conductor and the 3rd ringer. Rung in commemoration of St. George's Day.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	*JAMES AVERY 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	†HERBERT POPE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	GEORGE SIMS Tenor

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' Rung for St. George's Day and also as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. V. B. Yearsley. Ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6 and tenor are local men.

LINDLEY, YORKS.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*J. FISHER Treble	W. AINLEY 5
F. RICHARDS 2	J. NEWTON 6
H. H. SMITH 3	J. C. MELLOR 7
*F. BOOTH ROYD 4	B. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. HAIGH.

Conducted by J. C. MELLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The calling is that of the first peal rung on these bells, in 1874, the time then taken being 3 hours 10 minutes.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FRANK BARRETT Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOCME 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RICHARD BARNES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
†EDWIN C. BIRKBY 2	HARRY GRACE 6
THOMAS HESKETH 3	THOMAS R. STORER 7
JOHN H. MOORE 4	HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Specially arranged and rung on the 79th birthday of Mr. J. H. Moore.

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On Thursday, April 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble	WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Smith), on the tenth anniversary of his induction to the living of Willesden. First peal of Major as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY SMERDON ... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
ALBERT G. CHESMAN ... 2	EDWARD TALBOT ... 6
*FRANK H. RANDALL ... 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
†EDWARD ENTICKNAP ... 4	W. CYRIL SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. CYRIL SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor in the method.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

DARESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY GRINDLEY ... Treble	THOMAS HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	JOSEPH LITTLER ... 6
CECIL RADDON ... 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... 7
STANLEY HARRISON ... 4	HENRY GRACE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRIS.

A birthday compliment to C. I. Davies.

PENHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER WOOD ... Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
ALBERT FEIST ... 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
†CECIL H. WOOD ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD ... 7
‡THOMAS ADAMS ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal, age 15. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... 5
*ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 2	*ERNEST STITCH ... 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
†GWYN I. LEWIS ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* 100th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN G. NASH ... Treble	*CHARLES W. WARD ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	*HERBERT S. ARBIN ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt.

*LEONARD KINCHIN ... Treble	†J. FRANK TOFFREV ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	GEORGE A. KING ... 6
J. WILLIAM HEATH ... 3	†FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	*GEORGE HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on eight bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. 8

WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... Treble	ALBERT BODDINGTON ... 5
HORACE PLOWMAN ... 2	HARRY PETTIT ... 6
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
ALBERT PLOWMAN ... 4	CHARLES RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

A birthday peal for W. Copperwheat.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT Treble	* JAMES AVERY 4
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	† GEORGE SIMS 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE H. BISHOP Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN 4
CHARLES H. SONE 2	* TOM SAUNDERS 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 3	* LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* 50th peal together. This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the conductor.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* HERBERT WARREN Treble	ALFRED BIRD 4
GEORGE PANNELL 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by A. C. RIPPINGALE.

* First peal on six bells.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Court, one of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* MISS LOWES NEAL Treble	* GEORGE W. BURRELL 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

* First peal in three methods.

SANDAL MAGNA, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
MOSES PERRY 3	ERNEST CUTT Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

CROFTON, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Tulip, 1,080 Primrose, 720 each of Kingston, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD Treble	FRANK ATKINSON 4
* ARTHUR PANTHER 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
MOSES PERRY 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* 100th peal.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

* ARTHUR MASON Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 4
ALFRED BACON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal on less than eight bells. First peal in seven methods on the bells and by the ringer of the fourth.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of St. Vedast Bob, New Bob, Union, Original, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, and 480 each of St. Simon's, Place Bob, New Year's Eve, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

E. K. GEARY Treble	H. PAYNE 4
H. FAULKNER 2	A. N. GEARY 5
J. G. GEARY 3	J. NORTON Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

Specially rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William H. Voss to Miss Hilda M. Dalby, which took place at this church previous to the peal. First peal in twelve methods by all the band.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

TOM WORRALL Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARIN 5
PERCY NEWLAND 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ALBERT APPLEBY Treble	HARVEY E. BORRELL 4
VERNON TAYLOR 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor. First extent of Childwall Bob by all the band.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 of Plain Bob in four different callings, and 2,520 of Grandsire in 10 different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

* L. J. HAWKINS Treble	F. MARSH 4
Mrs. G. W. RENDELL 2	G. W. RENDELL 5
D. W. RANSOM 3	W. G. DELAMONT Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by the whole band. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor on the occasion of his silver wedding.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMPOSITIONS TO BE OMITTED FROM REPORT IN FUTURE.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held this year, as is the custom by rotation, at Burton-on-Trent, on Easter Monday. From an early hour the fine ring of ten bells in the grand Church of St. Paul was available, and made good use of during the day by many members and visiting friends. At stated times the bells of Bollstone-on-Dove (8), Barton-under-Needwood (8) and Winhill (6) were open, and visitors had some good practice on them.

The committee met in the afternoon in St. Paul's Institute and carried out a big routine programme. An appeal from Barnby, Notts, where five old bells are being restored, rehung and augmented to six, was heard, and £22s. granted from the Bell Repair Fund.

A short service was held in St. Paul's Church at 4.15 p.m. and greatly appreciated by all who attended and listened to an inspiring address by the Vicar, the Rev. Winterbotham, M.A. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 14s. 10d.

Tea was served in the St. Paul's Institute, and although it was clearly stated that only those who notified could be catered for, the usual 'overplus' of defaulters turned up, making things very difficult for the local committee. Nevertheless, they managed to get all accommodated, and some 60 or 70 members sat down to an excellent repast.

At the general meeting which followed, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Winterbotham, M.A. (Vicar of St. Paul's), Mr. J. Griffin (late vice-president), Dr. F. Stedman Poole (Wigston), Mr. William E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). Among the company, in addition to members of the association from all districts, friends from afar, viz., J. Austin (Gloucester), L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), J. Fernley (Cheshire) and many others, were welcomed. An apology was received from the vice-president, Mr. William Willson, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

PRESIDENT'S SURVEY.

