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## CROYDON, Surrey.

## BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.

St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1913.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

# MODERN WORK.


## PRIZE RINGING.

The Vicar of East Bridgford, Notts, the Rev. A. D. Hill, in a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue, ventilates the question of prize ringing, which in the past brought some disrepute to the Exercise, and which he is anxious should not again rise to prominence. Our correspondent is not the only one who feels very keenly upon this matter, for we have received private communications upon the subject from other sources. Mr. Hill's letter is prompted more particularly by an advertisement which announces a prize ringing contest at Penistone, and he pleads with clergy and ringers alike to dissociate themselves from this form of competition, and frankly places in the same category contests whether for money prizes or for awards in the shape of trophies. For ourselves we agree that little distinction can be drawn between them.

In the course of the year there are several contests in ringing in different parts of the country, and, as to their influence upon the Exercise, one must be guided by the spirit in which they are carried out. Those who organise these events claim that they serve a useful purpose by providing an additional stimulant to ringers to improve in their striking, and the prizes themselves are merely the tangible reward for painstaking effort which has raised one company to a higher level of efficiency than the others. That is their point of view, but others will at once retort that proficiency in ringing can be obtained in other ways. The great objection to these contests is, of course, the fact that the church is made the scene and the bells the instruments of competition. As ringers we must first of all recognise the true purposes of the bells and these are unquestionably alien to a spirit of rivalry of any kind. The difficulty arises when one tries to draw the line. If you admit the principle of competition — and it begins indisputably with the awarding of points for peals so that the association which scores most is placed at the top of the table of analysis—where can you stop? The stages are short between this point and a prize contest and it is arguable at each step that the object is merely to raise the standard of ringing. We are not for a moment upholding the principle of a prize contest, rather are we pointing out how easily applicable are the arguments, both for and against, to those things which do not meet with such general disapproval. If, however, competitions are to continue it must remain with those who take part and with those in authority—including the clergy under whose sanction the contests take place—to see that abuses which were said to be associated with them in the past are not allowed to creep in.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

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

*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GORDON CHECKITTS | ...*Treble* | GEORGE HAYWARD | 6 |
| WILLIAM SHILVOCK | 2 | †WILLIAM SMITH | 7 |
| THOMAS ALBUTT | 3 | JOHN SMITH | 8 |
| SAMUEL GROVE | 4 | JOHN WITHERS | 9 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS | 5 | *ALFRED GILES | ...*Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *PERCY SAULT | ...*Treble* | FRANK STUBBS | 6 |
| SAMUEL WESLEY | 2 | FRED DAVIES | 7 |
| GEORGE DAVIES | 3 | WILLIAM J. THYNG | 8 |
| FREDERICK E. SMITH | 4 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS | 9 |
| *ERIC L. BENNETT | 5 | THOMAS W. GORE | ...*Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. Bennett hails from Ambleside, Westmorland.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES:**

Tenor 28 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR SYMONDS | ...*Treble* | ALBERT CATTERWELL | 5 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS | 2 | ERNEST NEWMAN | 6 |
| WILLIAM R. J. POULSON | 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE | 7 |
| ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM | 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells; also by A. Catterwell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Claydon, of Earls Colne.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT HUDD | ...*Treble* | CHARLES COLLIER | 5 |
| *GEORGE TEMPLE | 2 | CHARLES W. BELL | 6 |
| HENRY W. BROWN | 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING | 7 |
| THOMAS HOGSFLESH | 4 | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* Fiftieth peal. Rung as a welcome home to T. F. King, whose wedding took place on the 3rd inst., he being a member of the Abbey and Twerton Companies.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | ...*Treble* | ERNEST A. REEVE | 5 |
| WALTER G. MATTHEWS | 2 | WILLIAM ESSERY | 6 |
| *GEORGE WATKIN | 3 | HARRY MANCE | 7 |
| WILLIAM J. DEAN | 4 | F. J. REDNAP | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *ROBERT FREEZER | ...Treble | *ERNEST W. FREEZER | 5 |
| ARTHUR BALDWIN | 2 | A. BERWICK | 6 |
| *BEN HAMMOND | 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON | 7 |
| *GEORGE CROWN | 4 | WILLIAM J. HOWSON | ...Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by W. J. HOWSON.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN ALDIS | ...Treble | FRANK H. PHILLIPS | 5 |
| *ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON | 2 | WILLIAM STEELE | 6 |
| *JOHN SPENCER | 3 | GEORGE MAYERS | 7 |
| ALFRED FUNNELL | 4 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON | ...Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK G. BRETT | ...Treble | REV. F. J. O. HELMORE | 5 |
| *RICHARD S. STEVENS | 2 | *PERCY GIBBS | 6 |
| *CHARLES W. MILLWAY | 3 | CHARLES W. BRETT | 7 |
| EDWIN G. BUESDEN | 4 | *HENRY G. CASTLE | ...Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal in the method.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *THOMAS MEREDITH | ...Treble | *CHARLES WILLIAMS | 5 |
| JAMES E. GROVES | 2 | WILLIAM SHORT | 6 |
| †HERBERT SHEPHERD | 3 | †ALFRED GRICE | 7 |
| †WILLIAM MADDOX | 4 | *JOSEPH BEEDLES | ...Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD NICHOLS | ...Treble | EPHRAIM MARKS | 5 |
| WALTER SEAR | 2 | HARRY SEAR | 6 |
| EDMUND J. HOBBS | 3 | WILLIAM WEBB | 7 |
| HORACE H. SMITH | 4 | WILLIAM F. SMITH | ...Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Sear; also on the anniversary of the opening of the North Bucks Branch.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *JOHN MARSDEN | ...Treble | JOHN H. GARTSIDE | 5 |
| *TOM LOFTHOUSE | 2 | RICHARD P. HEALD | 6 |
| †HARRY JONES | 3 | EDWARD GENT | 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. HUNTER | 4 | P.C. PETER CROOK | ...Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, and
Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor in the method. Sixth and tenor ringers hail from Bolton, 7th from Whittle-le-wood, remainder belong to the local band.

ABERAVON, S. WALES.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST JOACHIM | ...Treble | WILLIAM WILLIAMS | 5 |
| CHARLES FRANKCOM | 2 | JOHN COX | 6 |
| WALTER NURTON | 3 | ALBERT J. PITMAN | 7 |
| DAVID FRANKCOM | 4 | JOHN WETHERSBY | ...Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal by all except W. Williams and J. Cox. All are local ringers except J. Cox, who kindly came down from Pyle to take a rope.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)
*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *JOHN COOPER | ...Treble | ALBERT JAGGER | 5 |
| JOHN EDMONDSON | 2 | ROBERT W. JENNISON | 6 |
| JOHN LAWSON | 3 | JOHN HALL | 7 |
| THOMAS BANCROFT | 4 | SMITH MURGATROYD | ...Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

This peal has been rung to take the place of the one rung at Heptonstall on May 2nd, the composition of which was false. The notice of this fact was published in "The Ringing World" of July 12th, 1912, but was unfortunately overlooked. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Lightcliffe, the rest from Keighley. The peal has all the 6-5's and 5-6's, and was rung for the first time. * First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE ELLIS | ...Treble | *WILLIAM DENYER | 5 |
| JOHN AKEHURST | 2 | WILLIAM STANFORD | 6 |
| ALBERT HARMAN | 3 | JOHN COOK | 7 |
| ARTHUR W. TULLETT | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | ...Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, June 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM HAIGH | ...Treble | *LCE.-SERGT. J. BENNETT | 5 |
| RICKS PAINE | 2 | FRANK BELSEY | 6 |
| SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN | 3 | WILLIAM J. WALKER | 7 |
| CHARLES WINSER | 4 | *MUS. V. A. JARRATT, R.E. | Tenor |

