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THE SUFFOLK DEVELOPMENT.

The situation in Suffolk has come rapidly to a climax and Easter Monday saw, what to those outside ringing circles in that county, must appear an almost sensational development. The first inkling of what might be expected was provided by the notice 'To Suffolk Ringers' which appeared in our columns last week, which announced a meeting at Ipswich to decide upon the formation of a new society of ringers for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. This appeared after notice had been given of meetings of the existing St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association and the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association to be held in the same town, on the same day. The upshot of the whole business was that by thirty-one votes to seven at the first meeting, it was decided to establish a Suffolk Guild for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to which a considerable number of the leading Suffolk ringers gave their allegiance, including men who had previously declined to join the recently formed diocesan organisation. Following upon this the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was dissolved, and at another meeting, the members present of the Suffolk Branch affiliated to the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association declined to carry on the branch, and passed a resolution that it should 'cease to exist.'

As a matter of 'legality' this resolution is probably *ultra vires*, for the branch having been established under the constitution of the Norwich, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association at a general meeting of members of the two counties, can hardly be thus disposed of by one section only. As a matter of practical politics, however, the action taken at Ipswich seems to us likely effectively to put an end to an organised branch of the older association in Suffolk. There is nothing to prevent them retaining their title and those members who desire to remain in their ranks, but the future in Suffolk seems to be with the new Guild. If one can form any views from the opinions which exist, there have been mistakes on both sides, and it would be a matter of satisfaction if one could believe that the dispute has come to an end. We do not know, however, what the Norwich action will be as a result of Monday's Ipswich meetings. Faced with the accomplished facts the Norfolk members may accept what appears on the face of it to be 'the inevitable,' drop the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich part of their title and devote themselves to building up a purely Norwich Diocesan Association. On the other hand it will not be surprising if a still further effort is made to retain Suffolk, although with the two ringing stronghold

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of Ipswich and Leiston wholeheartedly with the new Guild, there is little likelihood of retaining ringers in the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese in anything like sufficient numbers to make the Suffolk branch in future an effective organisation.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 38¾ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	HARRY HEAD	8
LESLIE J. CLARK	3	WILLIAM PYE	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
THOMAS LINCOLN	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	11
CYRIL PEASE	6	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*THOMAS SMITH	...*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
JAMES E. GROVES	2	J. D. GEORGE HARRIS	7
*HARRY A. FARLOW	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	8
JOHN PERRY	4	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	9
EDWARD F. MITCHELL	5	*ROBERT THOMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe return from India of the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley (Rector); also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Gough. * First peal of Stedman Caters

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE EVESHAM GUILD.)

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31¼ cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	FREDERICK JORDAN	7
HERBERT JORDAN	3	GEOFFERY J. HEMMING	8
MISS NELLY JOHNSON	4	HENRY J. PHIPPS	9
JOHN HALL	5	JAMES HEMMING	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. George E. Nind, who was Secretary of the All Saints' and St. Lawrence Guild from its formation in 1910, and was interred in Evesham Cemetery on the preceeding Thursday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

BENJAMIN COOKE	...*Treble*	EDWARD CRABTREE	5
SIDNEY GOODALL	2	JAMES E. CARTER	6
WILLIAM CLARK	3	EDWARD CROWTHER	7
ALBERT WALKER	4	HERBERT PEEL	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by E. CROWTHER.

Ringers of the treble and 2nd belong to Liversedge, 4th and 6th are local, the remainder are from Birstall. Rung as a farewell to the 2nd ringer, who is 72 years of age.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WARNHAM BRANCH.)
On Friday, Mar. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*JOHN STANFORD	...Treble	*JACK BRANCH	5
GEORGE WOODMAN	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
WESLEY PETTIFER	3	WALTER CHARMAN	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	JOHN COOK	...Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by J. COOK.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN LINDEN	...Treble	REGINALD C. LAMBERT	5
WALTER FRANKS	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	JAMES WAGHORN	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JNR.	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	...Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the christening of the son and heir of Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH	...Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	JOHN WHITE	6
JOHN HOYLE	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
GEORGE MARINER	4	ARTHUR DEAN	...Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Corbett, White & Winch.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WEBB	...Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE	5
LEONARD TUFFREY	2	JAMES FRANKLIN	6
WILLIAM STONE	3	WALTER JUDGE	7
JACK JUDGE	4	WILLIAM THORNE	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

SIDNEY T. HOLT	...Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	*WILLIAM LEWIS	6
WILLIAM C. JONES	3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. * 50th peal.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE NAYLOR	...Treble	JOE HARDCASTLE	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	WILLIAM BYRAM FRITH	6
JOHN LAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	4	FRED SALMONS	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Jonas Squire Ambler, whose remains were interred at All Souls' Cemetery, Halifax, March 24th.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY GREENWOOD	...Treble	FRANK FIELDEN	5
JOHN NASH	2	TOM FIELDEN	6
*HARRY SUTCLIFFE	3	*ROBERT BARKER	7
*HAROLD GREENWOOD	4	SAM HARTLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton upon attaining his 70th birthday. He has been a ringer at the above place of worship about 40 years.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING	...Treble	*CHARLES CUTTING	5
CHARLES BRICE	2	CHARLES ROOPE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	FREDERICK BORRETT	7
FREDERICK ROOPE	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK	...Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CROOK	...Treble	HENRY G. GOWLETT	5
HARRY DYAS	2	EDGAR C. RUSSELL	6
GEORGE SHIPP	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
WILLIAM H. WOOD	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHENFIELD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT BRACKLEY	...Treble	ERNEST FURBANK	4
HARRY TURNER	2	WILLIAM LEGGETT	5
ALBERT RAINBIRD	3	ISAAC CAVILL	...Tenor

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

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RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	CHARLES TUMBER	5
CHARLEY MILLARD	3	WILLIAM NYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN RODWELL, JUN.... ...	4
CLAUDE COUSINS...	2	TONY PRICE	5
FRED WIGMORE	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob & Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ...*Treble*		C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	4
HARRY ARGENT	2	GEORGE MORRAD...	5
JOHN BURLES	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung on the eve of Easter as a coming-of-age peal for Frederick A. Mitchell. The Milton ringers thank Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett for completing the band. The calling of this peal comprised 112 bobs and 82 singles.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN MOULE	...*Treble*	GEORGE DAWSON...	4
GEORGE L. JOYCE	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
ALFRED PRIOR	3	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, Mar. 29, 1923, in Two Hours,

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 17.

