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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

When, last year, the Central Council was induced to fix its next meeting place at Salisbury, the members were promised that they would receive a hearty welcome in the ancient Southern City; and, judging from the programme which has been arranged by the Special Committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the social side of the gathering bids fair to exceed in its attractiveness any preceding meeting of the Council—and many most enjoyable functions, notably at Newcastle, can be recalled. For the first time there will be a recognised headquarters from Saturday until after the meeting. This, in itself, will be a great advantage in many ways, for hitherto the members have had to make their own meeting places if staying over the week-end. Then, in addition to the ringing which will be provided, there will be organised excursions, and the official ceremonies on Tuesday will include a welcome by the Bishop of Salisbury in the morning and a reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury in the evening. These features will add to the importance as well as the pleasure of the gathering.

As to the business meeting itself, the agenda, which is not overburdened, provides a variety of subjects on which members will find opportunity to talk, but there is little that is likely to prove really contentious. Committee reports always form an important part of the morning session, and the report of the Museum Exhibit Committee will be awaited with interest, inasmuch as the Exercise is likely to learn upon what lines the exhibit at the South Kensington Museum is to be organised. Among the resolutions of which notice has been given the suggested recommendation that first or record peals should not be rung for a society outside the limits of that society's area, is probably the only one that may be seriously challenged.

There have been a few cases in the past where the first peal in a method for a society has been rung outside that society's area, such, for instance, as the first peals of Norfolk and Brighton Surprise for the Norwich Association, which were rung in London. Then, too, the record peal of Bristol, rung at Hornchurch in Essex, was a Middlesex Association peal. It may be an ideal to ensure that first peals and records should be rung within the area of the society to which they are credited, but it is another thing to get the principle accepted by ringers. There is, moreover, one serious obstacle to its general application. How can the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for instance, ring its first peal of Stedman Cinques, or Treble Bob, or Cambridge Maximus within its own borders, when it has not got a twelve-bell tower? The Salisbury

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Guild may not have aspired to these heights of method ringing yet, but we instance the Salisbury Guild because the subject is to be discussed at Salisbury. The argument applies with equal force to other societies, and we see no reason why a society should be debarred from the first peal in a method obtained outside its borders if it has not got the facilities for ringing it within its area. Even if the word 'first' is to be taken as meaning the first ever rung in a method anywhere, we think the same argument applies, and the proposer may find some difficulty in disposing of this serious obstacle to his suggestion.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ADAM DEES...Treble	JAMES E. GOFTON	6
*WILLIAM L. GOFTON	2	*RICHARD A. GOFTON	7
GEORGE R. HOLMES	3	R. ALDER GOFTON	8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	4	*STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	9
EDWARD A. HERN	5	THOMAS T. GOFTON	Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal by all the band, by the association, and first peal of Royal on the bells. Edward Hern hails from North Shields, Adam Dees is one of the local band, and the rest are from Whitley Bay.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, May 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLESTreble	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
*WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	WILLIAM PAGE	7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
WILLIAM C. JONES	5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung upon the Feast of the Ascension. * First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except Messrs. Jones and Page. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor, also first peal of Stedman Caters by all members of the Western branch.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GROVESTreble	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS	6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	*ERNEST MANSELL	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	*STANLEY BRAGG	8
THOMAS H. REEVES	4	*JOHN BRAGG	9
ERNEST T. ALLWAY	5	†ALBERT E. NORMAN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Treble Ten on tower bells. W. Saunders hails from Coalbrookdale, Salop, and he has now completed the Four Standard Methods from 6 to 12 bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALMONDBURY, HUDDERSFIELD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

A. WALKER Treble	J. ROLLINSON 5
H. ARMITAGE 2	E. R. ARMITAGE 6
A. ARMITAGE 3	W. B. FRITH 7
H. NETTUN 4	J. E. CARTER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

First peal in this method on the bells.

MORETONHAMPESTEAD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* FRANCIS ALLWOOD Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	FREDERICK T. GOVER 6
JOHN S. COLLINS 3	HERBERT J. HOLE 7
* FREDERICK NORRISH 4	FREDERICK E. PARNELL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 62 years of age, and has only taken up change ringing since the war. First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung and augmented to eight by Gillett & Johnston.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	JAMES WILTSHIRE 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	HAROLD N. PITTSTOW 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* WALTER BREWIN Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	* W. H. HUMBERSTONE 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	* JOSEPH CARTER 7
JOHN W. CHANDLER 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First deal in the method. † First on a working bell. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6th and 7th.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	CHARLES WATERMAN ... 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	* FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN BURLES 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
STEPHEN BRIDGLAND 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal and first peal as conductor in the method. Arranged for Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, and rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow, who has collected nearly £500 towards the Gravesend bells, this being the adjoining parish.

ANSTEEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR CATTELL 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 4	ALFRED CUFFLIN Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF PRITCHARD'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	* HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3	GEORGE WAGHORN 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
PERCY J. JOHNSON 2	HARRY DAVISON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
RALPH UMPLEBY 4	FRED SEAGER Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	* WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
ERNEST GIBBS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	* CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the society in the City of London. Rung to celebrate the re-election of Messrs. A. C. Stanley-Stone, C.C., and Thomas Walker as Church-wardens.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Kent and Oxford Spliced)
5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JAMES FERNLEY 7
JOHN W. HARTLEY 4	FRED HOLT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

PONTEFRAC T.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	*ARTHUR WALKER, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM HAWLEY 2	JOHN FRYER 6
WILLIAM PEARSON, SEN. ... 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON 4	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM STOCK Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
HENRY WM. GAYTON 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding day of H.W. Gayton, also in honour of the coming of age of the daughter of the ringer of the 5th. It is the longest peal by all except the conductor, and believed to be the longest yet rung in the county. These bells are the heaviest ring of six in Bedfordshire.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WHITE Treble	FRED GARDNER 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

