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'ROUNDS' IN A PEAL.

The question whether 'rounds,' when it occurs through an accident in the ringing of a peal, should invalidate the performance, is a matter of considerable interest to the whole Exercise. Point is given to this matter, of course, from the discussion upon what recently happened at Ealing. So far as that particular peal is concerned, there seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether rounds actually did occur two courses from home, and no one but the ringers concerned are in a position to settle the point. But it does raise an important question of principle. Our correspondent, "An Inquirer," put the whole matter concisely, yet adequately, in his letter last week, when he asked why a peal in which rounds is accidentally struck should be worse than one in which some other less noticeable row is repeated, and added that neither could be true, and, logically, both should be placed in the same category as a peal whose composition is false.

In general practice, we believe, 'stand' is called when rounds unquestionably turns up, from whatever cause, before the end of the peal. Ringers, or the majority of them, do this, because 'rounds' is looked upon as the finish, and anything that is rung afterwards is in the nature of another touch. In this sense, therefore, rounds in the internal portion of a peal is treated as being in a different category to other 'accidental' changes, and there is good ground for so doing. It is quite true that, in a peal of Triples, for instance, the occurrence of rounds, through a mistake on the part of a ringer, would make the peal no more false than would any other change accidentally repeated, yet there is about 'rounds' a recognition of finality, which, in the ordinary view, brings the touch to an end.

If we refer to the 'Rules and Decisions' of the Central Council, we find that the only ruling which affects this question is the one which states 'that any shift or error in ringing (shall) be immediately corrected.' Under this decision, it is manifest that the accidental occurrence of rounds before the end of a peal is condoned so long as the mistake is at once put right, that is, that the bells are not allowed to continue in what is, really, a wrong coursing order. In view, however, of the rapid strides which are being made in peal ringing, we imagine many ringers will agree that the rule requires strengthening, or, shall we say, amplifying. At present the word 'immediately' is sometimes loosely interpreted, and to some ringers we have heard of may mean anywhere before the next course-end. That kind of acceptance of the term was never intended by the Council, and in these

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days, when peals are so easily attained, it would be well if the Council turned their attention to tightening up the rules. At the same time they might add an expression of opinion, if they are unable to go to the extent of laying down a decision, on the particular question of 'rounds.' They may like to say that this row, however it occurs in the body of any peal on seven bells and upwards, should invalidate the performance, or they may express the opposite view. But some opinion on the subject might well be added to the existing definitions of what constitutes a peal.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	A. PADDON-SMITH 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
THOMAS MILLER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter and Mr. Albert Walker.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
†THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
†ERNEST J. KING 3	†JOSEPH MILNER 8
JAMES GEORGE 4	WILLIAM BERRY 9
*JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Bob Royal. J. R. Gammon's 50th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 8
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 5	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. HODGSON Treble	ERNEST LAWSON 5
HARRY POPPLETON 2	ERNEST BETTS 6
ALBERT MARSHALL 3	*FRANK HAMPSHIRE 7
TOM SCOTT 4	HERBERT KERSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal. The ringers of 2nd and 7th are from Mirfield; 5th and tenor from Lightcliffe, the rest belong to the local band.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	* ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
LEONARD E. LAST ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
WILLIAM LATTER ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... 7
* REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for Master Peter White, son of the ringer of the seventh, and as a compliment to the Tunbridge Wells veteran ringer, James Miggeridge, aged 84 years.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES W. PLAYER... Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... 6
WILLIAM PELLING ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pelling, and was rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

* WILLIAM J. BOTTON ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDEL ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 3	LESLIE BRETT ... 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... 4	GEORGE FARNISH ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

† CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
* JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	† PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MARTIN ... 7
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

First peal on the bells in this method. * First peal as conductor in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

* WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... Treble	* FREDERICK KEMP ... 5
* PERCY GRIDLEY ... 2	* PHILIP JOHNSON ... 6
ARTHUR MAXIM ... 3	THOMAS CHINERY ... 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by S. EVANS.

* First peal in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. ABBOTT ... Treble	GEORGE POWNALL ... 5
JOHN POTTER ... 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
* JOHN YATES ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Titus Barlow.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

* GEORGE PETER ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
JOHN T. SCOTT ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was specially arranged, and rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Guildford to open a new wing of the Royal Surrey County Hospital. * First Surprise peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST NOY ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 4	DAVID YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Col. Melville Jopp, for two years churchwarden at the above church.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Old Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

* C. ARTHUR MORGAN ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 5
EDWARD ROSE ... 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
† WILLIAM BROWN ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the above branch. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Olive Parr, one of the local lady ringers. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Wilton Road, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6
THOMAS LANGDON 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	HARRY R. PASMORE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 2, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS NORAH BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
*HARRY FAIRCLOUGH 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. T. Fairclough, father of the ringer of the 4th, on recently attaining his 80th birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GABRIEL LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	*HARRY KIRBY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	GEORGE CONDIS 5
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
JESSE GILLET 3	FRANK SMITH 7
HERBERT BECKETT 4	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	WILLIAM LATTER 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK BARBER Treble	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 5
WILLIAM NEWTON 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
CYRIL J. POLLARD 3	†ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
REV. A. SIMPSON 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. † First peal in any method. † First peal of Double Norwich.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Margaret's Society.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Allen F. Bailey, of Manchester.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE CAM VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late George Street, Sussex County and England cricketer, a highly-respected resident of Warnham.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

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

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN HAYES Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*LESLIE EVEREST Treble	*HAROLD HUNTLEY 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST 2	HARRY SEAL 6
ARTHUR WILES 3	ALBERT LONGLEY 7
CHARLES AYLWARD 4	*EDWARD BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. A. Longley, the ringer of the 7th. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Longley, who kindly entertained them after the peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only 13 years of age, for the way in which he rang his bell. He is believed to be the youngest member in the Tonbridge district to ring a peal.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT DARVILL Treble	*ARTHUR LOVEJOY 5
*WILLIAM J. BROOKS... .. 2	GILBERT BULL 6
*STANLEY C. DAVIS 3	JOHN RANCE 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Bull on his engagement.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. HEATH Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
JOHN T. SCOTT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Mr. Dobinson kindly obliged by filling a vacancy at the last moment.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
*JACK JUDGE... .. 2	HARRY MILES 6
*LEONARD TOFFREY 3	*WILLIAM JUDGE 7
*FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

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

EARL SHILTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	GEORGE S. MORRIS 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOGHTON, NEAR PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. Treble	*JAS. HARRISON 5
*MISS M. CLAYTON 2	WM. SHARPLES 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK 3	JOHN WATSON 7
FRED. BLACKLIDGE 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by J. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown.

HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space, reports of the annual contest of the Cumberland Association, meetings of the Sheffield District Society, the Kent County Association, etc., as well as a number of letters to the Editor, and other items, are unavoidably held over.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	GEORGE POUND 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	LOUIS HEAD... .. 7
HARRY BAKER 4	JOHN SHORTER Tenor

28TH 8

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Charles Baker, brother of the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 4, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAW... .. Treble	WILLIAM JENNER 5
ALBERT HOBDEN... .. 2	JAMES A. HART 6
HERBERT RANN 3	ALBERT REID 7
GEORGE ADES 4	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT REID.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Jenner, who afterwards kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bo Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob & Canterbury Pleasur

*GEORGE BURT Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN... .. 5
HERBERT J. HAMMOND 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.

Rung after the baptism of the daughter of F. J. Lambert, junr. It was also the 55th peal for each of the three Brothers Lambert.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT A. BOOTH Treble	*GEORGE F. LUCAS 4
J. WILFRED SHARP 2	*JOHN M. GRAY 5
*GEORGE MANSFIELD... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Mansfield.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

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

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells, and first attempt since they were augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The band are grateful to the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Brewer) and the Bulkington friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM CURTIS	Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS	3
CHARLES POOLE	2	SAMUEL QUINTIN	4
HENRY W. CURTIS	Tenor		

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS,

First peal rung on the bells. The ringer of treble is from Beedon; 3rd from Bucklebury; the remainder are Newbury ringers. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. Kingsley Kefford.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten and a Half Minutes

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVY (TRIN.) 1—2	E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) ... 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 3—4	E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) ... 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NORTH COLLINGHAM.

Easter Monday was a memorable day in the annals of the North Notts Association, a day which had been for some time looked forward to by the inhabitants of Collingham generally, but especially by the church people and ringers in particular. Favoured with ideal weather, ringers and friends, to the number of 60, were present from East and West Retford, Ordsall, Workson, Anston, Harthill, Newark, Barborough, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent, the local company, and also the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston. The sweet six bells, recently recast and rehung, were raised in peal at 11 a.m., and were kept going continuously throughout the day to the methods of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars Pleasure, Duke of York, and numerous other methods, two 720's being successfully brought round, conducted by Messrs. Hibbard and Revill, respectively. During the afternoon, several members paid a visit to South Collingham Church for propaganda work, and touches of Doubles were brought round, but the bad 'go' of the bells, and the fact that they are very much out of tune, convinced the company that the attention of the bell hanger and founder was much needed, so their stay was brief. Sixty members and friends sat down to a substantial meat tea, provided by the local ringers, their wives and friends. Amongst those present were the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Gould), Mrs. Gould, the churchwardens, and several members of the Parochial Council, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. D. A. Piercy).—The Assistant Secretary explained the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), whose services were required at Wembley.

Three new members were duly elected, viz., the Misses Birchall and Mr. Hather from Sutton-on-Trent.

The date of the annual meeting was left in the hands of the committee, and will be advertised in the 'Ringing World.'

The Assistant Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding over the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the ladies and ringers for providing tea, and to everyone who had assisted in making the meeting a success.—This was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome such a large number of ringers, and paid a great compliment to them for ringing so nicely during the day. He was pleased to say the church possessed a nice ring of six bells. Up to two years ago they only had four bells in the tower, the dates being 1613, 1661, 1715 and 1779. They were in a very bad condition, cracked, and very much out of tune. Ten years ago a scheme was set on foot to have the belfry restored, but the war came along, and everything had to be suspended, but about three years ago the work was again taken up, and properly carried out at a cost of between £700 and £800. They had now a band of young ringers, which included two or three ladies, who, although they could not yet claim to have done anything very extraordinary, had done very well indeed, and had succeeded in ringing their first 720 changes on the bells. He wished specially to mention the good work done by Mr. Wallhead, their instructor, and also the hearty co-operation the ringers had given him.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GREAT PROGRESS IN MEMBERSHIP.

On Easter Monday, the Suffolk Guild met for its annual meeting at Bury. The day began with a short service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop preached. With his text, Ps. lxxxi. 2-4, he remarked that the Israelites had only little tinkling bells: we had the organ inside, and bells outside our churches: these latter were not likely to be superseded. The work of ringers was as important as that of other church workers, though it might not have received the attention in the past that it ought—perhaps owing to the ringers being out of sight. While it is well that bells should express men's extraordinary feelings, both of sorrow and of joy, ringers should always remember that they use the church bells for the worship and service of God.

At the meeting in the Abbey House afterwards, the Archdeacon of Sudbury, who presided, mentioned that this was the first meeting at Bury since the 'Great Schism.' He had great pleasure in welcoming them there, and in introducing to them the Bishop.

The Bishop (Dr. Whittingham) said how glad he was to meet them. He referred to experiences in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Leicester, to which church he was ordained. Ever since, as a boy, he had lived near a noble ring of bells, he had always felt that the ringers' art had an uplifting influence; and ringers should feel that they were not outside the church, but in it and of it. He supposed there were still a few ringers in the diocese attached to the Norwich Guild instead of theirs. Well, one could not but sympathise with all who admired Norwich; he did so himself, having got his wife from there; still, ringers as church workers in the right spirit, should help diocesan work.

Proceeding to business, the meeting accepted the report and accounts. These showed a balance in hand of £26.

The officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Hubert Day, of Eye, and Mr. Ernest Poppy, of Stoke Ash, to fill the two vacancies on the Central Council, to which the Guild, with its increased membership, was now entitled.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings, and invitations from Lavenham and Halesworth were accepted.

The committee were instructed to start a Bell Restoration Fund, to take steps to stop 'clocking' (a pernicious way in which old church bells are still being injured), and to issue certificates, both of proficiency and of record performances.

Requests having been received both from the Leytonstone band, and from Mr. Burton, the representative of the Norwich Guild, that the Central Council should take in hand the naming of new methods, a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

Sixty new members were elected. It was reported that three districts were still dormant, but members present from them said that signs of awakening interest were now appearing.

After the meeting, lunch was served at the Golden Pleece, and during the afternoon the bells at both churches were kept going; and over 70 remained to accept the Archdeacon's invitation to tea, at the Abbey House, where they were joined by Canon Goldsmith, Vicar of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Dr. Gray, Vicar of St. Mary's.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find I made two serious omissions from the report of the Easter meeting at Beverley, as no mention is made of the result of the voting on two important alterations to the general rules of the association.

The meeting carried the resolution increasing the annual subscription from 1/6 to 2/- per annum (this latter sum to include a free copy of the annual report) with only two dissentients.

The resolution: 'That the general committee shall have power to appoint an hon. secretary for peals, who shall have a seal on the general committee, and who shall retire annually,' was carried unanimously.

I most regretfully conclude that increasing years are asserting themselves, by the above omissions, and much regret having to trespass on your valuable space to publish the foregoing. Thanking you for your trouble, yours sincerely,
PERCY J. JOHNSON,
90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

Mr. J. Waghorn writes thanking the members of the Yorkshire Association for the cordial welcome extended to him at their meeting.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT COLCHESTER.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, on April 23rd, in commemoration of St. George's Day, the bells were rung during the day, the touches including 688 Bob Major, 768 Kent Treble Bob, two 560's Double Norwich, 704 Oxford Treble Bob, 564 Grandsire Triples, etc. Those taking part were Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, H. Evers, G. Rashbrook, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield, R. W. Stannard (local members), F. Claydon and W. Arnold (Earls Colne), D. Elliott (Assington), G. Dixon (Sudbury).