*VINCENT W. RIGG	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
HARRY BRAGG	5—6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DYE	1	*EDWARD C. COOKE	4
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	WILLIAM E. BASON	5—6
CHARLES WYBROW	3	†ROBERT W. COOKE	7—8

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by R. W. COOKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who attained his majority that day; also to the ringer of 5-6, whose birthday fell next day. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Composition contains full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

ENFIELD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Mar. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	1—2	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7—8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL	9—10
JOHN THOMAS	5—6	WALTER J. BOWDEN... ...	11—12

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by the Association.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5—6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT... ...	9—10		

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

Witnesses: MISS E. RYCRAFT and MRS. PULLING.

The conductor's 400th peal 'in hand.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A most successful annual meeting of the Western Division of the above association was held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. The day was gloriously fine, and no doubt accounted for the record number of members who attended, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Brighton; Shoreham, Heene, Henfield, Horley, Shipley, Crawley, Kirdford, West Grinstead, and members of the local band.

Various methods, which ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise and Bristol, were rung till 4.30, when the party attended a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Cox). Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Steyning Tea Gardens.

Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, the Master, presided at the business meeting which followed.

The division has held four quarterly meetings during the last year, with a very fair attendance, and it has done a little better financially than the preceding year.

Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elcted divisional secretary; Messrs. Lindup, Challen and Doick were elected to the association committee; and Messrs. W. Charman, Burdfield and T. Burtenshaw were re-elected on the Committee of Advice.

The following members were also elected: Messrs. H. Nichols and E. Enticknap, of Kirdford; D. Hide, Geo. Joice, R. Green and A. Styles, of Steyning; and F. Meetens and F. Farmer, junr., of Heene.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Fittleworth in June.

Votes of thanks were given the Vicar for providing the tea, and also for granting the use of the bells; also to Mr. Rickman for presiding, and to Mr. Hills for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The party then wended their way to the tower for further ringing. This was the most successful meeting, both in point of numbers and in methods rung, held by the division for some years.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

THE RECOGNITION OF PEALS.

There was a large assembly of members of the Hertford County Association at the annual festival held at St. Albans on Monday. Members were present from St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Leverstock Green, King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Hertford, Ware, Hatfield, North Mymms, Kimpton, Barley, Little Munden, Bushey, Bushey Heath, Oxhey, Houghton Regis, Kensington, Fulham, Edmonton and Southgate.

At the special service held in the choir of the Cathedral, evensong was sung by the Rev. — Mayhew, and the lessons were read by the Dean of St. Albans. An especially interesting feature of the service was the address delivered, from the lectern, by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the energetic and enthusiastic honorary secretary of the association, who chose for his text the words, St. John xv. 14, 'Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.'

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, as outgoing president, occupied the chair at the tea and annual meeting at the Abbey Institute, which followed the service, those supporting him at the head table being the Dean of St. Albans, the Revs. G. M. Edmonds and B. Tyrwhitt Drake, and Messrs. E. P. Debenham, E. N. Wix, H. J. Loe (High Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters), W. H. L. Buckingham, E. G. Benson and L. C. Head, and there was also among the large number present Mr. W. E. Garrard (Master of the College Youths).

The retiring president extended a hearty welcome to members, both old and new, and made reference to Mr. J. Conley, of St. Albans, who is now 87 years of age, and has been ringing for 62 years. He went on to say that the members of the association might congratulate themselves upon the fact that the year just passed had witnessed the highest standard of ringing since the association was formed (applause). They had also created a record for England by ringing Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus (applause). The Edmonton band and others had also rung the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells recently for the association. Mr. Lawrence also expressed gratitude to the Dean of St. Albans for allowing Mr. G. W. Cartmel to give the address at their service that day.

The confirmation of the provisional election of Miss Kate Wells, of Cambridge, and of Mr. Derrick Luck, of Kimpton, was agreed to.

The following were nominated as new members: Messrs. Spicer and Frank Beeson (St. Albans) R. Richardson, G. Richardson and H. Nobbs (Hatfield). J. W. Todd (Houghton Regis), and W. S. Lawrence (Little Munden).

Mr. Cartmel read his annual report, which was a record of excellent progress, and this was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. P. Debenham, who presented the treasurer's annual report, stated that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £5 7s. 11d. The year's receipts had amounted to £35 19s. 11d., and the expenses to £36 7s. 11d., leaving a balance due to the treasurer of 18s. 10d. There was a surplus fund of £29 17s. 6d., and the association also held £15 15s. 9d. of War Stock. Mr. Debenham explained that although there was a small adverse balance on the year's working, the association was by no means bankrupt, nor need its members look on the black side of things in regard to the financial position.

The treasurer's report and statement of accounts was adopted.

MR. E. P. DEBENHAM ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence proposed the election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as his successor in the presidential chair for the coming year, and in so doing observed that he was sure the selection was one that would meet with the hearty approval of all the members.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, who seconded, said he was sure they could not have a better president than their 'good old friend' (applause).

The newly-elected president said the Hertford County Association was one that it did them good to belong to, as it brought them together as friends. Long might that friendship last between those who had 'done their bit,' and the youngsters coming on. They had had some good ones in St. Peter's (St. Albans) during the year, and he had been very pleased to see that a certain amount of progress had been made in connection with change ringing by the young ones who had attended the district meeting held a few weeks ago, and again that afternoon. As to the presidency of the association Mr. Debenham said he would have preferred to wait for two years before taking that office, as 1925 would mark the completion of his fifty years as a ringer (applause). Mr. Debenham said that during his year of office he would endeavour to attend at least one district meeting in each district, and he would look for good behaviour and punctual attendance at the district meetings (laughter and hear, hear). He also stated facetiously: 'If Easter is not altered I shall have an extra three weeks of presidency included in my year. They get measures through so quickly nowadays, and they may turn Easter away from the moon; but unless it is turned away from the moon, I shall have three weeks added to my occupancy of the position of president.'

On the proposition of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. H. Eden, Mr. Debenham was re-elected treasurer, Mr. Debenham observing, amidst laughter, that he did not desire to occupy all the offices in that association. 'Please don't think I want to be the capital I in the association,' he added, to which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake retorted, '£ s. d. is what we want you to be' (laughter).

Mr. Debenham said he did not want to be saddled with the deficit which the association's finances showed this year, and added that if towers that were in arrears would forward their subscriptions without delay, that deficit would be turned into a balance in hand.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel was, on the proposition of Mr. Winney, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, re-elected hon. secretary amidst applause.

As representative of the association on the Central Council, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was re-elected, and Mr. E. D. Livermore and Mr. J. Prewett were re-elected hon. librarian and hon. auditor, respectively, with thanks for their services.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.

Mr. E. P. Debenham proposed the following alteration to rule, 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the peal book that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, or other body for the time being exercising the powers of the Central Council with regard to peals.' He explained that the object of the alteration was to bring the association into line with the Central Council with regard to the selection of performances that should be regarded as peals. The Central Council was the 'Parliament' of church bell ringing in England, and if they could not decide, on behalf of the Exercise at large, what performances should be recognised as peals, he did not think the association should decide for itself, and it would be much better to leave it to the Central Council to define.