First peal of Treble Bob upon the bells, and rung previous to the unveiling of an oak peal tablet recording the first peals in 5 and 7 methods on the bells. Also rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. D. Perrott, M.A., who is leaving for St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

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DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDK. MEARS Treble	CHAS. ALLSOP 4
*DENNIS WOOD 2	†JOS. TAYLOR 5
CHAS. PETTIT 3	*WM. SARGESON Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Ringer of the 4th hails from Ratby, 5th from Thurlaston, the remainder local.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of College Single.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM HARRIS 4
HARRY TOLLEY 2	WALTER JUDGE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal by the ringer of the treble whose age is 14½ years, and first peal of Minor by W. Judge. The above peal was rung in honour of the conductor's silver wedding on April 30th.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	TONY PRICE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells,

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 Six-scores of Plain Bob in 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RONALD CORNES Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 4
*FRANK PEARSON 2	†GEORGE GRANT 5
†WILLIAM BROWN 3	*CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. First peal of Doubles by all. All are local ringers, and with the exception of the conductor have learned change ringing since the new peal was installed in the tower in May, 1922, by A. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTBLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 8 methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford (Spliced), St. Clement's, Double Court and Bob Minor. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
MISS PHILLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

For practice after the peal a course of London Surprise the first by Miss Hare, for whom the peal was arranged.

WILDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-score of Grandsire and 12 six-score Bob Doubles with ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	*MISS EVELYN STEEL 3
EDWARD WHITE 2	WILLIAM COCKINGS 4
HENRY STAPLETON Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have recently been overhauled and two recast by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who is to be congratulated on the 'go' of the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son, and also to the ringer of the tenor. The ringers thank the Vicar and Mrs. Pullan for providing tea after the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	*H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 4
THOMAS J. HULL 2	HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 100th peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE,

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

R. LEWIS Treble	C. BOWERS 4
W. RANDFORD 2	D. HORNE 5
C. LAYTON 3	G. JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Powell on his 71st birthday. He has been a ringer at Mathon for over 50 years.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each Wragby, Willesden, London Scholars', Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandal Exercise, and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	HAROLD HALLWORTH 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

This peal, in which the calls in each extent are made when the Treble is both behind and in front, is believed to be the first ever rung on this plan.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*STANLEY RICHARDSON Treble	WALTER WALLINGTON 4
FRED WALLINGTON 2	WILLIAM HECTOR 5
*WALTER ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*MISS E. K. PARKER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	*WILBY J. HAZELL 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas on the anniversary of their wedding.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*ALFRED BARNES 1-2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	†FREDERICK PAGE 7-8

HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman Caters rung 'in hand' in the county and by the association. * First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7-8
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	*JOHN HALL 9-10
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 11-12

Composed and conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: THOMAS HANDS.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Cinques by all the band, and of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' by the association. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson on celebrating their silver wedding, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hemming on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding day.

HADLEY, Near WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT 12, HAYBRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER LAGO 1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5-6
WILLIAM D. WASE 3-4	*JAMES L. HAYWARD 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

Witnesses: LEONARD G. HEWITT and WILLIAM A. FLETCHER.

* First peal 'in hand,' and rung on his own bells, a new peal by Mears & Stainbank. Rung during the week of the Royal Wedding, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stanier, and as a birthday compliment to W. D. Wase.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

[On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 in B flat.

*MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	*JOHN THOMAS 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	†FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	*WILLIAM H. HEWETT 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: Mr. C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First in the method 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the School House,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 16½ in B flat.

*HORACE E. GOODENOUGH ... 1—2 | WALTER AYRE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4 | *JOHN MALYAN 7—8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING AND MRS. AYRE.

* First peal in hand.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 30, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Long Stanton Vicarage,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C. W. WOOLLEY 1—2 | E. G. BENSON 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3—4 | *REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by E. G. BENSON.

* First peal on eight bells 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 3—4 | E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) ... 7—8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 3—4 | *E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 7—8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method away from 1—2.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 3—4 | *K. G. HOARE (TRIN.) ... 7—8

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal:

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. F. DAVIDSON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALLAN F. DAVIDSON 1—2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5—6
THOS. T. GOFTON 3—4 | R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8

JAMES E. GOFTON 9—10

Composed by C. H. FOWLER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Royal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1—2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4 | *WALTER MORRELL 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Umpires: SIDNEY SADLER AND JAMES R. KEMP.

* First peal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.
DUNSTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

West Somerset ringers were well represented at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held at Dunster on Saturday, April 28th. A little practice on the bells preceded a service held at the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Reeder (Vicar of Dunster, and Rural Dean), assisted by the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice (President of the Branch). The special form of service for ringers was used, Miss Sorby presiding at the organ. Mr. Reeder gave a particularly suitable address, in which he impressed upon his hearers that ringers were really God's ministers, and as such they should strive to make their ringing a religious act.

After the service the members assembled at the Memorial Hall for tea, to which they were entertained by the Vicar. At the annual meeting which followed, the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice presided. Messages of regret at inability to attend were received from the Rev. W. P. Holmes (Porlock) and the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton). The towers represented at the meeting were Cutcombe, Minehead, Williton, Selworthy, Dunster, Chipstable, Timberscombe and Stogumber.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. Stacey) presented the report for the past year. This stated that the branch held meetings at Cutcombe, Timberscombe, Porlock and Old Cleve. There had been 21 new members and one honorary member elected, the present strength of the paying members being about 108, as compared with a pre-war strength of 120. They had to record the loss, through death, of Mr. R. Hole, Dunster; Mr. C. Gale, Exton; the Rev. H. McCrirk, Wiveliscombe; the Rev. H. A. Folkard, Sampford Brett; and the Rev. F. K. Warren, Exton; and while two members, the Rev. C. H. Bradburn, Selworthy, and the Rev. T. Hawkes, St. Decuman's, had left the district.