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The April quarterly meeting was held at Southam on Saturday week. Owing to the showery day and various counter attractions, including the Cup Final, etc., and the difficulty of getting to and fro by rail, the attendance of members was somewhat below the average, and those who were present were compelled to leave early, with the result that ringing was considerably curtailed.

The Guild's special service was conducted by the Rector. The address was given by the Rev. P. W. Daimpre, Vicar of Harbury, and, being himself a ringer, his remarks were both interesting and instructive. He congratulated the Guild on the useful work it was doing for the church, and appealed to the members to become zealous missionaries in their scientific art. He was also glad to notice the high standard of ringers to-day compared with those of 30 years ago.

A substantial meal tea was provided at the Black Dog Inn, after which the business meeting was held, and, in the absence of the president, the Rector (the Rev. Osborne M. Jones) presided.

Arrangements were made in connection with the annual meeting in July, and one new ringing member elected.—Warwick was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Whitnash for the May monthly meeting.—Hampton-in-Arden was proposed for June, as was also Bulkington, the last named being carried.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service, also to the Vicar of Harbury for his address.—The Rector, in replying, mentioned that some improvements in the ringing chamber were contemplated, and when completed he proposed to invite the Guild to Southam again, and to be his guests at the Vicarage, when he hoped more members would be present.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice was held at Sketty on Saturday, April 28th, and a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent. Several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, as well as touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. This was the first meeting of the new Guild to be held in the Swansea district, and ringers turned up in good numbers, the towers represented being Brecon, Sketty, Gorseinon, Aberavon, Morriston, Neath and Cadoxton.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Sketty for kindly providing tea for the ringers, and, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. C. Morse suitably responded.

TAUNTON BELL HANGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.**MR. T. DOBLE DIES IN THE BELFRY.**

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Doble, of Taunton, head of the firm of Messrs. Thomas Doble and Son, bell hangers. The firm have recently carried out an order for Lord St. Audries at Stogursey Church (of which the Vicar is the Rev. W. J. Stuart-Crumpp), which lies at no great distance from the Bristol Channel, and not many miles from what is hoped will become known as the celebrated Somerset oil fields. The work comprised strengthening the frame with tie bolts, and fitting new gudgeons and bearings for the bells. It had been arranged to test the work before Lent commenced, but owing to an epidemic of influenza prevailing in the village it was postponed until May 3rd.

Mr. T. Doble and his son, Mr. W. Doble, also Messrs. P. Merson, F. Millard, E. Priddle and J. Hunt left Taunton for this purpose in Mr. Doble's motor-car on Saturday. A run of about 22 miles brought the party to the ancient church. Having looked round the building, they ascended the tower, and inspected the work done. The bells, a peal of six, with tenor 26 cwt., were raised, and a start made for Grandsire Doubles. All went well for about 80 changes, when Mr. T. Doble, who was ringing the treble, released his rope, and fell to the floor. The bell set up, and the others set their bells and went to his assistance. Mr. W. Doble rushed off for a doctor, who arrived in about ten minutes, and confirmed the ringers' fears that Mr. Doble, senr., was beyond human aid.

Sorrowfully and with difficulty the deceased was carried down the tower stairs, and laid on a bier in the north porch of the church by the Vicar's kindness.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. W. Doble and his three sisters, who lost their mother only last December.

A ROYAL VISIT.

On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Swindon on Monday, April 28th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung at the Parish Church by A. Lawrence 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, E. Bishop 5, W. G. Lancaster 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. C. W. Smith 8. Rounds and Queens were subsequently rung on the ten bells.

During the afternoon, when the King and Queen made an inspection of the G.W.R. Works, Mr. Alfred Lawrence took his place among the 80 veterans who had put in over 50 years' service with the company, and who were inspected by their Majesties.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At the annual Vestry meeting of the Parish of Christ Church, Dore, Sheffield, held on Easter Monday, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Ringing Master) was elected people's churchwarden for the ensuing year.

The Bournville carillon has just been enlarged from 22 to 37 bells (three full chromatic octaves) by Mr. George Cadbury, junr., in memory of his father. A new clavier, with the most up-to-date mechanism and action work, has also been added. It was opened on Thursday of last week by M. Nauwelaerts, the carillonneur, of Bruges, who gave two recitals.

The name given to Mr. John Carter's ringing machine is the 'Campanomutophone.'

For some months past the bells of Wool, Dorset, have been silent, owing to a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities over the removal of a lamp which served for the lighting of the tower. A new lamp has been provided by the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and the trouble has now happily ended.

To-morrow is the anniversary of two long peals rung in the far-off days of the eighteenth century. In the ancient parish church of St. Mary, Braughing, Hertfordshire, are several old peal boards, and one of them records:—

'May, the 10th, 1779, was rung by the Braughing Youths a Compleat Peal of 12,240 Bob Major which was Performed in Seven Hours and 34 Minutes by Lawrence Tottingham, treble; Thos. Whyman, 2nd; Wm. Prior, 3rd; Wm. Hoy, 4th; Geo. Beadle, 5th; Jno. Hubbard, 6th; Jas. Walker, 7th; Jos. Walker, tenor. Composed and called by James Walker. It was long each man did stand, with zeal and ardent union performed the peal.'

A peal of 10,080 in the same method had been rung about a year earlier.

The other peal, of which the anniversary occurs to-morrow, was 10,200 Treble Bob Royal rung in 7 hours 40 minutes at Shoreditch in the year 1777 by the Cumberland Youths.

On May 11th, 1903, the peal of 14,112 London Surprise Major was rung in 8 hours 40 minutes at King's Norton.

Thirty years ago next Thursday the 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 6 hours 16 minutes, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pitstow. The band was N. J. Pitstow, Rev. F. G. Coleridge, A. James, E. Pitstow, J. Hardy, S. Smith, R. F. Lane and J. W. Taylor, junr. It is interesting to note that it was the first peal in the method for the ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th.

At All Saints' Church, Fulham, on May 15th, 1837, a peal of 12,086 Grandsire Caters was rung 'by the young ringers of St. James' Society . . . being the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only, the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest judges of the art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions.' The peal was rung in 7 hours 50 minutes, and was conducted by Thomas Tolladay.

The peal of Minor reported last week as rung at Liverpool on April 23rd, was rung at Childwall.

The treble ringer in the peal at Frodsham on Easter Monday was Thomas W. Gilmour, and not John W., as stated in the report.

