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BEGINNERS AND TECHNICAL TERMS

In a letter in another column, the Rev. W. W. Lucas returns to the question of the use of technical terms in the teaching of beginners. He holds to the view that technical terms are used a great deal more than is necessary or desirable, and goes on to suggest that there should be a school of teachers formed from men whocould teach change ringing by the use of the ordinary English language. It would be interesting if our corre-spondent would give in greater detail what technical terms should be abolished in the teaching of beginners, and what language equally concise could be substituted for them. We realise that when a beginner first hears the terms used in ringing they may sound a strange jargon; but every pursuit has its technical words, and, if in ringing these are at first less understandable than in most others, it is, we think, not because they are really less intelligible, but because the public are not brought into such close contact with the terms of ringing as they are with those of sport. From early youth the common language of cricket, football and the like, although technical, becomes part of every boy's verbal equipment, as his knowledge of the various games grows. The public read them constantly in books and newspapers, and they become almost part of the general vocabulary. It would be difficult, nevertheless, to get on in these pursuits without the use of technical terms. The need for them in ringing instruction is just as necessary; but they sound strange to the beginner because they have not previously been part of his everyday training, as it were. We cannot believe, however, that the few terms used in connection with the elementary stages of ringing can offer a real obstacle to a beginner of average intelligence, if the instructor will take the trouble at the outset to explain them. It may be that, having been steeped in these terms for years, we cannot see that what they are intended to convey can be more concisely substituted by ordinary words, and we would like to learn how they can be improved upon, bearing in mind that, while ringing is in progress, instructions have to be given in the briefest possible time. In any case, there must come a stage in the beginner's career when he will have to master them.

Nevertheless, we feel there is still much to be desired in the way many beginners are taught. The misfortune is that beginners not infrequently get into the hands of men who, however well intentioned, are themselves inefficient; that is to say, their own standard is not such as to make them competent instructors, and it is difficult to see how this state of affairs is to be overcome. There are two sides to the teaching of ringing; one is the prac-

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tical and the other the theoretical, and if a beginner is to make real progress both these things must proceed side by side. The instructor in one may not be equally competent in the other, and it would be a good thing, although we cannot see how it is to be made easily attainable, if there could be a course of instruction given in the areas of the various associations which would improve the qualifications of those who wish to instruct beginners. These ringers could then be made available for giving lessons in other towers, but we are afraid such a desirable state of affairs is scarcely realisable, and that beginners in many places will continue to be taught by ringers, enthusiastic men without question, but of doubtful qualifications for the task, who will pass on to their pupils their own faults and failings!

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

				,			
ı	FRED HAVES		7	reble	*WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE	4.5	6
ı	GEORGE F. HINTON			2	HARRY WINGROVE		7
	RALPH COLES				†Percy Newton	H 0-4	8
	WILLIAM HENLEY	***	***	4=	EDWARD R. COLES	**	9
	LEONARD STILWELL		414	5	F. DONALD BOREHAM	T	eror
	Compos	ed:	and I	Condu	icted by FRED HAVES.		

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Stedman Caters. BEDDINGTON, SURBEY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt. 1 or. 20 lb. in E flat.

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HORACE BELCHER Treble	DANIEL D. COOPER	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	HENRY G. MILES	7
	JACK M. CRIPPS	
WILLIAM H, PASMORE 4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
FRANK E. DARBY 5	HEREERT LANGDON	Tenor
Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES.	Conducted by FRANK E.	DARBY.
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Rung on the 71st birthday of Mr. F. Darby, father of the conductor. HASLEMERE, SURREY,

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 c	:wt. 8	lb. in F sharp.			
WILLIAM J. ROBINSONT	reble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE		4+1	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY			7
'Douglas R. Hayes	3 1	JOHN HOYLE	***		á
GEORGE MARRINER	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE			o .
†ALBERT J. ADAMS	5	ALBERT HARMAN	***	T	enor
Composed by F. A. HOLDER	4.	Conducted by A. H	. Por	LING	G.
* First peal of Treble Ten.					

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sunday, April 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 191 cwt. in E flat.

*ROBERT W. COOKE Treble | CROIL V. EBBERSON 5 Wallace W. Cocsins ... 2 "George A. Cooke 6 Molan Golden 3 Henry Tooke 7
John A, Godfrey 4 Claude Codsins 7
Composed by E. Wightman. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary V. Ebberson's first peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK, THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble | *JOHN ALDIS, JUN. ... 5
NOVAN GOLDEN ... 2 GEORGE POYNTZ... ... 6 NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2 JOHN ALDIS, SEN. ... 3 R. WILLIAM BARBER... ... 7
"THOMAS SIMMONS 4 THOMAS H. FRANCIS Tenor Composed by E. TIMERELL. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris's Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 64 cwt. ERNEST MORRIS Treble | Charles Marshall 5

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes. AT THE CHURCE OF ST. HBLBN,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

... Treble | GEORGE | BUTCHER... ... 5
... 2 | HARRY HOVERD 6
... 3 | "HARRY PARKES 7
... 4 | "PHILIP A. CORBY... ... Ten HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2 ARTHUR S. RICHARDS EDWIN A, BARNETT ... 3 HERBERT E, AUDSLEY ... 4 Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT MATTERES Treble | FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 5 CLIFFORD SKIDMORB ... 2 JOHN LLOYD 6
HAROLD SEUCK 7 THOMAS HEMMING 3
BERNARD LAWTON 4 BERNARD ASSERD Tenor Conducted by HAROLD SHUCK.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

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FAIRWARP, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15% cwt. WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Treble FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 5
FRANK BENNETT 2 ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3 ALBERT RELFE 7 LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3 GEORGE BEENRY ... 4 FRANK H. HICKS Tenor Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

E. Dennis Poole Treble | HARRY THELWELL THOMAS PRICE 2 WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
HARRY OVERTON 3 EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 4 ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. GEORGE LADD Treble FRANK TAYLOR 5
JOHN CURRY 2 NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 6

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Salurday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 17 owt.

ALFRED BUCKENHAM 3

THOMAS R. BUSH (... ... Trible | Wallace Cousins 5

JOHN GODFREY (... ... 6

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 7

ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor 3 WILLIAM BUCKENBAM... ARTHUR G. BASON ... Conducted by A. G. Bason. Composed by H. Dains. * First peal of Major.

> MILNROW, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES. A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 184 cws.

*Alan Withhell Treble John H. C. Massey ... 5 George Staff 2 Stephen Ll. Parry ... 6 DENNIS HOLLOS... ... 3 SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 4 HAROLD HAMER HAROLD HAMER ALBERT BUCKLEY Tenor Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by George STAFF.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church. EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 174 cwt. GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Treble | GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN 2

MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3

MRS. GEORGE W. FLEICHER 4

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM. WALTER AYRE 6 FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 7 GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

The first peal in the method by all the band except by the ringers of treble and 6th.

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ROTHWELL, YORKS.	PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)	On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
Tenor 13 cwt.	*CHARLES BAKER Treble *CRCIL V. EBBERSON 5
*George Ward Treble Thos. W. Strangeway 5 ARTHUR G. WOOD 2 Albert Wormald 6	ERNEST WHITING 2 NOLAN GOLDEN 6 CHARLES W. LOOME 3 †FREDERICK ROOPE 7
GEORGE WM, STEEL 3 PERCY MASSAM 7	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 4 FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor
†George Copley 4 HARRY HOMER Tonor	Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Composed by A. Craven, Conducted by T. W. Strangeway,	* First peal of Painswick. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as con-
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from	ductor in the method.
the treble. STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.	WHICKEAR OF MIDDINGEA
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,	DIOCESAN GUILD.
At the Church of SS, Peter and Mary,	On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES!	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
Tenor 24 cwt.	A PEAL OF DOUBLE COSLANY COURT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
SHELFORD SPARROW Treble HORACE J. MANSPIELD 5	Tenor 184 cwt.
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2 HARRY D. LISTER 6	EDWARD LANKESTER Treble ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3 ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7 GEORGE W. ABLITT 4 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tener	J. Armiger Trollope 2 Wilfrid G. Wilson 6 George M. Kilby 3 Harry Kilby 7
Composed by George H, Cross. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor
NORWICH.	Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	The first peal in the method.
On Tuesday, May 9, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,	
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,	PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
*ERNEST G. SHORTING Treble WILLIAM G. MAYERS 5	A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
NOLAN GOLDEN 2 WILLIAM CLOVER 6 HENRY TOORS 3 GEORGE BAILEY 7	Tenor 7 cwt, 3 gr. 6 lb.
GEORGE MAYERS 4 FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor	ERNEST WHITING Treble WALTER ELSEY 5
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by N. Golden.	FREDERICK C, GUNTON 2 *W, ARCHIE LOCK 6
* First peal of Surprise.	FREDERICK C. ROPER 3 CLEMENT J. MORE 7
RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.	*LEONARD H. LOCK 4 CHARLES W. LOOME Tener
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.	Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. WHITING. * First attempt for a peal in the method.
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,	rust attempt for a pear in one meanou.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;	LONDON.
Tenor 17 cwt.	THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
*G. ARTHUR BOWMER Treble FRANK F. HILL 5	DIOCESAN GUILD.
FRED. W. Hill 2 FRANK BRADLEY 6	On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,
JOHN E. HOBBS 3 ALEX. HUTCHISON 7	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
FRED. A. SALTER 4 J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor	PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14% cwt.
Composed by C. Middleton, Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER * First peal of Cambridge.	*A. J. HOWELL Treble H. E. THOMPSON 5
SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.	E. MAURICE ATKINS 2 G. W. CECIL 6
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.	G. A. PARSONS 3 E. W. PYE 7
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4 tW. F. WRIGHT Tenor
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,	Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;	* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. L. Sarel, M.A., who is shortly resigning after 22 years' service as Rector of Bethnal Green.
Tenor 16 cwt, in F. *Miss Mabel Scott Treble R. Gordon Cross 5	and the Ba Maccool of Themptof Alecti
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2 WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6	ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE
HAROLD P. REED 3 REGINALD A. REED 7	THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4 A. PATRICE CANNON Tenor	On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.	A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.	Tenar 13½ cwt. Robert H. Robinson Treble William T. Berson 5
On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,	GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 REGINALD A. REED 6
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3 FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;	TOWER R. TAYLOR 4 C. ERNEST SMITE Tenor
Tenor 14 cwt. in E.	Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers
Benjamin Beebe Treble Alfred Ballard 5	First peal of Bristol on the bells.
CHARLES MARSHALL 2 FRANK K. MEASURES 6	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3 WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 4 EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD TONO?	PEAL CORRECTION.
Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.	The peal at Great Mongeliam, Kent, on April 27th, was rung for
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.	the Kent County Association, and not the Sussex Association as printed in the report.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The peal at Great Mongeliam, Kent, on April 27th, was rung for the Kent County Association, and not the Sussex Association as printed in the report.