Having decided on Monksilver as the venue for the next quarterly meeting, the meeting proceeded to the annual elections.—The Chairman explained that he would be shortly leaving Cutcombe for Brompton Ralph, so that he would not be so much in touch with the branch, and he suggested that they should elect a local president.—The Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton) was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Fitzmaurice for the interest he had taken in the branch, to which he suitably responded.

Mr. G. Stacey's re-election as hon. secretary was attended by a warm appreciation of his services from the chair. Other re-elections were Mr. H. Phillips (Timberscombe) as representative on the general committee of the association, and Mr. W. Hoyle (Minehead) as Ringing Master. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Webber (Timberscombe), W. Thrush and T. Elliott (Dunster).

The thanks of the members to the Vicar for allowing the use of the tower for the ringing, for officiating at the service, and for his kindness in providing tea; and also to Miss Sorby, the organist, were expressed in the form of a resolution by the chairman.—Mr. Stacey, who seconded, spoke of the great interest which Mr. Reeder took in the association. He attributed the fact that the gathering that day was not larger to the absence of any band of ringers at Dunster. He reminded those present of the excellent band which Dunster once had, and referred to Dunster as the home of change ringing in West Somerset. In past years they had there the best band of ringers in the West, and he suggested that if the few ringers remaining there would put their backs into it, and form a new band, in which the association would help them, they might have a good band again there.

The Vicar thanked Mr. Stacey for what he had said, and intimated how pleased he was to welcome the association to Dunster. They had not got a band of ringers there, he said, but he hoped that this would be remedied soon.

After the meeting the members again adjourned to the church, and there spent the time in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples until about 8 p.m.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held on Saturday, May 5th, at East Tytherley and Lockerley, both peals being available during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Double Court, Bob Minor and Major were rung. The tea and meeting were held at the Star Inn, presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Williams), supported by the Vicar of East Tytherley, and members from North Stoneham, Curdridge, Bishopstoke, Romsey, Portsea, Ringwood, Lymington, Salisbury and Winchester.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and a vote of thanks was passed to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells. This was acknowledged by the Vicar of East Tytherley, who assured the members of a welcome at any time they came to Tytherley for a peal or combined practice.

Afterwards further ringing took place at both towers. The next meeting is fixed for August 25th, at Hursley.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

By kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. W. Lovett, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th, and in spite of the inclement weather, this was well attended. A pleasing feature was the presence of the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton) and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), this being proof of the increasing interest taken by the clergy in ringing activities. Among other visitors were Messrs. H. Colley, senr., and H. Colley, junr., of Wootten Wawen. The association's special form of service was conducted in the Parish Church, the full choir being present, and the Vicar giving an original and instructive address. Tea, provided through the generosity of Mrs. Andrews and the Vicar, was partaken of in the Village Hall.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent business meeting, at which several new members were elected, and an invitation to hold the summer meeting at Badsey was accepted.

Subject to the approval of the Vicar, it was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Toddington, with Mr. Geo. Ashley as conductor, and the hope was expressed that it would be found possible to ring the peal with an entirely local band.

Attention was drawn to a paragraph in the annual report, urging local bands to attempt more peals in preference to peals rung by mixed bands.

Votes of thanks (which were carried with applause) were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding at the meeting; to the organist and choir for their services, and to all who provided for or assisted with the tea.

The musical peal of six bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon and evening, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and various Minor methods being rung.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most excellent practice of the Southern District was held on Saturday, May 5th, at All Saints', Fulham, with its fine ring of ten. In the early part a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung, and later members attended from all parts, including some from Birmingham, Crayford, Greenhithe, Kent, and Walton-on-Thames, who took part in touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge and London Surprise.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE SCHEME FOR A PEAL OF TWELVE AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th, and was, as usual, attended by a large number of members from all parts of the county. The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's were set going early in the afternoon, and the Cathedral bells were also available from three o'clock until evensong at four o'clock. There can be few cathedrals where the services are more beautifully rendered than at Lincoln, and to many members, who visit the city only on very rare occasions, one of the most appreciated items in the day's proceedings is the Cathedral service.

Tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall, after which the usual business meeting took place, Mr. F. F. Linley presiding.

All the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

The balance sheet and report were passed as printed. The latter showed that during 1922, 53 peals were rung (one more than in 1921), including two of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The methods rung generally again indicated a decided improvement in the standard of ringing throughout the Diocese. The Grimsby band has scored peals of Double Norwich; Lincoln recorded Stedman and Double Norwich, and Market Deeping was doing well in Minor ringing.

The question of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund was again brought forward, and discussed at some length. A considerable sum of money still remains to be raised to complete the amount required for the proposed augmentation of the Cathedral bells from eight to twelve, but there appears to be a confident feeling that if an organised and determined effort is made during the coming year, the long desired object will be attained.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter, and to the incumbents of the various city churches for the use of the bells during the day, and to Mr. Linley for presiding.

The towers were again visited, and the bells kept going until nine o'clock. The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, besides many Minor methods at the two six-bell towers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The table of handbell peals published last week omitted, by a typographical error, to show the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Worcestershire Association, although it was included in the total and the points, and also in the general table.

The weight of the tenor of the recently augmented ring at Nantwich is 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. In a peal report last week it was given as 2 cwt. less than this.