The time of the peal of Treble Bob rung at Willesden on April 22nd was 2 hrs. 43 mins.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Secretaries are requested to note that all names and addresses of representatives and subscriptions due to the Council should now be in the honorary secretary's hands, otherwise they may appear as being in default when the annual statement is made.—Mr. E. Alexr. Young, Hon. Secretary, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

RINGING FACILITIES.

The following towers will be available for ringing for visitors to the Central Council Meeting:—Whit Sunday:

St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.
St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 10 a.m.
Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.
Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.
St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents the following towers will be available to Central Council representatives for peals: St. Clement Danes (10), Enfield (8), Edmonton, All Saints' (8). Representatives desirous of taking part in peals at Edmonton or Enfield please communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield. For St. Clement Danes write to Mr. J. W. Cornford. Applications must be received not later than May 19th.

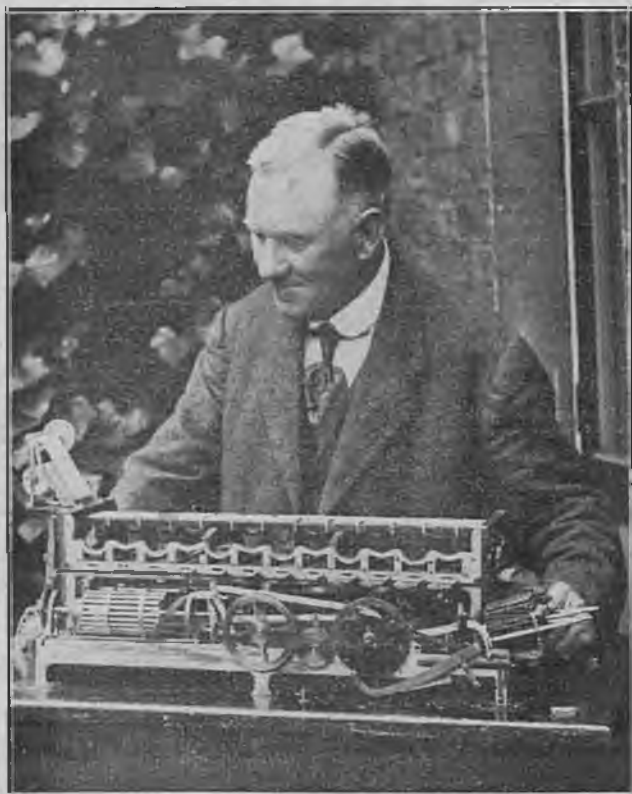
W. T. COCKERILL (hon. secretary, College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. secretary, Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

MR. JOHN CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE. A MARVEL OF INGENUITY.

It has been generally known in ringing circles for many years past that Mr. John Carter had invented a machine for ringing any number of changes in any method, and on any number of bells up to twelve. Mr. Carter worked and resided in Birmingham for many years previously to his recent removal to London, and many ringers in that neighbourhood had the privilege to see his machine working, as did also visitors from all parts. To all such the machine seemed a marvel of ingenuity, and one that had more than achieved its original purpose. To the inventor, however, it always seemed to fall short of that high standard of perfection to which he characteristically aimed, and additions and alterations were continually being tried. The machine, therefore, was never demonstrated beyond a 'plain course' in any method, nor was a 'touch' ever allowed to be brought round. It was saved up for a peal, or some other demonstration which should seem fitting to the inventor.

The machine, to one inspecting it for the first time, appears remarkably compact, as can be seen by the photograph. It is an as-



Mr. JOHN CARTER AND HIS MACHINE.

sembly of mechanical contrivances of all sorts, of high finish, and to a scale of about ordinary clockwork size. The power is obtained from an electric motor within the pedestal box. Gearing from this sets up longitudinal motion in cranks and eccentrics, which in turn impel eleven rods, these transmit their motion to twelve plates moving transversely across the machine, the whole being most beautifully governed by a sort of dual control, each in two parts and allied to the hand and back strokes in ringing. The plates move backwards and forwards according to the places they are making in the method to which the machine may have been set, and, as they carry contact pins, they electrically control their several allied gongs in an adjoining bell-box. This latter is the last addition to his machine, which Mr. Carter has made despite the fact that his recent illness renders all work difficult to him. The box has twelve gongs, being those kindly given him by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who purposely cast them for the machine. According to the original plan the gongs were fixed along the top, and the brass seating for them still forms the curbs of the machine.

The machine will ring any known or likely to be known method, one of the last, that composed by the inventor, and named after himself, viz., Carter Major, was tried as its first quarter peal, as

was reported last week. It was set to this method in two or three minutes, and rang it faultlessly (except when Mr. Carter at the first attempt 'called a bob' too late!).

The machine is one of the most remarkable inventions of its kind in the world, and the opportunity might be taken to quote a few words of the late Sir A. Heywood, who, besides being a man of business, and an engineer, will always be remembered in the Exercise as a gifted exponent of ringing. He expressed his views as follows, in a letter to Mr. Carter, dated March 7th, 1897:—

'I have been thinking a good deal about your machine, and I cannot help admiring very deeply the perseverance and intellectual ability which you have brought to bear on the problem. I am lost in wonder at the ingenuity of the contrivance and the foresight with which you have covered the many requirements of such a machine if it is to be perfect. Charles Babbage's machine on which he—or rather the Government—spent £17,000 is now in King's College Museum, London.

Well, your machine is, in a way, on the lines of Babbage's, though, of course, its purpose being different, the mechanisms are novel indeed. But it is to all intents and purposes a calculating machine for proving, either in figures or sound, the results of certain modes of dealing with permutations.

The fact that you do not stop short of the maximum number of bells, and that you cover all possible methods, makes the machine of immense interest, because there is no future development of change ringing that cannot be worked out on it. There is no doubt that if completed and made to work with accuracy, its ultimate home should be in a National Museum.'

Sir Arthur's desire will probably be fulfilled, for Mr. Carter has decided to deposit the machine in the Victoria and Albert Museum, with the proviso that it shall be demonstrated occasionally.

Mr. Carter, before parting with the machine, also decided that it should be allowed to prove itself worthy of its reputation, before a small party of ringers and friends, who should be invited to a private demonstration. This was accordingly arranged, the date, April 30th last, falling very appropriately on Mr. Carter's 70th birthday, and the place being the house of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, at Forest Hill, London.

Invitations to be present having been sent out to the President and Standing Committee of the Council, to the leading founders and also to the officers of the associations in and around London, some twenty visitors attended, including one of the officials of the Science Department of the Museum.

Mr. Carter, commencing with plain courses of Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, passed on to the same in Triples, and invited anyone present to call a 'touch.' This Miss Edith K. Parker did in both methods (the first on the machine). All were interested in a course of Carter Major, and agreed that it possessed musical qualities. After examples of Caters, Royal and Cinques, the machine finished very fittingly with a course of Carter Maximus.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EFFORTS TO VITALISE WIGAN BRANCH.