HURST, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor	14	CW	t.	Ε	qr.	16	lb.
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EDGAR HUMFRBY	Trable	TWALTER HUNT		5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	*CHARLES W. MORTIMER		6
"NORMAN H. MAKINS	3	Bernard C. Castle		7
ERNEST MITCHELL	*** 4	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	7	CHOY
Composed by Rav. E. B	JAMES.	Conducted by WILLIAM	J. P	AICE
* First peal. † First p	eal of Gra	indsire. Rung to welcome	the '	Rev.

N. J. Raper to the benefice.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.) On Wednesday, April 26, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being one 720 cach of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

... ... Treble | EDWARD BRADLEY RONALD H. DOVE MISS D. M. HAWLEY ... 2 MRS. E. BRADLEY ... 5 LEONARD DRAKE Tenor WILLIAM HAWLEY 3 Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Arranged as a farewell peal to the retiring Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hicks.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor	15 cwt.	
"MISS E. M. ORLEBAR	Treble	EDWARD BISHOP, R.A.F.	4
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	Teno

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Minor.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sunday, April 30, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

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Being five	e 120's	each o	of Car	terbury	Pleasu:	re a	nd Lon	don :	Don	bles,
five 240's	of Pitu	tan's, f	ive of	Lindon's	and si	to z	Morris'	arra	nger	nent
of Grands	sire.						T	enor	12J	cwt.

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"HORACE D, WRIGHT.	Treble	FREDERICK J. WATEINS	4				
		ALBERT E. JONES					
TRACEY H. YOUNG .	3	ARTHUR INSBAL	Tenor				
Conducted by A. E. Jones.							

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in three methods.

APSLEY END, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 14 methods: (1)	Beverley.	Berwick,	Hexham	and	Surfleet;	(2)	
Norwich: (3) Lightfe	ot and W	earmouth;	(4) York	and	Durham;	(5)	
London and Wells;				(7) 1	Vetherseal	De c	
Tenor 14% cwt.							

	TCHOL	LTZ CWD.	
WILLIAM FRASRY	Treble	"HAROLD J. HAZBEL	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE. * First 'spliced' peal. There were 67 changes of method. First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band and in the county.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge and three of Plain Bob.	Surprise, two of	Kent Treble Tenor 8	
MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble	JOHN C. PETTY		4

ERIC J. COE 2 JAMES CHALE 5
ALBERT G, PETTY 3 JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Basil T. Guy, curate at Wanstead, to Miss M. L. J. Ritson, only daughter of the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Ritson, of Beckenham.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

SAMUEL DANIELS	Trebl	RONALD J. SHARP	4
		REGINALD J. HOUGETON	
	3	C. Edward Jeffries	Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. C. Sharpe, wife of the former sexton of this church, and a member of the choir.

BRISTOL. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain	Bob.	two of	Kent	Treble	Bob and	two of
Oxford Treble Bob.					Tenor	12 cwt.
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CLIFFORD H. BRIMBLE	I Y2010	ROYSION G. BRYANT	*** 4
WILLIAM S. BRIMBLE	2	LESLIE E. H. FRENCE	5
ERIC M. BEDDOE	3	SIDNEY G. RICHES	Tenor
Condu	otad by Cr	DARY C. RICERO	

First peal for all except the conductor. Rung to colebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Payne.

FELKIRK, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CEURCE OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Hull, Cambridge, scale, Westminster and Allendale.	Bourne, Annable's	ndon, Teno	
"RONALD H. DOVE Treble		 ***	 4
I. THOMAS WHITE 2	CYRIL COOK	 	 5

HAROLD CHANT 3 DANIEL SHITE Tonos Conducted by DANIEL SMITH

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM,

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven different 720's. Tenor 81 cwt. John L. Bloxham Treble | Benjamin Williams 4 Trevoe M. Roderice ... 2 | Harry Boyce 5 TREVOR M. RODERICE ... 2 ERNEST STITCE 3 GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of the diocese, the Right Rev. Timothy Rees.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, May 13th, for the wedding of Mr. Ernest Cousins and Miss Ada S. Kenworthy at Moorside Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Odd Boh): Frank Lawton 1, *Harold Armstead 2, Joe Ogden 3, Isaac Gartside 4, John W. Truelove 5, Fred Pollitt 6, Ivan Kay (conductor) 7, *James Brooks 8. * First quarter-peal.

BRONLLYS, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6046 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and one 240 of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb.

DAVID J. GRIFFITHS Treble | BERNARD H. DAVIES 4

JAMES P. HYETI 2

LESLIE EVANS 2

Spinum I. Sopine SELWYN L. SPEAKE Tenor LESLIE EVANS ... Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

First peal. Rung in honour of the installation of Canon E. A. T. Roberts, branch chairman, as Dean of Brecon Cathedral; also in honour of their Majesties' visit to the Dominion of Canada and the U.S.A. First peal on the bells.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Court Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

* First peal in seven methods. 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGED!

Being seven 720's each called differently, Tenor 174 cwt. ERNEST WILLIAMS Treble | TRACEY H. YOUNG 4 *WILLIAM HOWELLS ... 2 WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3 GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 5 ERNEST F. SALMONS Tono: Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 83 cwt. in A flat. PHILIP C. BICENELL Treble JAMES W. JENNINGS 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2 SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3 CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER. * First peal of Minor.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WINIFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES!

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Sidney Adams Treble John Booth 4
Miss Ida Thompson 2
Charles Huichinson ... 3
R. Alan Hickion ... 5
Charles Huichinson ... 3 Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Chester, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Durham. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Wilfred C. Gore Treble | *James W. Meldrum... ... 4
Lester L. Gray 2 | George R. Newton... ... 5
*Teomas S. Horridge ... 3 | *Ernest F. Bennety Temps Conducted by GRORGE R. NEWTON,

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES: Tenor 14 owt.

*Miss B. Hall Treble | P. F. G. Duncton ... 4 Conducted by P. DUNCTON.

* First peat. Rung as a compliment to Miss Hall, who was 15 years old on the following day. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-I hree Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

HARRY JOYCE Treble ALBERT E. NORTE ... 4
GBRALD FROST 2 FRANE C. MAY 5
WILLIAM S. MAY 3 FRANE B. LUFEIN fenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WIVETON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, May 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and Tenor 12½ cwt.

Conducted by ERIC DURRANT.

First peal as conductor.

WESTONING, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

... ... Treble | RONALD J. SHAFP 4 JOHN CHURCH REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2 C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3 LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tener Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

TACKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of St. Clement's Bob. Oxford Bob. Double Oxford Bob. Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST PEARSON Treble | HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 4 REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... *GEORGE AYRES 2 REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG MARIE R. CROSS 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor
Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in more than one method MARIE R. CROSS

on the bells.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, London Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble | ALBERT E. JONES *** *** 4) *Leslie Evans 2 James P. Hyett... ... 5
G. James R. Price 3 Arthor Inseal Tenor Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD. On Friday, May 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes, In the British of the Church of St. Mary Abbot, Keneington,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 1-2 ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JODD 3-4 ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 7-8
Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner. First handbell peal in the method by all and by St. Mary Abbot's

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, May 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor size 14 in D. RICBARD A. C. BRODRIBB ... I-2 | MALCOLM C. C. MBLVILLE... 3-4
MICHABL M. K. WARREN ... 5-6
Conducted by Richard A. C. Brodribb.

First attempt for a peal as conductor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, May 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes. AT 19. MIDDLE LANE SOUTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

T. COLIN RYDER I-2 HAROLD CHANT ... 5-6
ALBERY NASH 3-4 SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8 Composed by H. Dains, Conducted by A. NASH.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

HENRY HODGETTS I-2 HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
Composed by A. J. PITMAN Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 608 Superlative and 544 Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Friday, May 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE BRIFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT, KENSINGTON, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB. Tenor size 18. CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 1-2 ERNEST C. S. TURNER... ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD... ... 3-4 ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 7-8
Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AT EAST PECKHAM.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at East Peckham on May 6th, and proved a great success.

The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening in the standard Minor methods, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd, although some difficulty was experienced in getting the manufaction.

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Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Bennitt).

Tea was partaken of on the lawn at the Vicarage by 50 members. It was kindly provided by Mr. R. M. Cook, of Roydon Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, supported by Mr. T. Saunders, the local secretary, Mr. E. J. Ladd, and the district secretary. Among those present were Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mr. T. Groombridge.

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A report of the last quarterly peal attempt revealed that it had been a failure, someone having blundered, after ringing Stedman Triples at Edenbridge for 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Mr. Ladd intimated that the next attempt would be for Minor, and asked for names from which to pick a band.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for his kind welcome, for conducting the service and his interesting address.

A vote of thanks to Mr. T. Saunders for all he had done to help make the meeting such a success concluded the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH TO VISIT MILTON ABBEY.
A very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury
Guild was held at Maiden Newton. It was the first meeting held there
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The Guild Office was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck). assisted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. W. Markby). The Rector gave the address, and after the service the members and friends, to the number of about 70, adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea ewaited them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. W. Markby presided, supported by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), Canon Slemeck, the Rev. A. F. Godley (Stratton), the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Upwey) and the Rev. R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth) vice-chairman of the branch. Several hon, members were present and the following towers were represented: Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Charminster, East Lulworth, Dorchester, Stratton, Sydling, Shroton, Maiden Newton, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. Welcome visitors were Messrs. C. S. Bird (Heston), R. Bird (Isleworth), and L. Rumsay (Teddington, Middlesex).

