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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

The business before the Central Council at the meeting, to be held in the Guildhall, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, judged by the agenda published in our last issue, will consist largely of elections and reports, but that is not to say the meeting will not be an interesting one. It is, of course, unusual to find not a single notice of motion entered for discussion; it has seldom happened before, but it would seem that the position that has now been reached is that the art of ringing, so far as it needs guidance or ruling, has practically settled down to a level which, if it does not please everyone, at least meets with very wide acceptance, and complies generally with the requirements which modern advances demand. There are, at the moment, no outstanding questions upon which opinion is sharply divided, as it was on some subjects a few years ago. Indeed, there must come a time when, on the technical side of ringing, at any rate, there is little to discuss. Probably that position has now been reached.

On the other hand, however, there are matters of general interest which are of no little importance to the future of the art, and there is no place where they can be better ventilated, in the hope of obtaining representative views, than at a meeting of the Council. The range of subjects in this respect has by no means been exhausted, and, although the Council is only an advisory body, it can speak with collective wisdom and authority. But as far as the London meeting is concerned nothing is on the agenda for discussion.

The meeting, however, has much business to transact. It is on this occasion that the triennial elections of officers and committees take place, and there is a very considerable list of committees' reports for consideration. These things alone may well produce a full session of business, although it is almost impossible to forecast how much discussion these reports will produce. What is well to remember, however, is that the most important part of the work of the Council is embodied in these reports. The Council meets for a few hours once a year; the committees are active throughout the year, and some of them almost week by week. The reports themselves seldom reveal the time and labour which individual members of the committees put into their task which, be it not forgotten, is not merely in the interests of the Council, but for the ultimate benefit of the Exercise at large. This is a fact that is often overlooked by many ringers. The work of the committees is never spectacular, but the labours of those who have served on them have, through the years, raised the standard of ringing to a degree not

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	... 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS	 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	... 9
HOBART E. SMITH	 4	CECIL W. PIPE	 10
*ALBERT WALKER	 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	... 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING	 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of New Cambridge Maximus.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS	...*Treble*	NORMAN H. MANNING	... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	... 2	HENRY T. WILSON	 8
ERNEST J. KING	 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	... 4	JOHN D. WARD	 10
RICHARD A. POST	 5	FRANK E. DARBY	 11
HARRY WINGROVE	 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN TONY PRICE	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	 6
*JOHN W. FAITHFULL	... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	 7
ALFRED H. POLLING	... 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	... 4	REGINALD A. REED	 9
GEORGE POLLINGER	... 5	HAROLD P. REED	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the visit to Southampton of H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	...*Treble*	EDWARD BRADLEY	 6
FRED NEWTON	 2	HARRY NEWTON	 7
MRS. E. BRADLEY	 3	THOMAS HOLDER	 8
HARRY C. WALTERS	 4	CHARLES BROWN	 9
ARTHUR WALKER	 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells and at the first attempt.

NEW ALRESFORD.—At the Parish Church for evening service on April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Wearing 1, J. Allan 2, E. Lane 3, H. Newnham (conductor) 4, A. Tremeer 5, J. Boniface 6, L. Tremeer 7, G. Allen 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for all excepting the conductor.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 23, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*DENNIS T. BROCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN	2	*REGINALD W. DARVILL	7
†ERIC B. HARTLEY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	‡ALBERT E. NORTH	9
ROBERT HEAZEL	5	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise Royal peal. ‡ First Surprise Royal peal 'inside.' First Surprise Royal as conductor.

DUDLEY.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

TOM D. WHORTON	*Treble*	HARRY GOODMAN	6
HENRY HUSBALL	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
WALTER FARLEY	3	RONALD GOODMAN	8
HERBERT SHEPPARD	4	NORMAN G. LEACH	9
JOHN GOODMAN	5	GILBERT T. GUEST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Guest, also to Mrs. J. Goodman, wife of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP	*Treble*	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*JAMES BENNETT	3	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
*HARRY HOSKINS	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER ELSEY	*Treble*	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
*GEORGE MAYERS	2	*THOMAS G. BENNETT	6
*HENRY TOOKE	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
FREDERICK C. ROPER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*DONALD COOMBES	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. MAY	5
*DENNIS T. BROCK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	3	GERALD FROST	7
FRANK C. MAY	4	ALBERT E. NORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Chelmsford.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT	5
MISS MARY WHITE	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
KENNETH SIMPSON	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
HARRY DAVISON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the association.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*MISS GLADYS WILLARS	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	J. LESLIE WILLARS	6
CHARLES MARSHALL	3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
SIDNEY COX	4	GEORGE E. SPENCER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of St. George's Day and the opening of the great Leicester Church Campaign.

BURLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

MRS. E. BRADLEY	*Treble*	†CHARLES PARKER	5
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	2	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD	6
*HAROLD DRAKE	3	LEONARD DRAKE	7
EDWARD BRADLEY	4	FRANK GIBBARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a compliment to Frank Scholefield on his 21st birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WALTER SOUTHGATE	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
VICTOR MORLEY	2	*GEORGE WATERMAN	6
*MRS. W. A. ROUSE	3	WILLIAM CHALK	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method.

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CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	Maurice Smither	5
Arthur J. Bartlett ...	2	William J. Robinson ...	6
Richard T. Carpenter ...	3	Alfred H. Pulling	7
*Alan E. Brown...	4	Henry Mullard... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

EPSOM, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Five-part, No. 1. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F. sharp.

*Mrs. W. Massey ...	...*Treble*	†Wilkins Massey	5
John Beams	2	Harry J. Smerdon	6
Arthur A. Hadley	3	Frank H. Randall	7
Harry E. Good...	4	*Harry Scotcher ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Beams.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Hunter, for many years Vicar of this parish.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Hinckley District.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Alfred Ballard ...	...*Treble*	William A. Wood	5
Ernest W. Tipler	2	*Bert Ridgway	6
Cyril H. Ison	3	Frank K. Measures ...	7
George Thompson	4	Alfred Jordan	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged to celebrate Mr. G. Thompson's 50th year as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Measures, mother of the conductor.

CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Roland Hill	...*Treble*	Arthur Gill	5
Harold Chant	2	Foord P. Newton	6
Howard Scott	3	‡Ronald H. Dove	7
†William Fay	4	Daniel Smith	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by D. Smith.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method on eight bells.

SWANAGE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Louis J. Lockyer ...	...*Treble*	Percy W. Witham	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ...	2	William C. Shoyr	6
F. Franeland Rigby	3	Francis S. Beaumont ...	7
Edward T. Griffin	4	Arthur V. Davis... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.