Mr. Buckingham seconded the motion, remarking that he did not think it was a good thing for the association to go for peals that were not recognised by the Central Council; and if they did not recognise the Central Council, it was of no geed sending a representative to it.

Mr. Ayre inquired what was at the back of the mind of the proposer; was it in reference to the 30-method peal rung at Norbury, or had it to do with any other method?

Mr. Debenham said that was not present in his mind at all. We were living in a democratic age, and he thought they had better accept what the Central Council accepted, and leave it there. If the Central Council recognised any performance as worthy of record as a peal then the Hertford County Association should do likewise.

Mr. M. Hibbert inquired whether, if anyone brought in a great innovation in Minor methods and the Central Council disagreed, what line would the association take?

Mr. Debenham: They must either accept it or reject it.

Mr. Eden expressed the view that unless all the associations came into line with Mr. Debenham's proposal, it would be hardly fair to the Hertford County Association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said it seemed that the 'spliced' method of ringing was excluded under the old rule, and now if Mr. Debenham's motion were passed it would be included. He did not think any other association would be accepting any peal that this association, if they adopted this rule, would be refusing, unless they went directly contrary to any ruling of the Central Council. There was no idea of cutting anything out, but rather of including Minor methods.

Mr. Debenham: It is rather a widening than a narrowing.

Mr. Cartmel explained that Mr. Debenham's idea in bringing this motion forward was to include everything that was a peal. To-day ringing was making such rapid strides that they did not know what would happen in twelve months' time. The Hertford Association were going to lead the other associations; they wanted to welcome all the peals that were rung in 20, 30, or 40 methods.

The motion was eventually agreed to.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

As district secretaries, Messrs. F. R. Bacon (Northern Division), W. Nash (St. Albans), H. Eden (Watford) and W. H. Lawrence (Eastern Division) were re-elected, and Mr. W. Ayre was elected to succeed Mr. Reeve (resigned) for the Western Division.

Mr. Debenham moved, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans, and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches for placing their belfries at the disposal of the members for the annual festival, Mr. Debenham making special reference to the admirable address, at the annual service in the Cathedral, delivered by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, whose words they would treasure in the days to come. He referred also to the sustained interest which Mr. Cartmel showed in the work of the association, and said if it were not for him the association would not be in its present flourishing condition.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake jokingly remarked that the Dean of St. Albans now had such an excellent deputy on the Cathedral staff

of preachers that it would be an excellent thing if he would decide to go round to the small country parishes and give the incumbents there a holiday.

The Dean of St. Albans, in the course of his reply, also alluded to Mr. Cartmel's address, which, he said, was one they would all value, and one which he hoped would aid them in their work. He said he liked to look upon ringers as being in a very real sense workers for God. This was the only ideal that could bring about true friendship amongst them. Incidentally the Dean said he believed it was fifty years ago this year since the Abbey Society was revived, and he expressed the hope that the jubilee would be marked by great success. They had lost their old captain, Mr. Whitbread, who had been with them for many years, but they were very glad to have as his successor Mr. Goodenough (applause).

A NEW SOCIETY FOR SUFFOLK.

UNITY OF ACTION ACHIEVED AT IPSWICH MEETINGS.

There have been a number of meetings in Suffolk during the last few years which have claimed to speak for the county, but such a claim has in each case been disputed. There can, however, be no doubt about the meetings held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Suffolk ringers had made up their minds that it was quite time that they managed their own affairs, and at 12.30 they assembled in a crowded meeting under the Archdeacon of Sudbury as president. Voting papers had been sent out to all the towers where ringing is carried on in the diocese, and so many were returned to Mr. Charles F. Bailey, of Leiston, that he was able to inform the meeting that an overwhelming majority of both towers and ringers were in favour of forming a new society. He, therefore, proposed that such a society be now formed.

This was seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, and opposed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, who wanted a joint association of the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Rev. H. Drake said he was really in favour of such a joint association, and had been trying to work for it for nearly two years, but the mention of such a thing simply infuriated their Norfolk friends, so the only practical course was to adopt Mr. Bailey's proposal, and when their society was formed and had been working some years, co-operation might be possible, but at present it was impracticable. He denied Mr. Pearson's statement that he had organised this meeting; the movement was entirely spontaneous throughout the county, and his share of the work was confined to posting the notices and voting papers.

The proposal was carried by 31 against 7.

It was then agreed that the name of the society be 'The Suffolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.'

The Bishop was then elected patron; Archdeacon Farmiloe, president; Archdeacon Darling, vice-president; Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ringing Master; the Rev. H. Drake, secretary; Mr. C. E. Fisher, treasurer; and the following members, in addition to the district secretaries, on the committee, Mr. Ar. Symonds, the Rev. R. L. Gardner, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Chas. Bailey, Mr. Poppy, Mr. Charles Mee. The rules were left to the committee, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Ipswich in July.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION DISSOLVED.

A meeting followed at 2.30 of the existing St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and it was unanimously decided that at the close of that meeting the society be dissolved. A report of the whole working of the association was read and passed, and it was decided to ask the secretary to print it, together with a list of peals already rung by the association, out of the existing funds in his hands.

With regard to the matters left to this meeting by the previous meeting, it was decided to ask the New Guild to absorb the old association, to take over the life members, and those who have already paid their subscriptions, in return for which any balance in hand will be paid to the new Guild; £5 to be paid at once on account.

At 3.30 another crowded meeting was held; this time, of the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It only lasted about ten minutes. After formal business, Mr. George Wilson resigned the position of secretary pro tem., saying he had tried in vain to obtain a successor. After the chairman had appealed several times for nominations to this and the other vacant offices in vain, Mr. H. Day proposed, and Mr. E. Poppy seconded, that this branch cease to exist.

On being put to the meeting, it was carried, with only one dissentient.

LYMINGE, KENT.—For Easter Eve, 826 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: K. Gordon (age 14) 1, F. Castle (Elham, age 14) 2, A. Castle (Elham) 3, G. Cullum 4, A. Tanton 5, R. Webb 6, L. Head (Maidstone) 7, A. Webb 8. Conducted by L. Head. Longest length by 1, 2, 6 and 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DERBY.