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight-and-a-half Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *HARRY PRIEST | ...Treble | GEORGE F. WILLIAMS | 5 |
| †ALFRED RAYNER | 2 | JOHN R. BARTON | 6 |
| FRED LAVERICK | 3 | HARRY GIBSON | 7 |
| HARRY RODMELL | 4 | FRANK DAVISON | ...Tenor |

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells in the method. F. Laverick hails from Middlesboro', H. Rodmell from Sutton-on-Hull, and the conductor from Hull; the rest are members of the local band. Only once previously has a peal been rung on these bells under three hours. Arranged for G. F. Williams. Mr. T. Cole kindly stood out for H. Rodmell.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE H. CROSS | ...Treble | CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN | 5 |
| JAMES F. DUFFIELD | 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD | 6 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD | 3 | BERTIE F. TURNER | 7 |
| ALFRED FONNELL | 4 | FRANK R. COPEMAN | ...Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ages of the above ringers are 20, 14, 15, 21, 21, 18, 19 and 20 respectively, forming an average of 18 years and 6 months. This is the first peal of Major ever rung on tower bells by a band of ringers as young as the above, and was rung at the first attempt.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *FRANK SMITH | ...Treble | VICTOR BENNETT | 5 |
| CHARLES PULLEN | 2 | EDGAR HUMFREY | 6 |
| WILLIAM E. NAPPER | 3 | REV. CYRIL JENKYN | 7 |
| ALBERT E. REEVES | 4 | WILLIAM HUTTON | ...Tenor |

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Festival of Dorchester Missionary College; also as a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT D. STONE | ...Treble | FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH | 5 |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN | 2 | ALFRED J. TURNER | 6 |
| RICHARD HOLDER | 3 | KEITH HART | 7 |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS | 4 | ALFRED TOMPSETT | ...Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED JAMES, Senr. | ...Treble | REGINALD BROUGH | 5 |
| ISAAC EMERY | 2 | WALTER SMITH | 6 |
| HUBERT J. BLACKWELL | 3 | GEORGE DURLING | 7 |
| ERNEST TIGWELL | 4 | EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. | ...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to E. Tigwell on his 21st birthday. It was his first peal of Double Norwich.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST MORRIS | ...Treble | HARRY O. WHITE | 5 |
| *ERNEST BARTRAM | 2 | R. HENRY BARTRAM | 6 |
| *CHARLES E. JOYNES | 3 | JOSIAH MORRIS | 7 |
| FREDERICK H. DEXTER | 4 | CHARLES H. FOWLER | ...Tenor |

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th belong to Melton Mowbray, 3rd and 5th to Rugby, the remainder to Leicester.

LONDON.
THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS KING | ...Treble | CHARLES F. WHITE | 5 |
| RICHARD N. RUNHAM | 2 | EDGAR WIGHTMAN | 6 |
| *CHARLES LEE | 3 | WILLIAM T. POWELL | 7 |
| JAMES W. TRAPPITT | 4 | JAMES HUNT | ...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SIDNEY W. PILGRIM | ...Treble | *GEORGE ABLITT | 5 |
| *REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON | 2 | GEORGE BENNETT | 6 |
| GEORGE FARNISH | 3 | THOMAS W. LAST | 7 |
| *LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN | 4 | GEORGE WHITING | ...Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT, Senr., and
Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in this method; also first in this method upon the bells.

## SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY BRIGGS | ...Treble | GEORGE WOOD | 4 |
| ERIC ELLIS | 2 | JOHN GARRATT | 5 |
| HENRY WRIGHT | 3 | W. HYDE INGLESANT | ...Tenor |

Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the second is only 16 years of age. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Sing, for granting permission to use the bells. Messrs. Ellis, Wright and Garratt hail from Sapcote, Briggs from Stoney-Stanton, Wood from Sharnford, and the conductor from Broughton Astley.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, June 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight Six-Scores of Plain Bob, twelve of Canterbury Pleasure, and twenty-two of Grandsire; nineteen different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| †THOMAS VAUGHAN | ...Treble | JOHN H. RACKHAM | 4 |
| EDGAR R. JONES | 2 | SIDNEY T. RACKHAM | 5 |
| JAMES P. HYETT | 3 | *IVOR DOMAN | ...Tenor |

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Great House, for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, June 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 42 Six-Scores, called in ten different ways.
Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

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| W. W. WILKINSON ... | ...*Treble* | *A. RATCLIFFE ... ... ... | 4 |
| JOHN MAY ... ... ... ... | 2 | *J. BURT HORNSBY ... ... | 5 |
| R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. | 3 | *JOHN GARLICK ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by R. A. HORNSBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First whole peal ever rung in the parish by an entirely local band. Rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the parish.

POTTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM COMPTON ... | ...*Treble* | SYDNEY J. COLEMAN | ... 4 |
| *GEORGE W. INSKIP ... | ... 2 | GEORGE D. COLEMAN | ... 5 |
| *ALFRED O. BAILEY ... | ... 3 | EDMUND C. CHASTY | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

* First peal in seven methods and rung at first attempt.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being three 720's of Single Court and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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| J. FRANK PROCTOR ... | ...*Treble* | HARRY THORPE... ... | ... 4 |
| SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ... | 2 | ARTHUR SKINNS ... | ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. PROCTOR ... | 3 | WILLIAM G. THORPE | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Arranged for W. H. Proctor, who is 16 years of age, it being his first attempt for a peal.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| TOM SHAW ... ... ... | ...*Treble* | *CLIFFORD ROBINSON | ... 4 |
| DAVID BREARLEY ... ... | 2 | GEORGE HILL ... ... | ... 5 |
| LEWIS WILKINSON ... ... | 3 | †OLIVER CAWOOD | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

* First peal and elected a member before starting. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells for 30 years.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| GEORGE BERTRAM ... | ...*Treble* | ERNEST W. HALL ... | ... 4 |
| ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... | ... 2 | JOHN SPENCER ... ... | ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... | 3 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN SPENCER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. P. Mellin. Albert J. L. Naunton has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| MRS. R. WHITTINGTON | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM SHORT ... ... | 4 |
| WILLIAM DENYER ... ... | 2 | ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... | 5 |
| ALFRED FRANCIS... ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM STANFORD... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank Francis (a member of the Ewhurst band and father of the ringer of the 3rd), who celebrated his silver wedding on the previous Wednesday. W. Short and W. Stanford were elected members in the tower before starting.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

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| HENRY W. GAYTON ... | ...*Treble* | *FREDERICK J. WELLS | ... 4 |
| WILLIAM A. NORMAN | ... 2 | HERBERT ROBINSON... | ... 5 |
| ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... | ... 3 | †HENRY STAPLETON | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *REGINALD H. CLARKE | ...*Treble* | HARRY CLARKE... ... | ... 3 |
| *WILLIAM ATTERBURG | ... 2 | *RICHARD EARL ... ... | ... 4 |
| GEORGE W. C. PARKER | ... *Tenor* | | |

Conducted by G. PARKER.