The hon, secretary reminded members of the annual festival of the Guild, to be held at Calne on Saturday, May 13th. He also reported he had been successful in obtaining permission for a ringers' gathering at Milton Abbey, probably on Saturday, June 17th. It was five years since they visited this glorious spot.

The announcement was received with applause.

The quarterly meeting will now be held in July at Upwey.

The hon, secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. H. H. House, correspondent for Frampton tower, as the meeting coincided with his wedding day.

The Master said he would let them into a secret. A noted ringer, whom they all knew well, was to be married next month, and he hoped they would ring their bells for the occasion.

On member were elected.

The Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and the usual

Our new honorary member and one ringing member were elected.

The Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and the usual votes of thanks were passed with acclamation, especially that to the Rector, and the local band and their wives who provided such an excellent tea. A welcome was given to the local band on their return to the fold. to the fold.

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The Rev. R. P. Farrow, as a change ringing parson, said a few words of encouragement to the members, and urged them to study the higher methods of change ringing.

The Hon. Secretary said he regretted the money had not been forthcoming for the repair of Wyke Regis bells, which were still silent, and kept them all from an eight-bell practice tower.

The members afterwards returned to the tower, where this fine light peal of six were kept going for practice for the learners until nearly 9 o'clock. Some went on to the neighbouring tower of Cattistock and had a short touch, and listened to the carillon of 35 bells.

SURFLEET RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Joseph W. Flowers, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, who passed away at the Johnson Hospital, Spalding, on April 21st. after an operation.

The funeral took place at Surfleet on the following Tuesday.

Mr. Flowers had been a ringer at St. Laurence's for 41 years, being one of the first to join up in response to an appeal for ringers by the late Rev. H. Law James, when he first went to Surfleet in 1898.

During his life Mr. Flowers served as sexton for a number of years and also filled the office of sidesman.

Although he was not a streat peal ringer—he rang about 15 peals—

Although he was not a great peal ringer—he rang about 15 peals—he was regular in his attendance for service ringing until about a year ago, when failing health compelled him to give it up.
It is interesting to note that his grandfather, Mr. Henry Robinson, was a ringer at St. Laurence's Church for 60 years, so that between them they gave over 100 years' service.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Heene (Worthing) on Saturday, April 22nd, when members were present from Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton Chichester, Heene, Shorcham and Storrington. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Haviland), who gave the ringers a cordial welcome.

Tea and business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. The whole of the outgoing officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, also tor providing the excellent tea.

In the evening both Heene and Tarring belfries were visited by the members for further ringing.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on Easter Monday of Mr. Charles William Brett, who was for many years a member of the band at Canterbury Cathe-

who was for many years a member of the band at Canterbury Cathedral. He was 53 years of age.

At the Cathedral on April 13th a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect; J. Walter I, G. G. Jenkins 2, F. A. Fairbeard 3, P. J. Small 4, E. E. Trendell 5, F. G. Brett (composer and conductor) 6, R. Baldock 7, F. R. Weller 8, B. J. Luck 9, G. Simpson 10.

PEAL NOTES.

METHOD WITHOUT A DODGE.

Double Coslany Court Major, the first peal of which was rung on Saturday at Twickenham, is a method off the beaten track. It is a plain method by designation, but by no means plain to ring. There is not a dodge in the whole of the plain course, and, looking at the diagram, it seems as if the bells hop hither and thither indiscriminately, to settle for a lead in front or at the back to practice Stedman 'whole-turns.' Actually the method is of the Bristol type, and one of the ringers, mathematically trained, not inaptly described it as 'Bristol Surprise Square-rooted.'

But if you would like to know more of the method, turn up the Central Council's 'Collection of Plain Major Methods,' where Double Coslany will be found, as well as a great many other methods well worth ringing.

The peal on Saturday was rung with fourth's place bobs, which brings up repeating work for the bells above. It was, in fact, a Bristol Surprise composition doubled by the use of singles, and when a single is called all the seven working bells are affected. The method can be rung with a sixth's place bob if desired.

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The first attempt for a peal in the method was made about 13 years ago at Willesden, but it was lost not very far from the end, and a further attempt at that time was prevented by the general strike (not of ringers) which occurred. Three or four of the band who were in the attempt in 1926 rang on Saturday.

It is not often that Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples is rung, and only on very few occasions has it been rung on handbells, but Mr. Ernest Turner called it from an inside pair on May 12th at St. Marry Abbot's, Konsington.

The first peal on the bells at Ripley, Derbyshire, since they were rohung, was rung on May 10th. The method was Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. W. A. Richardson, a nephew of Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was married to Miss Edna Mattock, of Pinchbeck, on May 6th, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in bonour of the event was rung.

THFOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS' PROGRESS.

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The progress that is being made in ringing by students at Lichfield Theological College is further marked by another handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung on May 7th. It was their second peal, and both were rung at the first attempt.

It was called by Richard Brodribb, who, with Michael Wavren, who rang 5-6, began double-handed ringing less than four months ago, and neither has done any ringing on tower bells.

A peal of Superlative at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 9th, and of Painswick Surprise at Pulham on May 1th, were arranged for Mr. Fred Seager, of Keighley, Yorkshire, who was formerly a ringer at Tibenham, Norfolk.

The quickest peal of Major on the bells at Wem, Shropshire, was rung on May 6th, when 5,088 of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes. The tenor is 13 cwt.

Mr. Harold Shuck, of Cradley, rang his first peal of Stedman as conductor when he called Thurstans' four-part at Christ Church, Oldbury, Worcestershire, on May 6th. It was his first attempt to call a peal of Stedman and was the quarterly peal of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. the Worcestershire Association.

A peal in seven Surprise Minor methods, the first by three of the band, was rung at Felkirk, Yorkshire, on May 4th. With the excep-tion of Mr. R. H. Dove, all the band are regular service ringers at

A peal of Double Norwich at Fakenham, Norfolk, on April 30th, was rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mr. C. W. Ebberson's first peal, which was rung on the same bell. Mr. R. W. Cooke was also in

heal, which was rung on the same bell. Mr. R. W. Cooke was also into the peals.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Holy Rood, Southampton, on May 10th, was only the second peal there since 1892. The bells were rehung not long since, and a peal of Bob Major was rung on them in 1935.

Mr. H. D. Lister rang his 150th peal when he called a peal of Double Norwich Major at Stowmarket on May 6th.

The footnote to the peal on April 27th at Clyst St. George is not correct. A peal in two methods was rung there on May 19th, 1928.

A QUICK PEAL.

At the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Thursday, May 4th, members of the Midland Counties Association attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, and it was most unfortunate that it was lost after 30 minutes' ringing. With the short time left at their disposal, eight of the party quickly tapped off a peal of Grandsire Triples, Mr. John E. Clarke and Mr. Ted Whitehead, who were in the attempt for Caters, very kindly consenting to stand out. The time was 2 hours 14 minutes.

After ringing a peal in seven different Doubles methods at Bredwardine, Herefordshire, on May 13th, two of the band, making their way to Hay, had the pleasure of hearing the nightingale singing in the stillness of the night. They stopped to listen to the enchanting

Of course we don't know, but the incident may have explained their very late arrival home. We heard the nightingale a fortnight ago, but it was at two o'clock in the morning, and we were not on our way home from a peal either.

Miss B. Hall, of Kindford, Sussex, scored her first peal at the first

attempt on the day before her fifteenth birthday. She rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which had been arranged as a birthday compliment to her and three others of the band, Messrs. G. Killner, P. F. G. Duncton and P. Duncton. The peal was rung on

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the famous Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on May 13th, as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. S. L. Sarel, who is resigning after 22 years as incumbent. The peal of Stedman Caters at High Wycombe on May 10th was arranged for Mr. W. H. Plumridge, who rang his first peal away from

the tenor.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Hurst, Berkshire, on May 13th, to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. N. J. Raper, who was inducted on the previous Wednesday. He was formerly curate at St. Laurence's, Reading, and among the band who rang the peal, and which was drawn from seven parishes, was Mr. Edgar Humfrey, of St. Laurence's band. The other towers represented were Finchampstead, Sonning, All Saints', Wokingham, Twyford, Hurst and Sand-

hurst.

After making nearly 30 unsuccessful attempts for a peal of Cambridge, Mr. Frank Measures actually pulled one off when at Nuneaton on May 11th he took part in the peal by members of the Warwickshire Guild. While his previous efforts for a peal of Cambridge have been fruitless, it is a noteworthy fact that he has rung in peals of Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

A peal of Bob Minor, rung at Iden, Sussex, on April 29th, was arranged for a member of the R.A.F., Mr. Edward Bishop, who was home on leave.

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The first peal in 14 Surprise Minor methods in Hertfordshire was rung at Apsley End on May Ist, conducted by Mr. Walter Ayre. It was also the first peal of this kind by all the band.

A peal that had been 'on the boards' since Boxing Day was eventually rung at Clifford, Herefordshire, on April 30th, after having been arranged and cancelled five times through illness and other causes. It was a peal in three methods of Doubles and was arranged to oblige Messrs. H. D. Wright and T. H. Young.

AN INTERESTING COMPOSITION.

Here is an interesting new composition of 5,184 Pudsey Surprise Major by E. A. Barnett. It was rung on May 6th at Cliffe-at-Hoo. It will be noticed that 4, 5 and 6 are in combination in 5-6 at fifteen out of the possible 18 course-ends, and it is believed to be the first rung cortaining more than nine of these. Incidentally, the composition will not run true to Yorkshire, Superlative, Painswick, etc.

B. M. W. H. 23456

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Canon E. A. T. Roberts, branch chairman of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, has been installed Dean of Brecon Cathedral, and in his honour the first peal on the newly-augmented ring at Bronllys Church was rung on Saturday. It was also rung to celebrate the departure of their Majesties the King and Queen upon their visit to Canada and the U.S.A.

The peal at Egham, Surrey, recorded last week, was not the first of Oxford Bob Triples rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The first was rung at Ewell for the Coronation in 1937.

Service ringers at St. James', Milnrow, Lancs, rang a peal of Bob Major on May 6th to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church. Another local company who scored a peal on May 6th were the ringers at Rothwell, Yorkshire, who rang Double Norwich Major.

