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**AN EXPERIMENT.**

Some years ago a man, then well advanced in years, was talking of the Exercise in the days of his youth. He told how he had asked a leading authority of the time a question about some point and was met with the reply: 'Find out for yourself as I had to.' We do not know the circumstances, and the answer need not have been so brusque as it seems. Provided that the enquirer is of the right sort it is often the best advice to tell a man to find out for himself, and many ringers have benefited from the necessity of having to do so. But there is another side to the question. There was a time when little attention was paid to the training of recruits for the belfry, and only those young men who had special aptitude for ringing, or who were prepared to endure a long period of disappointment and probation, stood much chance of securing a place in a band as vacancies occurred through the deaths or retirement of older members. Meanwhile many men who might have proved useful to the Exercise were lost.

Those days are past. For some years now, and more particularly during and since the war, the need for securing and encouraging beginners has been fully recognised, and, at the same time, the supply of recruits has been far greater than ever before. From all quarters there are reports of the numbers of young ringers who now attend meetings and visit strange belfries, and, as the delightful letter from a young gentleman of Mitcham we published three weeks ago shows, generally they are welcomed abroad and not unsuccessful at home.

In this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' there is a notice of an attempt which responsible men in Essex are about to make to benefit beginners and the less well-instructed members of the Exercise. A number of skilled ringers have promised to attend and they will form the body of the bands that will ring whether it be rounds or London Surprise. Visitors desirous of gaining experience in anything will be asked to state their requirements and they will then have the opportunity of practising with a thoroughly competent band. The advantages of that should be obvious to everyone, whether the method is Grandsire or one of the most abstruse. Further, the promoters of the meeting and their helpers undertake to give advice and information about most of the things which concern and interest a ringer.

That a pleasant and enjoyable gathering is assured cannot be doubted, nor that, judged by the ordinary stan-

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dards of a meeting, it will be successful. Whether it will be successful in the way its promoters hope and intend depends on things largely beyond their control or anyone's else. 'It is not in mankind to command success,' but these men we may fairly say 'have done more. They have deserved it.'

The scheme is necessarily an experiment, and, since the intention is so excellent, it would be ungracious to offer any criticism, or even advice, about details. But there is one point which should be stressed, not particularly about this meeting, but about all meetings. That is the need for discipline. Discipline in a belfry does not mean the introduction of sergeant major methods or anything like it. It means that the ringing master or whoever is in charge should have full control not only over the ringing but over the ringers as well; and should have the right and duty to decide, not only what shall be rung, but also, if needs be, who shall ring. It would not be a bad thing if for each touch he 'set every man to his bell,' as the old rule had it. Under modern conditions that is hardly possible at an open meeting, but the ringing master should be able to make sure that the keenness and exuberance of some visitors should not be exercised at the expense of more modest and retiring persons, or the comfort and enjoyment of more skilled ringers.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 11
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

## TEN BELL PEALS.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE A. PORRITT ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP... 6
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 3	*HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 8
*PERCY PAGE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 9
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.  
\* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 8
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 9
CECIL G. CALCUTT ... .. 5	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE HUGHES ... .. Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6
J. DENIS HOLDEN ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
*ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 9
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. WALLATER.

‡ First peal of Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
GEORGE SAYER ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First in method by all.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WORTH ... .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 5
MISS JENNY PYM ... .. 2	TOM WILDE ... .. 6
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GERALD DARE ... .. Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
*LILIAN M. DARE ... .. 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
†EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3	IVAN KAY ... .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	†WILBERT SOUTHWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by I. KAY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Half-muffled for the men of the village killed in the war.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 2	NORMAN HYAPS ... .. 6
JOHN R. LUNHAM ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	CECIL RADDEN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CECIL R. LONGHURST ... Treble	GEORGE HESKETH ... .. 5
*FREDERICK S. ALMOND 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method.



**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Apr. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	*ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
*CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 2	*JOHN F. WOOD ... 6
*FREDERICK BROWNLOW ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	EDWARD IDDON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by ED. IDDON.

\* First peal in the method.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., May 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

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

W. GEORGE TURNER ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	ALBERT PICKIES ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*GORDON BENFIELD ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method. Half-muffled for Thomas B. Kendall.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
MRS. R. A. REED ... 3	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... 7
RONALD BURFORD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 15 cwt.
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

First peal on the bells.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

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

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5	
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6	
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7	
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	JAMES HURRELL ... Tenor	

(Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.)

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*TREVOR A. CROSS ... Treble	†FREDK. G. SOUTHGATE ... 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 6
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
BERT W. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

**ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*AT THE ABBEY,*

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 24 cwt.
ROBERT E. TURNER ... Treble	ALFRED MEARS ... 5
JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANC.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Tenor 16 cwt.	
FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... Treble	*ARTHUR HATCH ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**BATHAMPTON.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Apr. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*MRS. E. MARSH ... Treble	M. POWELL ... 4
*MISS B. GOODING ... 2	S. S. WOODBURN ... 5
*MISS G. HIGHAM ... 3	F. GOODING ... Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

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

Tenor 8 cwt.	
*HAROLD E. HARRISON ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 3	EDWARD WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Apr. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

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

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 8 cwt.
VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	FREDERICK TURRELL ... 4	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5	
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Tenor	

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

First peal as conductor on tower bells.