A previous attempt to establish a 'live' branch of the Lancashire Association in the Wigan district having met with only indifferent success, a meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at St. Peter's, Hindley, when efforts will be made to put the branch in working order. Archdeacon Howson (Deacon of the Liverpool and Wigan branches) will hold a special service for ringers during the afternoon, and will also be present at the meeting. It is hoped that all interested in the branch will make an effort to be present.

Only one or two towers in Wigan and district have shown any interest since the formation of the branch, and it is hoped that in future more towers and members will join, and that ringers will become live members instead of just paying subscriptions and doing nothing more. One man cannot work a branch as scattered as the Wigan branch is.

A NOISY RINGING CHAMBER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our ringing chamber is very noisy. Would any of your readers who have had experience in overcoming this grave defect advise us as to whether the following proposal is likely to be successful? We propose to fix a new floor (1-inch boards) to the underside of the beams which support the floor of the bell chamber. These beams are 15 inches deep, and the resulting space to be packed with suitable material would be about 300 cubic feet. We propose to use slag wool, and should be glad of guidance as to the quantity that would be required, and the approximate cost.

The height of the ringing chamber is about 20 feet, and the space between the joists which rest upon the beams, with thick boards above and below them, has already been filled with slag wool. Possibly this space was insufficiently packed. At any rate the noise is too great.—Yours faithfully,

A. M. L.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT FULHAM.

The 27th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, and was attended by between 70 and 80 members. Some excellent practice in several methods was obtained on the fine peal of ten at All Saints' Church, and on the eight at Putney, just across the Thames. Divine service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Chiswick, and an honorary member of the association. In a stirring address, he urged the members not to be afraid of their religion; not to be apologetic about it; but to stand up for it; to push it; to let it enter into their daily life; for without Christianity nothing would prosper, nothing would be worth doing.

Tea was served in the hall close by. The Vicar of Fulham was unfortunately prevented from attending for more than a few minutes, during which time he gave the members a hearty welcome.—A vote of thanks was passed to him for his extreme kindness in arranging the service, and for granting the use of the bells.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea over, the usual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., who was supported by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Messrs. T. Beadle (vice-president), W. Pye (Master), R. Holloway and G. B. Lucas (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), and a large gathering of members from all parts of the county and elsewhere.

As the Rev. E. P. Gough had to leave early, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his excellent address, and also thanked the organist for his services.—The reverend gentleman, in reply, stated that he was very interested in bells and bell ringing, but he could not understand the methods. When he saw the rows and rows of figures he was done. He could add two and two together, but those figures were too much. He once tried to ring a bell. He succeeded so much that he broke a rope, and knocked a stay off, and his ringers thereupon said that he would be of much more use to them if he would confine his activities to presiding at their meetings, paying for their annual outing, and anything like that (laughter). He said he was glad to see that ladies took up ringing. He was sure they would be very helpful. He thanked the ringers for their services, and wished the association every success.

The report, extracts from which are given below, was taken as read, and adopted. In presenting the same, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) said he would like to draw the attention of members to the report of the conference between the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council, which had been reprinted. This document had been described as being a very valuable one, and as it had been drawn up by experts in bell hanging and in building and architecture, it was considered to be of such use that it should be given to members. He hoped it would be read carefully and made use of, and he suggested that the attention of all their clergy should be drawn to the document.

The balance sheet was also adopted. It showed a credit balance of £20 13s. 1d., the best since the war period, against £16 17s. 11d. last year.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of the President (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey), who had resigned on accepting the living at Wrentham, Suffolk. In his stead, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., was elected.—In proposing his election, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that it gave him great pleasure to ask the members to elect Mr. Milne as their president. He did so on behalf of the Central Committee, who had unanimously agreed to recommend this course. He was sure that Mr. Milne would do his best for the association as he had always done.—Mr. J. R. Sharman seconded, and the proposal was carried with enthusiasm.—Mr. Milne thanked the members, and stated that he had been one of those who started the old Middlesex Association, in the year 1889, which ultimately amalgamated with the S. and W. Middlesex Guild in 1897 to become the present large association.

Messrs. T. Beadle and W. Pickworth were chosen as district vice-presidents.

The new President then proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to their late President (Mr. Bonsey), which was carried unanimously, and which the hon. sec. was instructed to forward to him.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, R. Holloway and F. A. Milne were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

The Leytonstone resolution, re naming of six-bell methods, was discussed, and it was decided that the society's representatives on the Central Council should support any resolution which had for its object the settlement of this question in a sensible manner, and with sensible names for the methods concerned.

The President stated that an appeal for support had been received from the Eserick Bell Restoration Fund Committee, and he invited any member so disposed to forward their contributions to the secretary of that fund.

A vote of congratulation was moved by the President to Miss Phyllis Moss on her brilliant achievement on Whit-Monday, when she called Holt's Original as her first peal as conductor. Mr. Milne said that Miss Moss was probably the first lady ringer to call this difficult composition, and she was deserving of all praise. He also included in the vote of congratulation Miss R. Hawsworth, who rang her first peal on that occasion; and Miss G. Baker in recently ringing her first peal, one of Grandsire Caters at Hillingdon.—The vote was carried with acclamation. It was afterwards ascertained for a certainty that Miss Moss is the first lady ringer to call the 'Original.'

Southgate was chosen as the venue for the next annual general meeting.

In addition to the votes of thanks previously passed, thanks were also given to the Rev. P. Swain for the use of the bells at Putney; to Messrs. Driver and Bolton for having the bells in readiness; and to the several ladies who had so kindly waited upon the members at tea, including the Misses Baker, Goodfellow, Hawsworth and Moss.

Afterwards ringing took place at Fulham and Putney until about 9 p.m., amongst the many methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Eight and Ten, and Cambridge Major and Royal.

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

The report, mentioned above, contained the following:—

'In addition to the annual meeting, several successful meetings were held during the year, the increase in the attendances being very noticeable. Ten were held in the North and East district, four of which were at six-bell towers, two of these latter being held in mid-week. The average attendance was the excellent one of 35. In the South and West district twelve meetings were arranged, all but one taking place on a Saturday. A great improvement in the standard of ringing was noticeable at these meetings, whilst the attendance reached the fine average of 40.

Seventy-five new members were elected during the year, the North and East district admitting two honorary and 41 ringing members, whilst the South and West district obtained two and 30 respectively. The return to the Association of the band at St. George-in-the-East is a matter for congratulation, whilst we are also pleased to welcome the ringers at St. Olave's, Hart Street, to our ranks. Some of the members of the band at St. John of Jerusalem have also joined us, and we hope it will not be long before this tower is wholly affiliated. Our total membership, after allowing for losses through deaths, resignations, etc., is 712.

'The peal list for 1923 contains some very satisfactory features. Seventy-six peals were rung, and 149 members took part in them, ten of whom joined the peal ringing ranks for the first time. Those who rang their first peals in a new method or on a different number of bells numbered 88. Six of the peals were rung on handbells, including one each of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Superlative Surprise Major. The conductors numbered 19, and of the 70 tower-bell peals, which were rung in 33 towers, 19 were rung at Willesden.