* First peal. R. H. Clarke was elected a member previous to starting.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Wednesday, June 17, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF REV. B. H. T. DRAKE, CAMBRIDGE ROAD,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

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| WILLIAM D. JAMES | ... 1—2 | GEORGE D. COLEMAN | ... 5—6 |
| SYDNEY J. COLEMAN | ... 3—4 | REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE | 7—8 |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by W. D. JAMES.
First handbell peal in Sandy.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Cottenham on Saturday week, when, through the generosity of the Rector, a meat tea was provided at the "Jolly Millers." Unfortunately the Rector was away from home, and could not, therefore, be present. Mr. F. Camps (captain of the local ringers) presided, and members were present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Shelford, Saweston, and the local band.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Swaffham Prior, and several new members were elected.—The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, several of the local men ringing their first touch of Minor.

## LATE NOTICES.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Biddulph, on Saturday, July 4th. Please notify, Mr. Jonah Cottrill, Congleton Road, Biddulph, of how many intend to be present not later than July 1st.—John Reay and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. E. G. Ireland in the Vicarage Garden at 5. Business meeting after. Members in the western district and from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

## TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS.

### FAMOUS PEAL AUGMENTED TO TEN.

The handsome Norman tower of Tewkesbury Abbey now contains ten bells, the two new trebles, together with the 5th bell, which had been recast, having been dedicated by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Vicar of Fretherne, and hon. sec. of the Central Council. Of the new bells one was given by the late Vicar (Canon Wardell-Yerburgh) and Mrs. Wardell-Yerburgh, in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, and the other was given by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Godfrey, in memory of the late Mr. F. W. Godfrey. The clergy, who assisted at the Dedication service, were the Rev. E. F. Smith (Vicar of Tewkesbury), the Rev. E. P. Amphlett (Vicar of Walton, Cardiff), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (of Martley), the Rev. C. C. Cox (of Stratford-on-Avon, and hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (of Walsall, hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). The service consisted of choral evensong, special psalms being used, and it was after the third collect, and during the singing of the hymn, "Ye holy angels bright," that the churchwardens, with some of the ringers, proceeded to the sanctuary where the Vicar of the Abbey requested the Rev. C. D. P. Davies to dedicate the bells. This was duly performed, and was followed by the solemn charge to the Vicar as to their sacred use. During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the bells were rung by the local ringers for the first time. Then followed an appropriate and stirring address by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was particularly happy in his discourse, by reason of the fact that the whole of the work done in connection with the new bells, and the recasting of the 5th bell, was free from debt. He said it often happened that an appeal for funds had to be made at the Dedication service to make up some deficiency. Having traced the uses of bells, he added that the new trebles formed one more adornment to their dear old Abbey Church.

The service concluded with special prayers respecting the bells, and the Benediction.

After the service, the Vicar entertained the visiting and local ringers to tea at the Bell Hotel, and he expressed his thanks and great appreciation of the work, and especially marked out Mr. F. S. Wilson for great praise, as being the moving spirit which enabled them that day to be celebrating the Dedication, and opening of the peal of ten bells for their Abbey Church. He also thanked all the Abbey ringers for their services, and said that there was no one more happy that day than their old friend, Mr. Josiah Wathen.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, proposed by Mr. F. G. May, was carried with very hearty applause. The band chosen to ring the first touch (Grandsire Caters) on the bells was: W. T. Pates 1, F. May (conductor) 2, J. Austin 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, W. Short 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, J. Clark 7, G. Condick 8, H. Middleton 9, C. E. Davis 10. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies conducted the first touch of Stedman Caters, in which the Rev. J. F. Hastings took part. Then followed touches which gave all the visitors an opportunity of having a ring, and they were conducted by Mr. J. Austin. A course of Cambridge Major was also rung.

The Abbey ringers were present in full strength, and a large number of ringers attended from various towers in the county, and from the adjoining counties of Worcester, Hereford and Warwick. The following towers were represented: St. Nicholas', Bristol; St. Mary's, Cheltenham; St. Michael's, Gloucester; Walsall, Stratford-on-Avon, Evesham, Sandhurst (Gloucester), Martley, Worcester, Clent, and among those present besides the ringing clergy, were: Mr. F. G. May (past master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Messrs W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), J. Austin, C. E. Davis, J. Gillett and T. Newman (Gloucester), W. Short (Birmingham), H. Middleton, J. Hemming, J. Clark, and many other ringing friends not known to the writer, all of whom were delighted with the result of the new bells provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the splice being perfect. Tewkesbury Abbey has added another ten-bell tower to a county well provided with rings of 8, 10 and 12 bells. In accordance with the wishes of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the first peal to be attempted will be one of Stedman Caters (Mr. F. G. May being the conductor) to be arranged about the end of September. The founders were represented at the opening ceremony by Mr. Albert A. Hughes, who was heartily congratulated on the excellent work done and the "go" of the bells.

The picture of all the clergy and ringers present, which we give on another page, is reproduced, by kind permission, from the copyright photograph of Messrs. Mallett and Sons, The Abbey Studio, Tewkesbury.

THE RINGERS GATHERED AT THE ABBEY.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Welland on Saturday. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by service in church, at which the organist and choir boys and girls greatly helped to brighten the service. The Vicar preached an excellent sermon, though he remarked he had never had the pleasure of conducting a ringers' service before. The local ringers provided a splendid tea at the Pheasant Hotel, where, afterwards, the meeting was held, with the Vicar presiding. It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Welland, with R. G. Knowles as conductor. The next meeting is to be held at Madresfield.—The usual votes of thanks were accorded.—Mr. E. Gibbs kindly offered his services to the local ringers, which was greatly appreciated.

Welland being rather an out-of-the-way place, and not very convenient to get at, the attendance was not large, though the object of the branches was fully justified. The Branch Master, Mr. W. Page, was at pains to see that everyone had a share in the ringing, which included rounds, the first six-score for some, and the first touch of Minor for others. The more advanced members rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday at Coleshill, the following places being represented. Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry, Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Grendon, together with the local ringers. The Standard methods were rung during the day, and five new members were elected. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Wingfield-Digby) was greatly interested in the work of the Association, and visited the belfry twice during the ringing.—A vote of thanks was passed to him for the use of the bells.

The May monthly meeting was held at Grendon, a village rather inaccessible from the southern part of the county. Owing partly to this the attendance was not up to the average, fifteen members being present from Rugby, Coventry, Walsall, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Stoke Golden and Grendon. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, after tea; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain B b, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the during the afternoon and evening.