First peal in the method as conductor.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Richard T. Sargent ...	...*Treble*	William H. B. Wilkins ...	5
Charles Coles...	2	William G. E. Collett ...	6
†George Ayres	3	Francis E. Taylor	7
George Horwood	4	Francis E. May	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. E. Taylor.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

James Parr	...*Treble*	Jack Clegg...	5
Herbert Holden	2	*Robert Hargreaves ...	6
James Barnes	3	Laurence J. Williams ...	7
*Fred Place	4	Leslie L. Williams...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Leslie L. Williams.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Philip Price	...*Treble*	Alan M. Hickman	5
Thomas Price	2	William J. Chester... ...	6
Frederick Price	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst ...	7
William Weatherby ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Parker-Bowles and Capt. Algernon Heber-Percy.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF COUDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. Rootes	...*Treble*	Frederick W. Brinklow ...	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Edwin Jennings	6
Cecil C. Mayne...	3	Maurice F. R. Hibbert ...	7
Francis Kire	4	Harold G. Cashmore	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.

The first peal in the method.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

George W. Fogden...	...*Treble*	Jack M. Cripps	5
Thomas Groombridge, sen.	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	6
*Dennis G. Brown	3	Derek M. Sharp...	7
Harry Hoskins	4	Philip A. Corby	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (No. 48). Conducted by P. A. Corby.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

John Bass	...*Treble*	Sidney T. Holt	5
William B. Cartwright ...	2	C. Howard Stanley	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Robert Matthews	7
Thomas Hemming	4	Charles Camm	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association. This peal contains 1,280 London, 1,600 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Pudsey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN GIPSON ... ...*Treble*		*WILFRED BUTLER 3	
*JAMES TURNER 2		REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY 4	
JOHN W. WARD ... ...*Tenor*			

Conducted by REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

SAMUEL WOOD ... ...*Treble*		*SEPTIMUS NEAVE 4	
JAMES GODDARD 2		JAMES CHAPMAN... 5	
WALTER GODDARD 3		ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal. Rung for the 28th anniversary of the induction of Canon W. E. Varah as Vicar of Barton.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL TOMKINSON ... ...*Treble*		DAVID SMITH 4	
ALBERT H. BOOTH 2		HARRY THELWELL 5	
†GEORGE A. PACKER 3		HARRY W. HOWARD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	
*DORIS G. DOBBIE 2		STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5	
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3		GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in four methods. A farewell peal to the Rev. E. C. Pitman (assistant priest), who is leaving for Eaton, Norwich.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*GEORGE NEWELL ... ...*Treble*		*ARCHIBALD TUCK 3	
JAMES TURNER 2		REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY 4	
JOHN W. WARD ... ...*Tenor*			

Conducted by REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY.

* First peal and first attempt.

NASSINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

CHARLES COOPER ... ...*Treble*		*BERTIE EDWARDS 3	
*HARRY STRANGWARD... ... 2		W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... 4	
ROBERT G. BLACK ... ...*Tenor*			

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal and first attempt and local ringers. The first peal on the bells.

MORRISTON, GLAM.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 240's by Lindoff, Pitman and Morris, and 30 six-scores.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD DOBBINS... ... ...*Treble*		JOHN L. BLOXHAM 4	
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2		GWYN I. LEWIS 5	
WALLACE DOBBINS 3		DAVID G. WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, London, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... ...*Treble*		FRANK BAILESS 4	
JOHN H. BAILESS... 2		LEONARD P. WARD 5	
FRANK T. LONG 3		EDWIN A. HALL ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN H. BAILESS.

First peal in seven Doubles methods by all. A compliment to the tenor ringer, who is retiring after 24 years' service as sexton at this church.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*S. RONALD FETHERS... ...*Treble*		MISS E. MILLICENT FETHERS 4	
ARNOLD WORTH 2		JOHN WORTH 5	
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3		JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss N. Jones.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Court Bob and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*WALTER SOAR ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	
*FRANK HULSE 2		*JOSEPH HULSE 5	
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3		ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in five methods. Rung for the patronal festival.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Friday, April 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents in 60 methods:—

1. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Braintree and Humber Delight.
2. Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Marple and Taxal Delight.
3. Clarence and Elston Delight.
4. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.
5. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck and Gosberton Alliance and Kent Little Court.
6. Chalfont, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammas and Olney Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
7. Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, College, Childwall, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK LORD... ... ...*Treble*		JACK BRAY 4	
MRS. J. BRAY 2		JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	
CHARLES MCGUINESS... ... 3		GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

There were 166 changes of method. First peal in 60 methods by all.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

A TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

Recent 'searching of records' has revealed the fact that Mr. William P. Garrett, of Ipswich, has the highest total of peals of Maximus to his credit, and he added another on Saturday, which brought the number to 101. But what makes this record more conspicuous is that the total is made up of no fewer than 14 methods, and that Mr. Garrett has taken part in the first peal of every Surprise Maximus method that has been rung.

Saturday's peal of New Cambridge was called by Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, who rang his first peal in the method on twelve bells. Mr. Frank Smallwood, of Bath, returned to Ipswich for the occasion to see that the job was properly done.

A ringer from the four-bell tower of Goxhill, Lincs, Mr. Septimus Neave, rang his first peal on Easter Monday when he took part in seven Minor extents in two methods at Barton-on-Humber—a peal rung for the 28th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Canon W. E. Varah.

WORCESTERSHIRE BAND'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

The Worcestershire band, with Mr. Sid Holt as conductor, has achieved another success in Surprise ringing by scoring their first peal in eight spliced Major methods. It was rung at Brierley Hill on Saturday, after an attempt, made without any previous practice a fortnight ago, which failed after 2 hours 10 minutes' ringing.

The band had previously rung peals in four, five and six methods. Their chief difficulty lies in the fact that they are an extremely scattered party and cannot meet for practice. The conductor lives in Worcester, Messrs. Matthews and Bass in Stourbridge, Cartwright and Stanley in Birmingham, Skidmore and Hemming in Brierley Hill, and Camm at Upton-on-Severn.

Members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Superlative Surprise at Beckenham on April 27th in honour of St. George's Day. They wish to associate Mr. W. J. Rawlings with the peal. After getting everything in readiness, he could not take part, owing to pressure of business, and his place was taken by Dennis Brown, who scored his first peal in the method at the first attempt.

The peal of Bob Minor at Davenham on April 10th was Mr. Harry Howard's 50th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Stedman Triples reported last week as rung at Great Bedworth, Cheshire, was rung at Great Budworth.

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester visited Southampton on April 26th to open the Art Gallery, which completes the magnificent new Civic Centre. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's Church in honour of the event, and the band included five visitors from the diocese of Guildford. What was more notable was the fact that two of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild half of the band included two one-armed ringers, J. W. Faithfull and G. Pullinger. The treble was rung by the oldest member of the party, George Williams, who will be 82 on Sunday, and the tenor by the youngest member, Harold Reed, who is 17½. There are few finer tens in England than St. Mary's, Southampton, and the peal was worthy of the bells

To celebrate the completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's, Hinckley, Leicestershire, by Mr. George Thompson, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there on April 22nd. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Measures, whose son, Mr. Frank Measures, called the peal.