'Among the performances calling for special mention were the first peal of Erin Caters by the Association, which was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 10th; a peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung on the Pre-Reformation bells at St. Bartholomew the Great, on March 21st, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the dedication of the church, this peal probably being the first ever rung on these bells; a very fine peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Bow, on March 24th; and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Willesden on August 14th, which completed the quartette of Cambridge on all numbers by members of this Association. The first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major by the Association was rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on October 9th; followed by the first of St. Clement's Bob Major, at the same church on December 18th. The peal of Superlative rung on handbells on September 26th was the 200th in that method by the Association; which also completed the century of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow on November 17th; and of Bristol Surprise Major at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, on December 15th. The year's record of noteworthy performances was brought to a close by the ringing of a peal of 10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, this being the longest Surprise peal ever rung on ten bells.

'The quarter-peal list is a more extensive one even than that of last year; no less than 211 having been recorded. Ealing (St. Mary's) again heads the list with 38, Acton coming second with 35, and Hillingdon (St. John's) third with 22. We are, of course, aware of the difficulties at many towers in connection with the various services held on Sundays which often prevent lengthy periods of ringing, but we should very much like to see more of our churches figuring in the quarter-peal list, and more quarter-peals rung in the North and East district. The record of bell restoration work is again satisfactory. At St. Andrew's Church, Enfield, the peal of eight has been rehung with new gudgeons and bearings and the framework strengthened; whilst at the churches of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, and St. James, Prebend Square, Islington, the peals of six have each been rehung with new gudgeons and bearings, with good results. All this work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.'

THE PEAL AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—Congratulations to the band that rang the peal at the Imperial Institute on April 23rd. I should, however, like to point out a small error in the record of same in your paper. Mr. Frank Smith ceased to be a member of the Middlesex County Association as long ago as 1910, and I, therefore, cannot see how he can be said to have represented this society in the peal.—Yours faithfully,

G. T. COLES,

Joint Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, E.17.

TEN COUNTIES.

Sir.—In the report of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at the Imperial Institute on April 23rd, my attention has been called to an error which is present, viz., the ringer of the 8th is not a member of the Middlesex County Association.

May I suggest, that in order to carry out the idea of ten counties being represented, the following alteration should be made in the official record: John D. Matthews (Surrey) 1, George Williams (Hants) 2, John S. Goldsmith (Sussex) 3, William H. Fussell (Bucks) 4, John H. Cheesman (Kent) 5, William Miller (Essex) 6, Arthur E. Sharman (Beds) 7, Frank Smith (Middlesex) 8, Walter Ayre (Herts) 9, John W. Cornford (County of London) 10.—Yours fraternally,

'ONE OF THE BAND.'

RESTORATION AT TACKLEY.**ADDITION TO AN OXFORDSHIRE RING.**

The five bells and old frame at St. Nicholas' Church, Tackley, Oxon, are now under repairs. All the bells are to be quarter turned and fitted with new headstocks, wheels and gudgeons, etc. The old frame is being strengthened with long bolts (vertically), the joints fitted with angle plates, and all securely bolted together.

A new treble bell is being added, and will be hung above the rest in a new oak frame, by the parishioners, thereby making a fine musical ring of six bells.

The work of rehanging is in the able hands of Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and the new treble is being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

It is hoped that the work will be finished in about five weeks, so that the dedication of the new treble and the opening of the new peal of six can take place on Whit Sunday.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**VISIT TO THE 'PEPPER BOX.'**

A meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday. This tower is well known to many, both far and near, as the 'Pepper Box,' on account of its similarity in structure, and is where the 'Midland veteran,' Mr. Wm. Rock Small, has for many years been custodian. But, alas! through advancing years—84 last November—he is no longer able to climb the steps, and dare not go far from home on account of giddiness. His absence on this occasion was greatly regretted; and as he was unable to meet the members, several old friends went to see him at his home. Though feeble, he was able and pleased to show his visitors his collection of ringing matter—not least amongst which was his peal book, containing some 337 peals, with interesting notes attached to many of them. This number may not seem very great to present-day 'peal merchants,' but convenience of travel, etc., in different now from the days when W. R. S. rang his earlier peals. Though probably he has rung his last, his many friends will wish him happiness in his retirement.

The Rev. G. R. Mortimore (Vicar) conducted the service, and prior to the address, he gave the members a warm welcome.

The Parish Church Council generously provided tea in the School-room, about 50 sitting down. Among those present were the Rev. G. R. Mortimore, Mr. Jinks and Mr. Dunn (churchwardens), Mr. Alderman Pritchett, etc.—The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and use of the bells, to the organist, and to the Parish Church Council for their kindness.—This was carried with applause.

DEATH OF A STAINES' RINGER.

It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. John H. Preston, who passed away in Staines Hospital on April 17th, at the age of 64 years, after a long illness. He will be greatly missed by the band at St. Peter's Church, Staines, of which he has been a member since 1908. He was a member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at Staines, on Thursday, April 24th, at which many of the deceased's fellow ringers were present. In the evening 728 Grandsire Triples was rung with half-muffled bells by members of the bands of St. Peter's, Staines, and St. Peter's, Old Windsor: G. Walmsley 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Welling 3, A. Hiscock 4, A. Cross 5, W. Sewell 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held, as is usual, at Bedford on Easter Monday. Ringing took place at St. Paul's from an early hour, this fine peal of ten being kept busy until the luncheon hour arrived. The service had to be postponed owing to the Vicar of St. Paul's having an engagement which prevented him from officiating, and late notice to the hon. secretary prevented other arrangements being made.

The annual meeting followed luncheon, which was presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker, president, supported by Mr. E. Ransom and Miss E. Steel (vice-presidents), the Rev. G. H. Shorting, Vicar of Kempston, and others; welcome visitors being Mr. F. Wilford, Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and several Northants friends.

The annual report and balance sheet were passed. During the year 26 peals were rung, in most methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major. Special mention was made of the 10-method peal at Bromham, and the 14-method peal at Emberton, rung during the year. The balance sheet disclosed a balance in hand of £29 7s. 1d., which was slightly less than the previous year, owing to several items of expenditure, which do not usually occur.

Canon Baker was re-elected president. The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Cyril Herbert in the place of the late Mr. Charles Herbert. The hon. secretary (Mr. A. E. Sharman) was re-elected, and the president and hon. secretary were elected to the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

On the president inquiring the views of the members as to there being any question they desired to be brought before the Council, Mr. P. Inskip proposed that the representatives be asked to support the Leytonstone company in the matter of the renaming of Minor methods.—An interesting discussion took place, and the matter was left in the hands of the delegates.

Miss Steel proposed that Rule 9 be deleted, and this was agreed to.—The usual votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, closed the meeting.

Further ringing took place at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches, methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Royal being rung during the day.

A DEVON RING RESTORED.

The bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Black Torrington, Devon, have been undergoing repair, and have now been rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter. A fine peal of six, of exceptionally mellow tone, they were formerly hung in a wood frame, and after many years of constant use, fear was entertained as to their safety owing to the main oak beams showing signs of decay. It was decided to have them rehung, and the contract was placed with the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have carried out the work most satisfactorily.

The church possesses a remarkably fine tower, probably built about 1500. There is no record of bells being placed in the tower until 1772, when four were hung by Pennington. In 1855 and 1856 two more were added by C. and G. Mears. These two are supposed to be 'peace bells' to celebrate the end of the Crimean war. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

1, 2 and 3 'I. P. and Co., 1772'; 4: 'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1856'; 5: 'Charles Burdon Gent, Humphrey Braund, Churchwardens, I.P., 1722'; 6: 'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1855.' The treble is 27 inches in diameter. The tenor is 40 inches in diameter, and weighs 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., the total weight of the peal being 34 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

There was a large congregation present for the rededication service, which was conducted by the Rector. After the 3rd Collect, the Bishop, Rector, churchwardens and choir proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop, after the dedicatory prayers, pulled the tenor bell. His lordship afterwards gave a most appropriate address.

Over 100 partook of a public luncheon, presided over by the Bishop, and in the afternoon there was clay pigeon shooting for prizes, and skittling for a pig, kindly given by Mr. B. Coham Fleming, while the bells were constantly kept going. The first ringing on the bells was done by the home band, under Mr. E. Chapman (captain), and afterwards ringers from Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Little Torrington, Bradford and Bratton Clovelly took part. All were unanimous in praising both the tone and 'go' of the bells.

THE FIRST PEAL AT BETLEY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' it was reported that the Stoke Association rang a peal of Minor at Betley, and claimed it as the first peal on the bells. The Crewe Society of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (seven different 720's) at this church on Saturday, October 1st, 1910, conducted by the late Richard T. Holding, senr. We shall be pleased if you will publish the above correction.—Yours truly,

RICHARD T. HOLDING.

HAPPISBURGH'S ANCIENT BELLS.**HEARD AGAIN AFTER A CENTURY'S SILENCE.**

On Easter Eve, the Bishop of Norwich dedicated the bells of St. Mary's Church, Happisburgh, which till then had been silent for more than a century, except that two could be chimed for service.

The ancient Church of St. Mary, which stands on the lofty cliffs on the East Norfolk Coast, 15 miles from Cromer, is an edifice of flint in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and a lofty embattled western tower 110 feet high, and, coupled with the lighthouse a few hundred yards to the southward, is a landmark to visitors and to mariners, and commands an immense area of the sea and of the countryside. Three large bells, one of them weighing 14½ cwt., hung in the tower in the middle of the 15th century (about 1450). In 1637 these were recast into five bells, giving to the tenor a weight of 12½ cwt. In the restoration, the two with their crowns broken off have been recast, and a new treble added, thus making a ring of six bells, with a weight of 11 cwt. for the tenor in G.

The second, third and fifth bells, which remain as they were, each bear the inscription:—

'John Brend made me 1637.' The others are inscribed as follows: The new treble: 'Given by Mary Caton, 1924, in memory of Nelson's men wrecked off the Norfolk Coast, 1801.'

The fourth: 'John Brend made me 1637. Recast by H. S. Todd, in memory of his wife, Emma, who died in 1920.'

The tenor: 'Recast by R. B. Pearce, Mayor, 1924; Thomas Harris, Thomas Hasted, Churchwardens, J.B., 1637.'

To those who never turned their backs, but marched breast forward.

Never doubted clouds would break,

Never dreamed though right were worsted, wrong would triumph.
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake.'

On one of the pillars of the tower arch is a plate inscribed: 'The bells of St. Mary's, 1637.—To the Glory of God, and in memory of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1919. These bells have been restored. Easter, 1924.'

The 4th and tenor were recast and the treble cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and the work of rehanging in a new frame was admirably carried out by Messrs. G. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, secretary of the Norfolk Guild of Ringers, organised the ringing, and members of the Guild were recruited from Aylsham, Cromer, Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Mulbarton, and North Repps.

After the dedication prayers by the Bishop of Norwich, beneath the tower arch, a plain course of Bob Minor was rung by George Neale 1, Ben S. Thompson 2, Arthur H. Webber 3, Denison Hayward 4, John Moy 5, George Mayers 6. At the conclusion of the service, a touch of Bob Minor was rung with Arthur L. Coleman ringing the treble, which was followed by the first complete peal of 720 changes on the bells, the method being Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Arnott (Gorleston) 1, Arthur H. Webber (Great Yarmouth) 2, Denison Hayward (Great Yarmouth) 3, William J. Lee (Great Yarmouth) 4, Ben S. Thompson (Great Yarmouth) 5, George Mayers (conductor, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich), 6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at East Coker on April 26th. The bells, a handy peal of eight, tenor about 12 cwt., were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, and president of the branch, conducted the service, assisted by the Vicar of East Coker (the Rev. Maurice R. Bailey).

About 30 ringers were present for tea and the meeting which followed in the Scouts' Hall.—The President welcomed the Rev. M. R. Bailey, who had recently come to East Coker, and thanked him for his very kind reception. He also thanked the organist and the caterer.—The Secretary (Mr. F. Tarrant) announced that Mr. Bailey had expressed a wish to become an hon. member, and he had much pleasure in proposing him.—Mr. J. Lukins, of Yeovil, was re-elected a ringing member.

The next meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp.

The Vicar of East Coker said he would like his tower to be affiliated and his ringers to become members of the association. They were, he said, willing to join.—The question of instruction was discussed, and an arrangement was eventually made with Mr. J. E. Baker, of Yeovil, to teach them. Mr. D. G. Taylor kindly offered to come from Ilminster as often as possible to help.—This concluded the business of the meeting.

The towers represented were Yeovil, Ilminster, Martock, and the local men.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 52 mins.: J. F. Barnes, junr., 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, L. T. Osborne 3, G. Wheeler 4, J. F. Barnes, senr (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, H. Egby 6, G. Cook 7, W. Simmons 8. All are service ringers at the above church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 603 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, E. J. Harding, junr., 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

SWINDON.—At the Parish Church, on April 27th, for morning service, two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by J. H. Shepherd.—For evening service, a touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by R. W. Hyner.—Also 651 Stedman Caters: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, L. A. Wilson 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at St. John's, Wilton Road, Fimble, S.W., a 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. J. Skelt 3, G. W. Harris 4, E. J. King 5, T. W. Taffender 6, G. A. Card 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

BROMSGROVE.—At the Parish Church, on April 27th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins.: A. Barratt (longest length on a working bell) 1, Miss Amy Johnson (longest length) 2, H. F. Martin (conductor) 3, J. Eades 4, A. J. Martin 5, A. Hingley 6, Rev. S. G. Lavery 7, R. Lewis 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: A. Starmer 1, F. Hopper 2, B. Howard 3, W. Sharp 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5, H. Marlow 6, D. Burgess 7, J. Burston 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, E. G. Cottis 2, F. Russell 3, A. J. Neale 4, W. G. Jackson 5, F. C. Newman 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, A. G. Hardy (composer) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Faulkner and F. C. Newman.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The Easter Day ringing at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul consisted of 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back six, and also 209 Grandsire Triples for the 6 a.m. service; 504 Grandsire Triples for the 11 a.m. service; and for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Collins 1, F. Green 2, G. Street 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, G. Brown 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, T. Binney 8. Other members of the band taking part in the day's ringing were E. Green, E. Hendley and W. Johnson.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sharp 1, T. Lane 2, M. Matthews 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, E. Watkins 5, A. Watkins 6.