It was at Derby in 1882 that the association everywhere known by the abbreviated nomenclature of M.C.A. first saw the light; and for many years the place was the solo headquarters. The movement spread, and other towns as great or greater came into the combine, and ultimately it was decided to visit each of these in turn, viz., Burton, Derby, Nottingham and Leicester. Thus, once in every four years ringers turn at Easter to one of these centres, in their respective order, and on Monday last Derby was the venue. Although a popular place, and almost centrally situated, the railway authorities always seem to give the celebrated Midland town a 'miss-in-baulk.' No trips are run on Easter Monday, although one can pass through and travel far afield at excursion rates, but as far as Derby is concerned it is full fare. The Midland motto of 'Semper idem' is loyally carried out, but such conservatism is not compatible with progress. There was a time when Derby went much further—so its traducers say—and that cyclists were forbidden to ride through the iron gate on a Sunday; in fact, if anyone was seen by the Guardian in Blue to be laughing, winking, or wagging his ear, he was promptly 'run in!' I do not vouch for the truth of this, for some of the ringers of Derby are lively enough to ward off depression, and are never averse when they appear before a judge in chambers!

On this occasion, the merry bells of St. Andrew were silent, the reason being that they are undergoing rehanging and augmentation to ten. Fortunately, St. Luke's bells of 30 cwt. tenor, unrung for many years, gave tongue after rehanging, as did St. Peter's (8) and a bright sparkling ring of eight at St. Alkmund's. The ten bells of All Saints were also in evidence during the day, but it is much to be desired that the peal should be rehung, recast and augmented to twelve. All Saints is a grand old tower, and a landmark for miles around. No effort should be spared to make the bells worthy of the church. Among the ringers one met could be seen faces from Chesterfield, Bolsover, Burton, Nottingham, Loughboro', and from many places north of the Trent.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the certificate of merit question met at St. Alkmund's Institute. This question, which has been discussed in 'The Ringing World' has many sides. There are two classes of objectors, one that thinks the Surprise methods are too far ahead for them, and, therefore no differentiation should be made; the other, that their prowess is so well known that it would be infra dig. to mention it! There is another school of thought that thinks differently, and believes that honour should be given wherever it is due. The movers in this scheme hardly expected it to be accepted off-hand. Few pioneers see the fruition of their labours. It usually remains for the after followers to garner the work of the pioneer, but it should never be forgotten that the impossibilities (!) and ideals of goneby ages are the common places of to-day! Some thought that a test of striking should be asked for, in other words, prize ringing without the prize. A cup was also offered for good striking, but realising the half-digested opinion at present extant, it was resolved to refer the scheme back to the committee for further consideration.

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The general committee met later in the same place to transact the business when the matter of finance was discussed. As notified in the 'report,' the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Willson, brought forward the question of investing some of the funds in hand. Owing to the initiative of the president, Ald. R. B. Chambers, the association possessed a considerable number of patrons and hon. members, so much so that their subscriptions almost equalled those of ringing members. Never in its history had the M.C.A. been so affluent, and while the bank balance brought little interest on current account, it was possible to invest in registered stock of Government Loan at £5 per cent. per annum free of tax. This involved the question of trusteeship, and the hon. treasurer suggested that £100 be bought, with the president as trustee. After discussion, it was agreed to postpone the investment until the next quarterly meeting. It was also resolved to allocate £10 to the 'Bell Repair Fund,' from which a grant of £5 was made to the church at Castle Donington, on condition the work of rehanging the bells is satisfactorily carried out.

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A ringers' service was held at 4 o'clock in All Saints' Church, when the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham occupied the pulpit. Ringers' hymns were used, and the reverend gentleman gave an interesting discourse to an appreciative audience. At the close of the service, a collection was taken for the 'Bell Repair Fund.'

Following this, tea took place in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, when about 150 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. The meeting was graced by the presence of Mrs. Chambers, Miss Chambers, Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare, the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson, R. W. Ellison, M.A., T. S. Wiling, J. T. Mumford, M.A., and others.

The business meeting followed on the heels of the tea.

The election of general officers was then proceeded with. Only the present occupants of the offices were nominated, viz., president, Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.; secretary, Mr. A. C. Wright; treasurer, Mr. W. Willson; and these were re-elected nem con.—Votes of thanks to them for past services were passed, with applause.

For the next quarterly meetings it was resolved to visit Loughboro' at the opening of the carillon in July; Bakewell, Derbyshire, in September, while a place to be chosen was decided on for the January meeting in 1924. Nottingham falls for the annual meeting at Easter next, according to rota.

Thirty-one new members were elected, bringing the total membership up to 953.

In moving a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and to the local officers for the excellent catering, Mr. Willson said that Derby could now consider itself 'somebody.' It had got into the semi-final for the English Cup at football, had licked Leicester once at cricket (by a fluke) and now it remained to ring next time on the augmented ten at St. Andrew's.

Ringing throughout the day was of a first-class order, most of the standard methods being negotiated to the satisfaction of all concerned, while others, who only meet their friends at these meetings, retired to some of the cosy old 'snugs' to be found in Derby, where liquid nourishment is dispensed, and where they could ring their peals of long ago over again. Ah, well, they were good judges, too, for life is made up of anticipations—and memories.

In the evening, thanks to the generosity of Ald. Chambers, a social and 'smoker' was given in the Assembly Rooms, when the following items were well rendered: 'Napoleon,' Littleover Handbell Ringers; song, 'I care not' (Basil Hood), Mr. A. Roome; duet, 'Ring out, wild bells' (J. Blocksley), Messrs. Rooms and Smith; song, 'The bellringer' (V. Wallace), Mr. A. P. Smith; quartette, 'Comrades in arms' (A. Adams), Messrs. Roome, Robinson, Dunning and Percival; 'The Ash Grove,' Littleover Handbell Ringers; 'Arline Waltz' (Balfe), Littleover Handbell Ringers; song, 'The Songs of Araby' (F. H. Clay), Mr. A. Roome; duet, 'Flow gently, Deva' (H. Parry), Messrs. Roome and Smith; song, 'The Ringer' (Hermann Lohr), Mr. A. P. Smith; quartette, 'The long day closes' (Sullivan), Messrs. Roome Robinson, Dunning and Percival; 'The Blue Bells of Scotland,' Littleover Handbell Ringers.

ERDINGTON BIRMINGHAM. — On Wednesday, March 28th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples 1,260 (Johnson's), in 43 mins.: C. Cotterill 1, Wm. B. Cartwright 2, J. Preston 3, G. F. Garrison 4, Wm. Davies 5, G. F. Swann 6, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 7, W. T. Vitler 8.

RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

RESULT OF A CYCLING ACCIDENT.

It is with regret we have to record the sad death of Mr. F. T. Sands, of Mayfield, Sussex, which occurred at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, on March 20th inst., as the result of an accident on the previous day. While cycling to collect orders he came into collision with another cyclist, and was thrown with such violence from his machine that he received terrible injuries to his skull, to which he unhappily succumbed.

The deceased was elected a member of the Mayfield ringers in Jan., 1912, and became secretary and sub-captain in 1921, which office he held at the time of his death.