The President, in his usual vigorous way, reviewed the association's activities of the past quarter, and referred to the peals rung, which, he said, were up to the average. He congratulated the Wigston Magna band on scoring the first peal in a new Surprise Major method—Wicken—and looked forward to seeing more such performances from the same quarter. Although not of the M.C.A., he spoke in high praise of the fine performance at Disley, Cheshire, where a peal of Minor in no less than 42 methods had been rung, and welcomed one of that band who was present that day. The association had, he continued, lost three valued members by death, viz.: Mr. E. A. Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, a most enthusiastic and energetic member of the Leicester District; also Mr. William T. Miller, one of Leicester's oldest ringers, who passed away the previous week at the age of 86, and who joined the M.C.A. in 1883. Then, too, they had lost that great ringer, Mr. William Pye, whose life story all had read with gratitude in 'The Ringing World.' He was an example to all ringers, old and young, one of the finest ever. Mr. Pye had visited their area on many occasions, and had rung 42 peals for the M.C.A., including that masterpiece, when he rang the tenor bell (30½ cwt.) at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, and conducted the great peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters, occupying over 12 hours. He (the president) asked all present to stand for a moment to the respected memory of these departed members.

The President welcomed two of the remaining four original members, who had joined the M.C.A. in 1882, viz., Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. J. Jagger. He then asked the Vicar of St. Paul's to say a few words before leaving, which the latter did. He welcomed the association to Burton, and expressed his appreciation of their reciprocation. He was proud to belong to such a brilliant centre of the M.C.A., and had already heard of the former and present activities of St. Paul's ringers. It was a special pleasure to arrange and carry through the short service, and he trusted he should meet them all again in the near future.

The general officers for the ensuing year were re-elected en bloc, on the proposition of Mr. A. J. Harris, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, viz.: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. William Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. William E. White; general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

The president, treasurer and secretary each acknowledged the confidence of the members in re-electing them, assured all present of their appreciation of the honour, and said they would continue to serve the association to the best of their ability.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The report showed that 111 peals (including six on handbells) had been rung during the year 1934, which, by a coincidence, was exactly the same as in 1933. Thirty-five members scored their first peal; five their first as conductor, 103 their first in new methods. Leicester was the only company to score handbell peals, but good progress might be made if other companies took up this fascinating side of ringing. The report extended congratulations and good wishes to the president and the hon. treasurer, each of whom, during the year, reached 'the allotted span.' The number of members in the association was 823 ringing members, 158 hon. members and patrons. Not-

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR MORE SUPPORT FROM CLERGY.

A Generous Gift.

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' were, by the kind permission of the incumbents, placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock in the morning until the evening. Divine service was held at 12.30 at St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh McMullan), and the Rev. James E. H. Williams (Rector of Acle) gave a practical address on bells and bellringers, which was listened to by a congregation of over 70 ringers and friends. Subsequently the ringers assembled at the Bell Hotel for lunch, at which 43 members were present. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. G. M. MacDermott), was in the chair. Supporting him were the Rev. J. E. H. Williams and the Rev. J. M. La Fontaine McAnally (Rector of Hethersett), Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. W. J. Lee (chairman, East Norfolk Branch), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), Mr. P. W. J. Fryer (Wymondham), Mr. E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), Mr. R. T. Woodley (Lowestoft), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges), Mr. William Birmingham, of Slough, Mr. G. H. Hammond (Great Yarmouth) and Mr. B. S. Thompson (Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild), and ringers from Aylsham, Fakenham, Acle, Hethersett, Loddon, Lowestoft, Pulham St. Mary, Great Yarmouth, Redenhall, Snettisham, Saxlingham, Glandford, Wymondham, Wroxham, Wickham Skeith, North Lopham, Rockland All Saints, Thornham Magna and Norwich.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' and afterwards announced that the general secretary had received letters of apology for absence from the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. C. Duffield, F. Nolan Golden and J. G. Harwood.

The secretary and treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, which was adopted. The report stated that the total membership of the association was 868, against 844 last year, and there was a balance of £9 3s. 10d., against £9 16s. 4d. the previous year.

PLEA FOR CLERGY'S CO-OPERATION.

The report continued: It is with increasing anxiety that we again draw attention to the serious decrease in the number of the clergy who support our work by their membership. There are about 200 rings of bells in the Diocese of Norwich, and we are able to boast of only 25 clerical members on our register—surely far too small a number when we remember the chief objects for which we work, viz., the recognition of our ringers as office-holders in the church and the promotion of belfry reform. The regular ringing of our bells for service and practice is peculiarly one for co-operation between clergy and ringers; of our experience we know of the appreciation of the ringers for any encouragement and help the spiritual head of the parish bestows upon them, and so we plead for a stronger and closer union between incumbents and ringers, and would ask all masters of companies to bring the work and objects of the association to the notice of their clergy and to urge them to support us by becoming honorary members or performing members. Parochial church councils can also lend a hand and show their appreciation for the work of their ringers by making themselves responsible for the small annual subscription to the association for each of the ringers in their parish; a graceful thing, and one that would be immensely valued by the men. Another important point brought about by the co-operation we have urged is the material condition of the bells and belfries. They are costly items of church furniture and need careful attention. This business is invariably better done where regular service ringing is the rule, and so we would ask the clergy to give the ringers all the encouragement and help they can and also—by their membership of the Diocesan Association—to assist in this good work throughout the diocese.

The President, commenting on the report and accounts, pointed out that, unlike other church organisations, which always left off in debt, because then they were sure to get subscriptions for the next year, the association had a balance in hand of £9 3s. 10d. They ought to make it known as much as possible what a very excellent thing it would be if the clergy not only took an interest in the bells, but if they were to do so, to join in ringing them.

PRESENTATION OF 51 HANDBELLS.

