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RINGERS AND PRACTICES.

A question of interest and importance to ringers is raised in the annual report of the Middlesex County Association, laid before the members on Saturday. It is that of securing to ringers at every church a regular practice night. It is pointed out that at some towers a regular practice night is almost out of the question, or if there is a practice night, it has frequently to be given up on account of other parochial events. The suggestion is not that the ringers are not considered, but that they are for the time being forgotten. That, we think, puts very fairly the conditions which exist at many towers, not only in Middlesex, but in nearly every other county. In almost every instance it is the ringers who must put off their ringing when anything else is in the wind. Even an organ practice or a special choir practice have been made sufficient reason to interrupt operations in the belfry, and it has been because the ringers' practice or peal has not been rightly valued.

On the other hand, ringers themselves are sometimes prone to think that their practices are of small moment, otherwise fewer of them would be among the absentees on practice nights, and there would be less anxiety to abandon practice during the summer months. This is a thoroughly bad habit. Except abandoning practice altogether, there is nothing calculated to throw a band back than this closing of the tower for all except Sunday ringing through the summer. Indeed, it often affects the regularity of the Sunday ringing. One realises that in the country there are times when the claims of, say, harvest, may keep men away from the belfry on a week-evening; but even harvest does not last from April to October. Gardening, cricket and other outdoor occupations are often advanced as an argument against summer evening ringing, but the ringer who cannot so arrange his work or play to spare once a week an hour after eight o'clock at night to maintain his efficiency in the belfry is but a lukewarm individual so far as ringing is concerned.

What ringers need to produce the best results in ringing is a regular weekly practice night throughout the year. When it rests entirely with themselves it ought never to be in question; when the church authorities place obstacles in the way, through forgetfulness or otherwise, it ought to be possible to put the matter tactfully before them, with a polite insistence that at least an hour a week should be set aside and left clear for them to practise their art. There are some places where the ringers' practice night is so well established as to become almost a tradition. At Birmingham, for instance, it is recognised not only by the church authorities but by the public, and

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more than one orator in the Bull Ring has had to restrain his eloquence on a Tuesday evening until the bells have finished, for nothing outside the church, short of illness, puts a stop on the bells. And in any well ordered parish the same thing might prevail. We do not suggest there should never be give and take, but we believe if ringers tactfully insisted upon their right to a regular practice, much might be done to improve the position of which the Middlesex Association complains.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

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

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT 7
EDWIN BARNETT 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3	SYDNEY F. PALMER 9
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 10
JAMES E. GROVES 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALFRED B. PECK... .. 6	GEORGE JENKIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rus-sam, on the occasion of their golden wedding; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Cockerill, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	CHARLES V. HARE 8
FRANK SMITH 3	HENRY T. WILSON 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	JOHN W. CORNFORD 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 11
RICHARD BEVAN 6	Cecil J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	DANIEL COOPER... .. 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	AMOS CLARK 8
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	FREDERICK W. CHORLEY... Tenor

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	ERNEST COOMBS 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	SIDNEY DAWES 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
WILLIAM B. BLISS 5	SEYMOOR R. BARBER Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN BULLEN 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8
*WILLIAM B. BLISS 4	FREDERICK ATWELL 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	†ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 100th peal. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Day, April 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MADRICE SMITH Treble	JACK JUDGE 5
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
CYRIL BENNETT 4	THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Messrs. Meare and Stainbank.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 4, 6, 8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

*LAWRENCE STIRK Treble	†P. C. JOHN COLES 5
EDWARD THOMAS 2	*SAMUEL PANNEL 6
*FRED SHARPE 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	*FRANK STIRK Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First with a bob bell. Rung after meeting two short for Triples.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the (R.C.) CHURCH OF ST. MARIE, NORFOLK ROW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*CHARLES H. LAKE Treble	TOM O'HARA 5
HARRY BOWER 2	JOHN THORPE 6
THOS. G. SAREL 3	†COLIN HARRISON 7
†JAMES EVINSON 4	ROBERT HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman as conductor. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd, who, although 72 years of age, rang admirably throughout the peal.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CYRIL BENNETT Treble	JACK JUDGE 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	HARRY MILES 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. * First peal of Major.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLLS Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES SCHOLLS Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4	WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
CYRIL PEASE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WRITTELE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	†WILLIAM E. CHEATOR ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
CYRIL PEASE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JAMES FLEUTY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. * Elected a life member of the association before starting. Rung on the eve of the marriage of Mr. W. E. Cheator, of Ringwood, Hants. and Miss E. Mond, of Rosewell, Essex.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST E. PICKERING ... Treble	†THOMAS K. DEACON 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
CHARLES H. BELTON ... 3	FRED COTTON 7
WILLIAM COPE 4	*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
*MRS R. J. WILKINS 2	HENRY PRING 6
GEORGE TREW 3	JOHN A. BIRFORD 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen and a Half Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	*SAMUEL HOLY 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	PETER CROOK 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
GEORGE PINCOIT 4	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal in the method, and hails from Middleton; the rest are local.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART NO. 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES PAGEY Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOHN CURTIS 6
JAMES F. CLARK 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY Treble	F. GLEAVES 5
F. WARRINGTON 2	G. E. CRISP 6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3	C. W. WOOLLEY 7
H. J. HAZELL 4	C. W. COOK Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. W. COOK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. J. N. D. Smith, M.B., Ch.B., and Miss Gwendoline Chave, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., which was solemnised at All Saints' Church earlier in the day.