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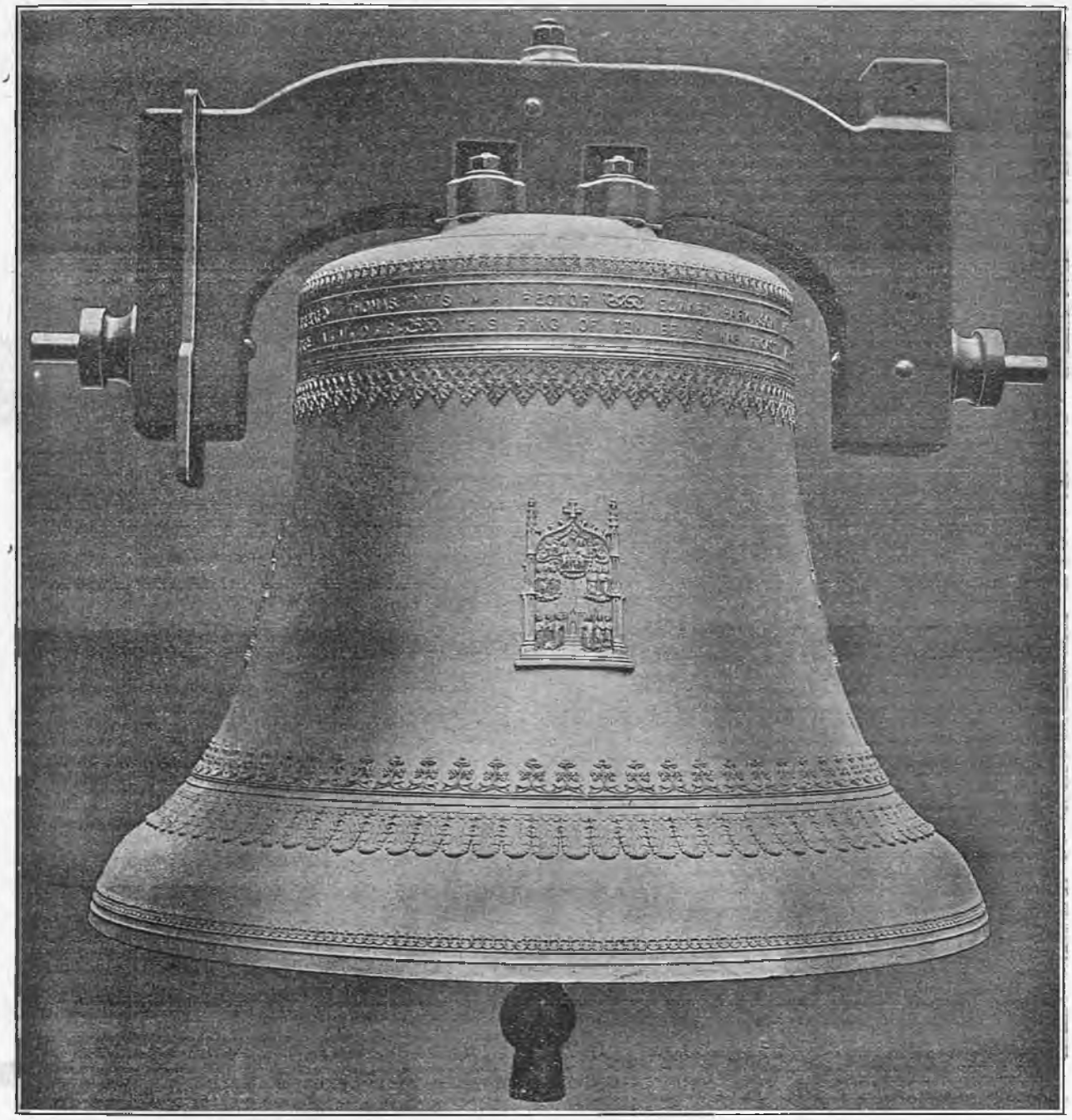

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## DEATH OF MR. SAM REEVES.

One of the best known and most popular figures in Midland ringing circles, in the person of Mr. Sam Reeves, of West Bromwich, has passed away, and the Exercise is the poorer for his death. For some two or three years he had been in failing health, and took to his bed about six weeks ago. He gradually grew worse, and succumbed on Friday last, leaving a widow and grown-up family of two sons and six daughters to mourn their loss, and with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Sam Reeves was born at West Bromwich 68 years ago, and spent the larger portion of his life in his native place. He had a most interesting ringing career, being associated with the Birmingham ringers in the days of Henry Johnson. In the '70's he spent several years in London, and just before he left the Metropolis was made Master of the College Youths, resigning the chair upon returning to West Bromwich in March, 1880. He was elected President of the St. Martin's Youths in 1881, and honourably discharged the duties of the office until he was succeeded about the year 1890 by Mr. John Day. He remained a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild until his death. Mr. Reeves was one of the founders of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and held the office of Lay Hon. Secretary for 23 years, from 1885 to 1908, and in 1908 was presented with a gold-mounted umbrella and a purse of gold in recognition of his 20 years' faithful service. He was the representative of the Society on the Central Council.

THE LATE MR. SAM REEVES.

He rang his first peal (Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples) at Halesowen, on June 5th, 1865, and his last on November 26th last year, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques in celebration of Mr. James George's 60th birthday. Between those dates, Mr. Reeves took part in between 300 and 400 peals, including several long lengths. He was in the 15,227 of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, and the 9,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on February 28th, 1881. Of this latter band there are now only three survivors, viz., Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, H. Johnson, junr., and John Buffery. Mr. Reeves was a great caller of Holt's "Original," and at one time it was supposed that he had called this peal more times than any other man.

In the work of instructing young bands, Mr. Reeves was always ready to give a helping hand, and has given tuition to several companies in the Black Country. Mr. Reeves was always in excellent form when presiding at a meeting, and while he was ever genial in this capacity, he never allowed a meeting to get out of hand. When "Sam" was in the chair, those who had anything to say had to keep to the point. Although his home was five miles from St. Martin's, he used to attend the practices on Tuesday evenings with a regularity that was an example to many a younger man.

Since 1888, Mr. Reeves had been clerk and sexton of Christ Church, West Bromwich. He was a member of the C.E.M.S. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, who will always cherish the memory of one so much esteemed, but the name will still be associated with ringing, for his son, Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, is actively identified with the art.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the service being held at Christ Church, where he had served so long and so faithfully, and was attended by a large number of ringers.

On Tuesday evening a muffled peal was attempted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and another is to be attempted on Saturday at West Bromwich.

## HERE AND THERE.

Owing to the pressure on our space several reports of outings, etc., are unavoidably held over.

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There is the promise of a most interesting gathering of ringers when the College Youths and Cumberland Youths meet at cricket, on Mitcham Green on July 18th. For the match a good deal depends on the weather, but the weather will not alter the arrangements that are being made for a social evening afterwards.

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A report of the opening of Pockington bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Warner and Son will appear in our next issue.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful practice meeting of the Eastern District was held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday week, when several members rang their first touches of Stedman and Kent Major. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and go like the proverbial clocks. The frame has been specially designed with a view to minimising the swaying of the lofty spire. The old curfew bell, "Cuthbert," cast in 1409, was an object of great interest to the visitors.

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THE MEMORIAL TO DR. CARPENTER.

It has been considered that no more fitting memorial to the late Dr. Arthur Carpenter can be suggested than the provision of a ring of bells in St. James' Church, Croydon, where for a number of years Dr. Carpenter acted as churchwarden, and towards this the Surrey Association is endeavouring to obtain funds for one bell, while the remainder are being provided by the congregation, the late Dr. Carpenter's family, and other friends. Contributions should be sent to the joint hon. treasurers (Messrs. C. Reading and C. Dean), Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

## PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I desire to make a protest against the re-appearance of prize ringing, as an evil which has done in the past, and will do in the future, incalculable harm to belfry reform. I need not reiterate the arguments against it. I am old enough to remember the epoch-making paper read by the late Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, at the Plymouth Church Congress in 1876, in which he laid stress on one of the main objects of the Devon Guild—a pioneer of all modern Associations—the abolition of prize ringing; and I have a vivid recollection of prize ringing at a Cornish Church in the unregenerate days to which he referred.

There used to be an old Devon tradition of two clergymen preaching, the one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, for a pair of leather breeches: but in these days it ought to be out of the question that God's house should be made the scene of any competitions whatever.