**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,*

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 6½ cwt.
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... Treble	MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5	
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.



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## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., May 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM C. STACKHOUSE Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 4
*HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2	*GEORGE COOPER ... 5
*JOSEPH GREGORY ... 3	*WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

\* First peal.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS VALERIE CROUCH ... Treble	MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 4
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
†MISS FRED A. MURKITT 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## WADHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Alnwick, Surfleet, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS COOKE ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## COVENTRY.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4	ERNEST SIBLEY ... 7-8

\*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

\* First peal of Royal.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in One Hour and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT W. BOND ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7-8

Composed by F. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. M. C. MELVILLE.

\* First peal on handbells.

## SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
FRED A. SALTER ... 3-4	ROBERT A. WARD ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal on handbells.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

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THE

# LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

One hundred and twenty members and friends were present at Ashford on Easter Monday at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar and the collection for the benevolent fund amounted to £3 7s. 9d. As any catering on a large scale was out of the question, the members were allowed a sum of money to provide for themselves.

The business meeting was in the parish room. Earlier in the day the committee had met and among other things had decided to grant £5 to the fund for rebanging Headcorn bells.

In his report, Mr. F. W. Mitchell, the hon. secretary, stated that 560 members had paid their subscriptions during the year. Thirty-two honorary members had paid and 22 non-resident members had joined. The losses by death were B. F. Glaysher (Bronley), E. Verrier (Deal), A. H. Saxby (Margate), H. C. Castle (Ashford) and S. Boulding (New Romney), practising members, and G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles (non-resident). Forty district meetings had been held with increased attendances. It was stated that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are recasting the front four and rebanging the peal of 12 at Quex Park in ball bearings. The peal of eight at Birchington has been rehung in ball bearings. One bell has been added to make a peal of five at Barham, and Dover bells are listed to be fehung.

During the year 88 peals were rung, four of them on handbells. They were rung in 50 towers in a variety of methods from Minor to Spliced Surprise. The conductors numbered 28, of whom Mr. P. Corby headed the list with 31.

The balance in hand was £116 9s. 8d. No demands had been made on the belfry repair fund and by collections at meetings and life members' subscriptions had increased to £216 14s. 5d. Two grants had been made from the benevolent fund amounting to £8 3s. Collections and donations amounted to £17 3s. 8d., and the balance had increased by £23 to £385 19s. 8d. With the invested funds and the balances in the various accounts the association funds have increased to £1,198 17s., an increase of £61.

The president and vice-president were re-elected, and Mr. Fred White was added to the list.

Mr. S. H. Green resigned from the committee, as he is leaving the county in the near future, and Messrs. E. Barnett and J. Willis were elected to serve with the retiring members.

After 17 years' service, Mr. F. W. Mitchell retired from the office of secretary, and Mr. G. H. Spice was appointed in his stead. Mr. Mitchell received the thanks of the association and was re-elected as hon. treasurer.

A motion from the Lewisham District proposed that 'the association create a special office tenable for one year only and never for two in succession by any one person, in order to mark esteem and honour any member of outstanding service to the ringing exercise, such office to be filled by election at the annual general meeting.' This was referred to the committee for consideration and report.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, nearly 100 members and friends were present from Acton, Beaconsfield, Binfield, Boyne Hill, Bray, Burnham, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Kingsbury, Marlow, Reading, Slough, Stoke Poges, Twyford, Wendover, Westminster, Old Windsor and Windsor. Among those present was the Bishop of Buckingham.

Service was conducted by the Vicar who gave an address, and tea in the Church Hall was served by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hobbs. The Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present, and remarked on the large number of young ringers of both sexes.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected: President, the Bishop of Buckingham; chairman, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. T. J. Fowler, W. Birmingham, F. D. Boreham and W. Welling.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 27th, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Shipley and Woodlesford.

At the business meeting in the tower Mr. W. H. Senior presided. One new member, Mr. J. F. Hodson, was elected. The secretary's report and balance sheet showed that the membership now stands at 198 (paid up 146), nine honorary members and 18 still with His Majesty's Forces. The balance sheet showed a total of £26 5s. 10d., the bank account being £21 19s. 11d. A notice of motion to grant honorary membership to all over 65 years of age was given.

The election of the following was confirmed: President, Mr. J. McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, S. H. Barron and F. Hutchinson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roe; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The next meeting will be held at Guseley on May 25th.

### IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held at Lurgan on Easter Monday and was attended by 50 members and friends.

The report showed that nine towers are now affiliated to the branch with a membership of 97. Change ringing is now well established in Holywood and St. Thomas', Belfast, and is being practised in Carrickfergus and Enniskillen. Other bands are keen to take up the study of change ringing if instructors can be found.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance of cash in hand of £14 0s. 2d.