A composition by Mr. G. Lewis, of Oxford Treble Bob Major, was rung for the first time on April 22nd, when it was called at Campsall, Yorks, by Mr. D. Smith.

Mr. E. A. Hall is retiring from the office of sexton at Peckleton, Leicestershire, after 24 years' service. On April 22nd he rang the tenor to a peal in seven methods of Doubles, arranged as a compliment to him, and afterwards he and Mrs. Hall kindly entertained the ringers

Mr. Frankland Rigby rang his 50th peal and Mr. F. S. Beaumont his 25th peal when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Swanage, Dorset, on April 22nd.

ANOTHER FINE PERFORMANCE.

The North Lincolnshire band, who have recently been pushing ahead with Spliced Minor, have improved upon their previous 53 methods performance by ringing, last Friday, at Bigby, seven extents in 60 methods. The honour of Lincolnshire seems to have devolved on worthy shoulders.

The present record of 84 methods goes to Cheshire. It was rung at Disley in July last year. The South Lincolnshire band, which seems now to have dissolved, through removals, had previously carried the total to 80.

Sixty methods in a peal was rung for the first time in Lincolnshire in August, 1936. Since then the record has gone up as follows: 61 (Lincs), 66 and 68 (Cheshire), 70 (Lincs), 73 (Cheshire), 80 (Lincs), 84 (Cheshire).

The first peal of Goudhurst Surprise Major was rung at Bushey, Herts, on April 27th. It was Mr. Edwin Jennings' 50th Surprise peal.

The funeral of Canon Hunter, for many years Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, took place on April 20th, and two days later a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the church he served with so much devotion.

There is a team of young ringers at Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, who learned to ring the five bells there when their average age was 14, the youngest being 12 and the oldest 16. That was two years ago. They have now all rung their first peal, three of them on March 9th and the other two on April 20th. On each occasion they were assisted by Messrs. R. L. Lathbury and J. W. Ward. These youngsters are to be congratulated upon their perseverance in learning to ring and upon their excellent striking. They are George Newell, aged 14, Wilfred Butler and John Gibson, each aged 15, and Archie Tuck and James Turner, each aged 18.

A band of service ringers at Church, Lancashire, rang a peal of Treble Bob on the bells of St. James' Church on April 26th, when Mr. Leslie Williams scored his first peal as conductor.

The peal of Minor at Apsley End, Herts, reported last week, was rung on April 17th, not the 10th as printed.

The ringer of the treble to the peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. John's, Leicester, was Raymond V. Hubbard, not Reginald as printed in our issue of April 21st.

Nesta and Richard Smith rang their first peal at the first attempt on Friday, when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Wonston, Hants. All the rest of the band rang their first peal of Treble Bob Minor. It was the third peal attempt made by Leslie Tremeer and Leonard Knott within a week. They had lost a peal of London after an hour and a quarter on the previous Saturday and a peal of Stedman after 2 hours 10 minutes on Easter Monday.

Another peal in honour of the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Chelmsford, which took place on April 23rd, 1914, was rung on Saturday week at Galleywood.

There is a growing tendency to break away from the rut in Surprise Major ringing, apart from the activities of the bands who are out to ring a new Surprise method every time they meet. On Friday week a peal of Painswick was rung at Crayford, Kent, and the first peal in the method in Yorkshire was rung at Northowram the next day. On the same day a peal of Ashtead was rung at Wymondham, Norfolk. All evidence of the progress that is spreading in method ringing.

In addition to being the first in the county and by the Yorkshire Association, the Painswick at Northowram on April 22nd was the first by all the band and was rung at the first attempt.

Miss Gladys Willars, a schoolgirl of 14 years of age, rang her first peal on the eve of St. George's Day at South Wigston, Leicestershire. She struck her bell perfectly throughout. The peal marked the opening of the great Leicester Church campaign.

The peal of Doubles at Nassington, Northants, on April 22nd, was arranged to enable the conductor (Mr. R. G. Black) to ring a peal on the bells of his native village, which he left in 1889, and where three previous generations of his family have been connected with the belfry. Messrs. Strangwood and Edwards rang splendidly and scored their first peal. They are the first members of the Oundle Branch to ring a peal. It must also have been almost like a first peal for Mr. Charles Cooper, for he had not rung one since 1914. Further, it was the first peal on the bells.

MORECAMBE BELLS RECAST.

CORPORATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST.

The Bishop of Blackburn, on Palm Sunday, dedicated the restored and augmented bells of the Parish Church of Morecambe, Lancashire. The tower was built in 1841 and the original six bells have now been recast and two more added. The restoration has cost over £600, towards which the Corporation have contributed £100.

The dedication service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation as well as by representatives of the various religious denominations of the town. The first lesson was read by the president of the Morecambe Free Church Council, and the Mayor's chaplain (Canon Royds) read the second lesson. After the dedicatory prayers, the Mayor unveiled a tablet commemorating the occasion.

The Bishop, in his address, compared the harmony of the bells of England with the discord in international affairs. After the service the bells were rung by J. P. Fidler 1, G. Bosworth 2, E. Swain 3, R. Grisdale 4, J. Swain 5, S. Clifford 6, T. B. Worsley 7, H. Palmer 8. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and everyone was loud in their praise of the tone of the bells and their 'go.'

Only a small amount remains to be raised to defray the complete cost of the scheme.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

INCREASE IN MEMBERS.

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society was held on April 25th in St. Peter's Hall, Oxford. Considerable progress was noted as having been made in the past year under the able Mastership of Mr. St. J. Smith (Jesus College), and there had been a welcome increase in the number of ringing members.

Mr. P. J. M. Bryan (St. Peter's) was elected Master for the ensuing year, with Mr. M. A. C. Frewer (Merton) and Mr. J. Wrigley (Merton) as secretary and treasurer respectively.

It is to be noted that the retiring Master (Mr. St. J. Smith) has now served both as Master of the Cambridge University Guild (1935-7) and Master of the Oxford University Society (1938-9). Such a career is unprecedented in the history of either society, and Mr. Smith's many friends will wish him success in his campanological and professional careers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STRUGGLING BANDS' NEED.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Coventry on Saturday, April 15th. The bells of Stoke Church were available during the afternoon and evening and were kept going in rounds and various methods. Service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. E. Lucock), the Guild's form being used. Tea was partaken of at the Biggin Hall Hotel, when 35 members sat down.

The business meeting followed, Mr. F. W. Perrens being voted to the chair. Apologies were received from Messrs. T. W. Chapman and D. H. Argyle.