In "The Ringing World" this week, I see a notice of a "Grand Prize Ringing Contest," when prizes of £20 will be given; and an account of a competition in which the prize appears to be a trophy in the shape of a bell. I am afraid I cannot distinguish any difference in principle between these. Such competitions are probably arranged with the purest motives, but I am sure they are a departure from the true and proper use of church bells.

I, therefore, appeal to the clergy, who possess an absolute power of veto; to the ringers, who have in these days so high a sense of their privileges; and to you, Mr. Editor, whose interest in the well-being of the Exercise is undoubted, with tact and foresight to check the insidious evil of competition in bell ringing.—I am, etc.,

East Bridgford Rectory. A. D. HILL.

## SUDBURY BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Suffolk, one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in East Anglia, is to have its ring of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) thoroughly restored. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who will erect one of their unique pattern of all-steel independent frames of the improved "A" type. This framework, which is a single constructed unit, is entirely free of the walls of the tower, and is connected to four diagonal steel set-offs built across the corners of the tower, thus eliminating the main steel girders as usually known in bell work. This system was successfully adopted at Daresbury Parish Church, Cheshire, when the new ring of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt., in E) was installed in February last, and it will be remembered that a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, was rung on the day of Dedication. The design of this frame has been evolved by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and all theoretical calculations have been worked out by their experts in steel constructional work, without the aid of outside advice.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival was held at Stokesay, Shropshire, on Thursday of last week, in beautiful weather. There was a large attendance, including the Revs. J. P. Cranstoun (Shiptone-on-Stour), G. Turner Madley), J. C. Whall (Hopesay), R. D. Machen (Clun), A. C. Lee (Lugwardine), C. E. Warner (Bishop's Castle), R. S. Aldridge (Erdistone), W. M. D. La Touche (Winstanstow), V. A. Creswell (St. Weonard's), H. J. Scott (Clun), Goodchild (Stokesay), A. E. Kenyon (Ludlow), J. S. Roper (hon. sec.), and Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild), Mr. R. Marston (Oker), etc. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, who took for his text the bell motto, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

The historical castle and grounds had been placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of Mrs. Allcroft, the business meeting being held in the drawing-room.—Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master) presided, and announced that they had sustained a great loss by the death during the year of Captain Glen-Kidston. He was a loss not only to the Guild, but also to the country, for a better man never lived.

The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Prebendary Palmer to the latter. Mr. Buchanan was re-elected Master with acclamation, and the Rev. J. S. Roper was again elected hon. sec. The committee was re-elected, with the following to take the places of some who had left the diocese, or did not attend the meeting: The Rev. V. A. Creswell (St. Weonard's), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), and Mr. Smith.—Messrs. Robt. Marston (Ludlow) and Mr. J. Clarke (Ross) were re-elected as the representatives on the Central Council.

The Chairman asked for suggestions for the welfare and prosperity of the Guild. Their balance at the beginning of the year, he stated, was only £2 3s. 6d., and he was sorry to say it had been a dwindling amount for some years.—Rev. G. Turner said he thought the balance sheet was in a far more healthy condition than it had been for some time for the bell ringers' subscriptions were more than they had ever been. The falling off was in subscriptions from the honorary members.—Mr. Clarke (Ross) brought forward a scheme for an alteration in the length of time given to each tower in instruction, but it was decided to leave the arrangement as at present.—Mr. Clarke said he was greatly in favour of district combination, and that he had aimed at since he had been in the Guild, for he thought it was a fine thing.

After the meeting, luncheon was partaken of in the banqueting hall, nearly 100 ringers sitting down. After the repast, Mr. R. Marston announced that, for those who wished to go to the various neighbouring towers to ring, brakes were ready for Bromfield and Winstanstow, and a motor omnibus for Clun (to see the church and tower), and to Clunbury, and Mrs. Marston would be pleased if, on their way back they would call at Oker to tea (applause).

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Guild, said they all knew the Guild was going strong, except for finances, and he was pleased to know that they had so many members. The falling off had been in the honorary members, and this, he thought, would be remedied. However, the great thing was to know that they had more ringers in the Guild than they had had before. They were greatly indebted to their secretary for all the work he had done. It was he who was responsible for that meeting, and they should thank him for his labours. Their thanks were also due to Mr. Cranstoun for his excellent sermon (applause).

The Rev. J. S. Roper, who responded to the toast, said they were, as a Guild, progressing, and he hoped their finances would recover. He would like to touch on the question of peals, and urge the ringers to try for peals of Minor, and not stick to Doubles as they did. They held the record for this, and it would be well to try higher methods. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Marston, who had looked after the arrangements that day (applause).—Mr. Marston, in response, said they should certainly thank Mrs. Allcroft for allowing them the use of that historic old castle for their meeting and luncheon.—The gathering then dispersed to the various towers in the neighbourhood for ringing, and nearly 50 members availed themselves of Mrs. Marston's kind invitation.

## WINCHESTER GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

One of the largest gatherings that have attended the annual festival of the Winchester Guild assembled at Winchester on Saturday, all districts of the wide scattered diocese being well represented. The fine peal of ten at the Cathedral was available during a great portion of the day, and extensive use was made of privilege of ringing on them. The business meeting took place at the Guildhall, when the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, Mr. J. P. Stilwell: Master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews; hon. treasurer, Rev. W. E. Colchester; hon. general secretary, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr H. White; recorder of peals, Mr. T. Fairey. The representatives on the Central Council for the next triennial period were appointed as follows: The Master and Messrs. J. W. Whiting, H. White and A. H. Pulling. The report and balance sheet, both very satisfactory, were passed, and the Hon. Treasurer reported on the expenses incurred by the committee in connection with the arrangements made for the recent Central Council meeting.

The question of inter-affiliation was favourably discussed, as was also the question of a national badge for ringers.

A sum of £16 8s. 6d., subscribed by members of the Guild, was presented to the Master towards the fund which he is raising to augment the peal of six at his church (Titchfield) to the full octave.—Mr. C. Willshire, a former Central Council representative and a member of the committee, who has recently gone to Canada, was made a life member.

The question of making a new district in the Yorktown area was introduced by the hon. secretary, and referred to a committee, as was also the subject of an alteration in the annual festival, which was introduced by the Master.—The next annual meeting was fixed for Monday, June 21st, 1915, at Winchester.—The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the officers for their services.

Subsequently the ringers attended service at the Cathedral, the preacher being Canon Yarborough.

In the evening, a large gathering sat down to tea at the Guildhall, where thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells and to the preacher.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the western district, under the new divisional scheme of the Yorkshire Association, was held at Heptonstall on Saturday week, in response to a much appreciated invitation received from the Vicar and local members. The initial meetings of the other districts were all favoured with lovely weather, and this, the last, proved no exception. The village of Heptonstall is situated among the hills on the Lancashire border, and the climb of a mile or so from Hebden Bridge station, with a gradient in places of 1 in 4, will not be forgotten by the 50 or more visitors who essayed it. The upward progress was finished by mounting to the top of the church tower, but the reward, a magnificent view of the surrounding hills, was voted by all to be well worth the labour. Nor was this all. The visitors had the privilege of hearing some perfectly struck ringing on the magnificent ring of eight, the old six having recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Taylor Without doubt, they are the grandest ring for miles around.