On the invitation of the Holywood members it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Holywood.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. E. S. Barber, Holywood; vice-president, Mr. John Dixon, Coleraine; secretary, Mr. W. Webb, St. Thomas', Belfast; assistant secretary, Mr. F. G. Burrows, St. Thomas', Belfast; treasurer, Mr. T. Dunwoody, Holywood; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood; three representatives to serve on general committee of association, Mr. R. G. Nelson, Enniskillen, Mr. W. Webb, Belfast, and Mr. H. S. Lightbody, Rostrevor.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Honiton on Easter Monday and was attended by 72 members and friends. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. de Salis (Rector), with Mr. D. Connett at the organ.

Preb. E. V. Cox presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. J. Arbury (hon. secretary) reported a balance of about £30. The officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. A. F. de Salis; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Turner; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, C. Turner and L. Baker.

Paylombury, with Broadhembury, was chosen for a meeting on September 21st, and Seaton for the next annual meeting on Easter Monday. Eight new members—seven from Honiton and one non-resident—were admitted.

The President, on behalf of the branch, presented the former Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Burrows, now of Exeter, with a letter of thanks and cheque in recognition of services in that capacity, and as honorary instructor for many years in the district.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a large gathering at Bedford on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association; members were present from all parts of the county and visitors from St. Albans, Leicester, Kettering, Northampton and Coventry. The ringing was at St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow. Service in St. Paul's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. St. G. Colthurst, and tea was in the Trades Club.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. A. E. Sharman, a letter was read from Canon A. Rust resigning the office of president on account of ill-health. This was received with regret and Miss E. Steel was appointed to the vacant office. Messrs. A. King, J. Nicholls, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, G. Heley and W. Stapleton were elected vice-presidents. Messrs. H. Harding and A. Sinfield were appointed representatives on the Central Council.

Bedford was again chosen for the 1947 annual meeting, and Woburn for the summer festival. It was decided to increase the annual subscription to two shillings.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, was attended by over 60 ringers from Birmingham, Downham Market, Ely, Epsom, Erith, Fotherham, Hampstead, Harston, Hatfield, Hilgay, Hillingdon, St. Ives, Marham, Merton, Surrey, St. Neots, Over, Sawston, Shelford, Snettisham, Shouldham, Great Staughton, Sutton, Tempsford, Terrington St. John, Tilney All Saints, Trumpington, Turvey, and St. Stephen's, Westminster.

Service at Great St. Mary was conducted by Canon E. C. Essex, who later presided at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Wisbech, and to celebrate the association's jubilee in 1947 by a ringing festival to be held in Ely, with service in the Cathedral if possible. Five towers were open during the day.

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A church rally was held at Stogursey on April 27th, and a large concourse of people from many parishes attended the service. The whole congregation took part in the procession, after which the Te Deum was sung before the high altar. Ringers from Wembdon, Chedzoy, Bridgwater and Stoke St. Gregory took part as a body in the procession, and touches on the bells were rung throughout the afternoon and early evening. A quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandire Doubles was rung by the Wembdon ringers. The ringers were: F. W. Sweet 1, R. D. Short 2, M. E. Farthing 3, J. T. Locke 4, B. T. Jeanes (conductor) 5, T. G. Burge 6.



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The time of the peal of Double Norwich at South Wigston on April  
22nd was 2 hours 56 minutes, not 2 hours 46 minutes.

The ringers in the handbell peal of Double Norwich at Crayford on  
April 24th were Betty Spice 1-2, W. L. B. Leese 3-4; and the time  
was 2 hours 23 minutes.

The ringer of 5-6 in the handbell peal at Sible Hedingham on April  
14th was Albert Catterwell.

The method rung at Brighton on April 27th was Cambridge, not  
New Cambridge.

Correspondents are asked to make sure that their reports are  
accurate and written clearly.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

##### MEETING AT EPSOM.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association,  
held at Epsom on Easter Monday, was attended by about 100 mem-  
bers and friends from Ashted, Banstead, Cambridge, Croydon, Car-  
shalton, Cuckfield, Epsom, Ewell, Guildford, Holloway, Isleworth,  
Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Otlands Park, Orhey, Putney,  
Rotherfield, Rugby, Ruislip, Stepney, Streatham, Walton-on-Thames,  
Wickham, West Clandon, Widford and Wimbledon.

Service at St. Martin's was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was in  
the church hall. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E.  
Collins, 19 members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next  
meeting at West Clandon jointly with the Guildford District of the  
Guildford Guild on June 22nd.

The methods rung during the day ranged from rounds, Grandsire  
Triples and Caters to Cambridge and Bristol Surprise.

#### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan  
Association, held at St. Woolas' Cathedral, Newport, on Easter Mon-  
day, about 60 members were present from Aberavon, Blaenavon, Bon-  
vilston, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Caldicot, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Ebbw  
Vale, Llanbradach, Llanfrecha, Llantrisant, Merthyr, Newport,  
Penarth, Pentre, Pontypridd, Porthcawl, Whitchohro, Bristol, Croy-  
don, Hereford, High Wycombe, Morriston, Swansea and Tenby.

At the business meeting it was stated that the bells of Abergavenny  
are to be recast and increased to ten. Several new members were  
elected, and the bellfries of Monmouth and Llanbradach were re-  
affiliated to the association.