The hon. secretary reported that for 1938 the membership stood at 364, being made up of 17 honorary members, 189 ringing members and 158 non-resident members, an increase of 43 over 1937 and of 71 over 1936. Peals rung during the year numbered six, the lowest total for any year since 1929. Ten rang their first peal in the method and seven their first peal. The conducting was shared by F. W. Perrens (3), P. Stone (2) and F. E. Pervin (1). The low total is compensated by the fact that Stratford Surprise Major, rung at Nuneaton on April 28th, was the first peal ever rung in the method, and the peal of Ashtead Surprise Major was the first in the method for the Guild.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £25 19s. 8d., was adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. H. Beamish, seconded by Mr. L. J. Hinde.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Coventry; vice-presidents, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Rev. Canon J. L. White, M.A., the Rev. O. M. Jones, M.A., the Rev. J. H. Dingley; Master, Mr. J. H. White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish; Central Council representatives, Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

The result of the vote for the meeting places for the next three months was: May, Newbold-on-Avon; June, Kineton; July, Solihull. New members elected were Miss O. Moreton (Chilvers Coton), S. Howell (Church Lawford), A. E. Barlow (Rugby), Mrs. Vann (Bilton), W. Sturley (Southam), G. N. Knight (Stoke), H. Lewis, O. Walker and G. Edmunds (Brinklow), T. Warner (Solihull) and Miss C. E. Pocock (Arley).

Mr. N. Maskell asked if assistance could be forthcoming for struggling bands. An occasional Guild meeting, he said, could not possibly meet the need.

Mr. E. Stone suggested that districts be re-formed and the committee of each district make arrangements which would most benefit the bands in that district.

The question was left with the Guild Committee to discuss and report at the next quarterly meeting.

The hon. secretary mentioned the letter received from the secretary of the Central Council regarding the 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods,' in which the Guild was asked to advance 16s. 6d. for six copies. The letter was well received, and ten members signified their intention of purchasing a copy when available.

Mr. E. Stone proposed and Mr. L. J. Hinde seconded that the secretary write to Mr. M. Melville, secretary of the Guild from 1935-38, to wish him Godspeed in his new sphere after his ordination by the Bishop of Winchester.

The reports for 1937-38 having been distributed, Mr. E. Stone proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for preparing them for publication.—The hon. secretary thanked Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mr. A. H. Beamish for the help they had given.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. W. White, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the curate and organist of Stoke, and to Mr. W. Cox, of the local band, who had kindly arranged the tea.

At the close of the meeting a return was made to the tower for further ringing, and a social evening followed at the Biggin Hall Hotel, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings held in Coventry.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

AN ANNUAL DINNER SUGGESTED.

The spring meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Cannock on Saturday, April 22nd. A variety of methods was rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C.), who also delivered a helpful address. Tea, which followed at Stanton's Restaurant, was kindly provided by the Vicar.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity and for his address, and to the organist and others who helped to make the meeting a success. This was received with applause.

Mr. B. G. Key, Ringing Master, suggested that an annual dinner should be arranged in the autumn, and the project was supported by Mr. C. Wallater. It was eventually agreed that the matter should stand over till the annual meeting.

It was decided that the society should guarantee its quota for the forthcoming publication by the Central Council of 'Surprise Major Methods.'

The annual meeting is arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 17th.

Handbells were brought into use for tunes and change ringing, after which the members returned to the tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At the Kent County Association's meeting at Greenwich on Saturday, Mr. W. Berry, now aged 84, put in an appearance and took part in several touches. It was, indeed, a pleasure to the members to see and ring with him again in the tower in which he spent so many hours in days gone by.

The number of members of the Midland Counties Association, according to the annual report just issued, is 835 ringing members and 158 honorary members. In addition, there are some hundreds of non-resident life members.

The subscriptions to the association during 1938 amounted to £93 11s. 6d., and there was a balance on the year's working of £8 12s. 9d. The association has £300 in reserve funds, £47 4s. 4d. balance on appropriation account, and £13 6s. 1d. in the Bell Repair Fund.

Who was the crack Derby ringer who spoiled his life's record by breaking the treble stay at the M.C.A. meeting at West Hallam last Saturday?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RELATIONS IN OVERLAPPING AREAS.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. John's, Leytonstone, on April 15th. It is at this church that the national memorial to that truly great ringer, the late Mr. William Pye, is situated. Two trebles were added to the old six, and the fact is recorded on a tablet in the porch underneath the tower.

Ringing took place from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m., and then a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. T. Brown), who gave a short but delightful and much appreciated address.

Tea was served at a nearby restaurant, and Canon Brown extended a cordial welcome to the members. He assured them that he was always very pleased to have visits at his church from ringing societies.

The business meeting was held in the ringing room. Apart from the routine business, there was only one item of importance, that of a proposed joint meeting with the North and East District of the Middlesex Association.

The district secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior) said that, in his opinion, in consequence of certain recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' the impression had been given that the London County Association had no wish to co-operate with the other London societies and had no respect for the legitimate claims of these societies. As far as the Northern District was concerned, this was emphatically not so. Relations with the societies whose areas overlapped that of the district had, in recent years at least, been quite good. Speaking particularly of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, who were most concerned with the overlapping, he said that as the result of exchange of correspondence between the district secretaries, only once during the last nine years had there been a clash of meetings, and that an unavoidable one. He thought that a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association would have a very good effect, and he, therefore, proposed that they be invited to join the district in such a meeting at the Churches of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. George-in-the-East towards the end of the year, probably in November.—The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and to Messrs. G. Dawson and E. D. Smith, of the local band, for making the arrangements, concluded the business, and further ringing then took place.

It was a highly enjoyable and successful meeting, both socially and technically. Methods rung during the day ranged up to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, an unusual feature at London County meetings.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGERS' WEDDING.

MR. T. W. LEWIS AND MISS FLORENCE JOHNSON.

The wedding of two well-known Worcestershire ringers was solemnised at St. Peter's, Hinton-on-the-Green, on Saturday, when Miss Florence A. Johnson, fifth daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Johnson and of Mrs. Johnson, was married to Mr. Thomas W. Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis of Worcester. The whole of the bride's family have been service ringers at Hinton, her brother (Mr. J. D. Johnson) being hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association, whilst her mother is an honorary member of the association. The bridegroom's father is towerkeeper at St. John's, Worcester, and both father and son are members of the St. John's and Cathedral Guilds.

Fully choral and conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Binyon), the service was attended by many ringers. The bride's dress was of heavy white satin trimmed with lace, and she was attended by three small nieces dressed in frilled net in Victorian style, who carried dolls dressed as replicas of themselves; and a nephew of the groom, Master Tommy Martin, dressed in white satin and velvet.

Mr. S. T. Holt was best man, and the bride was given away by her elder brother, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

A reception was later held in the schools, where, among others, a greetings telegram was received from the ringers assembled at the groom's home tower, St. John's, for a peal.