He was buried at St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, on March 26th, and was borne to the church by four of his fellow ringers and four brother Foresters. In the evening touches were rung with bells muffled and the hand stroke of tenor open, friends from Rotherfield assisting.

Mr. Sands, who was only 32 years of age, was born at Mayfield, where he had lived all his life, with the exception of the time he served in the war. He leaves a widow and three children, the youngest being only six weeks old, and for them much sympathy is felt.

BRIGHTON RINGERS' SOCIAL.

Some 14 of the members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, recently met for a social evening at the house of Mr. F. Bleach, one of the band. An excellent repast, prepared by Mrs. Bleach and a friend, was most heartily enjoyed by the company, which was later increased by the arrival of one of the honorary members — the Rev. C. H. Clarke.

Music and song followed, the solo items being contributed chiefly by Messrs. John Jay, Fred K. Palmer, F. Bleach, A. York Bramble, and the Rev.C. H. Clarke. The thanks of the company were due to Mr. and Mrs. Bleach and to their son-in-law, who so ably accompanied throughout the evening—an evening marked by the prevalence of the true social spirit.

DEATH OF FORMER HEPTONSTALL RINGER

At Heptonstall Parish Church, the bells were muffled for evensong on Palm Sunday as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Robertshaw, who was conductor at this church previous to removing to Haworth some 35 years ago. A touch of 1,008 Bob Major was rung in 40 minutes by T. Robertshaw 1, W. Crabtree 2, Mrs. W. Crabtree 3, F. Robertshaw 4, J. A. Robertshaw (longest length) 5, J. Robertshaw 6, R. Nowell 7, H. Devonport (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Guild is badly in want of a new secretary, the acting secretary, through pressure of other duties, being unable to hold the necessary branch meetings or to maintain and encourage the work of the bells. Here is a chance for an enthusiast.

Plans are under discussion for strengthening the tower of Tisbury Church, Wilts, so that the fine peal of bells there may again be brought into use.

The first non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Batley on April 6th, 1867.

On April 7th, 1741, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, the first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung. This was a 5,200 'Oxford Triple Bob, ten in,' by the Eastern Scholars.

It was on April 7th, 1761, that the peal of 40,320 Bob Major was begun at Leeds, in Kent, to be finished on the next day, thirteen men taking part.

The rare performance for those early times, of two peals in one day was completed on April 9th, 1751. These were 5,800 Double Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major, both rung at St. Mary's, Hillingdon. John Holt took part in these peals.

On April 11th, 1888, 13,265 Grandsire Caters was rung at Appleton in 8 hours 5 minutes, and on April 12th, 1909, the 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung at Loughborough in 12 hours 18 minutes. Easter Monday has been a favourite day for long peals.

The composition of 5,184 London Surprise Major, published last week under the name of Mr. S. Grove, was first produced by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and was rung in 1896. Several correspondents have pointed this out, and it is only fair to Mr. Grove to say that, having regard to the qualities of the peal, he felt convinced he could not be the first to obtain it.

In reference to Mr. Him's letter published last week it should be stated that true peals of Triples in the methods referred to can be obtained if the Singles used are Holt's Singles.

The report of a peal rung on March 28th at Newton-in-the-Isle, Cambs, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

The following is the copy of an interesting old peal tablet at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne: 'On March 27th (Easter Sunday), 1842, the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead change ringers, in company with Messrs. John Cox and John Freeman, two members of the St. James' Youths, London, rang on the bells in this tower a true and complete peal of Holt's Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 5,040 changes in the unprecedented short period of 2 hours and 59 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt. The harmony produced by the skill and talent employed on this occasion, displayed to the science an unequalled specimen of the sublime, beautiful and intricate art of change ringing. The following are the names of the artists who rang: Chas. Walker 1, John Elliott 2, Allan Stephenson 3, John Freeman 4, John Cox 5, Robt. Balmbra 6, George James 7, Richd. Wanless 8. Conducted by John Cox. Stewards, R. Balmbra, Geo. James.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING.

A most successful meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th, when 23 members and friends attended from Barwell, Croft, Desford, Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Stony Stanton, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, and the local company. The bells were kept going in the standard methods till 7.30 p.m. At the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. S. R. Pocock) the ringers adjourned to the Rectory for their meeting. This was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), who was supported by the Rev. S. R. Pocock, who was unanimously elected an honorary member of the association.

Five ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wolvey, in April.

Thanks to Rectors for use of bells at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory were passed.—The Rev. S. R. Pocock, in replying, said, speaking for himself and his neighbour (the Rev. W. Townshend), he could assure the members it gave them great pleasure not only to place bells at the ringers' disposal, but also to hear them rung.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his kindness in providing refreshments at the Rectory after the meeting, and the Rector said what a pleasure it was to know of the good work the ringers were trying to do. He hoped they would all be able to pay them a visit on many future occasions.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN

To the Editor.

Sir,—As I was partly responsible for the publication of the statement regarding the handbell peal at Saffron Walden, being the first by anyone of its members, I find 'Interested' is quite right. I, therefore, wish to withdraw that statement, although the peal was not included in the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow's list of peals published at the time of his death in 1914. It being the first handbell peal rung in Saffron Walden, still holds good.—Yours faithfully,

F. DENCH.

TEN-BELL TOWERS.

This article is the first of a series, kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Jerram of Salisbury, upon the bells in some of the ten-bell towers of England.

ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE.

There was originally at the church of St. Magnus, London Bridge, a peal of eight bells cast by Richard Phelps in 1714. In 1748 two trebles were added by Robert

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THE TOWER OF ST. MAGNUS CHURCH.

Catlin, to make a peal of ten, one of which (the treble) was recast by Mears in 1843 who had previously recast the tenor in 1831.

The inscriptions, all in large and small Roman capitals, are as follows:—

Treble.—Thomas Mears, founder, London. 1843.

Second.—Thos. * Gillmore * Ios * Ismay * Thos. * Hux * Church * wardens * Rt * Catlin fecit 1748, C.N.

Third.—The gift of Mr. Richard West, of St. Magnus Parish, Fishmonger. R: Phelps fecit: 1714.

Fourth.—Richard Cambridge and Thomas Preston, Esqs: bountiful benefactors, 1714.

Fifth.—Sir: Geo: Mertins kt: ald: of this ward and Sir Fra: Forbes, kt. ald: of Dowgate ward Benefactors, 1714. R:P: fe:

Sixth.—Richard Tustian, gent: benefactor. Richard Phelps made these bells, 1714.

Seventh.—Richard Phelps made me, 1714.

Eighth.—These five biggest bells were all made at the charge of the united parishes of St. Magnus and St. Margaret, 1714, by R. Phelps * *

Ninth.—Mr. Charles Walkden—William Standart, Ch:w: of St. Margaret new fish street—Mr. George Browne—Noy Willey, Ch:w: of St. Magnus-the-Martyr. R:P: fecit: 1714 (a) I. Guy sexton (b).