The general secretary and treasurer asked the president to accept from him for the Norwich Diocesan Association a set of 51 handbells, ringing from F sharp size 26 to G flat size 04. Mr. Coleman said he bought these handbells 18 years ago. From them could be obtained a variety of 12 rings of eight bells, eight rings of ten bells, and four rings of 12 bells. He always had a desire eventually to hand them on to that association, and had great pleasure in doing so out of his great interest in and love of the Norwich Diocesan Association (applause).

The President said it was most kind of their general secretary, and they accepted the gift with the utmost gratitude.

Mr. C. E. Borrett kindly arranged for a band to ring a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells (G sharp, size 18), which are re-

markable for their sweet tone. The band was: C. E. Borrett 1-2, B. S. Thompson 3-4, A. D. Barker 5-8, E. F. Poppy 7-8, G. Bailey 9-10. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker then kindly rang some tunes.

At the suggestion of Mr. B. S. Thompson, it was agreed to affix a brass plate to the case indicating the gift and the name of the donor of the handbells.

On a motion moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) was unanimously re-elected, as also were the vice-presidents, with the addition of the Rev. J. E. H. Williams and the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally.

Mr. B. S. Thompson also proposed the re-election of the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). Mr. C. E. Borrett, seconding, said they could not have a better man for the office. Mr. Coleman had almost the longest service as secretary since the association started in 1877. There had been only five secretaries during those 58 years, and Mr. Coleman was just about level with his immediate predecessor (Mr. C. E. Borrett), and if he was re-elected that day he would have a clear majority.—The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Coleman, acknowledging his re-election, said he thought he and Mr. Borrett had been secretary for the same number of years.

Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor.

The following nominations from the branches, viz., Messrs. G. Bailey, W. C. Duffield, J. Kenyon, A. J. King, W. E. Bason, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke and J. A. Godfrey, were the eight elected members of the Standing Committee.

The general secretary moved the election of new members as follows: The Archdeacon of Norfolk, hon. member; Mr. William Birmingham, life member (non-resident); Miss Dorothy Ditcham, Messrs. Ernest Benton, William C. Porter, Leonard C. Webb, Frank Broome and Thomas E. Spight, performing members.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints, to the preacher and the organist.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett referred to the death of Mr. William Pye, and proposed that a vote of sympathy should be sent to the Middlesex Association. Mr. Pye had been a member of nearly every association and joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1893. After some years he came regularly every October, and his experience in that part of the world laid the foundations of his skill as a ringer. He was a great and magnificent ringer.

At the invitation of the president, all present stood in silence for a moment out of respect to Mr. Pye's memory.

The meeting then closed and the members adjourned to the belfries for further ringing.

BRISTOL—CITY OF BELLS AND CHURCHES.

A NEW GUILD STARTED.

At the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner reference was made by speakers to Bristol's 'silent bells.' This reference has had a great influence upon the matter, and at St. Peter's Church (City) (eight bells) a Guild of 18 members was formed and rang open for Easter Sunday service. Six of the Guild are ladies and they are making good progress. This is the first time in the history of St. Peter's (900 years old) that a guild of ringers has been formed.

The members of the new Guild have been trained by Mr. S. Phillips and Mr. F. Skidmore, assisted by other association officials. Another happy outcome of the speeches will bear fruit and will be reported later.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

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withstanding a considerable falling off in the amount received from hon. members, the past year had been, on the whole, satisfactory financially, inasmuch as £5 had been placed to the Bell Repair Fund, and the association had still been able to keep expenditure within the limits of income. The receipts from ringing members compared very favourably with the amount collected in previous years, as did also those received from new members, and the secretaries were congratulated on their success.

The general account showed a balance of £6 11s. 7d. on the year's working. There is a sum of £250 in the reserve fund, £5 12s. in the Bell Repair Fund, and £50 19s. 9d. in the appropriation account, a total of £306 11s. 9d.

The balance sheet and report were adopted on the proposition of the two auditors, Messrs. C. Harrison and J. H. Dean. New members proposed since the last quarterly meeting were duly elected, viz.: 27 ringing, six rejoining, and three honorary.

Places selected for the next three quarterly meetings were confirmed as follows: June, North Wingfield; September, Newark; January, 1936, Wigstons, Magna and South.

Then followed a long discussion on the subject as to whether peal compositions should be printed in the annual report. No less than 12 members spoke at length on the subject, some for, some against, others were neutral and preferred to leave it to the committee's discretion. After all had had their say, a vote was taken, and the motion to insert compositions was lost by a remarkably small majority.

This concluded the business, and members then adjourned to the towers for more ringing and 'other places' for a convivial, and so terminated a most successful and enjoyable meeting. E. M.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual report presented to the Kent County Association on Easter Monday showed that there are 110 towers in union and 938 practising members. The total funds of the association, including belfry repair (£118 14s. 1d.) and benevolent (£242 8s. 10d.), amount to £360 0s. 2d. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

The Archdeacon of Rochester will dedicate the tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett in Crayford belfry on Saturday afternoon, May 11th.

A silver bell inkstand was presented by the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday to the retiring branch chairman, the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, who is resigning the living of Adderbury and going to reside in South Devon.

Two new treble bells and a new iron frame, in which the old six bells have been rehung, were dedicated on Easter Day at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, by the Bishop of Willesden. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish has retired from the position of hon. secretary and treasurer of the Warwickshire Guild, and on Saturday Mr. Malcolm Melville was elected to succeed her.

The Devon bells mentioned in last week's issue at Down St. Mary, Otterton and South Molton are in the hands of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The same firm is adding a new treble to make six at Washford Pyne, Devon.

Great credit is due to Mr. H. Plowman for his part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Finedon, Northants, on Saturday. He has only one arm. There must be very nearly a peal band of one-armed ringers in the country. It is wonderful how these men have triumphed over their disability.