The happy couple's future home will be in Worcester, and, as already recorded, a celebration peal of Double Oxford Major was rung at Hinton and a peal of Bob Major at Worcester.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—69.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

For many years the Chester Diocesan Guild has had the good fortune to include in its ranks bands of enterprising ringers, particularly in the sphere of Minor ringing. Although in the early days of method splicing the plan was experimented with in various parts of the country, it was in Cheshire that it was first developed on the lines that have led up to the present advanced standards, and it is Cheshire that, at the moment, holds the record for the highest number of methods included in seven extents. There has been in the diocese a steady succession of ringers expert in this branch of the art, and there is happily still no lack of them. Some have come to the front very rapidly, and among these is Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, of Marple, who, although he rang his first peal only five years ago—by a coincidence, exactly five years ago to-day—and did not call a peal until November, 1935 (this was in nine methods at Taxal), has already to his credit the honour of conducting a peal in 73 Treble Bob methods (the greatest number of Treble Bob methods which is believed possible of incorporation in seven extents), and the peal in 84 methods, which stands as the greatest number yet rung in seven 720's.

MR. C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Mr. Lewis first became interested in ringing towards the end of 1931, but, owing to the fact that the band which was gathered together at Marple was practically all raw material in change ringing, very little progress was made. Early in July, 1933, Mr. Lewis began to visit Disley, three miles away, and as a result of the instruction received there he was, by the end of the year, taking an interest in Spliced Minor. His first peal was not rung until May in the following year, at Knutsford (it consisted of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob), but he had made several fruitless attempts before that. His second peal, two months later, was in 18 methods, and his third, in September, was in 21 methods. He became a member of the band which, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Worth, was carrying on the work started at Norbury in 1923. To reach the record number of methods the band, of course, have had gradually to build up the total, and the later stages have included peals in 40, 42, 46, 52, 66, 68, 73 and 84 methods.

But while Mr. Lewis has devoted so much attention to the higher flights of Minor ringing, he has by no means confined his attention to this, and among other things he has rung almost 50 Surprise Major peals in six methods, peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, and of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. He rang in the first peal of Rochester Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in the only peal of Carisbrooke Delight Major, as well as calling the first peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major to be rung by the North Staffs Association in its own territory. Among the performances which he greatly values is the first peal (Doubles in two methods) rung at Marple for the Coronation by an entirely local band. Altogether Mr. Lewis has rung 140 peals, of which he has conducted 43.

Born at Marple on August 23rd, 1913, Mr. Lewis is now secretary and treasurer of the Stockport, Mottram and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and an ex-officio member of the Guild Committee.

KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. F. G. Burden, of Rolvenden, Kent, died in his sleep on Friday, April 14th. Deceased was 67 years of age and had been a ringer for over 50 years and verger for 25 years. He had rung several peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and of Major.

When Mr. Burden celebrated his jubilee as a ringer he broadcast in the B.B.C. feature, 'In Town To-night.' He was a good sportsman, kindly and cheerful, and much liked by all the villagers.

The local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral on Monday, April 17th. On Saturday last a band of the Kent County Association rang a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHESTERFIELD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At a quarterly meeting of the Oxford Society held on Saturday evening your leading article re Chesterfield bells was discussed with great interest. It was unanimously agreed that the following resolution be sent to you for publication:—

'That this society views with regret the proposed suggestion to instal an apparatus for "synthetic" bells in Chesterfield spire.'

V. BENNETT, Hon. Sec., O.S.C.R.

SHAMS OR SYNTHETICS.

Dear Sir,—Is there any real reason why we should play into the hands of the opposition, by using the word synthetics, when there is nothing like synthesis? The combination of the recording of the sounds of bells, with a loud speaker, produces a simple reproduction, which may be called a substitute, a sham or a pretence, but can never be a synthesis. Moreover, actual synthetic bells are a possibility, so we had better keep our wrath for them till they appear.

Now to some people the word 'synthetic' appeals, and produces in their mind the idea of a stunt which they wish to attach to their churches. So let us avoid the misleading term.

Again there are occasions (such as weddings) when some people like shams or pretences. I see no reason why they should not have them, as long as they keep the sound to the room, or other place of entertainment. But let us keep shams of all kinds away from our churches.

A further point is the law about these things. Churches have a common law or customary right to use the sound of bells. Places of worship not belonging to the Church of England have no such right. But as no one is likely ever again to contest this matter, one may take it that the C.E. Common Law right covers them also. But reproductions are quite a different matter. It cannot be claimed that these are customary: and very disagreeable legal proceedings are sure to follow these installations unless they be confined to indoors.

HERBERT DRAKE.

RESTORATION OF BRONLLYS BELLS.

NEW TREBLE ADDED.

The restored and augmented bells of St. Mary's, Bronllys, Brecknockshire, were dedicated by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon on Easter Eve. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have tuned, quarter turned and rehung the old five and added a new treble. The restoration was made possible by a generous donation by the Barron Bell Trust and by various bellringing friends. Before the service the Bishop ascended the tower and inspected the work and congratulated the Vicar upon the way in which it had been carried out.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies) intoned the service and the lesson was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer, Glasbury-on-Wye). After the formal dedication the Bishop gave an address on the words, 'We love the place, O God.'

The opening ringing was not done until the conclusion of the service, when it was carried out by D. H. Bennett, T. P. Curtis, P. J. Davies, D. A. Williams, E. D. Davies, J. Owens and W. Drew.

Ringers were present from Brecon (St. David's), Cefn Coed, Cadoxton, Clifford, Eardisland, Ebbw Vale, Glasbury, Kington, Talgarth, Staunton-on-Arrow, Lyonshall, Ross-on-Wye, Morriston, Newport and the local band, and included Messrs. D. G. Williams (guild secretary), J. P. Hyett (district secretary), A. Hunt (District Master), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth), the Rev. Ivor Richards (Llanhennech) and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

All present expressed their pleasure at the excellent 'go' and tone of the bells, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the work of restoration.

All the visitors were entertained to tea at the school, and Canon Hilary W. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and parishioners for their hospitality.

An interesting point about Bronllys Church is that the tower is the only detached tower in Wales with six bells. The tenor is 7 cwt. 8 lb. Visiting ringers will always be welcome to ring on the bells, if they will write to the Vicar.

DEATH OF MR. W. ALLIN.

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

It is with regret we have to record the passing of Mr. Wilson Allin, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who died on April 12th at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Allin was a member of the East Derbyshire and Nottingham Association and Midland Counties Association. He was for some time vice-president of East Derbyshire Association and always looked forward to the quarterly meetings. He was also instrumental in having three new bells added as part of the church war memorial and was hoping to see the six made into an octave. This wish, however, has not been granted, for he passed away while the necessary funds were being collected. Mr. Allin was a ringer at Sutton-in-Ashfield for 48 years, being captain and towerkeeper during part of that time. His last peal was rung on December 13th, just before his illness.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GIFT TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

Increase in Membership.

At their annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild undertook to provide the bell that will be necessary for the portion of the new Cathedral which it is hoped to complete in two years' time. This gift will be entirely apart from the scheme, which has been in operation for some few years, to accumulate a fund towards the provision of a ringing peal of bells when the tower is added some time in the future. The bell which is now offered will be temporarily housed, but eventually will be placed, as a 'sanctus' bell, in a turret over the Lady Chapel.