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HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	GEORGE W. MOSS 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders, in honour of their silver wedding.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY Treble	CHARLES GEARY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	ALFRED B. MOSS 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	FRED S. PRICE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge, the treble man taking a rope at a minute's notice. The peal was in honour of the silver wedding of the indefatigable local secretary, Mr. Fred Blood.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
*JOHN WHEADON 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge with a working bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
*WILLIAM POTTER 2	†WILLIAM GIBBS 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
*HAROLD V. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. † First Surprise Major peal away from the treble.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESLIE FRANKS Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	ALBERT HOBDEN 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 7
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

L. Franks hails from Battle; Booth, Heathfield; Hobden (2) and Thompson, Waldron; Lambert, Burwash; Pont, Brightling; Edwards, Robertsbridge.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

BERT CHALLEN Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE 5
JOHN JAY 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE H. SHUKER 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALBAN DISNEY Treble	*EDGAR VALLANCE 5
*CHARLES ALLSOP 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Mr. E. G. Hibbins, of Cambridge, who was elected a member before starting.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. A. CLARK Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	JOHN HAYLE 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	AMOS CLARK 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	GORDON CADEWELL 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*JACK JUDGE 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	*FRANK BARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD Treble	HARRY DYAS 5
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
FRANK V. H. SINKINS 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
GEORGE POWNALL 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	CECIL RADDOON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 60). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, by the association, and by all the band except ringers of 5th and tenor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Thomas Russam and Mrs. Russam, who were married at this church on Easter Monday, 1875.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT G. MATTHEWS Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 5
HORACE H. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	GEORGE W. HELEY 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the association. It was rung at the first attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	JOHN PERRY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
*CHARLES BEECH 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. William Rock Small, one of the founders of the society, and Mr. John Bradney.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four different methods, viz., College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob.

E. HOLMAN Treble	W. R. HUMPHREY 4
J. WALLIS 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
A. HOLMAN 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court, aged 91.

LONG COMPTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR LARGE Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
LADRIE HAWCUTT 2	HORACE TERRY 5
WALTER LARGE 3	CECIL E. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, Burford. Three generations took part in ringing the peal, the ringers of 1st and 4th being son and grandson, respectively, of the conductor.

TACKLEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. EVETTS... .. Treble	*W. CLEAVER 4
*E. F. HONOUR 2	W. JUDGE 5
*G. BULLOCK 3	*A. WHITLOCK Tenor

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

* First peal. All are members of the local band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and two
720's each of Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES NUNN... .. Treble	THOMAS CRANE 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
ERNEST HALL 3	ALBERT BOAST Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a compliment to W. Kemp, on his completion of 25 years' service as clerk and sexton of this church.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Three Minutes,
At CADOXTON CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HAROLD MATTHEWS... .. Treble	†WILLIE THOMAS 4
*GWYN LEWIS 2	D. J. LEWIS 5
*CYRIL LAKE 3	*REG. BENDLE Tenor

Conducted by D. J. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. All are ringers of the local band.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT HUCKLE Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, and by treble and 2nd ringers.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. SLOCOMBE ... Treble	PERCY H. SPARKES 4
S. A. WYATT 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
FREDERICK G. SPARKES ... 3	*HARRY SEALEY Tenor

Conducted by W. H. COLES.