A peal in three Minor methods at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on May 3rd, was the first peal by all except the conductor, Mr. S. G. Riches, It was rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Payne. Mr. Payne has been steeplekeeper at St. Werburgh's for eleven years, but was unable to take part in the peal owing to night work.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL'S SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK

The annual meeting of Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held on April 29th at Lincoln. There was the usual good attendance of ringers at the Cathedral to ring on the peal of twelve in the afternoon and at the tower of St. Peter-at-Gowts, where there are six bells. Unfortunately the bells of St. Botolph's are at present out of order.

The Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild, conducted a special service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, and afterwards upwards of a hundred ringers and friends gathered for tea in the Co-operative Hall.

At the meeting which followed, the officers were all re-elected, namely, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln, president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer. The Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Mr. Jack Bray and Mr. George Chester were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the Ceutral Council's invita-tion to subscribe towards the cost of printing the 'Collection of Sur-prise Major Methods,' and at the close of the meeting 18 applications for copies of this book were received by the secretary.

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The question of naming the methods was raised by Mr. J. Bray, one of the Central Council representatives, and although no formel resolution was moved, it was evident that the meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of the Central Council giving names to those methods which were at present unnamed, and so avoiding the confusion which followed the publication of the Minor methods.

The Master, referring to his report for 1938, congratulated the Gnild on its peal record. Ninety-nine peals had been rung, against 105 in the previous year, but the quality of the performances had, he thought, been more than maintained. He mentioned the loss of the Minor record during the year, 84 methods in one peal having been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild, whom he congratulated heartily on their achievement. He hoped, however, to see the record come back to Lincclushire at some future time.

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After the meeting there was more ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Gowts, and, in addition, the fine ring of eight at the new Church of St. Giles were available during the evening. These belis were formerly at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, which was demolished a few years ago, and were installed in their new home after lying idle at the bell foundry for some considerable time. Many of the visitors took the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with them

AUGHTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

MEMORIAL TO LANCASHIRE RINGER.

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On Saturday, May 15th, a joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Aughton, when the newly-tuned and rehung peal of eight was enjoyed by nearly 70 ringers. Owing to the bad 'going' of the bells for a few years meetings at this popular tower have been sadly missed, but this being the first 'turn out' since Messrs. Taylors put them in order, meant that everyone was keen to try them, and no doubt a wonderful job has been done. Immediately prior to the service the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Hobson), assisted by the Church Army Captain Jones, dedicated a peal board commemorating the work which had been done, and at the service gave an interesting address.

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Hutton, whose family had, with Mrs. T. Warlow, defrayed the cost
of the repairs to the bells in memory of his father, said that
he felt be could not have found a more suitable way of showing
his gratitude for what his father had done for him and his father,
than by seeing that the tower housed a fine peal. He said his father,
the late Alderman W. L. Hutton, was both ringer and warden at the
church, and while alive had begun to publish a book on ringing. All
the manuscripts and blocks were still available should any tower wish
to accent them. to accent them.

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, moved a vote of thanks to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a success, and said he was pleased to see that a closer co-operation was being shown between the church and the ringers.

In the evening further ringing was indulged in until nearly nine o'clock, when 'one of the old brigade' had to return home minus his

The best thanks are due to Mr. Marsh and his ringers for all the arrangements.

WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Owing to the sudden illness of Canon A. Rust, it was decided not to attempt the peal of Bob Major arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Bowler, a ringer of Husbourne Crawley, on Saturday, April 15th. At the request of Canon Rust, however, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung: H. H. Smith (Husbourne Crawley) 1, H. B. Whitney (Leighton Buzzard) 2, J. Newman (Totternhoe) 3, F. J. Plummer (Leighton Buzzard) 4, J. Church (Henlow) 5, R. Howson (Newport Paguell) 6, L. H. Bywaters (conductor) (Henlow) 7, E. Belson (Leighton Buzzard) 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowler.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers who intend visiting Streatham for the London County Association's meeting on Saturday are informed that St. Leonard's bells will not be available, but the bolls at Immanuel Church will be open from 2.45 p.m.

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The many friends of Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, will be sorry to hear that he is in the Royal Infirmary at Sheffield, where he is undergoing treatment, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who was 82 on May 7th, wishes to thank the many ringing friends for their kind wishes for his birthday, and especially those who sent him greeting telegrams on the Sunday.

The meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association at Stretford, advertised for to-morrow, has been cancelled, and, instead, there will be a joint meeting with the Bolton Branch at Walkden on May 27th.

LINCOLN GUILD'S BEST PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised and very sorry to read Mr. H. M. Day's letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' I think it is a great pity that such a letter was ever written. I am certain there is not one member of the band who rang in the ten Surprise Major method peal who would wish it to be proclaimed from the house tops as the best performance of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. I am sure that every member of the band rang that peal, not with the spirit of boastfulness, but with the idea of advancing the art of change ringing in Lincolnshire, and I think it very wrong for an officer of the Guild to start drawing comparisons.

I am very pleased to say that there is a very united and friendly spirit throughout the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and while I am Master I trust that spirit will prevail. Letters like Mr. Day's are liable to cause sparks that might turn into conflagrations and upset the whole unity of a Guild.

R. RICHARDSON

R. RICHARDSON, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

RINGING UP AND DOWN.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—The letters appearing on this subject have been interesting, but they leave the practical ringer a little hegy. In the west country festivals and certificate competitions, the competing teams must 'rise' and 'fall' the bells in peal, and often the results depend finally on how this part of the work is done. As a rule both 'rise' and 'fall' are done quickly, much more so then with 'method' ringers. Their method is somewhat as follows:—

Having regard to the 'pendulum' lengths of treble and tenor, it is obvious that in any rise the treble must swing off. In six bells, for example, the bells go (a) 123456 (as close as possible); (b) 1....123456; (c) 12....123456; (d) 123...123456; (e) 1234...123456; (f) 12345...123456; (e) 123456 have all the bells are in 'double tongue.'

Therefore, the treble should be swung off sharply to give place for 'double tonguing,' so that the tenor shall not be reduced to chiming and then if pulled off sharply become 'back-clappered.' Even with a tenor a ton weight, the round ringers seldom back-clapper it. Nothing is so disconcerting to a tenor-man as to find himself under, after a few rounds. Hence the tenor should 'tongue' and swing off at the same time, she must be 'ridden,' and the treble-man must swing off his bell so that she may keep clear of the tenor at hand when the tenor double tangues. The pace at which the treble goes up must depend entirely on the tenor. Usually, at stock-level the treble has to close in a bit for a stroke or two; this will 'ease' up the heavier bells. With a band who can 'handle' the bells, the method indicated above almost invariably produces a satisfactory rise.

In falling, the tenor comes away at once and the pace given will guide the treble. No treble-man can come down well unless the tenor comes down 'serenely.' Each of the other bells must be 'rung' down with quite as much effort as when up and ringing changes. If the 'chime,' the 'fall' is generally satisfactory.

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A THREE-FOLD LOSS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kingsbury, Middlesex, on Friday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. Collier 1, C. E. Lankester 2, R. G. Spears 3, G. M. Kilby 4, Mrs. J. H. Botbam 5, C. Symm 6, E. B. Hartley (conductor) 7, A. Kitchen 8. This was followed by 'the whole pull and stand' and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Reginald Pike. The loss to St. Andrew's Church by his death is three-fold, as he was an altar server, as well as a choirman and bellringer.

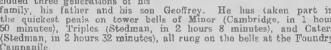
LEADING CONDUCTORS-71.

COLIN HARRISON.

One of the most popular ringers in the Midlands, Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, who has just been elected to the important office of vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, is a Yorkshireman and comes of ringing stock, being a son of Mr. Robert Harrison, a well-known Sheffield ringer.

Born on January 17th, 1897, Mr. Colin Harrison learned to ring at the Parish Church, now the Cathedral, Sheffield, when only 10 years old. Four years in the Army

old. Four years in the Army put a temporary stop to his ringing activities, until demobilisation in 1919, when, on March 15th, he rang his first peal, Bob Major, at St. Mary's Church, Rawmarsh. His first peal as conductor was also Bob Major, conductor was also Major, when he turned in the tenor of the heavy ring of eight at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on December 29th, 1923. This peal was quickly followed by his conducting Holt's Original and peals of Stedman and Troble Bob. For three years he was corrective. three years he was secretary of the Sheffield District Society, and he also served on the General Committee of the York-



Out of a total of 162 peals, ranging from Minor to Maximus and including Stedman Caters and Cinques on handbells, he has conducted 52.

For eight years he has been one of the auditors for the Midland Counties Association, and, as mentioned above, has now been elected vice-president of the association.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some weeks ago you were kind enough to insert in your paper a letter from myself, concerning the continual use of technical terms in teaching ringing. My opinion is still the same as it was then, i.e., that technical terms are used a great deal more than is necessary or desirable in the teaching of beginners.

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Might I be allowed to suggest that a School of Teachers be formed of men who (1) know belltinging well, and (2) could teach it in ordinary English, and (3) could attend towers when applied for and answer questions in ordinary English. There must be many beginners who would like to ask questions and get answers in ordinary language. This would require, not only a knowledge of belltinging, but also (1) an adequate knowledge of the English language, and (2) the power to use it in a fluent and perfectly simple and natural way. This would be of little or no use to experienced ringers, but it would be very valuable for beginners, and it would also provide a response to minds who would like to begin by taking a pleasure in mastering the theory of ringing as well as in acquiring the power to ring one or many methods. It would be a good thing to develop the study of bell-ringing theory smong beginners.

It may be asked, are there not already many good teachers of ringing? My answer would be that very many of them have acquired all the technical terms, including some which are not in the 'Glossary,' and, using them always in the tower, they go on using them, without modification, when teaching beginners. Hence the need of a new aim in teaching.

Drayton Parslow Rectory.

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P.S.—If there were teaching of ringing theory, there could be certificates for (1) theory and (2) for ringing, and even a ringing centre, somewhere in the country, with a hall and bells, where ringers could spend some days as part of their holiday and learn much about ringing and ringers' fellowship.



LADIES' GUILD.