The meeting at which this decision was taken was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, and was attended by over a hundred members and visitors from many places outside the diocese. Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) presided, supported by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the Rev. L. Starey (Merrow), who had conducted the Guild's service in the Cathedral, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president).

MEMBERSHIP.

The committee, in their annual report, said the decline in membership in the two previous years had abated, and in 1938 there was a welcome influx of new members, a net gain of 30 having brought the total to 78 honorary and 405 annual subscribing ringing members. Special thanks were extended to Mr. W. James, of Cobham, for the introduction of seven new life members last year, and a substantial increase of honorary members in the Leatherhead District, which will be apparent in next year's balance sheet. The report continued:

'In spite of the increase in membership, however, the position as regards ringing members is a long way from being satisfactory. One of our districts only, namely, Farnham, is in the happy position of having members from every tower in its area. In the remaining districts there are several towers either with no members at all or with less members than they have bells. As the bells of most of the towers which stand aloof are rung regularly there must be many ringers in the diocese who have yet to be convinced that this Guild is not just the plaything of the officers and a few experts, but is really run with the object of promoting ringing generally throughout the diocese and for the benefit of every individual ringer.

'The Benevolent Fund, now with a balance of £58 16s. 8d., continues to grow, and, in connection with the New Cathedral Bells Fund, which stands at £21 7s. 7d., the committee reminds all members that they are part of a diocesan organisation actively engaged in a branch of diocesan life, and as members of such an organisation it should be their pleasure, and it is certainly their duty, to contribute as generously as possible to this fund. Perhaps never before have diocesan ringers had such an opportunity of leaving for future generations a more obvious witness of their enthusiasm and service as is now presented to members of this Guild. The Cathedral will be built and the tower eventually completed. Other diocesan organisations are already taking steps to provide the furnishing of various parts of the new building, and it is not out of reason to ask that on you, as members of the ringing organisation of the diocese, should rest some at least of the responsibility of ensuring that the tower is equipped with a ringing peal.'

RELATIONS WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Having referred to the district and joint meetings held during the year, the report said these meetings emphasised the very friendly relations which exist between the Guild and neighbouring societies generally. 'With thoughts of further joint meetings in mind,' added the report, 'all members will feel relieved that the attempt to promote antagonism between the London County Association and this Guild has been frustrated. The Guild was accused in "The Ringing World" of poaching on the preserves of other societies. Happily, our vice-president, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, as a member of the London County Association, was able, without involving this Guild in a dispute, to convince the annual meeting of that body of the gross unfairness of the charge, and it has now been withdrawn in such a manner as will, we hope, leave no suspicion of animosity between the London County Association and ourselves. The Guild was launched and is continued with the approval of the diocesan authorities as part and parcel of the diocesan organisation. There can be no question as to the right of the Guild to embrace every tower and claim the support of every ringer in the diocese. Association with Church life in the diocese should entail loyalty to that part of the diocesan scheme which is charged with the care of ringing. This does not mean that the Guild challenges the right of any other ringing organisation to pursue its legitimate activities within our borders, but it does imply that the allegiance of every ringer resident within the diocese of Guildford is due first and foremost to the Guild.'

PEAL RINGING ACTIVITIES.

The twenty peals rung during the year was the lowest total ever recorded by the Guild, but the peals included the first peal of Painswick Surprise Royal ever rung and the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by the Guild. There were only three 'first peals' against 15 in the previous year.

'The committee,' continued the report, 'feels that there is room in the field of peal ringing for greater activity by the Guild. Not merely activity for the primary purpose of increasing the numbers of peals rung, but activity designed to stimulate the life of the Guild by introducing to the peal ringing branch of the art a greater proportion of our members and to encourage younger members to aspire to the laurels of conductorship. If such an effort is to be made, however, more towers must be made available. So much has been said on this subject in previous reports, both district and annual, that the committee feels that there is little that can now be usefully added, but the committee members do think that if local ringers were just a little more helpful to the officers many towers at which there is never any peal ringing would be available for peal attempts occasionally. Local objectors who can remain adamant in refusing requests of comparative strangers are often to be mollified by the efforts of local ringers in personal touch. The committee suggests, too, that no peal organiser should be unmindful of the fact that local ringers are often inclined to be a little more amenable if some members of their tower are asked to join with visitors in peal attempts.

'Since the formation of the Guild eleven years ago only ten members can claim to have rung their first peal as conductor, and of these ten only three or four remain on the list of active peal ringers. For a Guild which has always had in the neighbourhood of 400 ringing members these figures give rise to some misgivings as to the future, and the committee appeals to all members to assist any efforts to effect a remedy.'

The report concluded with thanks to the incumbents, the district officers and all who had worked in the interests of the Guild.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the Guild on the state of the Benvolent Fund, which, he said, was entirely due to Major Hesse, who fathered the scheme. There was still plenty of room for further encouragement, however. He also expressed gratification at Mr. Grover's succession to Mr. Goldsmith as general secretary.

Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) moved the adoption of the accounts and thanked the Parochial Church Councils, the general secretary and the district secretaries for their support.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Hall (Shere), C. Parks (Croydon), G. Clode (Cathedral Church), E. W. Izard (Canada), A. R. Reed (Eastleigh), R. J. Balchus, J. and D. Lickford (Chiddingfold), P. Viney (Bramley) and G. W. Massey (attached to Epsom), Capt. D. C. Standem, Miss M. White (Pyrford) and Mrs. B. M. Martin.

Officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Bishop of Guildford; vice-presidents, Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird, the Ven. E. J. Newill and Messrs. W. Harrison and J. S. Goldsmith; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman; committee, the officers and the Revs. F. A. Woodard and G. H. B. Coleridge, Messrs. W. Massey, E. W. Morey, W. A. Dollimore, F. Nye, T. Upshall, R. Whittington, F. Cherryman, E. J. Ayliffe, A. J. Adams and G. Marriner; member of Diocesan Advisory Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at Haslemere on July 8th.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEMBERS.

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) moved that 'any district may provide out of funds one bronze Guild badge for any Guild member (other than a member whose subscriptions are compounded) who after the 1st day of May, 1939, shall ring his or her first quarter-peal.' He said it would encourage members to progress and use the badge.—The motion was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, it was decided to guarantee £1 13s. to the Central Council in connection with the publication of 'Surprise Major Methods.' He considered it was a book that should be made available to members, as it contained a history of Surprise ringing and an extensive collection of compositions. In return for the guarantee the Council would provide twelve copies, which could be sold for 3s. each.

Sanction was granted to the Leatherhead District to expend not more than £2 10s. on Davis silencers, and to the Guildford District to contribute £5 to the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

PROVISION OF BELL FOR CATHEDRAL.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked that the Guild should provide a sanctus bell for the first part of the new Cathedral as its donation to the appeal. The bell would be used for services until such time as the tower was built, and he could see no finer gesture than to give it. They had some two years to raise the money, and a bell of 3 cwt. would cost, with all fittings, about £40. There were over 450 members in the Guild, and if each one gave a shilling a year for two years they would have more than enough to pay for the bell. He was going to make a real drive to get the money, and would like, if possible, to get half the amount before Christmas and the other half before June next year. It was hoped to dedicate the first portion of the Cathedral at Whitsun, 1941, but there would be no ringing peal in the Cathedral for perhaps 20 years.