Tenor.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit, 1831.
William Smither—Hadazer Whitfield Sharp, St. Magnus-the-Martyr.—Thomas Lindley—Joseph Carpenter, St. Margaret's, New Fish Street.—Edmund Ronalds. William Matthews—St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, Church wardens.

Clock-bell.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London. 1845.
The tenor is 51¾ inches diameter, weight about 24 cwt.

The following tablets are in the belfry:

The COLLEGE YOUTHS, on the 21st of Feb: 17 . (obliterated) did ring in this steeple a complete peal of 5,148 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE CATERS, in 3 hours and 40 minutes, being the most ever performed in that method.

John Underwood .....Treble	Emanuel Crew .....Sixth
Willm. Mills .....Second	George Meakins .....Seventh
William Hatt .....Third	Robt. Bly .....Eighth
Jas. Darquit .....Fourth	John Lokes .....Ninth
Robt. Butterworth .....Fifth	Fras. Buckingham .....Tenor

The peal was called by Mr. G. Meakins.

THE SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, established 1637.—On Saturday, November 3rd, 1853, the company rang a true peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, being the first in that method on these bells. Performers:—

J. Mash .....Treble	Wm. Lobb .....Sixth
Geo. Monday .....Second	Wm. Cooter .....Seventh
W. Hinds .....Third	G. E. Ferris .....Eighth
Jno. Bradley .....Fourth	Jas. Dwight .....Ninth
Wm. Bannister .....Fifth	M. A. Wood .....Tenor

Conducted by Willm. Cooter Upwards of 40 years had elapsed since a peal had been accomplished in this steeple.

DEATH OF MR. J. S. AMBLER.

The Halifax, St. John's, company of ringers have sustained a severe loss, in their sadly depleted numbers, by the death of Mr. J. S. Ambler, on Tuesday, March 20th (after an illness of only three days) from sugar diabetes. Mr. Ambler had rung 69 peals in various methods for the Yorkshire Association, his membership of that body dating from 1888. He had also occupied all the senior offices of the Halifax and District Association, and his many activities made him known to an exceedingly wide circle of friends. The deceased had also been a regular member of parties of ringers organised each Whitsuntide by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, to visit various parts of the kingdom, and his genial presence will be greatly missed at these functions, where his kindly disposition made him greatly esteemed by the other members of the party.

The funeral was led by a procession of some four hundred men, connected with the R.A.O.B., Plumbers' Institute, Master Plumbers' Association, and various change ringing organisations, and after a service at All Souls', Haley Hill, the interment took place at All Souls' Cemetery, both services being conducted by the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall). Inside a square, formed by some two hundred members of the various orders, the last offices of the church were ministered at the graveside, the Grand Master of the R.A.O.B. conducting the rites of that order at the conclusion of the church service.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by G. Naylor, T. B. Kendall, P. J. Johnson and J. Broadley, after which muffled touches of Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on the bells at the Parish Church. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Ambler and her son and daughter in their bereavement, while the loss of an enthusiastic and devoted helper to his ringing friends will be greatly felt, and it will be long ere the memory of our deceased comrade will be forgotten by his many friends. P. J. J.

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JOHN NEW'S RINGING BOOK.

BITS FROM THE RECORD OF AN OLD TWICKENHAM RINGER.

The ringing book of John New, of Twickenham, who was born on June 14th, 1790, sets at rest all doubts as to the peal at Twickenham, the other day being the first of Major on the bells, for therein is recorded a ' compleat peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes in 3 hours 4 minutes, on October 10th, 1810. This peal was rung by Will Winson 1, J. New 2, J. Bates 3, B. Harris 4 E. Nelhams 5, E. Unday 6, W. Webb 7, G. Cole 8, and was conducted by G. Cole

This ringing book, which has kindly been lent to us by Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, is extraordinarily interesting. It was evidently begun by John New on October 27th, 1811, for it contains his name and this date bodly lettered on the fly leaf. Its principle object seems to have been to place the writer in possession of a copy of various methods and compositions, and with great pains and much obvious labour he has copied out the letterpress and figures relating to many of the methods and peals in ' The Clavis," beginning with the changes on three bells and going on to twelve. Further on, John New's peals are recorded, carefully written, ruled round in red, and some of the special performances crudely decorated with designs of bells

Although it is obvious that much of the writing was done at a later date, the owner of the book had apparently completed what he first set out to do, a few months after he started, for on the last page he has inscribed, ' Patience is a Virtue, And that you may See; this Book was begun and Finished by Me. John New, Feb. 27th, 1812.' As the years progressed, quite a variety of matters was crowded into spare spaces, ranging from the figures of handbell tunes, to business accounts and recipes for minor ailments. Among the last named, for instance, is a recipe by Mr. Thomas Ewington, which was written into the ringing book, apparently, on Dec. 7th, 1822: ' Tincture of Cantherides rubbed on the face three times a day is very serviceable in the Rheumatism, and take one spoonful of tincture of Gum Guacum put into three-quarters of a pint of water gruel going to bed at night.' Perhaps John New was suffering from rheumatism.

John New rang peals at many of the churches in Middlesex and Surrey, for at that time, between 1809 and 1822 there was an enthusiastic band of ringers at Twickenham, and peal tablets still remain at Isleworth and Richmond recording their prowess. Their conductor was George Cole, and he must have been a very able bob caller for in addition to many peals of Grandsire, including Holt's Original, there are peals of Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Stedman Caters. The record of the first peal of Stedman Caters which they rang, occupies a position of special prominence in John New's ringing book. A full and decorated page is devoted to it, and it is thus recorded: ' On Sunday, October the 3rd, 1819, was rung at All Saints' Church, Fulham, Middlesex, after the long perseverence of two years and upwards, the arduous task of Stedman Caters. A complete peal of 5,031 changes, which was Performed in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes, it being the first Peal ever Performed in that Tower in the Method of Stedman, the Performers were: Messrs.

John New	1st	John Cooper	6th
John Barber	2nd	George Cole	7th
Charles Barber	3rd	William Platt, senr.	8th
Scholes Bamford	4th	John Platt	9th
John Stratford	5th	Edward Hudnut	10th

This Peal was Composed, Call'd and Rung by George Cole.
Brought Round at Hand and Finished in Fine Stile.'

John New appears to have been at the opening of the twelve bells at Painswick on October 11th, 1819, to have rung at Gloucester on the previous day, and at Stroud on the day after, for a record of 'touches' at these places appears on a page following a list of towers at which he had rung. He was also present at the first opening of Mitcham Bells on April 26th, 1820, and on Feb. 16th in that year he rang a ' dumb peal for George, the King of Great Britain, the best King ever reign'd in England.'