A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, when a helpful address was given by the Vicar, from Ephesians iv, 1: "That ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

In the schools afterwards a good meat tea was much enjoyed. The business meeting followed, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Gough), the general secretary, treasurer, Vice-President Bolland, and other officers. The positions of district vice-president and ringing master were filled by the election of Messrs. G. Bolland and P. J. Johnson respectively, and the acclamation with which they were voted leaves no room for doubt that they are the right men in the right places. Mr. P. L. Cooper, of Holbeck St. Matthew's, an energetic young ringer, was elected district secretary, and doubtless here again a good choice was made. The following members, many with long and good service to their credit under the former centralised management, were elected on the district committee: Messrs. McKell (Gargrave), Hardcastle (Bradford), Broadley (Shipley), Williams (Headingley), P. Cordingley (Pudsey), Lawson (Lightcliffe), Robinson (Mirfield), F. Robertshaw (Heptonstall), and F. W. Dixon (Guiseley). Of these the two elected to serve with the three principal officers on the general committee were Messrs. Broadley and Williams.—The next district meeting was arranged to be held, if practicable, at Settle on September 12th.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and local members for their invitation and arrangements, and the Vicar was elected an honorary member. The meeting over, several re-visited the belfry for the privilege of more ringing, whilst others were shown the principal objects (among many) of interest in connection with the church and village, under the willing guidance of the Vicar, and the beautiful spring day seemed to come to an end all too soon. From the willingness of the Vicar and local ringers to entertain the members again, and the amount of enjoyment derived from the day's proceedings, it will probably not be very long before the Association's first visit to Hepstonstall will be added to, either by a district meeting, or a general one in larger numbers.

Will members of the Western District please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the district secretary, Mr. P. L. Cooper, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

## "WELCOMING THE BELLS."

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be much obliged if any reader could give me information with regard to "Welcoming the Bells" into the parish. The six bells belonging to our Parish Church have been recast, and two new ones added. When they return we wish to welcome them back. There are, I believe, some interesting old customs in connection with this, and we wish to mark the occasion in an appropriate way. Five of the old bells are dated 1668 and the treble 1681: the dates, and old inscriptions and marks are being reproduced.—Yours truly,

R. D. MACHEN.

20th June, 1914. Clun Vicarage, Shropshire.

# The "WARNER"

## SELF-ALIGNING, SELF-LUBRICATING, OIL BATH and OIL RING Design of Bearings for Bells.

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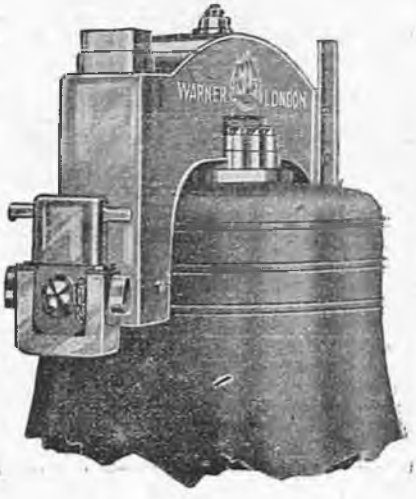


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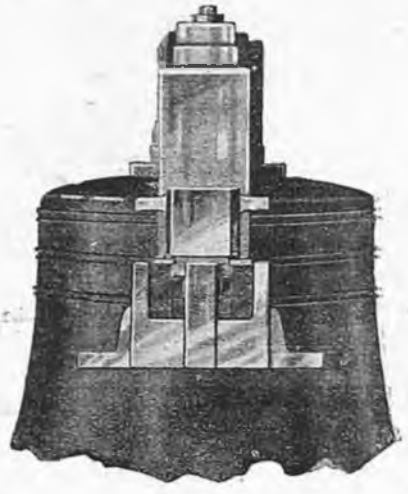

The above **Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath** and **Oil Ring** design of Bearing is a joint invention of Robert Warner and William Alfred Greening, and is based upon the principle for which a patent was granted to Edward Bancroft, of Providence, U.S.A., as far back as the year 1842.

The anonymous illustration of a Self-Aligning Bearing which appeared in this periodical for some time, is not associated in any way with Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., and any inference of this kind is entirely erroneous and false, as, being anonymous, this illustration may have had the effect of misleading the Exercise generally.

At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does theelimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"THE RINGING WORLD'S" SPECIAL REPORT.

Continued from page 417.

In continuing the discussion upon the subject of inter-affiliation, Mr. G. P. Burton (Norwich) said as a member of an association which would be very largely affected by such a scheme, he must oppose the proposal on principle. He did not think they wanted inter-affiliation at all; it was simply nonsense. There was no real reason for it. If it was wanted simply to make the ringing of peals easier they did not want it, because they did not want to encourage that. The Council had already attempted to prove that there were too many peals rung. If it were wanted in order to help on good fellowship among ringers, he denied that it was needed. It was almost proverbial that no other body in the country could show such good fellowship as existed among ringers. From the point of view of the Associations, it was a most mischievous thing. The Associations possessed a sort of asset in membership but that would be taken away by the payment of a mere trifle. His own Association, at any rate, could not accept the financial aspect. They were in the same position as other large associations. Their funds were no longer increasing, but rather were going back, and their expenditure went up, and seemed likely to do so. On the other hand they were losing their honorary members, and that was a matter which every association would have to face sooner or later. They could not afford to give up the least little bit of payment that was made for the distinction which they conferred in their membership. By being separate associations they had in a large measure a very healthy form of competition, but if they had inter-affiliation there would be no more competition, for they would all be at once a member of everything. He felt it was an absolutely destructive policy, and if it was attempted to be carried out it would break up the associations. What they wanted to do was to weld them together and not to break them up. If a number of small associations found it was possible to have inter-affiliation where districts overlapped, well and good, but it would be very hard on those larger associations who might be compelled automatically to come in.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Sussex) opposed the scheme on the ground of impracticability. The whole principle, he said, was utterly useless, as it would override the rules already made by each association, or else dictate to them what their rules should be. On those grounds, he hoped the Council would throw out both the amendment and the proposition.

## SIXPENCE FOR A SHILLING.

Mr. A. T. King (Middlesex) said he was very much in sympathy with what Mr. Burton had said. If he would find it very harmful to his association, a fortiori it would be more harmful to the one to which he belonged, which was very small. It was not a just or business-like proposition. It was not just because the axiom ought to run through every society that they must not give a stranger benefits at a less cost than they gave them to their own members. His association had expressed themselves very decidedly against the proposal. There was a great deal of talk about the brotherhood of ringers, but the proposal was an effort to work on their credulity. He yielded to no one in cordiality to ringers, but to come in a Lloyd-Georgian fashion, and offer not 9d. for 4d., but 6d. for 1s. was imposing on the credulity of their members. He did not want to throw cold water on any association willing to try the proposal (laughter). Ringers were always welcomed at the meetings of his association, and to ring with them, whether they were members or not, but if they offered them peals they were taking away from their own members what they had a right to expect for themselves.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford) said they had not had time to put the matter before an annual meeting of his Guild, but it came before their committee, and they were unanimous in saying that they could not possibly entertain it. They did not go any further than the financial side. That was quite enough.

Mr. J. Griffin (Midland Counties) supported the argument of Mr. Burton. If any member of an association had sufficient means to go about the country for peals, he should be prepared to pay the real fees so that the associations should benefit.