He did not propose touching the Cathedral Bells Fund, and it was an opportunity for them to show the clergy that they were not merely out for what they could get, but that they were prepared to give something. Provision had been made for a turret over the Lady Chapel to take a sanctus bell of about 3 cwt., and that was the bell he suggested they should give.—The Chairman thought they should

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BURSLEM.

There was a successful gathering when the members of the North Staffordshire Association held their second annual dinner on Saturday, April 15th, a company of 69 spending a most enjoyable evening at the George Hotel, Burslem. During the afternoon Hanley tower was open for ringing, and the bells were fully employed.

Supporting the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Hartill, of Stoke-on-Trent) were Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary), Miss Ada Bourne, the Rev. S. F. Linsley (clerical secretary), Mr. Arthur W. Hall (vice-chairman), Mrs. A. W. Hall, Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary), Miss D. Bull, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, and ringers and friends from Brown Edge, Stone, Longton, Kingsley, Norton, Draycott, Leek, Stoke-on-Trent, Hanley and Tunstall.

After the toast of 'The King,' Mr. E. A. Ridgway proposed 'The Church,' which, he said, was concerned with every important phase of their lives. He reminded the ringers that their appointment was a divine call. Within a radius of twelve miles of where he stood there must be, he said, a population of at least three hundred thousand souls, and, roughly, 300 ringers; only one-tenth of one per cent. Why was it they were content to be shut off from the world, out of sight, out of mind, yet eager to send forth God's message on the loud cymbals? The answer was they had got the 'urge' which impelled them to do so, an 'urge' which was given them by the Creator. Let them give, then, the best that lay within them both in study and in service. It rested on them to teach and to encourage those who would follow after and impart any knowledge they possessed so that the good work might advance through the ages.

The President, who replied, said it was becoming clearer every day that the only hope of civilisation for the world was by looking up to the Church. It was only by a rallying of people to the Church and by the rallying of the Church to its principles that there was any way out of the political unrest that was present in the world to-day. The activities of the Church, he continued, were the highest and best activities of human life. Bellringing was definitely linked up with the life of the Church; the best and highest quality of music had always been linked up to the life of the Church. Unfortunately during the last two or three centuries very many of the activities of human life had somehow or other got separated from the life of the Christian world, but there was still one activity which remained linked up with the life of the Church, and that was the art of bellringing. It was an art which was used to call the people to church, and when it was done earnestly it was an art at its highest and best.

Mr. E. Steele, who submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' referred with pleasure to the presence of the secretary of the Lancashire Association and welcomed many new friends.

Mr. C. S. Bowers, who responded, declared himself a friend not only of the ringers at his own church, but of all the members of that association. He went on to say that bells were like everything else, they never missed them until they had not got them. They had an experience of that when the bells of his church were being rehung. A series of complaints reached him, one of them being that when the bells were silent the good ladies who lived near the church didn't know what time to put the potatoes on to boil (laughter).

The Rev. S. F. Linsley proposed the toast of the North Staffordshire Association, and referred to the valuable work that was being done week after week by the ringers.

The Hon. Secretary, who responded, first referred to the passing of their old friend, Mr. George Walker, who, had he been with them, would assuredly have replied to the toast. Mr. Thompson went on to say it was true of the whole association that they took a keen interest in their work. During the past three years they had increased their membership by 60, but they still had a few towers which were left unattended. These could be helped by other members of the association, apart from those who undertook other duties. Referring to peal ringing activities in the association, Mr. Thompson said they were, of course, ringing more peals to-day than they had done for the last 20 years, although their total now only stood at 432. It seemed to take them a long time to reach their 500, probably longer than it took some of the associations to reach 5,000. Nevertheless, they had the unity and their Sunday ringing, which was of just as much service to their Church as the associations who had reached the total of peals in the thousands.

The committee, he continued, were very satisfied with the dinner proceedings. When they remembered the conditions they had had to weather and the difficulties that the committee had had in obtaining permission to hold the dinner in the George Hotel, he thought the results were very gratifying. He hoped all the members of the association would look up to the work that had been done by the committee. Mr. Thompson added that he had received apologies for absence from Mr. J. Bourne and Mr. E. A. Sherratt. The latter was ill in the North Staffordshire Infirmary and wrote wishing the dinner every success. The secretary thanked the Leek ringers and also the ladies from Leek for entertaining them so well. He felt sure the committee would be lost without the help of the Leek ringers, the president and the new clerical secretary (the Rev. S. F. Linsley).

The toast of 'The Press' was proposed by Mr. A. W. Hall, who first referred to the services rendered to the Exercise by 'The Ringing World,' and appealed for wider support for the paper. He also expressed the indebtedness of the association to 'The Evening Sentinel' and 'The City Times' newspapers for the publication of reports.

Selections were given on handbells by the Leek ringers, and songs were sung by Mr. G. E. Plant, pianoforte duets were rendered by Mrs. E. Thonger and Miss H. Bamford, while community singing, led by the Rev. S. F. Linsley and the Archdeacon, was very much enjoyed. A very happy evening was brought to a close with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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endorse Mr. Goldsmith's scheme with all their zeal and fervour and the proposal met with unanimous approval.

Mr. C. E. Smith brought forward a suggestion, made at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, that the Guildford Guild should appoint a member to act on the Surrey committee as the two societies overlapped but worked in harmony. The Surrey Association had approved the idea of one of their members serving on the Guildford Guild Committee.—The meeting approved the idea in principle.

Mr. T. W. White wondered if it was an appeasement policy or encirclement (laughter).

Mrs. Jessie Kippin: We are not dictators in the Surrey Association.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith announced that Mr. J. Armiger Trollope had presented the Guild with a manuscript history of London ringing from 1718-56, entitled 'Annable and his times.' On Mr. Goldsmith's proposition, a vote of thanks was moved to the donor.

Thanks to the Rev. L. Starey for preaching, the Provost for the use of the Cathedral Church and the chairman were proposed by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

The bells of the Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas' Church were rung before the meeting, while further use was made of S. Nicolas' and Shalford bells in the evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Good use was made of the bells at Great St. Mary's, St. Bene't's, St. Andrew's, Chesterton, and Our Lady and the English Martyrs. Permission to ring at Great St. Andrew's had not been granted.

The Vicar of Great St. Mary's, the Rev. E. C. Essex, was prevented by a long standing engagement from being present, but sent apologies for absence and good wishes for a happy meeting. Service was conducted by the Rev. S. Senior.