The peal of Doubles at Billesdon, Leicestershire, on Easter Monday, was no mean performance. It consisted of twelve different methods.

We regret that we are still compelled to hold over letters on the new 'Triples' book, as well as other contributions.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

TO BIND RINGERS AND BELL LOVERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with very great interest that I read in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Euston's suggestion that there should be a 'Campanologists' Association.'

There must be many people, both young and old, who, like myself, love bells as they love few things, but who, for one reason or another, are unable to ring them.

An association, such as that suggested, would be a delightful bond between real ringers and those who care so much for bells and ringing.

It seems to me that something of this kind would also add to the interest that many members of the general public are ready to take in the Exercise, as a whole, if it helped them to learn more about campanology.

For over 24 years I have eagerly looked forward to reading 'The Ringing World' every week, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you, as Editor, for the very high ideals you always keep before us on ringing in your leading articles.

I often wish more of the public would read 'The Ringing World.' They would then appreciate better what Sunday service ringing, and ringing generally, means to us.

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STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will be interested to know that the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, are now rung regularly for morning service on alternate Sundays. We shall be pleased to welcome any ringer visiting the town who would like a ring on Stedman's bells, but to avoid disappointment will they please communicate with me, when I will do my best to ensure there is a band to meet them.

Newton, near Cambridge.

C. W. COOK.

FREEMASONRY HONOUR FOR CANON COLERIDGE.

It will be of great interest to the ringing fraternity in general, as well as the ringing members of the craft in particular, to know of the further honour bestowed upon the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, M.A., Past Assistant Grand Chaplain, at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, April 24th, when he was promoted to the high office of Past Grand Chaplain. All members of the ringing fraternity will tender to him their heartiest congratulations.

A BLACKMOOR VETERAN.

THREE GENERATIONS CELEBRATE 80TH BIRTHDAY.

On the 80th birthday of Mr. James Norris, of Blackmoor, Hants, which he celebrated on April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church, where he has been a ringer continuously for 51 years. Mr. Norris rang the tenor, his son rang the fourth and his grandson the treble: Harry Dodson 1, V. Shadbolt 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, J. Norris 6. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 3rd.

THE KING'S JUBILEE.

ROYAL SALUTES SHOULD BE 'FIRED.'

Next Monday, and throughout the week, the church bells of the British Isles will join in the Empire's celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the King and Queen. Of all the methods of proclaiming the loyalty and joy of their Majesty's subjects, none will be more truly and characteristically English than the voices of the bells in city, town and village, and it is up to the ringers everywhere, where there are bells which will swing in a frame, to take their part in the universal rejoicing.

Peals there are likely to be in plenty, but it is not peals alone that count next Monday. It will be the sound of the bells from every tower and steeple, whether in peals or touches or only rounds and call changes. And we hope that, wherever possible, the ringers will also resort to that old-fashioned method of showing the spirit of the occasion by 'firing' the bells (taking the time from the tenor and pulling so that all the bells strike together). Done well, this is a most effective demonstration. It should be done after the ringing of some good, steady rounds and, at the completion of the salute, which should consist of 21 'shots,' the bells should again open out into rounds.

We hope that those who ring peals next Monday will forward their reports the same night for publication. There is likely to be great pressure on our space, and those reports which come to hand first will have priority.

A CENTRAL COUNCIL REMINDER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I take this opportunity of reminding all ringers of their great responsibility during the coming Jubilee celebrations to ensure that the bells in all parts of the country are rung.

I appeal to all to do their utmost in this effort as a voluntary duty, and to those who ring peals in honour of the Jubilee, may I beg of them to refrain from mentioning ringers' birthdays, wedding days and suchlike in the footnotes?

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

MESSAGES OF GREETING?

Sir,—On May 6th, a day of national rejoicing, when every ringer will help to commemorate this long reign, may I suggest the president of every ringing society send a message of loyal greeting (letter or telegram) to their Majesties the King and Queen? I am sure all members of the ringing fraternity will share this view.

J. H.

Leicester.

At the annual meeting of the Kent County Association, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who presided, suggested that the most suitable times for ringing on Jubilee Day would be at 8 a.m. and again from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

AFTER LONG SILENCE.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX, BELLS RING AGAIN.

On Wednesday, April 17th, the inhabitants of the village of Little Waltham, near Chelmsford, were surprised to hear during the afternoon their bells ringing again after many years of silence, and some came to find the cause. It proved to be the bellfounder and his staff trying out the newly-hung peal with its newly-added treble bell. The work of casting the new bell and hanging the peal in a reconstructed old oak frame has been carried out personally by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and his staff. After the local learners had rung some rounds, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by Fredk. Bowell (conductor) 1, H. G. Welham 2, V. E. Waters 3, William Prime 4, J. G. Harvey 5, Alfred Bowell 6, all of Ipswich. This was the first 720 on the bells.

The official dedication took place on Easter Monday, when the band from Broomfield were engaged to open the bells during the service. Everyone expressed satisfaction of the new bell and tone of the peal since tuning, and it is hoped a band may now be raised with the help of the adjoining towers to ring them.

The same firm also have just added two new treble bells to make a ring of six at Stowting, near Ashford, Kent. They also have in hand the rehanging of the heavy ring of six at Havering-atte-Bower, Essex.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

Mr. J. R. Newman's 30 Years' Service.

The annual gathering of ringers of Worcestershire and surrounding districts took place at the City of Worcester on Easter Monday in weather which, to say the least of it, was anything but kind, although towards evening it cleared and was fine. There was ringing at all the city churches (except, of course, St. Helen's, where the tenor is cracked and the bells require the attention of the bellfounders) from an early hour, and this was continued throughout the day, on and off, until late evening. The methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Surprise.