The President said the subject had not had the opening up that it deserved. Strong views were held on both sides, and it had not been made apparent that one of the chief reasons brought forward was the difficulty there had been in getting subscriptions from members who had been elected in a tower. There had also been a considerable amount of discussion in years gone by as to the propriety of electing members in a tower at all. He had known a good many instances where, although gentlemen had been elected members of an association before starting for a peal because the peal had not been got, the subscription had not been paid, and occasionally the subscription had not been paid even when the peal had been got (hear, hear). That was a considerable grievance to a great many people. The matter was worthy of more ample discussion than they had given it, and he suggested that it should be brought forward next year in a slightly different and more acceptable form.

Mr. A. Roberts (Warwickshire) said he was requested by his association to give the scheme support, although personally he did not believe in it. If a man could go about the country peal ringing he could afford to pay.

Mr. Jones said he was in the same position as Mr. Roberts, but the object of those who introduced it was that a man who had not got much money, but wished to ring a peal with another association might save himself 4s. 6d.

Mr. J. D. Matthews (Cumberland Youths) thought associations would benefit financially. They would be better off if they got 200 members paying 6d. each than if they waited to snatch a dozen at 5s. He thought it would prove a good financial proposition for those associations who took the scheme up.

Mr. Newman said if the Council were agreeable they could draw a scheme up so that associations favourable to the principle might adopt that scheme. That would save having different schemes in operation in different parts of the country.

The President, on putting the proposition to the vote, warned the meeting that if the amendment were lost the original motion also fell to the ground because one contained the essence of the other.

The amendment was defeated by a large majority, only 15 voting in favour of it.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

The Rev. H. L. James moved: "That Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway is the same method as the Major." He said that, as he fully explained his contentions at Newcastle last year, and had since set them out in "The Ringing World," he would not waste words, but simply formally move the resolution.

Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded the motion, and said he thought Mr. James's proof was a splendid piece of scientific analysis.

The President said he confessed he was placed in a very difficult position. He thought he knew something about these things, but latterly, after reading the ringing papers, he began to feel not only that he was a fool, but that he did not even know the beginnings of the principles of bell ringing at all (laughter). He was quite content to believe that Mr. James, Mr. Lewis and the gentlemen who had considered the matter were absolutely persuaded that the Royal was the same as the Major. He was quite ready to take it on trust, but he was not going to take his solemn oath to it himself. If the motion could be put into some gentler form, that they might be asked to be allowed to take it for granted that it was the same method, he was prepared to agree, but that they should definitely say the two were the same method was too drastic a step which he did not think many of the Council would dare to take. He could not do himself.

Mr. Trollope: I should like to say definitely that it is not (laughter). The question, added Mr. Trollope, was an exceedingly interesting one to those who knew anything about it. There were, roughly, 100,000 methods, when they got up to 40 bells, which had as much right to be called Superlative as Mr. James's method. He did not know what the opinion of the majority was, but he was sure in his own own mind that Double Norwich Royal was not the same as Double Norwich Major, so far as the ringing of it was concerned, yet he was prepared to prove that it was absolutely the same in construction. Superlative Royal was not the same as the Major; it was not the same in construction. Mr. James's argument had got several weak places, and the proof was not so complete as it might appear.

In urging his desire to have the resolution passed, the Rev. H. Law James said he wanted it because the method was one of the most wonderful things on paper. It would go on any number of bells. Shipway brought the method out. They did not know how he got it, but in all probability Shipway knew far more about methods than they thought he did. A false peal of Superlative Royal was rung about 1815, and a true one wanted ringing. When it was rung it ought to rank as Superlative Surprise Royal. He wanted to encourage people to ring it. Cambridge had been rung, and they wanted Superlative rung.

Mr. R. Cartwright argued that the method was already named. If Shipway called it Superlative Surprise Royal, he had a perfect right to name it.

## "A CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS."

The President said he did not think they could endorse Mr. James's views, whether they were right or wrong. He did not see how their opinion would be of any particular value to Mr. James, and to vote upon the subject would, he thought, be out of order.

A member asked, supposing a peal of it were rung, what difference would it make to anybody, whether they passed that resolution or not?

The Rev. H. Law James: It would save such a discussion as that which arose over the peal rung at Stepney, which was a very fine method. It was called London, but it was not London.

The Hon. Secretary said this was a case where doctors differed. They had "Doctor" James holding one view, and "Doctor" Trollope another, and how were the Council to decide? He, therefore, begged to move: "That this Council does not feel competent to decide the question" (laughter).

Mr. J. Griffin seconded.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he would move that the Council did not consider that a vote on the question would be in order.

The President said that was a debatable point. As had been pointed out, what would it matter whether the Council passed the resolution or not.

The Hon. Secretary said he admitted that it was a confession of weakness if they carried his amendment.

The Rev. H. L. James: Shall I cut the knot by withdrawing the motion, because I am bound to say that it would be very hard for me to vote against Mr. Davies's amendment (loud laughter).

The President said they had been 24 years a Council, and they must be careful not to stultify themselves. By carefully considering all questions, and not making fools of themselves, they had obtained a very definite position in the Exercise, and they must be careful not to take any vote which had no real meaning.

The Rev. H. L. James: I will withdraw.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, as seconder, agreed, and the subject, therefore, dropped.

REPRESENTATION OF THE LADIES' GUILD.

The President explained that the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Council had been omitted from the agenda. The matter was postponed from last year, in order that the members might have an opportunity of consulting their associations. At the Newcastle meeting the Council was informed that, although it had been suggested that the ladies should ask to be represented on a smaller membership than the 75 which gave representation to a society, they did not wish to press the matter, and, at the present time that had practically fallen to the ground. Miss Parker had, however, telegraphed that the number of ladies belonging to the Guild was now 80 odd, and she also said that representation on the Council was the desire of the majority of the members of the Guild. The President, continuing, said he thought it desirable that they should take a definite vote as to whether the Ladies' Guild should have representation or not. The point which Mr. Burton made at Newcastle, that it would probably mean that the ladies would be plural voters, might be true in a technical sense, but many of them were also plural voters in the sense that they belonged to more than one association. The point was, however, of such little importance that he did not think it was worth consideration.

Mr. J. Griffin moved that the Ladies' Guild be admitted to representation upon the same terms as other associations.

Canon Baker, in seconding, said in his own Association (Bedfordshire) they did not put the question definitely to the vote as to what should be done, but the members gave a very clear indication by voting a lady to be vice-president of the association.

LADIES IN THE OXFORD GUILD.

In supporting the admission of a representative of the Ladies' Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said no Guild or Society owed more to the work of the ladies in the various towers than did his Guild. The influence that had been exerted in the towers in which the ladies had taken part in the ringing had been exceptionally good. The question of admitting them to the Council was the same as admitting them to the towers at all. They had to see that those who came to join a band were keen churchpeople, and had a love for bells in the very widest sense of the word. If they kept out of their belfries those who had those two qualifications, to whichever sex they belonged, they would spoil a great many gifts which had been entrusted to them. On the same grounds, he thought they should admit ladies to that Council.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews also supported the motion. He said they had the honour of the membership in his Guild (Winchester) of Miss Alice White, the President of the Ladies' Guild. There were two lady ringers in his own tower, one of whom took part in three 720's for service on the previous Sunday.

Mr. A. T. King spoke in favour of the resolution, but asked if they were sure that in admitting the Ladies' Guild they were preventing any other guild of ladies from putting in a similar claim. They wanted this to be the one and only representative of the ladies.

The President: Why?

Mr. King: Then all I can say is that it would be doing away with the raison d'etre of their belonging to the Guild if you are going to admit others.