#### DEATH OF MR. J. C. DICKEN.

Mr. J. Charles Dicken, who died on April 6th, was for many years  
a ringer at Beeston, Notts, and a life honorary member of the  
Midland Counties Association. He rang 235 peals in various methods  
from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major and Treble Bob Maximus.

#### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MATHEWS.

The death occurred on April 15th of Mr. William Mathews, who for  
the last 21 years had been captain of the band at Bucklebury. He  
was in his 80th year. At the funeral service on April 20th some of  
his fellow ringers acted as bearers, and half-muffled touches of Sted-  
man and Grandsire were rung.



**CATERS WITHOUT A COVER**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There are only nine bells in the Basingstoke tower. If a peal be rung on all the bells it must be a peal of Caters or else Major with a tenor covering. The latter state would be probably worse than the former and would give grounds, legitimately, I think, for complaint.

The Whitney and Appleton peals do not fall into the same category, as they could have been rung with a covering bell (in fact, most of the respective peals were so rung apparently).

I hazard a guess that the Basingstoke peal was meant to be a 'test case.' When the Central Council drew up their rules there was no nine-bell tower in existence (or, if there was, they overlooked it), and could they really be blamed for not envisaging one in the future?

Watford. R. C. H. CONNOLLY.

**INAUDIBLE TREBLE BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Now that the war is over it is likely that some churches will add treble bells to their towers as a war memorial, and some thought ought to be given to their audibility, as this is especially important when ten or twelve bells are being rung in changes.

One usually finds that at a great distance from the tower only the tenor bells can be heard; as one approaches nearer the middle bells are noticed, but not until one gets quite close can the trebles be distinguished, and then they are overwhelmed by the clamour of the tenors.

This is partly due to the properties of sound and of the human ear, and partly to the design of the bells. Sounds of low pitch carry further than those of high pitch, and one finds that in distant thunder or gun fire all the high pitched components have faded out leaving only a low pitched rumble.

The human ear seems to be more sensitive to low pitched than high pitched sounds, and special means have to be taken to overcome this. In a choir there are several trebles, but only a few basses; in an orchestra there are several violins to a few 'cellos, and perhaps only one double bass; and in the piano the treble notes have two or three wires struck by the same hammer and only one wire in the bass. But in the belfry the tenor is the biggest bell, exposing the largest area of vibrating metal to the conducting medium, and it has the heaviest clapper so that it is struck with the greatest force.

To make the intensity of the trebles equal to that of the tenors could be done either by increasing the former or by diminishing the latter. Intensifying the trebles might make their sound insupportable near the tower, in which case the method of choice would be to damp down the tenors.

I suggest that ringers should agree at what distance all the bells should be heard with equal intensity on a still day (say 500 yards), and that founders should be asked, by modifying the size of clappers or the size and weight of the bells, to provide this. It seems to me that they have concentrated exclusively of the quality of the sound emitted by each individual bell without considering the effect of all the bells when rung in sequence. 'This ought ye to have done, and not leave the other undone.'

Norwich. FREWEN MOOR.

**RAIN BEFORE RINGING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The old wooden tower at Yateley requires rain every week for the bells to go well. In a dry summer, as one ringer remarked, it nearly walks round the churchyard. On May 1st, 1894, the ringers of Yateley rang a truly local peal of Grandsire Triples, all the ringers were born in the parish and baptised at the font round which they stood to ring the peal.

Yateley, Hants. S. J. RIDDELL.

**THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.**

On May 3rd, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was instituted and inducted to the united benefice of St. Michael with Holy Rood, St. Lawrence and St. John, Southampton, by the Bishop of Winchester. Mr. Felstead is the chairman of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung, the Master of the Guild (Mr. George Williams) taking part. On the following day a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung.

**INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In my short letter on 'Inscriptions with a smile,' published in your issue of April 26th, there was a misprint, which eliminated the point of the Dorset idiom. Fivehead bells say, not 'Who'll help use,' but 'Who'll help we'!

F. L. EDWARDS.

**THE LATE RICHARD T. HIBBERT.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For the purposes of any official records and future history, I would point out that my late father was christened Tom, his correct name being Richard Tom Hibbert.

WILLIAM HIBBERT.

**HANDBELL RINGING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your leader this week makes interesting reading, but, like many other ringers I expect, I am puzzled by the last sentence.

Because certain expert handbell ringers have reduced change ringing on handbells to a fine art by a somewhat revolutionary method it would seem to constitute a threat of some sort to the Exercise, at any rate that appears to be the implication.

But is this new method revolutionary? I think not. Most of us who practise handbell ringing to any extent use this method to some degree. If we have had the 'misfortune' to take up tower bell ringing first, then, I think, we shall unconsciously always apply the course method in whatever ringing we do, and we shall never really be able to ring handbells expertly until we master the place method. Surely this is what happens every time? In Bournemouth we practised Doubles and Triples and, until we had plodded through hours and hours of such practice, and, until we were unconsciously applying the place method, we were never likely to score a peal. Having mastered, more or less, the Triples or odd-bell method construction there we are, 'even' bell peals only come after a similar plod.

To my way of thinking, the handbell ringers who use the 'method construction' way from the beginning merely take a short cut and get on quicker if they do not know the diagram. I have seen one of our leading conductors throw a pair of handbells down in sheer disgust saying, 'I'll never master 'em.'