The meeting, as usual, was held in the Cathedral Chapter House. This year there was missing an old familiar face, namely, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, the late Dean of Worcester, who has resigned since the last annual meeting after completing some 25 years in the service of the Church in this place. He was prevented by indisposition from attending the meeting. The new Dean, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., took the chair for the first part of the proceedings. He welcomed the association to Worcester and said how pleased he was to be initiated into the 'art' of taking the chair at ringers' gatherings. He went on to give an interesting discourse on bells he had come across while in other parts of the world, such as India, Japan and China.

The formal business then proceeded, and among the apologies was one from the late Dean and one from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who were both prevented from coming by ill-health. The secretary was instructed to write to these gentlemen and convey to them the best wishes of those present and the hope for their speedy recovery.

NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT.

The secretary said he had received a motion that 'In future all financial and other business, except the election of officers and new members, be dealt with by the Central Committee, and that such committee present a report to the annual meeting.'—This was carried with one dissident.

From the librarian's report it appeared that very little use was made of the association's library. Members are urged to use the library; there are no fees payable, except to pay the postage on returning the books, and the library contained some very useful and interesting books.

At this point in the proceedings the Dean intimated his desire to withdraw. It being his first Easter at Worcester, he desired to spend as much time in the Cathedral as possible, and the Rev. J. F. Hastings took his place in the chair.

The election of officers followed. The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., was re-elected president and the vice-presidents were also re-elected. Mr. William Short and the Rev. J. F. Hastings were re-elected Ringing Master and clerical secretary respectively. With regard to the lay secretaryship, Mr. Newman intimated his desire to retire from the position, which he had held since April, 1905. He said that he thought the time had now arrived when he should give place to a younger man, and he proposed Mr. Joseph D. Johnson as a fit person to take his place.—Mr. Johnson having consented to take over the duties, he was unanimously elected general secretary of the association.

There were numerous tributes paid to the work done by Mr. Newman during the last 30 years, and everyone was extremely sorry that he was giving up the office, but it was felt that it was only fair to respect his wishes. In recognition of his past services, Mr. Newman was elected a freeman of the association.

The question of the annual dinner came up for discussion, and it was ultimately decided to re-elect the Dinner Committee and to hold the dinner again this year. The secretary, however, pointed out that if the dinner was to be held each year, better support would have to be given to it by the members of the association, as up to the present the number who attended was very disappointing. It was urged that every member should make a special effort to attend this year. It was one of the few occasions when the whole association were able to meet for the social intercourse which was so important to the Ringing Exercise to-day.

At the end of the meeting the members present stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to the late Mr. William Pyc, who was a member of the association.

After the usual service in the Cathedral, at which the new Dean preached the sermon, tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Tea Rooms, when about 127 sat down to an enjoyable meal.

Afterwards further ringing took place until quite a late hour, and it is thought everyone went home satisfied with the day's outing. It is rumoured that a number of 'youths' did not leave Worcester until the early hours of Tuesday morning!

FAMOUS SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

On Friday, April 26th, at Hodnet, Shropshire, on the occasion of the funeral of Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Butler, who from 1916 to 1918 was Deputy Chief of the General Staff on the Western Front and was Earl Haig's 'right-hand man,' a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by T. Gregory 1, W. Lycett 2, E. Gregory 3, G. Berry 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, E. H. Bowen 6. This was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and tenor.

A BEGINNERS' PAGE.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

Let us enlarge a little further on what we said last week about 'conducting,' as distinct from 'bob calling.' There are many ringers who go through a touch knowing nothing except their own particular job. That, in its way, is an excellent trait, and the man who knows his job and sticks tight to it is a great asset in a band. The trouble comes when he does not stick tight to it, but through sighting the wrong bell or momentarily forgetting his immediate duty he causes a trip which may, and often does, involve others.

This is where the real conductor comes in. If he knows the proper coursing order of the bells he can usually 'sort them out' in time of trouble, unless he happens to be burdened with one of those unfortunate ringers who, once having got wrong, has no faculty for getting right again, however much prompting he may be given.

In Bob Minor, the coursing order of the bells, which we last week described as 'the order in which the bells follow one another through the work of the course,' is the order in which they come to lead and also turn one another from behind. This does not apply to some of the more complicated methods, but it applies strictly to Plain Bob on all numbers. It is a great help, therefore, to an erring ringer if the conductor can tell him to 'lead' or 'follow such and such a bell to lead,' or 'turn such and such a bell from behind.' These instructions can come anywhere in a lead, whereas if the conductor has to wait until the next dodging place is reached before he can give an order, it may be too late.

Of course, the budding conductor, before he begins bob calling, has generally got to the stage when he knows what bell he is coursing and what bell is coursing immediately behind him. That, indeed, is the first requirement, apart from knowing the method, in anyone who hopes to become a safe ringer, whether he is a conductor or not. But this knowledge is the foundation upon which the young conductor must build. If he knows who he is coursing and who is coursing him that covers three out of the five working bells in Bob Minor. Intelligent 'ropesight' and a little practice will soon enable him to fit the other two into their places, until he has got the correct order in which he will meet the four inside bells working with him, as 5.3.2.4 following the 6th in the plain course.

The next thing it is necessary to know is where the treble intervenes. The treble moves FORWARD one place each lead. This is caused by the bell immediately in front of it in one lead, making 2nd's place when the treble leads and going up after it. Thus in the plain course you get the following coursing orders: 6.5.3.1.2.4; 6.5.1.3.2.4; 6.1.5.3.2.4; 1.6.5.3.2.4 (1); 6.5.3.2.1.4.