DISCOURAGING ATTENDANCE AT EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Braintree, Essex, on Saturday. The attendance was very poor, there being only five members, including one new member, present. The blame could not be laid on floods or weather conditions

poor, there being only five members, including one new members, present. The blame could not be laid on floods or weather conditions this time, as it was a perfect day. It is discouraging to those who attend, and it is very unsporting of members not to turn up when the meeting is in their district. No doubt other engagements or peals are much more important, but they could be put aside for just the three or four occasions in the year when meetings are held.

The members present were Miss Snowden and Miss Miller (Halstead), Miss Bareham (Castle Hedingham), Miss Le Beare (Bocking) and Miss-Bowyer (Ipswich). The meeting commenced with ringing at Braintree Church, followed by a service, conducted by the curate, the Rev.—Carpenter, in the absence of the Vicar, who was ill. Tea was served afterwards in the Church Hall to a party of 25, and at the end Miss Snowden proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Carpenter, to the organist, to Mr. Felton who had kindly made all arrangements for tea, and finally to the men for their much needed support.

At the business meeting which followed it was decided to elect new members first, so that they could vote at the ensuing election of officers. The new members were as follows: Miss Herrington (Lavenham), Mrs. Barber (Reedham), Misses A. M. and J. M. Greenham (Ranworth), Miss A. Miller (Halstead) and Miss W. Elliott (Kelveden). The officers were re-elected, Miss Hida Snowden being vice-president and Miss Sylvia Bowyer secretary.

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It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lowestoft in August, the date to be finally settled by the secretary.

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During the evening most of the ringers visited Bocking, where the bells were also available.

The ringing during the day was of a high standard. It ranged from rounds through all the standard methods to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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LONDON DISTRICT MEETING.

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In glorious weather, the London District of the Ladies' Guild held a meeting on Saturday at levely Stoke Poges, famous for its association with the poet Gray.

A merry party went by train from Paddington, and soon after 3 o'clock were welcomed at the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. Ringing in the afternoon, which varied from rounds to Surprise, included a well-struck course of London rung entirely by ladies. With the sun streaming through the belfry door, the birds singing outside and the peaceful quiet of the surrounding country, it was a perfect setting for a spring meeting.

At 5 o'clock friends with cars kindly volunteered to transport the ringers to tea at Stoke Green, where they were the guests of the Vicar of Stoke Poges. Over 30 people sat down to tea, at least half the number being members of the Guild. The Vicar was duly thanked for his kindness.

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At the short business meeting members were reminded that the annual district meeting would be held at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st, and the annual general meeting of the Guild at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The monthly practices, which were being held at St. George's on the first Wednesday in every month, were proving very successful. The next would be on June 7th at 7.30.

Further ringing took place until 8.45, when the visitors took their leave reluctantly, after having spent a most enjoyable time. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Barker for the excellent arrangements made and the kind welcome extended.

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A TENORMAN FOR OVER 50 YEARS. DEATH OF A PINNER RINGER.

DEATH OF A PINNER BINGER.

Another old ringer has passed to his rest in the person of Mr. T. Humphreys, of Pinner, Middlesex. He rang the tenor to two peals of Grandsire Triples for the Middlesex Association, when he was nearly 70 years of age, and these were his only peals, but he could be absolutely relied upon to be in his place for all church services and on practice night.

Mr. Humphreys learned to ring at St. John's, Hillingdon, in his younger days, walking from his home at Hayes in the snow for that purpose, as the Hayes ringers of that time would not be troubled with learners, and he had always been grateful to the Hillingdon men for their help. He afterwards moved to Ruislip, where he joined the St. Martin's band and rang the tenor for five years. Another move took him to Pinner, where he had been a member of the band, and had rung the tenor for over 50 years.

He was laid to his rest in the new Pinner Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. May 10th, within sound of the tenor he loved so much. The Middlesex Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. T. Collins, and during the evening Pinner bells were rung half-muffled to his memory by a mixed band from Pinner and Ruislip, the ringers being R. Colyer 1, C. Lord 2, W. Bunce, sen. 3, C. Kirn 4, T. Collins 5, C. Johnson 6, J. Dolomore 7, H. Stratford and E. Ware, who rang the tenor alternately. The method was Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GROWTH OF PEAL RINGING.

Ou the Saturday after Easter, the Suffolk Guild held its annual meeting at Ipswich. At the service at St. Mary-le-Tower, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Basil Eden, Rector of Bredfield. Taking as his text, 'A man bearing a pitcher of water,' he showed how necessary to all arrangements, even the most important, were the people who did the small unnoticed things; so ringers ought to feel how necessary they are to God's work. how necessary they are to God's work.

Tea was at the Co-operative Hall, and those who sat down—including more lady ringers than before—made a company which seems to get larger year by year. The Bishop of Dunwich presided and said how pleased he was to be there and related some of his former attempts at ringing bells.

The statement of accounts showed how prosperous the Guild now is, as the balance has mounted up to £42. For this splendid result, the treasurer, Mr. C. E. Fisher, was suitably thanked.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Ringing Master for his report, the Rev. H. Drake said that it stated that the Guild had last year rung a record number of peals (116). He said the Norwich Diocesan Association had also for the first time since they were separated topped the hundred, and rung 103 peals. He wished to congratulate the ringers of Norfolk and to point out that each of the two societies the ringers of Norfolk and to point out that each of the two societies were now topping a hundred peals a year, a result which, before they were divided, the single association always aimed at. Thus they were ringing twice as many peals, although the total number in the whole country was much the same: that is to say, the two counties were getting twice the share of all peals rung as they did before. He attributed this entirely to the fact that they were now run as diocesan institutions. He recalled the fact that Mr. Arthur Symonds, whose loss they now had to deplore, was really the originator of the Guild. Mr. Symonds wrote to the speaker and asked for his help in what they had just started in West Suffolk as the Suffolk County Association. He replied that he could only help a Diocesan Association. Mr. tion. He replied that he could only help a Diocesan Association. Mr. Symonds (whose son, Stedman, was with them, assenting to what was said) at once replied that they would change the name, and ever since they had been an integral part of the diocesan work.

All then stood in silence in memory of Mr. Arthur Symonds, and of Mr. C. J. Trotman, who had been responsible for the revival of ringing Woodbridge.

in Woodbridge.

The officers were re-elected. The Rev. H. Drake was added to the vice-presidents and Miss Sylvia Bowyer to the committee. The latter was thanked by the chairman, not only for the record of ringing 51 peals for the Guild last year, but for the excellent speech she made in thanking the meeting for the honour done her.

Mr E. F. Poppy moved that the Report be fuller in future. He said it appeared very skimpy, and left out a great deal that was in other reports. Mr. Poppy's resolution was evidently largely supported by those present, and was seconded by the Rev. H. Drake.

It was opposed by Mr. H. Herbert, the secretary, who said it was absolutely necessary to economise in this way. He pointed out that a neighbouring Guild published an even smaller Report.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley took the responsibility for the changes which had been made, and said that the difficulty was of verification, and that it was better to leave out information than to print what was out of date.

At this stage the Bishop of Dunwich proposed, and it was carried,

At this stage the Bishop of Dunwich proposed, and it was carried, that this matter be considered by the committee. He was quite sure that the committee would take into consideration all that had been said that day,

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks. Many different methods were rung in the towers of Ipswich. It was good to hear blended together the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, and the neighbouring ornamental tower of St. Lawrence, where there is the only ringable peal of five which has survived the Reformation, and goes to-day as well and sounds as beautifully as ever.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

LEEK PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Leek on May 6th. Forty-five members and friends were present from 18 towers, namely, Burton-on-Trent, Burslem, Brown Edge, Cheadle, Crewe, Cheddleton, Derby, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent, Sutton, Tunstall and Wistaston.

During the afternoon the Rev. K. W. Milward (Vicar of Leek) unveiled a peal board to commemorate a peal of Stedman Caters rung by members of Leek tower. He congratulated his ringers upon ring-

ing the peal.

After tea the Vicar welcomed the association to Leek, and a vote of thanks was passed to him as well as to the local ringers for the hearty welcome they had given the visitors.

The ladies who had so kindly served tea were thanked by Mr. H.

Carnwell.

Mr. E. A. Ridgway, leader of Leek ringers, said he was pleased to see many old friends, and he hoped that the young members would carry on with the good work, so that they could take the places of the older members. He also asked if someone could visit Horton tower, and try to induce them to become members of the association.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

INFLUX OF NEW MEMBERS.

In glorious spring weather, the South Norfolk Branch held a most successful meeting for the first time at Bunwell on May 6th. Ringers were present from 24 different parishes, viz., Attleborough, Bunwell, Bergh Apton, Caston, Carleton Rode, Diss, Forncett St. Peter, Garboldisham, Loddon, Mulbarton, Newmarket, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham Market, Reedham, Sawston (Cambridgeshire), Shelfanger, Saxlingham, Tasburgh, Winfarthing, Wymondham, Walton

Shelfanger, Saxlingham, Tasburgh, Wintertning, Wymondham, Walley.

The Rev. I. Graham Jones (Rector) conducted the association's special service in St. Michael's Church and gave an address, prefacing it by giving the members a very hearty welcome to Bunwell. The Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Bergh Apton) read the lesson.

Fifty-three members and friends sat down to tea in the Schoolroom. Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. I. Graham Jones, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (honorary member), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary), Mr. A. G. Harrison, Diss (branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, E. Whiting, C. E. G. Banham and R. H. Drane (members of the committee) and Mr. H. W. Smith (churchwarden). Smith (churchwarden).

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The Rev. I. Graham Jones was elected an honorary member, and twelve new ringing members were elected, Messrs. G. P. Chapman, J. G. Chapman, C. F. W. Phillipps, E. G. Arnold, T. C. Browne and R. Burt, ell of Bunwell; L. G. Tooke, A. Long, C. Herbert, W. E. Blake, sen., W. E. Blake, jun., of Forncett St. Peter, and B. L. Lammas, of Tasburgh.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Golden proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Jones for taking the service and his address, and use of the bells, also to the organist, and to the ladies who arranged the tea. He congratulated the branch on the large number of new members elected during the meeting.

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Northrepps for the first time on Saturday, April 29th. The six hells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and London Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Blyth (Rector and branch chairman). Twenty-eight members sat down to tea in the Church Room and there were two very welcome visitors to tea from Northrepps Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gurney.