Various bits of doggerel verse intersperse other matters and one 'a Ringer's Song,' extols the virtues of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Richmond, on Feb. 11th, 1809, presumably John New's first peal—at any rate it is the earliest recorded in this book. It was a 5,120.

They did ring so neat and clear,
That you might travel many a mile and not such ringing hear.

A Tite young Youth the Treble rung, his name it was John New.
The second veteran Nelhams, he did ring both just and true.
The third, Jem Cole, well play'd his part,
Tho' he so lately learnt the art.

The 4th Scholes Bamford he did ring, although but weak and low,
Yet while that he could stand and ring, his rope he'd ne'er let go.
The fifth Jack Bates, a staunch brave Boy
Did knock about to all our joy.

The sixth was rung by William Platt, a noble striker He,
The 7th his nephew, stout young Jack, his model to a Tee.
They made the Musick oo well tell
No Slur or Blur, but Ding, Dong, Bell.

The Tenor by George Cole was rung, he call'd the Peal likewise,
And had the Londoners been there, it had struck them with surprise.
The first Peal ere he rung at all
He did both manfully ring and call.

Now since the peal we have gone through, so early in the year,
Let's down to White's, of Staunch True Blue, and drink his nut brown beer,
And if that will not touch us fine,
He' got some glorious elder Wine!

Some of the habits of peal ringers a hundred and more years ago do not seem to have been vastly different to those of the present generation.

John New, and at any rate some of the other Twickenham men, were apparently members of the College Youths, for a peal of ' Oxford Treble Bob ' was rung at Kensington on Dec. 8th, 1822, ' by eight of the Society of old College Youths.'

John New made a family register of his ringing book, and in it he recorded the dates of his own birth, and marriage, and the names of his children and the dates of their birth. He was married to Elizabeth Shores at Twickenham Church on Sept. 4th, 1814. One may imagine he was a decorator, glazier and sign writer by trade, judging from his accounts, and he must have provided a good many peal boards, for he notes against some of his peals, as, for instance, one of ' Gransire Tripples ' rung on Easter Day, March 29th, 1812, at Twickenham, ' Printed the Board for it'.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GATHERING AT CAMBRIDGE.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The committee held a short meeting, at which the president (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) presided. The hon. secretary's balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £10 11s. 11½d., was approved, and the names of the officers were suggested for the approval of the general meeting.

The service was at Great St. Mary's at noon. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Hulbert) was assisted by the hon. secretary, and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. The Rev. Canon S. T. Adams, Vicar of Holy Sepulchre and Rural Dean, gave an inspiring address His text being 1 Cor., x. 31. At the close he quoted some words on the qualities required for successful change ringing, and dwelt on one, viz., ' Unselfish team work.'

A luncheon had been arranged at the Dorothy Cafe, at which 30 ringers and friends were present—a much smaller number than last year. After lunch came the general meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. Woolley as the president, who was suffering from a severe cold, begged to be excused from using his voice. The recommendations as to the officers were approved by the meeting: Hon secretary, the Rev. R. Copeman; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Turner; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretary, Ely Archdeaconry, Mr. A. E. Austin; district secretary, Huntingdon Archdeaconry, the Rev. H. B. Woolley; district secretary, Wisbech Archdeaconry, Mr. H. Giddings; district secretary, Marshland Branch, Mr. W. Cross. It was decided that the words ' Ringing Masters ' should be deleted in Rule 10.

The question of printing the report was discussed. It was resolved that the reports be printed at the end of the financial year, and sixpence be charged for a copy. It was understood that the district secretaries ascertain the number of copies which would be taken in their districts.

Mr. J. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Great St. Mary's, St. Audrew's the Great, and Old Chesterton, and the Rector of the Church of our Lady and the English Martyrs for allowing their bells to be used.—This was seconded by Mr. Dennis, and carried with acclamation.—The Rector (the Rev. J. B. Marshall) replied, and said it gave him great pleasure to be present and to grant the use of their bells. Ringing in various methods was kept up during the afternoon at these churches, and the early comers raised the bells at the Church of our Lady soon after 10 o'clock.

It is hoped that the 7th at Great St. Mary's, which is cracked, may be recast before the next annual meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report,, stated that several district meetings had been held during the year, and that 23 peals had been rung: on the tower bells, six of Major and one Grandsire Triples, and 11 in various Minor methods, and five peals on handbells, three being Double Norwich Court Bob, one Kent Treble Bob, one Plain Bob.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Good Friday, March 30th, 720 of Doubles, being 120 of each of the following: Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury, College Single, and St. Dunstans: J. Rawlings 1, A. Probert 2, W. Williams 3, R. Lloyd 4, C. Jones 5, W. Jones 6, J. Probert (conductor) 7, W. Davis 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, and 4, 6, 8 covering.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer 1, H. Belcher 2, P. Clarke 3, E. Harris 4, C. Edwards 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Woodbine, 360 Kent and 180 Oxford Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

SILSDEN, YORKS.—At St. James' Church, for Confirmation service, on Sunday afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: John Ayrey (conductor) 1, J. Cooper 2, T. Baldwin 3, R. Brown 4, J. H. Winstanley 5, A. E. Lambert 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT. At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Palm Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, E. J. Fannett 2, Miss Mabel A. Nye 3, J. Dafters (Lce) 4, G. Harris 5, A. E. Goddard 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3 and 4. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. E. Goddard 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, T. A. Easterby 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), composed by G. Hollis, in 46 mins.: A. Prince 1, G. Temple 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, H. W. Brown 5, C. Densley 6, G. Harding 7, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX. — On Easter Sunday, before 7 a.m. choral eucharist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Woodbine and 72 Oxford Treble Bob. Before 11 a.m. Matins, 720 Woodbine and 72 Kent Treble Bob. Before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Double Court and 360 Kent Treble Bob by L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley, E. Sitch, A. Bradley and E. Sitch conductors.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,056 Bob Major: *T. I. Knight 1, †A. James 2, G. F. James 3, G. Durling 4, *E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, P. J. Spice 7, S. Emery (conductor) 8. * Longest length Major. † Longest length with a bob bell.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for 6.30 a.m. service, at St. Mary's, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Cluett 1, J. D. Harris (conductor) 2, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Rogers 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, S. J. Harding 8. Also for festal evensong, 1,120 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, J. D. Harris 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.