Every 'call' that is made alters the coursing order. A bob causes one bell to move to a position behind the next two working bells. Thus, omitting the treble, if a bob 'wrong' is called at the first lead, the 3.2 move up after the 6th and the 5th (which 'made the bob,' i.e., 4th's place) falls in behind the 2nd. If the first call is a bob 'right,' then 2.4 move up after the 5th and the 3rd (which 'made the bob') falls in behind the 4th, or, put another way — and this is worth thinking out for a moment — the 2nd and 4th move up behind the 5th and the 3rd drops in in front of the 6th. Thus, after a bob 'wrong,' the coursing order becomes (6) 3.2.5.4 (6); after the 'right' (6) 5.2.4.3 (6). If the 'right' follows the 'wrong,' then the coursing order of the working bells becomes (6) 3.5.4.2 (6). It would be a helpful exercise if the beginner studying this subject would write out on paper, in the form given above, the coursing order of the bells after each call in the complete 720 referred to last week.

(More about Conducting next week.)

DO YOU KNOW

1. What is meant by 'plain hunting'?
2. When and where the first recorded peal was rung?
3. Who was William Shipway?
4. Where the heaviest and lightest church bells hung for ringing are to be found?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN—

1. Pursuing a regular path from one position to another; generally from 'lead' to 'behind' and back again to lead. It is the simple and direct work of a bell which strikes one blow in each place in regular succession from front to back, where it

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

CHANGING THE HUNT BELL.

A letter raising a number of interesting points has reached us from a well-known West Country ringer, whose opportunities are very largely limited to ringing in six-bell towers. He has not written, he tells us, with the intention that his letter should be published, but he thinks a short 'treatise' on the questions he refers to would carry much interest in beginners' circles.

The first point to which our correspondent refers is the result of some recent notes in 'Belfry Gossip,' which mention the ringing of peals of Grandsire Doubles 'with each bell in turn acting as whole hunt.' How is this done? he asks.

This method of ringing Grandsire Doubles brings the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th to take the place of the treble, while the treble takes its place among the working bells. There is no question that this is by far the most interesting way of ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles and should be within the capacity, after a certain amount of practice, of any band that really understands the method.

When some other bell than the treble is the whole hunt bell, the 3rd's place at a plain lead and the bobs and singles are made in the same relative position to the whole hunt as they would have been to the treble, had that bell been fulfilling its usual function.

The change from one whole hunt bell to another takes place from rounds. If the second becomes the whole hunt, the 4th is in the secondary hunt with it (as the 2nd is when the treble is the whole hunt). If the fourth becomes the whole hunt, the 5th is in the hunt with it. If the 5th is the whole hunt, the 3rd is in the hunt with it. If the 3rd is the whole hunt, the treble is in the hunt with it.

There is a difference in the going off of the bells from rounds compared with the ordinary start. The customary beginning requires the 3rd to make 3rd's place and 4 and 5 to dodge. When any bell except the treble is the whole hunt, both the even bells (2 and 4) go down and the odd bells (1, 3 and 5) go up. Actually the 5th completes its whole pull behind. Here is the start, showing 2, 3, 4 and 5 as whole hunt bells, and the method until the secondary hunt bell has led:—

2	4	5	3
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	24153	24153	24153
42135	42513	42513	42513
41253	45231	45231	45231
	54213	54321	54321
	52431	53412	53412
		35421	35142
		34512	31524
			13542
			15324

The callings for any of these variations are precisely the same as for the ordinary six-score, always remembering, of course, to call by the new whole hunt bell instead of by the treble. By using the customary callings it is thus possible to have 50 different 120's—ten with each of the five bells as the whole hunt.

This method of ringing Grandsire Doubles is not only a better mental exercise for the conductor, but it introduces variety and interest for the rest of the band. With most companies it will need practice, especially that part where the whole hunt is changed, but there is nothing insuperably difficult about it.

First let every man in the band be able to ring any of the five bells to any of the ten six-scores. Then, next practice night, begin by ringing 120's with the treble and second as the whole hunt, alternately. Another night try it with, say, treble and third, and go on to a 360 made up of treble, second and third as whole hunts. The knack of changing smoothly from one to the other will soon come, if the tip is recollected that odd bells go up and even bells down whenever the treble is not the whole hunt bell. I hope Grandsire Doubles ringers will try it, it is worth while.

The other points raised in our correspondent's letter will be dealt with later.

strikes two blows, and then one blow in each place to the lead again, where it strikes two blows.

2. On May 2nd, 1715, the Norwich Scholars rang 5,040 Grandsire Bob Triples at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
3. Born at Bath, September 29th, 1760, Shipway migrated to London as a young man, and in 1816 published 'The Campanalogia, or Universal Instructor in the art of ringing: in three parts.' It is one of the best text books on change ringing that has ever been written, and, as was the way in those early days, covered the art from the first to the last known stage.
4. The heaviest bell hung for ringing is at Exeter Cathedral. The tenor there, known as 'Grandison,' is 72 cwt, 2 qr. 2 lb. in weight. The lightest ring of eight is at Lya, in Worcestershire, where the tenor is only 3½ cwt.

PROPOSED NATIONAL GUILD OF YOUTH.

'SOLUTION TO ALL OBJECTIONS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Groombridge, junior's, letter interests me. I must admit that in many ways all his objections are well founded, but I think there is a solution to them all. Firstly, the proposed guild would be run on something like the lines of the Ladies' Guild. If that can be run successfully, surely a body whose membership could total twice their number would be an even greater success? I would suggest this difference—that all peals rung for the Guild of Youth should also be credited to some association. Therefore, that association would have the honour of having the peals booked to them, and in most cases a majority of that association's young members would take part. So there should be no objection to captains of towers in the said association giving permission for peals. And the same plan would apply to meetings—older members would be most welcome, but the arrangements would be in the hands of the Guild of Youth.

But why should Mr. Groombridge call an attempt for a peal with a young band a 'stunt purpose'? Surely it is for the good of the whole Exercise that such peals should be more in evidence, showing great enthusiasm on the part of the band. When they are successfully accomplished, they are exceptionally fine performances. All the attempts with young bands at Crayford, as he says, have been under the auspices of the Kent County Association, so why grumble? The peal attempts for Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend were also for the K.C.A., and I consider that we ought to feel very grateful to Mr. F. E. Dawe, the organiser, for his great kindness and trouble in making the attempts possible.