Members of the Central Council upon reaching headquarters, the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, Salisbury, will be able to obtain a neatly printed souvenir programme giving particulars of all the arrangements made for their benefit.

Much interest is centred in the College Youths' attempt next Monday to set up a new Stedman Cinques record. It is a huge undertaking on a peal of bells with a tenor of 50 cwt., and if they are successful the men at the back end will deserve gold medals, although they will probably appreciate some of the contents of the Coffee Pot better than medals when the bells come round.

There will probably be many listeners, voluntary as well as involuntary, and of this we may be certain, there will be a good peal, or none at all.

By the way, the length is curious; it is the same whether read forwards or backwards—15051.

Here's more power to the elbow (or should it be elbows?) of the twelve good men and true, who will 'ascend the tower of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Southwark,' on Monday next, and may they have the satisfaction of hearing the bells run home!

They will not be alone in their long peal effort. Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild intend to start on a 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Over, Cheshire, on the same day.

The present Treble Bob record is the 16,800 of Kent, rung at Mottram, in 9 hrs. 40 minutes on June 8th, 1906.

Before that the record was 16,608, the 40th anniversary of which performance in the Kent Variation being, curiously enough, to-day. This was also rung at Mottram, the time being 9 hrs. 48 mins.

On May 18th, 1846, Thomas Thurstans' 'masterpiece,' the four-part peal of Stedman, was rung for the first time. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Henry Johnson being the conductor.

In 1777, on May 19th, the College Youths rang 11,080 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 8 hrs. 2 mins.

Fifty years ago next Monday, Matt Wood conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland.

May 21st also is the anniversary of a 10,061 Grandsire Caters at Wednesbury in the year 1861, and of the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888.

Tuesday is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, which was rung on May 22nd, 1899.

Owing to the spire of St. Michael's Church, Southampton, being unsafe, the peal of eight bells cannot be rung. The bells are at present at the Croydon Foundry all ready for hanging, and will remain there till the defects of the spire are put right.

Of course, it was sure to come—a peal of Bristol Surprise Major by that band of Leicester ringers who have been making history lately. It was the first in the method by all the band, but we warrant it won't be the last. And there is that 19,000 odd by the Rev. H. Law James waiting to be rung!

Six members of one family in a peal of Cambridge Royal—the first by all the band and by the association—is a noteworthy incident. The peal was rung at Gosforth, and the family party were from Whitley Bay, comprising six Goftons.

It was in the early part of 1901 that Mr. Fred Dench produced his 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, not 1907 as stated in his letter last week.

Last week the report of a peal at Birling, Kent, was claimed as the first of Major on the bells. Mr. W. Short of Clent, writes that the opening peal at this church was one, in which he took part, of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on May 19th, 1891, by the All Hallows' Society, Tottenham. It was rung for the Middlesex Association, conducted by G. B. Lucas.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue dated May 11th a notice of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association contained an inaccuracy on my part. The service will be held at Holy Trinity Church Watermoor, not the Parish Church as stated. Any ringer intending to be present can get all information at Viner's Restaurant in the morning.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,
General Hon. Secretary.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted, it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be 'true' in the universally accepted sense of that word.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

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Catford, London, S.E.6.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.
POINTS FOR HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The publication of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee is an event which is looked forward to with much interest by ringers generally, and the information and details contained therein bear eloquent tribute to much thorough and painstaking work.

Nevertheless, I must confess I was surprised when I saw the number of points awarded for the peal of Stedman Sextuples rung on handbells at Birmingham. Here, certainly, the Analysis Committee have not erred on the side of generosity, and one certainly wonders upon what grounds the committee thought fit to award only 38 points.

I am of opinion that the allocation of points for handbell peals, as compared with tower bell peals is a matter which needs a certain amount of overhauling.

To quote one instance: A peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells receives 32 points, whilst a peal of Grandsire Cinques receives only 13 points. From the handbell ringers' point of view, the latter is probably as difficult as the former.

I think, therefore, that points allotted for handbell peals should be on an altogether different basis to those allowed for tower bell peals.

Perhaps we shall be favoured with the views of some of the more prominent handbell ringers on this subject—Yours, etc.,

39, Longford Street, Derby.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made by the Chester Diocesan Guild (Chester Branch) or 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, Cheshire, on Monday, May 21st. Ringing will commence at 10.30 a.m.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

The following further donations are acknowledged with many thanks: Already acknowledged, £4 15s. 6d.; St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich (per Miss H. Bill), £1 4s. 6d.; Mr. H. Barton, 5s.; P. and W. N., 2s. 6d.; Fakenham company, Norfolk (per Mr. Chas. Tuthill), 10s. 6d.; Mr. A. L. Coleman, 10s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. W. O. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHALLENGE BELL COMPETITION TO CEASE.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 5th, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings held since the war. In all, 87 members from all parts of the county and several non-resident members, attended. The tower of the Old Church (St. Mary's) was open for ringing during the earlier part of the afternoon, and the service was held in St. Mary's Church—a feature being the hearty singing led by the church choir and organist—and the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Canon Streatfeild), a vice-president of the association.

A splendid tea was provided by the generosity of Canon Streatfeild in the Pitman Institute, and after full justice had been done to it, there followed the business meeting. Mr. Frank Bennett was elected peals secretary for the ensuing year, and the other officers were re-elected. The following gentlemen were elected life members, honoris causa: Messrs. Keith Hart, Frank Bennett, G. H. Howse, W. D. Smith and A. A. Hughes.

It was decided—

(1) That the interest on the Reserve and Benevolent Funds be paid into the general account for two years in order to help payment of rail fares to meetings.