No, sir, I think the implied fears at the end of your excellent leader are unfounded. Our Exercise is like a tree with a double trunk: each 'tree' will bear a similar but different fruit, similar in appearance, but different in taste; neither 'tree' will harm the other; in fact, it will be quite the contrary case and the root is firmly embedded and strong enough to support both the branches.

Handbell ringing has many advantages over tower bell ringing, bad striking on handbells is rare (except in the early stages of practice), and the first trip in a peal is more often than not the last. To enjoy some ringing at any time one has to merely 'take 'em out' of the cupboard, as one of my friends remarked once—'No asking the parson's, verger's or steeplekeeper's permission and no complaints,' and yet, somehow, there is not quite the satisfaction at the end as there is to a good tower bell peal.

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has certainly explained very clearly and succinctly the best way to become proficient in handbell ringing. If aspirants will take pains to learn thoroughly the places of a method, and fit the work round the places and the path of the treble, they will soon become proficient. Further, those who have the faculty, natural or acquired, of continued concentration can with practice attain to 'singing the tune' of all the bells up to Triples and Major, and in some cases Caters and Royal also. They will thus learn a lot about conducting and at the same time be delighted by the grand musical changes turning up in methods such as Double Norwich and, above all, Grandsire Caters.

May I add a further word of advice to handbell ringers? Try to ring by sound quite as much as by sight, and even more so.

In your commentary on Mr. Woodhouse's article, Mr. Editor, you state, in referring to the system, that 'it may be that a heavy price will have to be paid for it in other things.' Would you please enlarge on this statement, which is puzzling, to me at least?

C. GLENN.

Bristol.

[We have a few more remarks to make on this subject, but first we wish to let experienced handbell ringers express their views to the fullest.—The Editor.]

**DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. H. G. Miles for his letter in your issue of April 26th? The account of the peal at St. Mary Abbot's ('Bell News,' December 24th, 1904) concludes with a footnote in small type: 'This is the first 5,004 rung in the method; the previous peals being 5,093.' By inadvertently reading 'peal' for 'peals' I took this 5,004 to be the second peal to be rung in this method. I beg to apologise for so careless a mistake.

I find in my notes reference to a peal of Double Norwich Caters rung by the College Youths in 1903, but I have not the particulars of this. I take it that this is the peal referred to by Mr. Miles.

Solihull. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

**HYMNS WANTED.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, a tentative form of service was used, and suggestions for improvement were invited. Two were made, and will be incorporated in future editions. An alternative Chapter will be used, and this will allow for a change of posture. More hymns are wanted: if suitable ones are sent to me at once they will be printed. Those in the Essex and Norwich services have already been used.

H. D.

Uford Rectory, Woodbridge.



## RECORD PEALS.

(Continued from page 181.)

Probably several of the early long peals of Grandsire Caters were produced from ordinary tittum peals by adding to each of certain courses two more courses with the seventh parted from the other two big bells. If so the truth of the compositions was reasonably assured. The composition rung at Norwich in 1737 is more doubtful. The number of changes, 12,600 (that is 70 leads), suggests a peal in five regular parts on the plan of those in the 'J.D. and C.M. Campanalogia,' especially as we know that the Norwich men were familiar with that book. They were keenly interested in composition, and included men of ability, but the requirements of proof were little understood in those days. The actual ringing is above suspicion, for, as the peal tablet is careful to record, 'to remove all doubt of the truth of the performance, several ingenious ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of the same.'

A notable peal was the 15,120 Bob Major rung at West Ham on November 21st, 1737, by the Society of Eastern Scholars. In number of changes it has been exceeded in the metropolitan area only once, when in 1868 the College Youths rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green. It stood as the record length of any method in the country until the 15,360 Bob Major at Aston in 1793, and, although it has in more recent years been exceeded several times in various methods and on different numbers of bells, the conditions have so altered that any exact comparison is hardly possible. Perhaps the peal which most suggests comparison is the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington in 1899.

On any count the performance stamps the tenor man, Philemon Mainwaring, as one of the greatest heavy bell ringers of all time. The bell was reputed to weigh 28 cwt., and, although that probably was an exaggeration, it was no more so than was usual, and for comparison is fair enough. Mainwaring's name first appears in 1733 as the conductor of a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's in the East. The Society of Eastern Scholars apparently had just been formed out of the remains of earlier companies which for some years had practised with varying success at St. Dunstan's and the neighbouring steeple of St. Magnus. Mainwaring was their leading man, and for some time called all their peals. These men rang half a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the newly erected bells at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1734, with three men to the tenor and Mainwaring on the eleventh. No doubt they hoped to score the first five thousand on the bells, but that the College Youths achieved. Then some quarrel happened among the Eastern Scholars, and when they rang their peal, a six thousand at St. Saviour's, it had to be Caters, not Cinques. Three men were needed at the tenor and Mainwaring called the bobs from the eleventh. Just previously he had shown what he could do as a heavy-bell man by turning in the 44 cwt. tenor at Christ Church, Spitalfields, to a peal of Treble Bob Major, and not long afterwards (February 19th, 1739), with a band of Union Scholars, he rang Southwark tenor to 5,040 Bob Royal, the first time the bell had been rung single-handed to a peal.