With regard to Mr. Groombridge's last point, re instructors getting peeved if one of their colts rings peals with an association from which he is barred, that is the one difficult question. I quite agree that the beginner's first peal should be rung under the conductorship of his instructor (when he is a capable man), but after that I do not think the instructor should mind his pupil taking part with a band of youth for a special peal. It is not so much the individual young ringer we must think of as the great benefit to the Exercise, as a whole, that such a peal has in showing where there are ENTHUSIASTIC young ringers. Not all instructors are as enthusiastic or as capable as Mr. Groombridge (it is a great pity they are not). Therefore, a keen young ringer would have to strike out for himself.

Before closing, although I do not wish to be personal, I think that the Lewisham District of the K.C.A. should be the last to pass a resolution 'that such an organisation is entirely unnecessary.' With the exception of Crayford, the only other band where youth predominates is at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, where the local band can muster enough for Double Norwich and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. It might interest ringers to know that recently five of their band, with another capable young ringer from West Wickham, rang 720 London Surprise Minor at Elcombe, Kent (tenor 16 cwt.), the first in the method for all. The average age was just over 19 and all were SELF-TEACHER in these methods. Otherwise, I am sorry to say that young ringers with any ABILITY at all are sadly lacking in the Lewisham District.

Mr. John Euston's letter is on the right lines. 'Enthusiasm' should be the one word that matters most to any ringers (young or old). With regard to the band of twelve for a peal at Southwark

Cathedral, there would be no 'four or five irresponsible youngsters.' Eight of them have already rung a twelve-bell peal, and the other four have rung a quarter-peal of Maximus or Cinques. The main object of a Guild of Youth is to encourage young ringers to meet, talk and ring together, and to foster a spirit of leadership and enthusiasm amongst them.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Deal, Kent.

'FUTURE PROGRESS DEPENDS ON YOUTH OF TO-DAY.'

Dear Sir,—As a young ringer, I have been very interested in Mr. Melville's suggestion to inaugurate a Guild of Youth. I have also studied the various letters that have subsequently been published since Mr. Melville's proposals came to our notice.

Your leading article of April 12th and your Beginners' Page of this issue shows that you appreciate the project as one of real value to the Exercise. I am of the opinion that the Guild would be invaluable in maintaining the interest of young ringers of both sexes. Provided it is arranged carefully and sensibly, it can, I think, do nothing but good.

In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' we read that, at a recent meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Guild was, in the opinion of those present, unnecessary. In the past it may not have been necessary, and the worthy members at that meeting may have said in so many words 'that we have never had such a guild and have made good progress in the past, and we look forward to the future with every hope and confidence.' But future progress in our art will depend upon the youth of this day and to-morrow, and if the art is to exist at all, say in 50 years or possibly a little longer, at a time when the majority of our friends who voted against the proposed Guild are departed from us, we must now and henceforth be ever on the alert to capture the interest of the young generation and do our utmost to retain it. If we want silent bells in later years, neglect youth and silence will reign supreme! I am not prepared to say we young folk are generally neglected; we are certainly not in this county under the auspices of the Kent Association, as witness the wonderful progress made by young ringers in North Kent.

Now if Mr. Melville inaugurates his Guild, I think he ought to form his districts within the limits of the present associations and guilds, and then, when peals are arranged, they could be rung for the association in whose territory they are in. The Youth Guild could still claim their share of the honour and record the peals in their own book, but the first credit would be for the county association or guild and would be recognised by the Central Council as such. If this were done, I do not see any reason why any association would object; in fact, I think they would welcome the Youth Guild rather than discourage it.

To conclude, probably the majority of young ringers will regard the proposed new Guild most favourably, and as it is for our benefit and for the future glory of our art, we all ought to do our part towards helping Mr. Melville in his hard task to make the Guild a united success.

A. W. DURHAM.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llantrisant, Glamorganshire, on Easter Monday. There was a good muster of members from both dioceses. The bells were busy in various methods early in the afternoon, and at four o'clock service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Percival Jones) officiating. His address was most instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, and after a most enjoyable meal the business was proceeded with, the Vicar taking the chair. The usual routine affairs were dealt with and reports on restorations and augmentations received with interest. Among the work mentioned was the overhauling, etc., of Aberavon bells and the rehanging of Aberdare bells, the dedication of which is to take place next month. Last but not least it was announced that the order had been placed for the recasting of the old six bells at Penarth (which have not been rung for some time) and the augmentation of the ring to the full octave.

It was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings during the next four months, the first to be held at Bridgend on the third Saturday in May, the next at Tredunnoch on the second Saturday in June, to be followed by St. Athan and Newport St. Woolos' the second Saturdays in July and August.

Several new members were elected, and at the close of the meeting a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the ladies and the local ringers for their kindness and hospitality. The bells were rung afterwards until late in the evening. The next quarterly meeting is arranged to be held at Machen.

WEDDING BELLS

COINCIDENCES OF A LEWES WEDDING.

At Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on Easter Monday, the marriage took place of Miss Marjorie Dawe, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and Mr. Edmund E. Garbett, the son of a Seaford ringer. The service was conducted by the late Vicar (the Rev. F. Farnsworth), and as the bridal party left the church the ten bells were rung by the local band. Afterwards a peal of Bob Royal was rung.

Mr. Dawe has been associated with ringing at Southover Church between forty and fifty years, and for many years was the leader. His son is also a member of the band.

By a coincidence, a peal of Bob Royal was also rung for the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe's elder daughter and son, who, also, were both married by the Rev. F. Farnsworth.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast at the King's Head by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and the band desire to thank them for their hospitality. It was the one hundredth peal rung in the tower by the conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, and Mr. Henry Stallham 'completed the circle.'