(2) That the rules be altered so as to include the peals secretary and the Central Council delegates, if any, on the General Committee.

(3) That a list of all towers in the county containing five or more bells be added to the report.

(4) That competition for the challenge bell should cease, and that the bell be loaned to the Brighton Museum.

(5) That a postcard vote be taken on the subject of members' subscriptions being paid, in addition to the payment of £1 ls. for a tower.

(6) That the next annual general meeting be held at St. Leonards.

A vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. J. Rice, of Crawley, was passed, and the secretary instructed to write a letter of condolence.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Streatfeild for his generosity in providing tea and for the splendid arrangements for the service and the meeting, was passed by acclamation. Ringing took place in some other towers in the town during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday at Thames Ditton, and members attended from Mitcham, Sunbury, Isleworth, Otlands Park, Walton, Hersham, Battersea, Chertsey, Leatherhead, Clapham Park, Surbiton, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung.

A short choral service was conducted by the Vicar, and 24 members sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting.

It was proposed that the next meeting take place at Weybridge, failing that, Egham.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEATH OF HALEWOOD RINGER.

The death has occurred at Halewood, Lancs, of Mr. George Calland, who for 34 years had been a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, and for the same length of time had been a member of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Calland for the last few years had also been tower keeper, and was always most courteous and obliging to visiting ringers, by whom he will be greatly missed. He had taken part in twelve peals, which were chiefly Grandsire Triples. The bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday after his death, and also after the funeral by the local ringers.

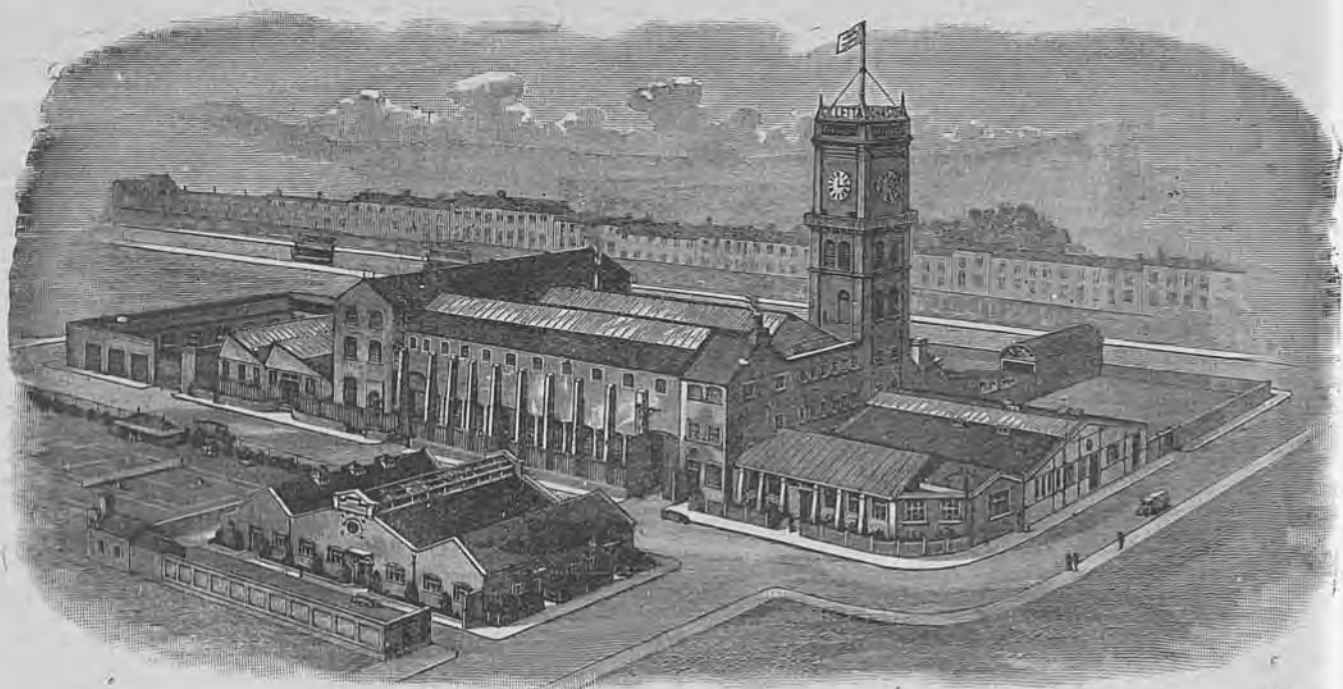
On Friday, May 4th, as a last token of respect, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by B. Trevitt 1, F. J. Hancock 2, T. Hammond 3, T. Jennion 4, E. Jones 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, E. Counce 7, J. Almond 8. Much sympathy is extended to his sister and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

THE EDITOR'S ETERNAL PROBLEM.

After allowing for the space taken up by peals and notices this week the Editor had nine columns available for other news. But he had 23 columns of matter to get into it! Can our contributors wonder that some of their items cannot find a place?

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

APATHY OF THE CLERGY.

Ringers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild assembled in considerable numbers at Marlborough on May 3rd for their annual meeting. Both towers were open for ringing during the day, and touches in various methods were rung, while a party also visited Ogbourne St. George, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recently rehung the bells.