This record shows that we need not doubt Mainwaring's ability to ring West Ham tenor to a fifteen-

thousand; nevertheless, the record is rather dubious. The peal book and the still extant peal board give the time as eight hours and forty minutes, which would be at the rate of just over two hours and fifty minutes to a five-thousand. Under modern conditions that is not an entirely impossible rate for a bell which probably weighed a trifle over 25 or 26 cwt., though we can hardly imagine any band maintaining it for a fifteen-thousand. In the early eighteenth century it would have been so unusual that we may put it down as impossible. So later ringers regarded it, and the authors of the 'Clavis' expressed the general opinion when they wrote: 'It is well known by the time mentioned, and the weight of the bells, they could scarcely ring thirteen thousand.'

The criticism is quite fair, but it does not settle the matter. It is evident that something is wrong with the record. Either the length was less than fifteen thousand changes, or the time was longer than eight hours and forty minutes. We need not doubt that a genuine mistake was made, and on the whole it is more probable it was in the time than in the changes. Nine hours and forty minutes would have been about right in the circumstances, and the fact that both peal book and peal board give the shorter time is of no consequence, for one account was almost certainly copied from the other.

Exactly what composition was rung cannot be said, but there is not much doubt that it was an ordinary five-thousand (most likely Annable's three-part), with the tenor called three times in fifths in each course.

When every allowance is made for error, there is still enough margin to allow the performance to stand, not only as a record peal, but as an outstanding record peal.

I have mentioned that the weight of West Ham tenor was usually given as greater than it actually was. A similar thing was common all over the country, and it is of some importance in comparing record peals. There is, of course, and there always will be, a tendency on the part of local men to exaggerate the weights of bells, especially when they are based on nothing more definite than tradition or an estimate. We are all familiar with tenors reputed to be, say, a ton when they can hardly be more than fourteen or fifteen hundredweight. There have been some well known examples which were hotly debated until the test of the weighing machine settled the matter much to the surprise, and probably disappointment, of some of the parties. Christ Church tenor at Oxford is an example, and the old tenor at St. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, another. But it is not of such as those that I am thinking. The truth is that old weights, even when they profess to be exact to a pound and have the authority of the founder or of the churchwardens behind them, very often turn out, when checked, to be wrong. We might put it down to carelessness or defective scales, but for the fact that the weights are usually given as greater than they actually are. How shall we account for that? It has frequently been said that the old custom was to weigh the clapper with the bell, but that will not do. It was usual to pay for a job according to the actual weight of bell metal supplied, not as at present, when the founder gives an estimate to cover the total cost of new and recast bells and hanging. When a bell needed recasting the churchwardens were careful to have it weighed before it went to the foundry, and to have it weighed again when it came back. If there was less metal the cost would be deducted from the founder's



charges. Every care was taken to give the correct weight, yet it, as often as not, was wrong. We can attribute this partly to the fact that the weighbridges then in use were anything but accurate, but why should the weights shown have been almost always more than they should have been, and hardly ever too little? Well, the most likely explanation is that the men in charge of the weighbridges were paid fees according to the tonnage. They probably knew that the weights were only approximate and they made sure that if there was any error it should not be to their disadvantage. In those days there was no inspection of weights and measures by Government officials. Perhaps it was to counteract these things, if it were possible, that men used in the earlier times to insist on an overplus to the weight supplied, and so one hundred pounds in weight became a hundredweight of one hundred and twelve pounds.

The old tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark, is an interesting example of a famous bell with a reputed weight more than the actual one. The usually accepted weight was 52 cwt. Samuel Knight's, the founder, was 51 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. When it was weighed before being recast at Whitechapel it was found to be under 50 cwt.

(To be continued.)

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT ELTHAM.

A meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association held at Eltham on April 17th, was attended by ringers from Bexley, Beckenham, Brasted, Bromley, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lee, Eltham, Lewisham, London, Nottingham and Sidcup.

At the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. Senior, a collection on behalf of the association's benevolent and belfry repair funds realised the sum of 19s.

Mr. J. E. Bailey presided at the business meeting, at which two practising, one honorary and five non-resident life members were elected. It was decided to hold the summer meeting on July 27th at Eynsford or Shoreham. A notice to discuss the allowances to Central Council representatives at the next committee meeting was adopted.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.

Sixty members and friends attended a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 13th. At the business meeting tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Charles Thomas Coles, late vice-president and for many years secretary of the district.

The provisional elections of Messrs. W. Wheeler (Harlow Common), L. H. Bowler (Willesden), R. C. Noon (Barfield), J. D. Johnson (Evesham) and Miss J. Southerst (Leeds) were ratified and the following were elected ringing members: Mr. K. Gough and Miss M. Alban (Clerkenwell), Messrs. G. Butcher, S. Dixon, W. J. Hughes, D. Norton, Miss A. R. Langdon and Mrs. Norton (Tottenham), Mr. A. Bennett, Miss C. McKie and Mrs. Narborough (Northaw), and Mr. G. F. Carter (Gospel Oak).