LYMINGE, KENT.—For evening service, on Easter Day, at the Church of St. Mary and Edburga, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following in 45 mins.: C. Mitchell 1, K. Gordon 2, G. Cullum 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton 5, M. Mills 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, A. Webb 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 20th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., and ten different callings: S. Bevan 1, J. Challis 2, J. Scott 3, N. Scott 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5. First quarter in any method by all except conductor.

ALDRINGTON SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, M. Broomfield 2, G. Steele 3, R. Stredwick 4, F. Truster 5, W. White (conductor) 6.

NOTICE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands (Sermon by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton), at 5 p.m. Tea 1/6 per head in the Schoolroom adjoining; afterwards followed by the business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) will be allowed to members attending. Those requiring tea must write to C. Hill, Esq., 17, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, by Wednesday, May 14th. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Christ Church, Hastings; 2.30 to 4.30, and at the latter church from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Cecil H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

KIRKTHORPE BELLS AUGMENTED.**OPENING OF A YORKSHIRE PEAL.**

Kirkthorpe is a small hamlet, pretty and antiquated, two miles east of Wakefield, on the south bank of the River Calder. It consists of a church, vicarage, hospital, almshouses, and a few cottages. There is some evidence that a peal of six bells existed at the church in 1492, but their fate is enshrouded in mystery. Two, dated 1611, are probably earlier ones recast. Another bell of great historical interest, and now the 5th in the present peal, or the 3rd originally, formerly hung in Kirkstall Abbey, near Leeds. This bell which, it is supposed, was cast in York, is inscribed in beautiful characters: 'Laurentius : Iohes : De : Berdesay : Abbas : Ao : Di : Mo. Lawrence is the name given to the bell; John de Bardsey was Abbot of Kirkstall in 1396. The fourth, or present tenor, was given by the late Mr. Gilbert Tennant, of Heath Old Hall, the former residence of Sir Edward Green, Bart., known all over the world as head of the great firm of fuel economisers, of Wakefield. Mr. Tennant's son was killed in the war, and this bell was given in his memory. Recently two new bells have been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the whole rehung in a strong and massive iron framework, in steel girders on the latest principles. Their fittings contain all the improvements in bell hanging which Messrs. Taylor have introduced during recent years, so that even heavy bells can be rung with the greatest ease. These two new trebles contain the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—A.M.D.G.—The children's bell. Easter, 1924. J. Willoughby, Vicar; J. Milne and W. E. Melrose, wardens; John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

Second.—A.M.D.G.—The women's bell. Easter, 1924. J. Willoughby, Vicar; J. Milne and W. E. Melrose, wardens; John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, April 19th, and the Sandal Magna Parish Church ringers were honoured with the invitation to reopen the bells. Some of these men have rung in the above tower for over 50 years. The fraternal side was not forgotten, and the Sandal men notified other local towers, with the result that Sandal was represented by Mr. H. Spencer (treble), W. Robinson, W. Moxon (conductor), W. Reyner, A. Kilburn and H. Robinson (tenor); Horbury tower by Mr. R. Thicket (President of the Barnsley and District Change Ringers' Association), W. Rowley and G. Hunt; Crofton by Mr. G. Stead (churchwarden) and W. Green; and Wragley tower by Mr. F. Atkinson. Needless to say, that with such an array of capable campanologists, several mixed companies were formed, and Treble Bob methods became the order of the day. The dedication service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Willoughby), who gave an interesting address on 'The use of the bells in the Christian Church.'

At the close of the service, and while the congregation were dispersing, the bells pealed forth, and then the ringers, together with the prospective local band, were invited to tea in the parish room in close proximity to the church. After the ample and substantial repast had been disposed of, the Vicar made a very interesting speech. On behalf of the residents, he thanked the visitors, and referred to the prominent part which ringers played in the church life of this country. He had often enjoyed listening to the music re-echoing from local towers, and earnestly hoped they would soon have at that church a set of young men able to take their part in the campanological world. He promised to do all in his power to assist a local band, and he would be only too pleased to offer the use of the bells for a meeting of the ringers' association. Interesting discussion then followed from the practical ringers' standpoint, and various hints and suggestions were offered by Mr. W. Reyner, one of the oldest ringers of Sandal, late President of the Barnsley Association, and well known in the ringing circles; also by Mr. H. Robinson, another stalwart; Mr. R. Thicket and Mr. Moxon.

The interesting meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and the ladies for the repast, and further ringing took place until the visitors were reluctantly compelled to turn homewards, after a delightful outing, long to be remembered.



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NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open 3 o'clock.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale), on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. sharp. Service at 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting following. All ringers invited. Kindly notify to J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the Institute. Bells available all day. All ringers cordially invited. Bus leaves Stisted for Braintree 8.45 p.m. — W. H. Dyson, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow at Swindon. Arrangements as announced in previous issue. Bristol members are informed that they should travel on the 9.35 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.20 mid-day, 3.10 p.m. from Temple Meads for cheap fare. Headquarters for day King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, Swindon.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions for current year now due.—J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Important business.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. This will be the first meeting for ringing on the bells, and a good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 6.30 p.m., Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m. A special quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, the 12th. Ringing at 6.30 p.m. Meeting to follow at headquarters.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St Magnus on May 15th and 29th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, PHEME St., Chelsea, S.W.3.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me by May 14th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.—The official opening of recast peal of bells will take place on May 17th. Hearty invitation to all. Ringing from 2.20. Tea 1s. 3d. Visitors wanting tea please send word by May 14th to E. Malkin, Sheffield Park, Glossop.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 4.45, at the Bear Hotel. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, May 17th.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on May 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. E. W. Bryan) will entertain the members to tea if they will let me know of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, May 14th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An intermediate meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6). Short service in the church at 4.30. General meeting at 5. All ringers are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Archdeacon Howson will hold a special service during the afternoon. Meeting by arrangement. All ringers welcome. Come in hundreds and make this meeting a success.—John Halsall, 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Kilndown (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 20th.—W. J. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Vicarage Rooms for all who advise me, not later than the 20th, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 21st? — P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Meeting 6.30 in Institute. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec., 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided to all members who notify Mr. E. Ayers, 4, Bull Hill, Oxenhope, by Tuesday, May 27th, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

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