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Supporting the chairman were Messrs, C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman (vice-presidents), the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Rector of Bergh Apton), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary), Messrs, W. Clover, G. Mayer and W. R. West (members of the committee), and ringers from Aylsham, Cromer, Bergh Apton, Norwich, Northrepps, Norton Subcourse, Mulbarton, Halvergate, Wiveton, Wymondham and London.

Wymondham and London.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch secretary (Mr. H. Tooke), on behalf of the members, welcomed the Rev. E. W. Blyth to the chairmanship of the branch.

The Chairman, acknowledging the welcome, said he hoped in the near future to have an accomplished band of ringers at his own church. Two new members, Messrs. J. Miller and F. W. Wasey, were elected sixtless members.

ringing members. mr. F. Nolan Golden, on behalf of the members, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the members to visit Northrepps, for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and also for entertaining the ringers to tea. He also thanked the organist and blower and the ledies for the great assistance they had rendered. The Chairman, in replying, referred to the help he had received from so many people in the parish. When they know the ringers were coming to Northrepps, he said, they all wanted to do something.

The next meeting of the branch will take place at Hethersett on Saturday, June 3rd.

Saturday, June 3rd.

A TEN-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I have read with great interest Mr. Lindoff's letter in 'The Ringing World' about the ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of April 21st, but I wish to point out that the peal, as published, cannot be connected by ordinary singles half-way and at the end.

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To show that this is so, I give the first few lead ends of Part 2 and Part 6 on the assumption that an ordinary single is called half-way.

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It will be seen that the plain lead end following the second single in Part 2 is the same as the first lead end of Part 6, so that the peal would be false. I would be grateful if Mr. Lindoff could tell me how he connected the two halves by ordinary singles.

Renton.

D. F. FERGUSON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, and 60 members attended from Beckenham, Bromley, Bromley Common, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford (St. John's), Eltham, Erith, Lee, Penge and Woolwich, together with some half-dozen visitors from London. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. A ring of ten bells, not too easy 'going' and equipped with new ropes, afforded an opportunity for most of those present to enlarge their experience—some to 'spot' the extra ropes and some to manipulate more intractable materials than they are used to in their home towers. Many took advantage of the chance offered, and under the guidance of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. (Ringing Master), put up by no means discreditable performances, although not every touch came round cleanly.

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The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Thomas), with Mr. J. Meux at the organ. The Vicar gave a short inspiriting address and welcomed the association to Greenwich. At the conclusion of the service Mr. Meux gave an appreciative audience a short recital, demonstrating the resource and scope of his particu-

larly fine organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the Vicar and churchwardens being generous hosts and their ladyfolk kindly dispensing the good

things provided.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. H. Sewell (Vicar's warden), who presided, apologised for the Vicar's unavoidable absence and extended warm welcome from the churchwardens and congregation of St.

The district secretary read replies received to the questionnaire sent to the bands in the district as instructed by the last meeting, and gave a brief statistical survey of meetings held during the last 15 years. After consideration of the points raised in the letters and the relevant details as extracted from the minute book, it was decided that the district secretary should write further to those bands whose

previous replies were inconclusive or open to criticism.

One honorary member and five practising members were elected, involving the welcome reaffiliation of St. John's, Sidcup, with the association. The elections of two members previous to peals were

myolving the welcome reaffiliation of St. John's, Sidcup, with the association. The elections of two members previous to peals were ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Erith on Easter Monday. This was adopted with a vote of thanks to Messrs. Barnett and Cullum for preparing it.

St. John's, Sidcup, was suggested as the place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 29th.—The necessary arrangements have now been made and members are asked to book the date!

It was decided to make application to the Benevolent Fund Committee for further assistance for the widow of a late member.

Mr. G. H. Cross moved a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Grombridge, sen., for his many years' faithful service as Central Council representative and offered a welcome to his successor in this district, Mr. F. J. Cullum. This was seconded by Mr. E. Barnett and carried with applause.—Mr. Grombridge responded.

Mr. H. Hoskins moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and his address, to the Vicar and Messrs. F. H. Sewell, E. W. Lowe and H. C. Backway (churchwardens) for their generous hospitality, to the ladies for their gracious help, and to Mr. J. Meux for his services at the organ.—This was carried with acclamation.

In his reply, the Chairmen stated that he had had a few minutes' chat with the Vicar during the afternoon, and had learned that St. Alphege's bells were in need of expert attention. He had made inquiries among the ringers present as to what was necessary to be done to put them in first-class order and gromised that the Vicar and done to put them in first-class order and gromised that the Vicar and done to put them in first-class order and gromised that the Vicar and done to put them in first-class order and gromised that the Vicar and quiries among the ringers present as to what was necessary to be done to put them in first-class order, and promised that the Vicar and his fellow-wardens would do all in their power to put a restoration scheme into early effect—he hoped in time for the Kent County Association's approval on the occasion of their next visit to Greenwich (appliance)

At the instance of the district secretary, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. Hoskins for his efforts in arranging such a success-

ful meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

The half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Morecambe on Saturday week. The hells were kept going from 2.30 to 9 p.m. with an interval for a contest for male voices at the musical festival close by. Members and friends turned up from Barrow, Ulverston, Preston, Blackpool, Manchester, Bolton, Lancaster, Standish and the local company, and there was a welcome visitor Irom Bradford. Congratulations were offered to the tower secretary on the birth of a daughter.

daughter.

The president voiced the members' thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Canon Nock) for the use of the bells, to Mr. E. Swain for his share in the preparation for the comfort of all. He also mentioned that the Canon Elsee Memorial will probably be dedicated on June 10th. The Rector came into the tower several times during the ringing and kindly arranged the short service in the vestry so as not to stop the division again.

ringing again. Methods ru Methods rung during the evening were Kent Major and Minor, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, most of the touches coming round

The new bells in the tower were a great attraction.

RINGING MASTERS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—In your leading article of May 12th, dealing with ringing meetigs, you say, in this and other respects there are numerous occaings, you say, ings, you say, 'in this and other respects there are numerous occasions when more practical use might be made of meetings,' and comment, 'but it can only be done by a Ringing Master'! I entirely disagree with this latter remark. This is a position which I consider is unnecessary in any association. Ringing can quite well do without outside dictators, and I am perfectly in sympathy with anyone who will refuse to tolerate their presence in their belfry. What the world in general is suffering from of recent years is over-officialdom. In politics, religion and almost everything one can name a type of people who love the limelight and are trying to dictate to the rest of the world, hence the reason for all the chaos and nurest we find in practically every corner of the earth.

In ringing it must be borne in mind that meetings are held only by permission of the incumbent and church authorities. The associations are but outside bodies, and no member of any association, whether he be appointed a Master or what not, should assume that he has the right to walk into a belfry and take the place of the captain of that tower. I know here I shall be told, 'but the towers are in union with the association.' The towers are not in union with any association, and no such body has the right to think they control all the towers just because two or three ringers there happen to be members of the association. The jurisdiction over all church furnishings, ringers should remember, is vested in the Vicar, wardens and Church Council, and they only.

I know I shall be asked the question, 'What about the tower where there isn't a band, or where the ringers are only able to do one or two methods?' In all such cases it is the duty of the captain to officiate and to see that fairness all round is ensured, and, if not, then the one responsible for arranging the meeting can suggest certain things. In the case of the captain not turning out, and not appointing a deputy, then it is the job of the secretary or one of the committee to superintend the ringing, but not before.

P AMOS

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Northampton.

A MISLEADING TWIST.

Mr. Amos has emitted, in his quotation from our article, an essential part of the sentence, and thus gives it a twist which is misleading. What we said was: There are numerous occasions when more practical Master 'if the ringers will give him sufficient authority to "command" in the tower.' That does not mean that only a Ringing Master can make more practical use of meetings, but that the Ringing Master, where there is one, can do it only when he has the support the ringers

of the ringers.

We know that, to Mr. Amos, anything like a Ringing Master is anathema and that the place of ringing associations is outside and not inside the towers, but, when an association has been given by the incumbent the right to use the bells of a church, the association is responsible, through its officers, for the ringing that takes place, and the local captain, whether or not he is a member of the association, is not entitled to assume command on such occasions. Authority has placed the tower at the disposal of the association concerned, and it rests with the association as to who shall direct the ringing.—Edutor, 'Ringing World.'

RINGERS RAID SURREY VILLAGE.

PUTTENHAM'S CATERING PROBLEM.

Despite heavy rain showers and thunder clouds, 55 members and visitors attended the Guildford Guild meeting at the picturesque Surrey village of Puttenham on Saturday week. The light peal of six were raised at 3 p.m., and the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. E. Smith) once again had a busy time seeing that everyone was catered for. Mr. J. R. Mackman kindly brought along his handbells and did much towards relieving the congestion in the belfry.

With the welcome addition of specially chosen hymns, the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector of Puttenham (the Rev. H. Chapman). In the absence of an organist, Mr. R. F. Kingham, a visitor from Basingstoke, did his best on the harmonium, and, it is understood, scored his 'first in the method.'

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The Rector, in his address, confessed that he knew nothing of belt-ringing, but added that his ignorance did not prevent his being fond of nearing the bells. He believed that they should be rung on as many occasions as possible. He emphasised that the services rendered by ringers were appreciated, even though that appreciation was not often expressed.

often expressed.

Tea proved to be somewhat of a problem, for only 30 notifications had been received. At the business meeting which followed, the difficulties of catering for an unexpectedly large number, especially in a country village, were etressed.

The Rector, who presided at the meeting, agreed, and jokingly remarked that they in Puttenham would probably have nothing left to eat the next day!

Messrs. C. Longhurst and E. Rapley, of West Grinstead, were elected companied members.

compounding members.

The Guild general secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Rector and to all who had helped in any way.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT LEEDS

Minutes of the third session of the sixteenth Council (46th annual meeting), held in the Civil Court of the Leeds Town Hall on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1938.

The Council was welcomed to Leads by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) on behalf of her father, the Lord Mayor. Canon C. C. Marshall conveyed a very warm welcome on behalf of the Vicar of Leads, together with an apology for his absence.

The President responded with the Council's thanks for the welcome extended.

The President took the chair and the meeting opened with prayer.