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

#### MEETING AT THORNTON CURTIS.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held at Thornton Curtis on April 6th, was attended by 34 members from Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Uleby, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow, Goxhill, and Mr. G. Feirn, Ringing Master, Gainsborough District. The Vicar, and the Rev. S. S. Jackson, conducted the service, and Mrs. Jackson was at the organ. Tea in the school was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. Thackray, Rector of Bigby, presided. Mrs. Thackray was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. Eric Kennington, of Grimsby, A. Lambkin, of Scunthorpe, and J. Tomlinson, of Thornton, were elected as ringing members. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 18s. 10d. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT UPCHURCH.

A meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Upchurch on April 27th, at which about forty members and friends attended. At the business meeting six new members were elected. Borden was chosen for the meeting to be held in July, and it was decided to hold practices on the last Saturdays of May and June at Sittingbourne and Chatham.

## QUARTER PEALS.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ward 1, Miss D. Wacey 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, E. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Smerdon 1, Jill Brittain 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, Margaret Pitstow 4, D. N. Layton 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 8.

**CARDIFF.**—On Easter Sunday at St. John's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Jenkins 1, T. Yeomans 2, F. Hannington 3, A. W. Heath 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, A. Rowley 8, J. Phillips (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wynd. Rossiter 1, O. Tucker 2, W. Ashman 3, F. Withey 4, E. King (conductor) 5, A. Tucker 6.

**CHATHAM.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Richardson 1, D. T. Hills 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, W. A. J. Knight 4, H. Springate 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, B. F. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cantrill 1, P. Willis 2, W. C. Rhodes (conductor) 3, Miss I. B. Thompson 4, D. L. Hooper 5, E. H. Hill 6.

**HOLLOWAY.**—On Easter Day, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, J. Nash 2, F. Barker 3, R. H. Begrie 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner 7, A. Warren (conductor) 8.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, E. Thomas 2, R. E. Coles (conductor) 3, H. Blick 4, L. Williams 5, W. Blick 6, G. Carter 7, I. Jones 8 (7, 6, 8 covering).

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 of Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss Gwen Murkitt 1, Miss Hilda Taylor 2, Miss Jean Broomfield 3, Miss Mary Pemberton 4, Miss Freda Murkitt 5, Miss Joyce Hearn 6, George Gilbert (conductor) 7, G. H. Limmer 8. Rung with treble leading and tenor cover.

**CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNSELEY.**—On April 22nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: Bruce Broadhead 1, Cyril Rusby 2, Fred Cowling 3, Irvine Crossland 4, Herman Rusby 5, Noel Moxon (conductor) 6.

**BOURTON, DORSET.**—On Tuesday, April 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: E. Suter 1, C. Moore 2, W. Harris 3, W. I. Cowling 4, L. A. Perrett (conductor) 5, A. Bealing 6.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Dominey 1, E. Spiller 2, G. F. Cantrill 3, T. Grice 4, H. Coast 5, L. Head (conductor) 6, F. Lesson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, H. Smith 10. Half-muffled for the fallen of the West Kent Regiment.

**ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Johnson 1, S. Allen 2, T. Greenaway 3, Miss D. Churcher 4, R. Aberly (conductor) 5, A. James 6.

**SALFORD.**—On April 24th, at the Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ludkin (conductor) 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, Miss M. Elkins 4, K. Lewis 5, A. Ford 6, H. Walker 7, R. Edwards 8.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edward B. Webster 1, Albert Greenhalgh 2, Everest Ford 3, Mrs. Mary Kenyon 4, John F. Wood 5, Thomas Smith 6, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, William Smalley 8.

**WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.**—On April 27th, 2,512 Bob Major: W. Rose (conductor) 1, J. Barrett 2, C. Woods 3, G. Bush 4, W. Waldron 5, H. Goakes 6, L. Hadman 7, W. Oldman 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Winterbourne 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss S. Harris 4, H. W. Rogers 5, F. W. Bishop 6, G. Dodds (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

**SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Jordan 1, F. Cole 2, T. Pritchard 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. C. Witts 5, H. J. Hobbs 6.

**HOLLOWAY.**—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, S. Croft 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. Potchery 7, R. Newman 8.

**HECKINGTON, LINCS.**—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harper 1, S. Jessop 2, A. Dixon 3, H. Barsley 4, A. Freestone 5, W. Jackson 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, C. Stubley 8.

**WATFORD.**—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Dawes 1, W. G. Paul 2, A. W. Dix 3, H. L. Long 4, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 5, E. J. Charman 6, R. G. Bell 7, F. H. Crook 8.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD.**—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Swann (conductor) 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, J. W. Pemberton 4, J. Eaton 5, R. C. Ingram 6, W. G. Anker 7, G. W. Anker 8.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Rev. M. C. C. Melville 1, A. W. Bond 2, A. Gravett 3, R. C. Pidgeon 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, R. G. Cross (conductor) 6, R. Overy 7, W. Chart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

**LANCASTER.**—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Skeats 1, S. Clifford 2, J. Woods 3, W. Taylor 4, N. M. Newby 5, F. Postlethwaite 6, J. E. Burles (conductor) 7, W. Bleasdale 8.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Tuesday, April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Whatley 1, C. H. Moore 2, T. Bagley 3, T. E. Mallard 4, N. G. Knee 5, E. F. White 6, W. A. Avery (conductor) 7, R. A. Tudgay 8.