At the business meeting, the Master (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth), who presided, remarked that as that was possibly the last occasion on which he should have the opportunity of addressing the members of the Guild in his present capacity, he should like to say a few words on a subject which was very close to his heart. In his report for 1922 he once more asked the clergy to take a little more active part in that particular department of Church work. He felt bound to say that in his journeys about the diocese he had found what a friend had called a certain amount of apathy on the part of a certain number of the clergy. In going to a belfry he generally asked whether the parson took any interest in the ringing, and the reply he generally got was that they seldom saw the parson in the belfry. But as long as the Guild existed they had to remember that they were not merely a guild of ringers but a guild of Church workers, and that as such they were entitled to—say, claimed—a certain amount of respect from some of the clergy. The clergy did not as a rule go to the recognised practices and offer up a prayer that their work might be blessed by God, and he feared that the time was coming when the bands of ringers would become merely social organisations for ringing only without any thought of God. He was sorry to say that in many churches, including some belonging to their own Guild, the ringers did not attend worship in God's house: they called others to prayer and praise, but did not themselves attend the services. Surely there must be something wrong in that. He was sorry to complain, and though he had nothing to say against the clergy he could not help thinking that many clergymen paid fewer visits to their belfries than to their dentists. Such things ought not to be. Turning to the other side of the picture the Master said he knew of one church not very far from Marlborough where there were seven ringers, six of whom were also in the choir. They not only thought of their bells but of the church as well. He would that that were the general practice. The best ringing was as a rule to be found in churches where the parson took an interest in his ringers. He did not like to see ringers walk out of church when the services commenced. Prayer should not be left to a layman in the presence of the parson. If this apathy continued he was afraid they would tend to become a mere social club that knew not God. He trusted the clergy would forgive him if he had said anything to ruffle them. What he had said was meant to further the good work of the Guild so that it might be not only a guild of ringers but a guild of workers who could praise God at the end of the rope as well as in their places in the Church services.

Arising out of the minutes, the Master said they felt rather abashed and somewhat annoyed at their last meeting at Lyme Regis to hear that the Dean and Chapter of their Cathedral had thrown cold water and completely extinguished the small spurt of energy which they tried to put forward in raising what they thought was a suitable memorial to the ringers of the diocese who fell in the war.

The statement of accounts presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna), showing a credit balance of £51 7s. 7½d., was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Master, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole) were all re-elected.

Thanking the Guild for the honour they had again done him, the Master said he must ask them to look round and find another Master next year, as he thought it was time they had a younger and more energetic ringer for the office. When the time came it would be with great sorrow that he would give up the mastership, because he loved the work, in carrying out which he was greatly indebted to the branch secretaries for their loyal support, not, of course, forgetting the hard work of their general secretary.

Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna) and the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne) were elected auditors, and the Rev. Canon Myers, the Rev. C. Wood, Mr. J. R. Jerram, with the officers of the guild and branches were re-elected on the committee.

The meeting elected as representatives on the Central Council Mr. T. H. Beams, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth.

The instructors in change ringing are Messrs. G. T. White (Dorchester), J. E. Wiltshire (Secord), S. Hillier (Devizes), T. H. Beams, F. W. Townsend (Poole), S. J. Hector (Trowbridge), and R. Taylor (Melksham), and the inspector of belfries is Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury).

ALTERATION OF RULES.

Rule 3 was remodelled thus—The secretary of the branch shall collect subscriptions from members on a date not later than the last meeting of the branch held before Christmas and forward same to

the general secretary at the end of the year, retaining not more than one-half of the subscriptions for local expenses, and at the same time send a brief report of the year's work together with a summary of the branch accounts.

In future rule 4 will read—Each company shall appoint one of its members as belfry correspondent. It shall be his duty to collect subscriptions and deliver them to the secretary with a correct list of their names at or before the last meeting of the branch held before Christmas in each year, also to deal with communications.

DIOCESAN WAR MEMORIAL.

On the question of the proposed memorial to ringers who fell in the war, the Hon. Secretary said that as members of the guild were aware they were not allowed to erect the memorial in the precincts of the Cathedral. Some time ago, however, he had an interview with the Dean who spoke to him about a design he had in hand for improving the war memorial in the Cathedral to consist of the restoration of one of the ancient chapels in such a way that it could be used for public and private worship as a memorial chapel. In the course of that work there was to be constructed across the entrance to the chapel an oak screen, and there was a place on each side of the screen where it was desired some panelling should be introduced, and the Dean suggested that the guild should undertake to provide the panelling. The Guild had in hand a sum of £5 collected for the purpose of a memorial, and if a further sum of about £20 could be raised the guild of ringers could be officially associated with the diocesan memorial.

The meeting approved the suggestion, and referred the matter to the branches, and appointed a committee, consisting of the Master, secretary, and assistant secretary to receive their reports, with power to act.

KINGTON MAGNA TOWER.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards remarked that they had an ancient tower to the church at Kington Magna which was in considerable need of restoration, and they were endeavouring in a village of 350 inhabitants to raise sufficient money to put the tower into effective repair so that they could continue to use the five bells without fear of endangering the safety of the tower. The Guild had sometimes made grants for such a purpose, and he would leave it to those present to say whether or not they would make a small grant towards his own church.

The Master observed that if there were any bells rung anywhere in the diocese it was at Kington Magna. The ringers were not only ringers, but they regularly attended the house of God. He suggested that the Guild make a grant of £1 Is.

Ultimately the meeting voted five guineas towards the object, and Mr. Edwards thanked the Guild for its unexpected act of generosity.

VISIT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL TO SALISBURY.

The Master said he supposed that most of them knew that the diocese was being honoured with a visit from the Central Council at Salisbury at Whitsun. The occasion would be quite unique as he believed the Central Council had never before met in the beautiful cathedral of the city of Salisbury. The visit would entail certain expense. The Guild proposed to take the Council to Wilton House by permission of the Earl of Pembroke on Whit Sunday, and they would afterwards be taken to certain eight and ten bell towers. The Wimborne branch had already made a contribution towards the expenses of the visit, and he ventured to suggest that the Guild might help them in some way.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. Cox the Guild decided to make a grant, not exceeding £5, for the purpose.