At the business meeting, held in the Consistory Court, the chair was kindly taken by the Rev. S. Senior.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the officers and committee elected as follows: General secretary and treasurer, Miss K. Willers; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. C. W. Cook and Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Messrs. A. J. Abrams, A. T. Chenery, C. Cousins, R. W. Crofts, H. Fields, E. G. Hibbins, F. W. Lack and W. Seekings.

Wisbech was agreed upon for next year's general meeting, and the summer festival this year will be held at St. Neots.

In connection with the proposed memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, it was decided to accept Mr. Mansfield's estimate of £10 10s. for erecting a tablet of Hopton Wood stone in Watlington Church. A faculty will be needed, making a total cost of £12 12s. Money already in hand and promises amount to £10 7s. 6d. The memorial is approved by the Rev. F. W. Fulford, Rector of Watlington.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

PILGRIMAGE TO EAST GARSTON.

On Wednesday evening, April 19th, a few members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met in the churchyard of the beautiful old village of East Garston, Berks, to pay their annual visit to the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, for many years their good Master and friend. The bells were raised in peal and a 720 of Bob Minor rung by Mrs. E. J. Hibbert 1, S. C. Davis (conductor) 2, W. Hibbert 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, C. J. Hibbert 5, W. Hibbert, jun. 6. Grandsire Doubles were then rung, Messrs. G. Woodley and R. Powell, of the local band, taking part, the latter ringing a good 120, although he had not tried to hunt the treble before. The ringing was of the character the dear old Master loved and would have enjoyed taking part in. Then home across the Berkshire Downs to Basingstoke, Reading and East Ilsley, all full of the memories of happy times spent with the 'Reverend' when he was with us.

R. T. H.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

At Hanley, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Easter Sunday before evening service to celebrate the Easter festival, also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who has been ringing for 50 years: H. Allcock 1, H. Sargeant 2, A. Millward 3, G. Jones 4, *J. A. J. Jack 5, J. W. Millward 6, N. Sargeant (first as conductor) 7, *H. Jones 8. * First quarter-peal.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at 1s. each.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—St. Michael's, East Peckham (6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Book on bus to Forge Gate, on the Tonbridge-Maidstone Road.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Café at 5.15.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

PETERBOROUGH, ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by Bishop Lang on Saturday, May 6th, at 3.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Ambrosden (8 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Nice little peal. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield (10 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street, near Town Hall, fare 1½d. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ranon's Road, Sheffield 7.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 6th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob Minor. All ringers welcome to this fresh tower.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, May 6th, from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A good attendance is desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, May 6th. Other towers available. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following at the Schoolroom.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill (Weston-super-Mare) on May 6th. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Howe's Cafe 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing, May 7th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, May 8th and 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary, Lambeth, May 30th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Harpenden (bells 8), on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7.45 p.m. Please support!—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for May: *St. Mary-le-Bow, 9th; St. Magnus', 11th and 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd; Southwark Cathedral, 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. This is a country village, and a postcard with numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 10th. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hasfield on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, May 9th.—A. G. Pulley, Branch Hon. Sec., Dumbleton, Evesham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on May 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 1s., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea. All names for tea should be sent to Mr. W. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex, not later than Wednesday, May 10th.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Burbage on Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea and short meeting at 5 p.m. You will get a better tea if all who intend coming send a card to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, as early as possible. I have a few reports left. Have you had yours yet?—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Particulars later by circular. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's 'Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5, followed by business meeting. Notifications must be sent to Mrs. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, by Wednesday, May 10th, without fail. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, May 8th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual service, followed by tea. If you need tea, *it is necessary* to let Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, Kings Langley, know by *Thursday, May 11th*. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, May 13th. 2.30, ring up; 4.15, service; 4.45, tea. — Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (bells 6) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 (please notify). Everybody welcome. — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at 1s. 6d. per head. A hearty invitation is extended to the Northwich and Bowdon and Stockport Branches. Will those who intend to be present please notify me before Thursday, May 11th?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Café Regent, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Barber, Tennyson House, Quebec Road, Mablethorpe, not later than Thursday, May 11th. Come and try the seaside air.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The Spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, May 13th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory (bells 6) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Castle Eaton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Usual arrangements. Cars from Swindon G.P.O. 2.30 p.m. Names by May 8th.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—This meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided, free, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Thurmaston on May 13th. Ringing (6 bells) will commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., for those who notify me by May 10th. Please note change of tower, as Humberstone bells are not available.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Calne on Saturday, May 13th. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Collection for new issue of Guild office. Luncheon in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: From 10 a.m. to 12 and 3.30 p.m. to 9, 8 bells, Calne, Wootton Bassett; 6 bells, Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton. Also Chippenham, two towers (8 bells), 4 to 9 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 8th, at the latest.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Leake on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at White Hart Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 9th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Barkway, Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 10th; no postcard no tea. Annual subscriptions due. Two practices have also been arranged: Baldock, May 10th; Graveley, May 18th; both at 7.30.—R. T. Newman, Dis. Sec., Salisbury Road, Baldock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilminster on May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. — R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at East Markham (8) on May 13th. Please look up your Minor and Major methods; then come and ring them. Cards for tea must be sent early to me. — R. Towler, Hon. Sec., 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

LADIES GUILD.—South Midland District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, on Saturday, May 13th. Service 4.15. Important: Numbers for tea should be sent to Mrs. F. Boulton, Isham, Kettering, by previous Tuesday.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western Division) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). — A joint meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at the Chequers 5.15 p.m. Please notify number for tea.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common; A. Lawrence, Hatfield Park, Herts, District Secretaries.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Sat., May 13th. Bells (8) from 3.15. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

HANBURY, NEAR BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, May 14th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Dudley. A ring of eight recast by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Wednesday, May 17th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Williamson's Restaurant, 55, High Road, Balham, S.W.12. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. T. Smalley, 29, Kirkstall Gardens, S.W.2, not later than Monday, May 15th. All ringers welcome. — I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEDDINGTON, NEAR CALNE, WILTS.— The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will re-dedicate the bells on Thursday, May 18th, at 7.30 p.m. A ring of five bells restored by John Taylor & Co.

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 20th. Church of St. Catherine (bells 8, tenor 11¼ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and in the evening. Further particulars later. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (1s. head) at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, only to those who notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, not later than May 18th. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we hope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Acle on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.15, and please all send postcards of names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 17th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 20th, when the bells of St. Mary's will be available from 2.30. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Details as to price and place of same will be published next week; also place where general meeting will take place immediately following.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5, price 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by May 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70. Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 20th, not the 13th, as previously arranged. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting; 1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 22nd. Bells avail-

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 60th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Lunch will be provided free to all members who apply for tickets not later than Wednesday, May 17th. Ringing members, please apply to district secretaries, non-resident members to general secretary. Non-members can obtain tickets from the general secretary on payment of 2s. 6d.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch are holding the annual salmon supper on Saturday, July 8th, at the Angel Hotel, Ruardean. Particulars will be issued later in 'The Ringing World.' Please note date.—O. Thomas, W. Scott, R. Pownall, Joint Secs.

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