The President read the second rule of the Council: "That the Council consist of representative members from all recognised societies, associations and guilds of church bell ringers . . . numbering not less than 75 members." They would see that representative members from all recognised societies had a prima facie right to representation on that Council, he said. It did not say anything about ladies or gentlemen.

The Rev. E. S. Powell: Have they not got an absolute right to representation already if they have 75 members?

Mr. King said the rule provided for "recognised" societies, and somebody must recognise them

A CYNICAL CRITIC.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he must again enter his protest against the admission of the ladies. He came there that afternoon fortified by the opinion of the committee of his Association (Norwich), which was opposed entirely to the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Council. His references last year had been absolutely justified. The Council had set a standard of peals. Personally he did not care anything about peals, but what peals had the ladies rung? They had not rung a peal so far as he was aware.

The President: You are taking for granted what I think you should prove. What is the standard of peals that the Council has set up?

Mr. Burton said the Council looked up to peal ringing as a standard. Last year he called attention to the fact that the Ladies' Guild had only rung one peal, and he thought he was right in saying that they had not rung a single peal since, whereas the other associations had rung many. Were ladies, he concluded, suitable creatures to come and sit with the men. When he opened his paper that morning he read that they had just burned down a church (laughter).

Mr. F. Hopgood: According to you they are all criminals.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore asked if the Ladies' Guild could be properly described as a guild of church bell ringers. They were a Council of church bell ringers.

The President: I was under the impression that most of them are church bell ringers

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said for himself he had doubts whether church bell ringing was the best occupation for ladies. His committee, however, were unanimously of opinion that, if the Ladies' Guild asked to be represented, and had the minimum number of members, they ought to be admitted to the Council.

The motion was then put, the only dissentient being Mr. Burton.

THE NEXT MEETINGS.

The President said next year's meeting would be in London, and at that meeting they would have to consider the next triennium, which would be East and West. For the East it had been suggested they should go to Ipswich. They had deserved it by a great deal of excellent ringing kept up for many years, and he thought there would be no question that Ipswich would be the place. The first year after the London meeting would be the Western meeting and Salisbury and Plymouth had been suggested. It was a great question whether it would not be a good thing to go to Plymouth — there were some staunch ringers at Plymouth. Although it was rather a long way away, they must remember that Newcastle was one of their most successful meetings.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Sir Arthur Heywood briefly acknowledging the compliment.

In the evening the members of the Council were the guests of the Winchester Guild, a small committee of officers of which had made such excellent arrangements, that an extremely pleasant social was enjoyed at the Guildhall. During the evening there was handbell ringing, quartets from Gilbert and Sullivan's operas by Mrs. Hethering-ton, Miss D. Elkins, Mr. R. Elkins and Mr. Edgar Fielder; songs by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Cyril Johnston, and Devonshire yarns, told in his inimitable style by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Before the close, the Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of Winchester for the use of the Cathedral bells, the motion being briefly acknowledged by Dr. Furneaux.

## NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD, to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 27th, 1914. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at Greyhound Inn.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 27th. A motor-'bus will leave Trent Bridge at 2.30 for Colston, return fare 1s. 6d. (if 20 passengers). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station) on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3-9 (8 bells). Short service. Tea by kind invitation.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, Saffron Walden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting wil be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. W. Rock Small to the memory of his late beloved wife. As Ringing-Master of the above Guild, I earnestly invite all members of the Guild to attend that service, and thereby show our respect to our esteemed treasurer, and by our presence cheer him in his trouble. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock.—S. Spittle, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the White Hart Hotel, at about 5.30. The room will also be available for the meeting after tea, and afterwards for handbell ringing, when the Eckington Company's handbells (42 in number) will be at the disposal of members.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Dinner at Messrs. Fortts, Milsome Street, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following towers are open for ringing: St. Mary's, Bathwick; Twerton; St. Andrew's; St. Matthew's; Bathford; Batheaston, all day; the Abbey from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. William Rock Small, to the memory of his late beloved wife. All members are invited to attend. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Tong, Saturday, July 4th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Greyhound Inn at 7 p.m.—F. W. Jones, Secretary, Elm Green, Conisbro, Rotherham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those members who inform me not later than July 1st of their intention to be present. Short service at 6 o'clock, with address by the Vicar (Preb. F. W. Joyce). Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Cyclists meet at Epping Parish Church at 3.0-3.30. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 3.35. Brake will leave Epping Station at 4.30 if sufficient members let me know by Monday, 29th June. Tea will take place at the Church Room at 6d. at 5.30.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Bye meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at the School at 5.15 to all giving notice to G. Pannell, Gestingthorpe, not later than July 8th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—F. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please send notice by July 6th. The towers of St. Nicholas (8), and St. Mary's (10), will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and St. Mary's again after the meeting.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5.15. Tea, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly send word by first post, July 8th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Slough, on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, to me on or before Saturday, July 11th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Inkberrow, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Burton have kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names by Wednesday, July 8th.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

## DEATH.

WELLS.—On Monday, June 15th, at 80, Hancock Road, Saltley, Birmingham, Beatrice, wife of James L. Wells, passed peacefully away after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Age 34. Interred at Loughborough.

## HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Penkridge on Saturday last, under ideal weather conditions, when some 60 members attended from various towers. Ringing began at 2.30, and continued till a late hour in the evening. In the unavoidable absence of the President (the Venerable Archdeacon Blakeway), the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kempson), after giving his hearers a warm welcome, delievered a practical and inspiring address.

An enjoyable tea was partaken of at the "Littleton Arms," followed by the general meeting. Upon Mr. R. Cartwright being elected to the chair, letters of apology from the Archdeacon, the Ringing Master, etc., were read.

The Chairman moved a vote of sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves (whose death occurred the previous day), and this was confirmed by all present standing in silence.—The Chairman gave an outline of the sterling qualities of the deceased and the services he had rendered to the Society. Mr. Reeves was one of the few who met at Lichfield in the early "eighties" to lay the foundation of the present prosperous society; was lay secretary for 23 years; and was, up to the time of his death, a representative of the Society on the Central Council—having occupied that position for 24 years. His genial manner endeared him to many, and his death would be greatly felt.

The Clerical Secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) read the report on the year's working, the keynote of which was progress, and which also showed an exceptional number of new members, together with a total of 74 peals rung. The statement of accounts was satisfactory, showing a substantial balance in hand. After a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Central Council had been given by the chairman, the following were elected to fill the various offices: President, the Archdeacon of Stafford; committee, Rev. W. Solly, Rev. J. A. Price, and Mr. W. W. Worthington; ringing master, Mr. W. Fisher; hon. secretaries, Rev. E. V. Cox and H. Knight; hon. treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox; hon. auditors, Messrs. H. Mitchell and A. Little; representatives on the Central Council, Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. R. Cartwright and H. Knight. Three honorary and 30 ringing members were enrolled. The places fixed for the subsequent quarterly meetings are Shenstone, Coseley, and Harborne, and Tettenhall was chosen for the annual gathering.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the organist and choir for their kind assistance at the service, to the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hughes), and to the chairman for presiding.

## ELY ASSOCIATION'S LONGEST PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—No doubt the company that rang the peal of 6336 Treble Bob at St. Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge, on June 1st, 1914, will be disappointed to know that the longest peal rung for the Ely Diocesan Association was a 7040 of Kent Bob Major on the bells of Belchamp Walter, Essex, on June 27th, 1896, conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe.—Yours truly,

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