Members afterwards attended a special service at St Peter's Church, where an appropriate address was delivered by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Hoste). The visitors foregathered for tea in the Sessions room at the Town Hall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District was held at Huntingdon on Saturday week the bells of St. Mary, Huntingdon (8. tenor 17 cwt.), Godmanchester (8. tenor 21 cwt.) and Hartford (a light six) being open for ringing. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. V. Burder), the address being given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley.

At the tea, held at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 26 ringers were present, including two visitors from Northants.—It was decided to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Spaldwick on June 16th.

Ringers were present from St. Neots, Henningford Abbots, Great Staughton, Eynesbury, Drv Drayton, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Ramsey, Fenstanton, Woodford and Binford.

Messrs. S. F. Staffurth, of Ramsey, W. R. Matson (Godmanchester), and Miss Annie Townsend, of Great Staughton, were elected members of the association, and the election of Mr. Herbert Cole, of Long Stanton, was confirmed.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the three churches for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, May 13th, previous to Divine service at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Exeter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following members of the Cathedral band: T. Bartlett 1, C. Carter 2, J. Oke 3, J. Arberry 4, F. Garner 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, J. Harris 8. The above was rung on the 'Thomas eight' in 52 minutes.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Minor: *R. Swan 1, *L. Oliver 2, T. Colvin 3, *H. Taylor 4, J. Lowery 5, E. Lowery (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: R. Turner 1, H. Wingrove 2, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 3, H. J. Eldred 4, J. Blackmore 5, J. Batting 6, R. H. Young 7, R. Buckland 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, on May 13th, 1,044 Stedman Caters: G. Watkin 1, W. Dean 2, H. H. Mance 3, A. Reeve 4, A. Newman 5, H. S. Ellis 6, F. Crook 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, P. Norton 10.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On May 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service: R. Howard 1, H. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Howard 5, W. F. Sermons 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: Nat. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, W. Mansfield 3, W. F. Sermons 4, W. A. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. W. Jones 1, J. V. Humphreys 2, John Owen 3, H. MacMillan (first as conductor) 4, H. Roberts 5, P. Roberts 6, H. Wakefield 7, E. Brown 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: R. Widdall 1, H. Lewin 2, F. Barks 3, F. Turner 4, A. March 5, L. Hooton 6, G. R. Goodship 7, G. Hooton 8. The first touch by the local band on their own bells, and the longest by all except the ringers of 2nd and 7th.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,251 changes); was rung for morning service: J. Williams 1, T. O'Connor 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, O. Beech 4, T. Roden 5, H. A. Farlow 6, J. D. G. Harris 7, D. F. Mitchell 8, H. M. Hawkswood 9, W. A. Cooper 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon (first of Caters) 7, H. Chandler 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, for Divine service, 382 Stedman Cinques: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, Geo. Hinton (first in the method) 2, R. Coles 3, J. Gransbury 4, E. R. Coles 5, E. Markham 6, A. J. Hoing 7, Geo. Twitche 8, F. Boxell 9, O. E. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, W. H. Plumridge 12.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Fred A. Mitchell 1, H. Argent 2, G. A. Jones 3, F. C. Rice 4, J. Buries 5, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by Mr. F. C. Rice, who hails from St. Albans, Herts. He also rang his first 720 Plain Bob (42 singles), with the same company on Tuesday, April 17th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Hurrell 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, O. H. Macklin 8.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for Matins, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: E. J. Runter, C. Gentry, J. Wood, A. Saltmarsh, P. Timson, J. Clark, W. E. Cheater, H. W. Kirton (conductor), O. Pease, W. Pease. First quarter-peal of Caters 'inside' by ringers of 2nd and 4th. Arranged to oblige Mr. Cheater, who hails from Ringwood, Hants.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: S. E. Daynes 1, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 2, W. E. Daynes 3, G. Redding 4, A. Ford 5, E. Merritt 6, G. H. Daynes 7, F. Morris 8. These were the first 120's of Grandsire Doubles by the re-formed St. Nicholas' Society.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for service, and as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle on attaining his 73rd birthday, 1,280 Bob Major, by C. Charge: T. Beadle 1, J. Milner 2, G. Spencer 3, E. F. Cole 4, W. H. Lidbetter 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Harding 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Cook 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, G. C. Hes 4, H. Belcher 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skervington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Fitzsimmons 1, E. Hughes 2, H. Martin (conductor) 3, W. Dean 4, H. Young 5, J. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung on the anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V., and also for the occasion of a church parade of the William Hesketh Lever Lodge of Freemasons.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robt. Fardon (conductor) 1, Ralph Saddler (first quarter) 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, H. Wincote 6, Robt. Holloway 7, E. W. Coulson (arranged for Mr. A. Saddler) 8. —For Ascension Day service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. Brown 1, H. Wincote 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, C. Edwards 6, Robt. Holloway 7, F. Goodfellow 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Smith 1, H. Stubbs 2, J. Saddington 3, J. Hutchby 4, Pryce Taylor 5, W. Smith 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, John Oldham 8. Also 224 of Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE.—On Sunday, May 6th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1,120 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. D. Smith 1, A. Gower 2, A. A. Hughes 3, G. Norris 4, A. C. Pankhurst 5, G. W. Stokes 6, B. Hobbs 7, E. Gower (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Mary Abbots Church, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. Gordon-Brown 3, P. E. Clark 4, C. W. Roberts 5, A. V. Selby 6, J. T. Kentish 7, R. Congreave-Pridgeon (conductor) 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, at St. John-the-Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Carter 1, H. Taylor 2, G. W. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. W. Chappell 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. Winter (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Cripplegate, City, 1,188 Stedman Cinques: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, G. W. Harris (longest touch on 12) 4, J. R. Gammon 5, T. W. Taffender, junr., 6, R. W. Green 7, G. B. Lucas 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, J. Bullock 11, W. E. J. Hewson 12.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Morgan 1, W. Cartwright 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, F. Russell 5, R. Withers (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Pigott 1, H. Withers (conductor) 2, E. Rose 3, H. Stanley 4, C. Webb 5, P. O. Lakin 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Chiswick on Saturday last, and attended by over 40 ringers. Ringing commenced at 3.15, and was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. E. P. Gough (Vicar). Miss Dora Feltham kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. H. Thurley (churchwarden). The Vicar presided, but was unable to stay for the business meeting, at which the Rev. R. W. Townsend kindly filled the chair. He was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. Bird) and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier).—Three new members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Townsend), the organist, Ringing Master, Mr. Thurley, and the ladies, who so kindly assisted him; Mr. W. Dalton and the Chiswick ringers for their welcome.