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. A. B. Peck.
Barnsley and District Guild—Mr. C. D. Potter.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. J. W. Milner, Mr. H.

Parker.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. C. Pollard.

Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.

Dudley and District Guild—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Neweastle Diocesan Association—Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. J. Davidson.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington, Miss Williams

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K. Willers.
Essex Association—Mr. G. R. Pye.
Glouosster and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E.
Guise, Mr. W. B. Kynestou.
Guidford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr.
A. H. Pulling.
Hereford Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. P. Hyett.
Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre.
Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.
Kent County Association—Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell.
Mr. T. E. Sone.
Ludies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletchor, Mrs. R. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.
Lancashire Association—Mr. T. B. Worsley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe.
Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher,
Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton,
Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor.
Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. Thompson.
Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F.
Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.
Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.
Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. S. Powell.
Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.
St. Marth's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. S. Powell.
Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. J. Parker.
Sinfford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.
Suffek Guild,—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. H. Kippin.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. J. Parker.
Sinfford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.
Suffek Guild,—The Rev. F. W. Romaine.
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Sinfford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.
Suffek Guild,—The Rev. G. Williams.
Yorkshire Association—Mr. F. H. Dallaway.
Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. P. J. Johnson, the
R Young.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The hon, secretary reported that the Council was constituted as

Associations affiliated Total members to which entitled ... 140
Total members elected 134
Honorary members 15

the alterations from the previous year being:—

(a) The East Grinstead and District Guild had become affiliated.

(b) The Ladies' Guild had increased their representation by one member.

(c) Three societies had lost representatives by death and one by resignation, but only three of these had filled the vacancies.

Subscriptions reported unpaid were North Wales Association and Truro Diocesan Guild.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT. PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.
In accordance with Rule 11, the following were presented: Mr.
C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District), Mr. J. C. Pollard (Cleveland and North Yorkshire), Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hereford), Miss E. Steel (Ladies), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Middlesex), Mr. F. H. Dallaway

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were reported from the following: Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle), Messrs. E. J. Butler, E. P. Duffield and L. W. Wiffen (Essex Association), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. Lawrence end C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. J. H. Cheeseman (Kent County), the Ven. Archdeacon Parry and Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Messrs. C. E. Borrett and F. Nolan Golden (Norwich Diocesan), Mr. K. Thacker (North Staffs), Messrs. R. G. Black and T. Tebbutt (Peterborough Diocesan), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire Association), Messrs. G. H. Closs, G. Gilbert and G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Messrs. C. J. Sedgeley and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Messrs. S. E. Armstroug and H. R. Butcher (Sussex County), Mr. G. I. Lewis (Swansea and Brocon), Mr. H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. J. D. Johnson (Worcester and Districts), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. W. Roberts and Mr. A. Walker (honorary members). APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. members).

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS. It was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt and carried, that Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker, the retiring members, be re-elected, and on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham was

Alderman J. S. Pritchett's resignation was not accepted.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The deaths of the following members were reported:—
The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (1908-1937), Mr. W. H. Hollier (1924-1937), Mr. F. Smith (1915-1935), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (1893-1937), Mr. F. W. Thornton (1891-93, 1897-1902).

Mention was made of the deaths of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. J. Parker.

J. J. Parker.

A silent tribute was paid by all members standing.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Clarke, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried, that the minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on April 15th and 22nd, 1938, pages 242, 243 and 258, and also circulated to all members, be taken as read and approved

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, it was resolved to delete from the Council's records a peal of Minor referred to in the 1937 report of the Peal Analysis and Records Committee, rung for the Yorkshire Association at Felkirk on July 25th, 1936, as it did not conform to the decisions of the Council.

The hon, secretary reported that Mr. C. W. Woolley had commenced the preparation of a book on double-handed handbell ringing.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations, and have been published in full, or in abbreviated form in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Council's records and are available for inspection.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

('The Ringing World,' June 17th, 1938, page 395.)

The report was presented by the hon. librarian showing sales of 503 publications and a surplus of 23 4s.

The Standing Committee recommended that under the powers already given the prices of the Peal Collection Nos. 1, 2 and 3 he reduced to 9d. each.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. A.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report and recommendation were adopted.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, to revise the booklet 'Model Rules for a Local Company,' and the following committee were appointed to undertake the revision: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and S. H. Wood, and on the motion of Mr. R. Richardson, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the Towers and Belfries Committee were asked to revise 'Preservation of Bells.'

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

('The Ringing World.' June 17th, 1938, page 395.)

The hon, secretary presented the accounts showing cash balance of £130 16s. 7d., and investments of a market value of £142 is.

It was agreed to accept the signature of one of the auditors, Mr. C. T. Coles, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. A. Hughes, and on the proposal of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, the accounts were adopted.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING

MACHINE.

('The Ringing World,' June 17th, 1938, page 395.)

Mr. E. A. Young presented the trustees' report. On the motion of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, the report was adopted, and it was agreed that the demonstration fees of £1 is, and petty expenses of is, he paid, and that Mr. Sharman he given permission to remove part of the machine from the Museum for repairs.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.
('The Ringing World,' June 17th, 1938, page 395.)
On the President's motion, the formal report presented by the hon. secretary was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 24th, 1938, page 410.)
On the proposal of Mr. G. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, the committee's report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 24th, 1938, pages 410 and 411.)
On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the report, was adopted.

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It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, and carried, 'that with a view to publishing the book on Surprise Major methods at an early date, this Council recommends affiliated societies be invited to take up one half of the issue.'

Considerable discussion took place as to whether names should be given to those methods which had not been rung, as to substituting diagrams for letter press, and as to separating letter press from the methods but no decisions were taken, as it was agreed that the book could not be printed before the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE. ('The Ringing World,' May 6th, 1938, pages 297-299.)

Attention was drawn to a slight error in the committee's report, which showed that the Lancashire Association had rung 101 peals; this should read Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Subject to this alteration, the report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.
On the motion of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. S. F.
Palmer, it was decided to prepare a record of the peals rung for the Coronation and endeavour to obtain H.M. the King's acceptance of this record.

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REPORT OF THE TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' July lat, 1938, page 426.)

The committee's report was presented by the president, who referred in detail to certain towers dealt with by the committee during the year. The president asked for further information regarding representation on Diocesan Advisory Committees.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Young, who also proposed that the Council should recommend the fixing of a hand rope or handrail on belfry stairs. The report and recommendation were seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe and adopted, it being agreed that the recommendation be included in the revised handbook on the preservation of bells. tion of hells.

tion of bells.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' July 1st, 1938, pages 426, 427, 444.)

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. Li. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Arising out of the report, it was agreed to make a collection for the benefit of Mr. Charles Slingsby, and to forward this together with a letter of congratulation on the occasion of his 101st birthday. The sum of £2 was raised.

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Considerable discussion took place on a proposal brought forward by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. C. Mee, deprecating the use of certain mechanical devices representing ringing, a practice which has been adopted in several places during the year.

On the proposal of Canon C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, it was agreed to refer the matter to the Standing Committee with

power to act.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' July 8th, pages 444-5.)

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Members were invited to assist with the work and the need for accurate particulars was stressed.

Members were also reminded, when sending particulars, to include a report on the condition of the actual head loosed. a report on the condition of the actual peal board.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' July 8th, page 445.)

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report was adopted. Members were reminded that the committee

the report was adopted. Members were reminded that the committee were still awaiting the return of the forms that had been circulated both as regards present and past members.

REPORT AS TO CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

('The Ringing World,' July 8th, 1938, pages 445 and 446.)

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, it was agreed that a suitable letter be addressed to each Archdeacon throughout the country with the object of enlisting the influence of the clergy with their ringers. the influence of the clergy with their ringers.

REPORT AS TO THE MUFFLING OF BELLS,

('The Ringing World,' July 15th, page 462.)

The report was adopted on the proposal of the president, seconded by Canon C. C. Marshall, and it was agreed that after further consideration by the officers, the final report should be submitted to the Standing Committee for their approval, and then submitted to the Church authorities.

THANKS TO ALL COMMITTEES.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to all members of committees for their valued services.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and carried that

"This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis, resolves that peals of Doubles as already defined may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of least than 120 charges." of less than 120 changes."

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

A formal announcement was made that the next meeting would be held in London and attention was called to the Council's rules governing representation and nomination of officers and auditors.

GRANT TO THE CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL. It was reported that the scheme for the alteration of the tower of St. George's, Bolton, had been abandoned and that it was now proposed to creet a stained glass window. On the motion of Mr. T. Groombridge, seconded by Mr. T. Clarke, it was agreed that the sum of £3 5s voted last year be paid towards the new scheme.

AS TO A BOOK ON CONDUCTING.
The President agreed that a book on the subject would be considered on the suggestion of Mr. J. Hunt.

AS TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER'S PAPERS. On Mr. A. D. Barker's inquiry, the Council intimated that they would be very pleased to accept any books and papers, as they would form a very valuable addition to the library.

AS TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The hon, secretary reported the receipt of a resolution from this association suggesting that the Council's agenda be published and delivered one month at least before the meeting.

It was decided to take no action, as for the last six years the agenda had been published six or seven weeks before the meeting.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation of Leeds for the use of the Civil Court, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond and the Vicar of Leeds, Canon W. T. Elliott, for welcome, the Yorkshire Association for their wonderful hospitality, Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. Sherwood and committee for excellent arrangements, Dr. Moody (organist of Ripon Cathedral) for conducting members round Fountains Abbey, Mr. G. F. Woodhouse for demonstrating his ringing machine, and to all church authorities and towerkeepers for the use of bells.

The meeting terminated at about 5.15 with a vote of thanks to the

president, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

After the meeting the Council were the guests of the Yorkshire Association at tea, with Canon C. C. Marshall in the chair.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Tackley on a recent Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Lee), while the Rev. H. Pickles, Rector of Woodstock and Rural Dean, read the lesson and gave a most interesting address.

After tea in the Village Hall, to which 33 members sat down, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. Pickles, supported by the Rev. E. J. Lee, Rector of Tackley, and the branch secretary (Mr. W. Evetts). After introducing Mr. Pickles to the members of the Witney Deanery, the secretary notified those present of the great loss the branch had suffered in the very sudden death of Mr. N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. He spoke culogistically of his capabilities. Before proceeding to the business members stood in silence.