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ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District. — Writtle, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Wickha: breaux, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District.—Pirbright, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. — A. C. Hazelden.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Annual general, Brighton, May 11th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Allowances: Tea 1s. 3d., rail fare 2s. 6d., resident members. — S. E. Armstrong.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Mildenhall District.—Elveden, Saturday, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine, Kilburn, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Willesden and St. Mary Abbot's Kensington, bells in the evening.—E. C. S. Turner.

KENT ASSN. — Ashford District. — High Halden, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Chippenham, May 11th. St. Paul's afternoon, St. Andrew's evening. Tea being arranged.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted, May 11th, 3 p.m.: Tea in School 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Maulden (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Dronfield (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Coleshill, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m.—T. H. Reeves.

HERTFORD ASSN. — Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Lytton Hall.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Swaffham, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Then business. Tea 5.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Ufford (8), May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I. of W. District. — Brightstone, I. of W., May 11th.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m.—W. Ayre.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Alconbury, Saturday, May 11th. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. J. Freestone, 108, Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, by May 13th.—A. B. Peck.

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Ludgvan (6), Saturday, May 18th. Tea.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay.

OXFORD GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual, Appleton, Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names by May 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Hodson, Old Bank Chambers, Horncastle, by May 14th.—W. E. Clarke and K. W. Mayer.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Starston (6), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Redenhall (8) after tea. Names for tea by May 12th. Special method, Pudsey Surprise.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

LADIES' GUILD. — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 11th to Mrs. E. E. Davies, 118, Parsfield Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton Malton, before May 16th.—Edward Hudson.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Goostrey (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Names by May 15th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Blackrod, Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Christ Church, West Didsbury, Saturday, May 18th, at 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Division.—Practice, Walberton (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—St. Michael's, Southampton, May 18th, 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—G. Pullinger.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, May 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual, Salisbury, Saturday, May 18th. Business in British Legion Hall 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea (1s.) in Hall 4.45. Four city towers and bells of surrounding villages available. For tea notify Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Branch. — Sherbourne (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Refreshments and business in Schoolroom.—D. Stanley.



**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillvard.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Hawkhurst, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names by 15th. Election of officers.—J. G. Powell, 18, Wellington Cottages, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—Annual, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. E. W. Vessey, 13, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, by May 15th.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, 'Surfleet.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual, Faringdon (8), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea May 15th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Coventry District. — Kenilworth, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — H. G. Summers.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch.—Twywell (5), Saturday, May 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to W. R. Butcher, Brigstock, Kettering.

**HERTFORD ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Kimpton (6), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at the cafe 5 p.m. Names to R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual, Burford, Saturday, May 18th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford.

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Tea at King's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. East Sutton (6), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Macey, Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, by May 23rd. From Maidstone, bus service No. 12 to Sutton Valence. Chart Sutton Church  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from bus stop.—C. H. Sone.

**NORWICH ASSN.**—North Branch.—Northrepps (6) Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Cromer (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st. — H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.** — Brentwood (8), May 25th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band attends solely to help any who want progress, from rounds up. Only ringing. Tea shops handy. Come and ask. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 4.45 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

**CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**—Saturday, May 25th. Dedication of new bell to make a light ring of 8, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Ringing in evening. Names for tea to D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by May 21st.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — Newdigate, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Village Club. Names to Mr. E. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, by May 21st.

**BARNESLEY SOCIETY.** — Annual Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, June 15th. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** — Ringing Day, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. (12 bells). Book date. — Leonard E. Pitstow.

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#### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

##### MEETING AT SHEDFIELD.

A meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Shedfield and Wickham on April 27th and was attended by 41 members from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Portsmouth, Hambledon, Soberton, Shedfield, North Stoneham, Fareham, Wickham, Wonston and Chichester.

Service at Shedfield was conducted by the Vicar, the address being given by the Vicar of Wickham. At the business meeting the Vicar of Shedfield presided and was supported by Mr. George Williams, Mr. Linter and Mr. R. J. Stone. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hambledon on July 27th. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

#### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

##### MEETING AT ROTHERWICK.

A meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Rotherwick on April 27th, was attended by 40 members and visitors from Basingstoke, Bramley, Farnborough, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherborne St. John, Sonning, Berks, Wolverton and Yateley. Service in church was conducted by the Rev. — Sanders and was followed by tea in the Village Hall, provided by an anonymous friend.

Mention was made of the death of Mr. Henry Garnett, of Overton, an old member of the Guild and captain of the local band. It was announced that the next meeting will be at Yateley in July. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

#### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.

The annual meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Association, held at East Retford on April 20th, was attended by some 65 members and friends. The methods rung were Plain Bob Royal and Major, Kent Royal and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grand sire Triples and Caters and Little Bob Major as well as Minor methods at the six-bell towers. Service was in East Retford Church. At the business meeting five new members were elected.



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