At the request of the Rev. R. W. Townsend a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by G. Stevens 1—2, A. M. Stacey 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, J. Herbert 7—8, Robt. Holloway 9—10.

Further ringing on the tower bells was indulged in until 8 p.m.

DEDICATION OF BELLS, ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, EXETER

WHIT SUNDAY.—The new ring of eight, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday, May 20th at a service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There will be a special ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. on the evening of the same day, at the conclusion of which a commemoration tablet, the gift of the ringers, will be unveiled. In the afternoon and evening the bells will be rung by the St. Sidwell's and the Cathedral bands.

WHIT MONDAY.—On Whit Monday the tower will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (by kind permission of the Vicar) to all visitors. Will secretaries of bands desirous of ringing please communicate with me, stating the time preferred?—W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, Saturday, May 19th. 2.30 ringing and prayers in belfry, 4 Peal Committee meeting in belfry, 5.15 tea at Kynaston's Tea Rooms, 1s. or 1s. 3d.; 6 meeting in Tea Rooms.—(Rev.) F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready from 3. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcomed.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 4 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. W. Naunton, Dis. Sec., pro tem., Wrentham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Faringdon Branch.—Spring meeting at Faringdon on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4 p.m. (no address). Tea (8d. per head) 4.30 p.m. Ringing in afternoon and evening. Those intending to come please notify Rev. E. B. Lock, Faringdon Vicarage, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Meeting 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst,

Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe. — E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bicker on Whit Monday, May 21st. Dinner at the White Swan at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Service immediately after meeting.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee meet in St. Edmund's Vestry at 11 a.m. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1 p.m. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8), All Saints' (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m. — David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting of this district will be held at Deal on Whit Monday, May 21st. The bells of St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6) will be available from noon, St. Mary's, Walmer (8), from 2.30. The meeting to be held in St. Leonard's Parish Hall (by kind permission of the Rev. Bowser, Rector of Upper Deal) at 2 o'clock. Divine service at Upper Deal at 4 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting, 11 a.m.; service, Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 12 noon; dinner, 2s. 6d. per head, 1 p.m.; general business meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Meals and meetings at Viner's Restaurant, Castle Street. Charabanc leaves Bristol Old Market Street 8.15 a.m., fare 8s. For the few seats that are left apply to Mr. P. C. Williams or to Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Colse, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8), tenor 17 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Service in the Parish Church at 1 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Lunch will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2 p.m.; members 2/6, non-members 4s.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on May 26th. The Rev. H. R. M. Hutt will kindly entertain all ringers attending this meeting. Will those members intending to be present please advise local secretary, who will arrange party, if 12 or more, to travel by 2.20 train, Victoria Station, 1s. 1d. return fare, not later than first post May 24th? — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Those intending to be present please let me know early. All ringers welcome. — John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room, to be followed by the business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Meon on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Business after. Members requiring tea please acquaint me by Wednesday, 23rd.—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Limpsfield, Chart, on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. — E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 4 to 9 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—G. Higgs, Gorse Place, Chavey Down Road, Bracknell.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 26th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6). Bells will be available from 2.30. Tea about 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. —H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The peal of eight at Gravesend have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, and will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 6 p.m., when all ringers will be welcomed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, June 2nd, to give all who desire it, the opportunity of a 'pull' on the new peal of ten. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Tea will be provided by the kindness of the Vicar (Canon H. M. Hardern) to THOSE ONLY who let me know not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the same to Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, not later than Tuesday, May 29th. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion. — Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar (Canon G. Astbury), to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Will all those who require tea please let me know not later than June 4th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

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Mr. J. A. Waller, the senior churchwarden, in making the presentation, said how much he appreciated the services by Mr. Jefferies. He hoped he would long be spared to assist in ringing the bells.—Mr. J. Gould (captain of the ringers) also spoke of Mr. Jefferies' good work as a ringer, and endorsed all that had been said of him.

Mr. Jefferies thanked the parishioners for their great kindness towards him, and hoped the younger generation would continue to carry on the work.

The ladies also had a present for Mr. Jefferies, the gift consisting of a painting of the church, which was suitably inscribed, so that Mr. Jefferies may be reminded of the pleasant time he had spent in the church.

As a compliment, the following ringers rang 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Gould (first 504) 1, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jefferies 8.

It is interesting to note that the Vicar, at evensong, praised the work of the ringers and choir, and midway through the service, as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for all His goodness and for blessing on the crops, the ringers rang a short touch.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Thursday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. J. Lamb 3, E. J. Pannett 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Carter 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, G. H. Macklin 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. R. Neill.

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