MILTON, NORTHANTS. On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 420 of Original, 360 of Plain Bob, and 480 of Grandsire, in 48 mins.: A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, R. Asplin 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. Longest touch in three methods by all except the conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Easter Sunday, for 6 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, 279 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Wiffen 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, G. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For Matins, 704 Oxford Treble Bob: L. W. Wiffen 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For evensong, 762 Kent Treble Bob: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 48 mins.: W. H. P. Evans (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards (first quarter inside) 3, G. Large 4, W. Bolton 5, W. Coombes 6, F. Viles 7, A. Parnell 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes (conductor) 6, F. Chamberlain 7, S. R. Barker 8.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Easter Sunday, for Matins, 360 Grandsire Doubles and for evening service, 600 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, J. Smith 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, H. G. Smith 4, B. Cook 5, F. Emm 6. These are the longest touches rung on the bells by the local band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. C. King 1, P. Ward (longest length with a bob bell) 2, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 3, G. Heley 4, Canon W. W. C. Baker 5, F. Ramsey 6, A. G. Matthews 7, J. B. Marks 8. Rung for the conductor's 41st birthday, which occurred on Good Friday.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss Humblecrofts 1, H. S. Hobden 2, P. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, C. H. Humphrey 6, A. Reid (conductor) 7, W. Jenner 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Easter morning, in 24 mins., 720 Plain Bob: A. Livermore 1, J. Burles 2, L. Beckett 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, F. A. Mitchell (conductor) 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to F. A. Mitchell, this being his first attempt as conductor. Two 120's of London Surprise were also rung.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: S. Meadows 1, H. Prior 2, A. J. Le Cleroq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Composed by Harry Franks.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Michael's, for evening service, 1,250 Stedman Triples: W. S. Lethbridge 1, J. R. Sandover 2, F. H. Gardner 3, J. C. Oke 4, F. J. Davey 5, C. G. Glass 6, T. Laver (conductor) 7, F. M. Rogers 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, A. Baigent 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Curd 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, G. Hodson 4, K. Pattenden 5, G. Farr 6, H. Baker 7, W. Henley 8. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frittenden, Kent, the rest local.

FRYERNING, ESSEX. — On Palm Sunday evening, 720 Double Court and 120 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley (conductor) 5, G. Rogers (first in method) 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, F. Jordan 2, E. Bridges 3, A. Higgins 4, A. Kedwell 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, J. Henley 7, W. Knight 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX. — In honour of the Royal christening, on Sunday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob, in 42 mins.: S. Wood 1, G. Olliver 2, A. Steele 3, E. Stoner 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, on Palm Sunday, for evening service, 560 Bob Major: S. Gridley 1, M. Silvester 2, G. Dixon 3, L. Ollington 4, G. Tatum 5, T. Chinery 6, A. Maxim 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. (1,260 changes): S. Rose 1, H. W. Cooper 2, A. Lewis 3, H. Hollier (conductor) 4, G. Gladman 5, H. Chandler 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lewis 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

In his notes upon 1922, published in the annual report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Hughes D'Aeth) says the year was one of steady work, and also one in which there have been some notable restorations of peals, and in at all events one tower, the addition of bells. There have been some useful combined practices, which must bring forth much good, for it is chiefly through the help and skill from outside that some of our small country places can get their first insight into scientific ringing. The Master notes with pleasure that there is to be another peal of ten in the diocese, in a district which has been very active in peal ringing during the year.

Thanks are expressed to the branch secretaries and the energetic and hardworking general secretary, and the Master once more asks the clergy to take a little more active part in the ringers' department of church work.

The hon. secretary's report also records steady progress. Sunday ringing has been well maintained, and several more parishes have adopted the Peace Bell on Fridays. Notable among restorations have been those effected in the ancient towers of St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury.

Financially the Guild had a successful year, a balance in hand of £30 0s. 2½d. at the beginning being increased to £51 7s. 7½d. at the close.

The Guild has 108 affiliated towers, including one ten-bell and 26 eight-bell towers.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Cleator Moor on Saturday, March 24th, in the Montreal Schools, and presided over by the Rev. —. Blackburn, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Wallis, of Carlisle), and some 16 members from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Carlisle, Egremont, and the local band.

Mr. Wallis was again elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Geo. Temby, of Egremont, was appointed to work in conjunction with him, as, owing to pressure of business, Mr. Wallis cannot attend every meeting.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, and subsequently some good practice was had on St. John's bell, Plain Bob and Kent Minor being rung.

The annual bell ringing competition was held at Crosthwaite on Easter Monday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield, (6) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by April 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornfield, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the President, Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Tea and business meeting at St. Giles' School House, Endell Street, at 5 p.m. Arrangements for ringing are as follows: St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Clement Danes (10), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Bartholomew the Great (5), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. — Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the above association will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. J. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Oddfellows Hall, Friar Street, Reading, near St. Laurence's Church. Will all committeemen intending to be present please notify me, so that tea may be arranged for at the Master's invitation? —Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is to be held at Horbury, Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready early. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform J. H. Richardson, High Street, Whetstone, before April 6th. Reports for 1923 can be had at this meeting, 1/- each, or from H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 7th.—Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Eight Bells at 5 p.m., by the kind invitation of L. J. Hodson, Esq., business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the ringers who fell in the Great War will be unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for relatives. For tickets apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Lowe, M.A., the next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Batley in conjunction with the opening of the new peal of 8 bells on Saturday, April 7th. Tea will be served in the school at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1/6 per head. For further particulars, see circular.—F. Hopwood, District Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Ringing Sunday mornings, April 8th, 22nd and 29th, 10 till 11 o'clock; also Sunday afternoon, April 8th, 2.15 till 3.15 p.m. Business meeting Wednesday, April 25th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Bishopsgate, Monday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough,

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. All ringers intending being at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, 10th April, and oblige. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Those requiring tea notify me by April 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Silsden, near Keighley, on Saturday, April 14th. All entries for contest and number of tea tickets wanted (price 1/6 each) to be sent to the local secretary, Mr. John Cooper, Old Hall, Silsden, to reach him not later than Monday, April 9th. Draw to take place at 2.45; commence ringing at 3 prompt. Nearest station, Steeton and Silsden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, April 14th, by permission of the Rev. W. A. G. Gray (Vicar). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged and all are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Sedgley on April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service with address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the schoolroom at 5.30. Please send word not later than April 10th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D.) Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 10th?—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, April 14th. The tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and tea will be served at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec , 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due; Reports at hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 14th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 11th, as arrangements are being made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to entertain the members?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Swan Hotel followed by short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short church service. Tea provided.—Richard Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by April 9th. In connection with the annual meeting to be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st, charabancs will leave Old Market Street, Bristol at 8.15 a.m. Fare 8/-. Members requiring seats should let me know as soon as possible as the number is limited.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday. April 14th. Intending visitors should inform me that they will be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Nomination meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at Armley. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—Charles E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at Botham's Cafe at 1/9 each, for all those who notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 18th. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec., 134, Union Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st, particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 'Dunkery,' Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

INVITATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE TO RINGERS.

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