A short report was read by the secretary on the work of the branch

A short report was read by the secretary on the work of the branch during the past year. The accounts showed the favourable position of the finances of the branch.

The Rev. H. Pickles was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the branch.

In proposing the re-election of the secretary and treasurer, the Chairman remarked that in the coming October Mr. Evetts would have completed 15 years in that office.—The secretary's re-election carried with applause.

was carried with applicate.

Clanfield and Aston were voted on for the place of the autumn meeting, and the latter place won by the narrow margin of two votes. The Rev. H. Pickles intimated his wish to become a life member and the Rev. E. J. Lee an honorary member, and these elections

mere made amid applause.

Members on the General Committee were then elected as follows:

Mr. W. Bond (re-elected), Mr. Farmer (to fill the vacancy caused by
the death of Mr. Spindlow) and Mr. Flovd, of Cassington.

The Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) made a few remarks

regarding the branch.

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It was much regretted that the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) was unable to be present owing to being on a ringing tour in Devonshire. The Guild treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) was also absent owing to having another meeting to attend.

Thanks to the Rector of Tackley, the organist and the ladies who prepared the tea brought the meeting to a close. Members then retraced their steps to the Parish Church and other towers in the vicinity for more ringing.

for more ringing.

JOINING THE RAF.

Two members of the baud at Prestor Parish Church, Lancs, are joining the R.A.F.—W. K. Martin and D. Dinumock, a probationer. On May 7th a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung as a farewell to them, their colleagues wishing them every success: C. Crossthwaite 1, W. K. Martin 2, W. Timbrell 3, E. R. Martin 4, W. H. Hunter 5, J. Ashcroft 6, H. Davies 7, S. Bleasdale 8.

BROADCAST FROM NANTWICH.

The ringers taking part in the broadcast from Nantwich Parish Church, Oheshire, on Sunday evening, May 7th, were: W. C. Sutton (conductor) 1, M. Boyer 2, J. Boyer 3, T. Astbury 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough 7, E. J. Boffey 8. The whole of the band are regular Sunday service ringers at Nantwich and the touch was 336 of Bob Major.

They have received many congratulatory messages on their excellent

YORKSHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

Mr. H. Crossland, who was a regular service ringer at Cawthorne, Mr. H. Crossland, who was a regular service ringer at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, for over 60 years, and also a ringer in the prize-winning team when he was 82 years of age, died at his home on Friday, April 21st, and was interred at Cawthorne on Monday, April 24th. He would have been 94 had he lived to July 6th.

Although he had not been able to ring for a number of years, Mr. Crossland was a keen listener whenever the bells at the village church were rung and also a critic if the striking had not suited him.

The bells were rung fully muffled by the local company for the function.

funeral.

CLERICAL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred recently of the Rev. F. W. Lane, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bishop's Stortford. He was previously curate at St. Michael's, Tilchurst, Berks, for 15 years, and was a keen and reliable change

ringer.
As a last token of respect the bells at Tilehurst were rung halfmuffled at the weekly practice, the touches including 504 Grandsire
Triples, while the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 56 times, denoting his age.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

MELTHAM WIN SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, April 21st. Five teams had entered the competition, in which each had to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice.

The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: 1 Shelley, 2 New Mill, 3 Meltham, 4 Liversedge, 5 Friezland. Liversedge rang Kent and the other teams rang Oxford.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which about 40 sat down, a notable visitor being Bishop Hone, of Wakefield, who always takes an interest in the Sandal ringers and ringing generally.

After the ringing had been completed, ringers and friends again adjourned to the Parish Hall for the meeting, the president being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Murray Smith (curate at Sandal). After the business had been disposed of, the judge, Mr. E. Cutl, gave his decision as follows:—

gave his decision as follows :-

	Faults	Penaltics	Total
Shelley	 149	0	149
New Mill	 74	10	84
Meltham	 58	15	73
Liversedge	 93	0	93
Friezland	 103	5	108

Meltham were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was presented to the Meltham conductor (Mr. E. Whiteley) by the Rev. Murray Smith.

Further ringing on the bells brought another enjoyable day to an

HOLIDAY GAPS.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—The question of how to get sufficient ringers to man the ropes on the occasions of the great festivals of the Church must be one which exercises the minds of most tower foremen. It is natural that ringers, in common with the rest of the public, should wish to make use of the holidays at Christmas, Easter and Whitsun, but the lamentable result is that, just at the seasons when it is most important for our ringing to be at its best, it is usually at its very worst. It is most probable that in all large towns and villages, for every ringer who goes away from the place for his holiday, some other ringer comes there for his holiday, and surely it would not be too much to expect that all ringers when going on holiday should reciprocate by going to one of the local churches and offering to help with the ringing. If such a procedure was carried into effect, there would be but few silent or partly manned towers on these festivals. I would suggest that much might be done by the various associations to foster this spirit of reciprocity, and a few words from tower foremen shortly before a festival might also serve as a timely reminder to the forgetful. There are few ringers who would not be willing to follow a lead in the direction which I have sketched, if it was pointed out to them.

Goring-on-Thames.

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NOTICES.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 20th, when the bells of St. Mary's will be available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will follow at 5 p.m. in the British Co-operative Cafe, Market Street. The general meeting will follow immediately afterwards on the same premises.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Brad-

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .-- Fylde Branch .-- A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance requested. - C. S. Sharples, Branch Šec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD .- South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 20th. Church of St. Catherine (bells 8, tenor 111 cwt.). Ringing from 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea till about 8.30 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting at 5 p.m. at Railway Hotel, near the church. It is hoped, after tea, to arrange transport for those who wish to ring at Bedfont (6 bells), for about an hour. Reports available. Subscriptions due.--J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD .- North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Norwich Court Bob Major; other methods will be rung as required.-T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION -A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (15. head) at 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we hope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- North-Eastern Division .-A meeting will be held at Great Tey on May 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible? - J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel,

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5, price is. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park

Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, meeting to follow.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.

The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 20th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., free to members; non-members 1s. 6d.—Usual business meeting following tea.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea near church at 5 p.m. Bus services: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford. Northaw bells also available after tea. —Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at Immanuel 2.45 to 8.30 p.m. St. Leonard's will not be available, as previously advertised. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting 6.15 p.m. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and Dis-

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6) and Rousham (6) open in the evening.—E. Pearson, Branch Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Hexham on Saturday, May 20th, when the Abbey bells will be available. Tea will be served at the Abbey Hotel at 5 p.m., preceded by committee meeting in the tea room at 4 p.m.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Fivehead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea.—D. G. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Braeside,

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.

—A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Schoolroom, followed by meeting.—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting is to be held at Oaks-in-Charnwood on Saturday, May 20th, at the usual times. What about a Saturday afternoon in the heart of the picturessque Charnwood Forest? Hikers, bikers, or motorists will all be welcome. But as catering is rather uncertain, and appetites will be keen in the open country, you will be well advised to let me know that you are coming.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 20th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting to follow.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A

good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.— Meetings for May: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd; St. Magnus', 25th; Southwark Cathedral, 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afternoon. A ring of eight restored

by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.
—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church,
Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A
short service will be held in church, followed by tea and
a short meeting. Names for tea must be sent not later
than Wednesday, May 24th, to Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee
Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master will arrange methods as required, and members should make every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated and tea arranged for you if notification is sent to the undersigned by Thursday, May 25th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 27th. Beils (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Please notify for teas not later than Thursday, May 25th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Farringdon, Berks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield, near Reading, on Saturday, May 27th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Earlier starting time can be arranged if desired.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bolton and Manchester Branches.-Meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. -Peter Crook and J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Owing to the difficulties of catering, it will be appreciated if those who intend being present notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th. Don't forget your cards for tea, or your methods. -E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster,

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. (1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of is. to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 22nd.) Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from 10 a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.-Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting (1s. each to members applying for tickets by May 22nd, non-members 2s.). Bells available: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), St. George's, Stonehouse (8), and Stoke Damerel (6).-T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD .- Come to Hastings on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Two fine peals available: Christ Church, Blacklands (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, St. Leonard's (8) from 6.30 p.m. ringers very welcome.- J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Wood-

bury Road, Hawkhurst.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,-The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmarsh (6) for parties making own arrangements. Tea (2s.), is. to members, if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before May 24th to Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. o district secretaries.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- On Whit Monday, a meeting will be held at Halesworth. The bells (8) will be available all day, also the six-bell towers of Chediston, Wissett and Wenhaston. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m., at the Church Rooms. Please advise Mr. F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth, of number for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — The 60th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Applications for lunch tickets (members free, non-members 2s. 6d.) must be received by the general secretary by first post, Tuesday, May 23rd. Please note: No ticket, no lunch. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested .- L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. - The annual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1/.). Will those attending please notify me as soon as possible. — W. Catherall, Hon. Sec, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village,

Wrexham.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—Prittlewell's bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies' Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.-F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.

SURREY ASSOCIATION .- North-Western District. -The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the New Inn at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, 4, Cul-de-Sac Road, East Molesey, not later than Thursday, June 1st. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. - F.

Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn. ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS. — The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 bells restored by John Taylor & Co.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - The Annual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4. Tea at 5, 2/- each (1/6 to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; and Frodsham from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning please communicate with Mr. W. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warrington, Runcorn, Chester and Frodsham. Tickets for tea are obtainable from the Branch Secretaries before June 1st. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3. London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby district.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Charles Davies, Castle Street, Mel-bourne. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.-Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert

Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8), rehung and recast by John Taylor and Co., available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Double Mancroft Bob Major. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 31st, as I shall book tea only for those members of whom I secure names or numbers. Good bus service from Norwich (Castle Meadows). Leave 1.35, 2.4, 2.34, 3.4, and 3.30.—Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A

meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is essential that all who intend to be present for tea should notify Mr. W. Cutmore, Olive Cottage, Belchamp St. Paul's, Sudbury, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The usual monthly practice will not be held this month.

-G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.-Mr. A. B. Wiffen has removed to the Swakeley Hotel, 174, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.12.

DEATH.

BARNETT.—On May 11th, at The Elms Nursing Home, Crayford, Kent, Elizabeth, widow of Edwin Barnett, sen., aged 77 years.

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