On Easter Sunday at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, Suffolk, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Edward Robert Symonds to Miss Phyllis Winifred Newcomb (both of London), which took place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. Jarvis 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds, of London, and grandson of Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Owing to many members being present at the Football Association Cup final at Wembley (in spirit, with the aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation, if not in person), the afternoon attendance was not as large as is usual at these meetings, but the ringers who were present at 3 p.m. had the pleasure of hearing the hymn, 'He who would valiant be,' played on the bells by the operation of the clock.

Immediately after, the bells were rung up and ringing continued until the service. They were also in use again after the service until the business meeting, which was held in the tower. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Ilkley, Northowram, Headingley St. Chad's, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Ripon, Wortley and the local company. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was in the chair.

The following ringers were elected members: Miss E. White, of Shipley, Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn, and Mr. W. A. Wooler, of Wortley.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Dixon and seconded by Mr. L. Drake.—Mr. F. Renton replied. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer and adopted. The secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse) read his twelfth annual report, which gave details of the meetings, peals, etc., and stated that the membership was 215.

Mr. F. Renton proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for his report and his work during the past year.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Armitage and cordially adopted.

The nominations at the last meeting were then confirmed on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Ash. The following were thus elected for one year: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, H. Marsden and S. Barron; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake. The office of Ringing Master was the only change. The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Strangeway, and this was seconded by Mr. F. Renton and carried.

The final vote of thanks, to the retiring officers for their work during the past year, was proposed by Mr. F. Renton and seconded by Mr. G. W. Steele.

The date of the next meeting, to be held at Batley, is May 25th.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Radley 2, Miss N. Radley (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Gouldsmith 4, D. Hammond 5, W. Newnham 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, W. Pedder 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. G. Moore 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, R. Bullen 3, E. G. Cottis 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, S. J. Holgate 6, P. G. Willmington 7, F. Freestone 8. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 6 and 7.

WILLESSEN.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: E. B. Hartley (first of Major) 1, J. H. Riding 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. E. Lankester 4, J. H. Boltham 5, H. Kilby 6, W. F. Holloway (first in the method) 7, T. J. Lock (first in the method as conductor) 8.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the Thorp Arms, price 1s. per head.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Corscombe on Saturday, May 4th. Being two days previous to the King's Jubilee, the secretary appeals to all ringers, hon. members, etc., to help make this a record meeting. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Broughton on May 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Old Windsor (bells 8) on Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follow.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Greasley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Will those wishing for tea, price 6d., kindly notify early? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday afternoon, May 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. The business of this meeting is a revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Noll Street, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the School. The bells of Emmanuel Church will be open to visitors from 7 p.m. onwards. Special illuminations will be on view on this date. Come and enjoy a day in England's Garden Town.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. For tea please notify (important) Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All will be welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Bellgables, Wilburton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Good bus service from Cattle Market Road.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham to-morrow, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Bell Inn 5.15. Important business meeting after tea. Come and try some

new Triples methods. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, Near DERBY.—On Monday, May 6th, at 11.30 a.m., the Bishop of Derby will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st (5.30 p.m.) and on Sunday the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Redenhall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea, followed by meeting, at the Yew Tree, opposite church, at 4.30. Please notify me if you require tea. **Note change of address:**—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Bacup, St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready for 3.30. All ringers cordially invited.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Sat., May 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) to members attending. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 11th. Towers open: Presbute (6) 3-4.15 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 5.30-6.30 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 6.30-8 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please notify A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea (rs.) at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (rs.) and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday previous. All members and friends welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The meeting provisionally arranged for Saturday, May 11th, at Farnworth, is **POSTPONED** until further notice.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Guilborough Branch) AND **MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION** (Leicester District).—A joint meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify hon. secretaries by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea, G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby; E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Green's Norton on Saturday, May 11th. Two other belfries available. Lunch (2s.) at 1.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Number for lunch or tea by May 8th to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, by May 8th. Business meeting 5.40 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tushingham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 9th?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilton, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 52, BURCOTT ROAD, Wells, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Lincoln Districts will be held at Alford on Saturday, May 11th. Recently restored and made a fine peal of six. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall at 1s. per head. Business meetings after tea. Your tea will be reserved if you notify by Thursday, May 9th, Rev. A. Berry, Holly House, East End, Alford. All welcome.—H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, and H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 7th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane,

Maundesley, not later than Wednesday, May 8th?—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, not later than Wednesday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec. shot de la Bere) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells will be

PRESTBURY.—A peal board, recording eight peals rung by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on the bells of St. Mary's, Prestbury, will be unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. Bag-available from 3 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar for all those who let me know by the 8th. Short service 6 o'clock. Unveiling 6.30.—W. Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 8th. All ringers cordially invited.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Maresfield, commencing 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? A ringer welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Tanfields on Wednesday, May 15th. Meet at the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Tea at the Peacock Inn at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 11th. Particulars later.—G. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring luncheon please notify the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

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ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—Ringers' Day will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (4.15) will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, the 15th inst. All welcome.—K. Salter, The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me without fail, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. Nearest station Stanford le Hope (L.M.S.), or take Southend bus to Corringham Corner from Grays every 15 minutes.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, May 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., Christ Church. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, in the Parish Room. Meeting follows. Christ Church (10), St. Mark's (8) and Rodbourne Cheyney (6) bells will be available from 2 p.m., and again after meeting. All those requiring tea please notify me by May 11th. Business: Election of officers, proposed alteration to rules.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify by Wednesday, the 15th, Mr. W. T. Elliott, Church Street, Kelvedon, or me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935).—Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 6s., before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton. Sec.

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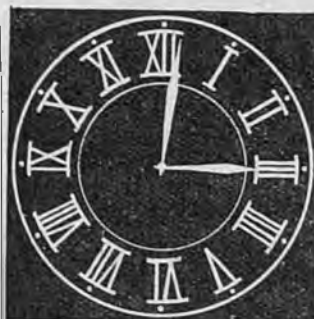
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