* First peal.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury,
Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN... .. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 4
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 2	*LIONEL CLOUGH 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. E. D. Reeman, B.A.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILSON ALLIN Treble	*THOMAS W. HOPSON... .. 4
*ROWLAND HUSKISSON ... 2	HERBERT FRETWELL... .. 5
*CECIL BECKLY 3	GEORGE E. ALLIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. ALLIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

CHARLES ROBINSON Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
*ALBERT HUCKELL 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal 'inside' in Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†BERNARD GILLATT Treble	*JAMES C. COLES... .. 4
†ERNEST F. GODFREY 2	GEORGE HOBBS 5
WILLIAM LEANING 3	†JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal of Minor the bells by a local band. * First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of Mr. A. Thornton, one of the local ringers.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At 3, St. Paul's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY... .. 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3-4	C. W. COOK... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

PROPOSED ARTILLERYMEN'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are trying to fix up a peal by ringers who served during the war in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, whether R.H.A., R.F.A. or R.G.A., is immaterial. There are four or five in this neighbourhood willing to take part, so if any members of the Exercise would like to stand in, and would let me know. I will try and fix it up.—Yours faithfully,
R. G. RICE.
Harwell, Stevenage, Berks.

TOWER & BELL RESTORATION AT WEST HANNEY.

It has been decided to thoroughly restore the tower and bells at West Hanney, Berks. This is an ancient church, and its tower is in so sad a state of dilapidation that it has been found it will be necessary to spend a sum of over two thousand pounds on it and the bells.

The latter will have to be rehung, and it is quite impossible for them to be rung at present owing to the state of the tower. They are a fine ring of six, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., and are considered one of the best in Berkshire.

The parish has, since the war, raised considerable money for two war memorials, including a fine west window.

Something over £300 has been raised in the parish for the present restoration, so seeing that the village is only a small one, the greater part of the remainder will have to be obtained from other sources. Anyone interested should communicate with the Rector, the Rev. W. Noon, West Hanney Rectory, Wantage, Berks.

'GRANDSIRE.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the proceedings of the Central Council in your number of the 10th inst., it was with very great surprise I noticed that in a certain motion brought forward, re 'Nomenclature of Methods,' it was stated that 'Grandsire' as a title was 'objectionable.'

Why, may I ask? Surely 'Grandsire,' handed down from pre-Stedman days, and mentioned, by the way, by this Master and his 'Campanologia,' has been good enough as an expression for this particular method for a period of more than 250 years; therefore, why not let it stand? To my mind, on account of its hoary age, the name carries with it a quaintly dignified and thoroughly English atmosphere. Like our ecclesiastical English, it is 'understood of the people.' Why, even the 'man in the street' knows that 'Grandsire' has something to do with bell ringing.

I think it is sometimes forgotten that all these queer old terms had their origin in some reason, lost, no doubt, in the mists of antiquity: is there any reason, therefore, why we should not keep them?

Would my regiment allow the term 'bombardier' to be abolished because that engine known as 'The Bombard' went out of fashion after the Duke of Bedford's sieges against 'The Maid'? I think

not, although it is nowadays an 'absurd' term. No, if there is esprit de corps in other walks of life, why not in the Exercise?

If, therefore, the Council has caught the itch of modernity, then let it restrain science from crushing all sentiment. It will, indeed, have a herculean task in eradicating 'Grandsire' as a name from our minds.

So up, ye Youths, Associations and Ringers generally, and save 'old gran'fer down along' from an ignominious death, seeing to it that this noble old patriarch is once more seated in his village inn with a clean smock and two stout sticks for the assistance of his gait, and as weapons of offence against his detractors!—Yours truly,

F. A. YORKE, Capt., R.A.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a successful meeting on Saturday, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. The tower was opened at 3.30 p.m., and during the afternoon touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round. Tea was held at the Old Brew House, and was followed by the business meeting.

Afterwards, the company made for the church again, and the methods rung, in addition to those already mentioned, were Grandsire and Superlative. A stop had to be called at 7.30 p.m., owing to a service, but there was some good ringing whilst the bells were going.

The customary vote of thanks was given to the Rector (the Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes) for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hardy for making arrangements for the tea and having the bells ready.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, April 19th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. W. Wasley 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, G. E. Crisp 3, H. J. Hazell 4, E. Wakeling 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on April 19th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: P. Amos 1, T. Wise 2, J. Bennett 3, G. Parker 4, F. Wilford 5. Rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Bob Minor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, after evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. (1,344 changes): Jas. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad (conductor) 2, T. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who made a serious 'gesture' as to resigning on account of advancing years, has held office, we believe, longer than any other ringing association secretary. For over thirty years he has guided the affairs of the Kent Association.

Some of the ringers who attended the annual meeting of the My Diocesan Association on Easter Monday were disappointed by being unable to ring at St. Andrew-the-Great. It was the result of a misunderstanding. Permission had been given for ringing at this church, but by an oversight the verger had not been informed, and the belfry was not opened. Had the general secretary been told at the meeting, some ringing would have been possible. The Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the secretary, much regret the disappointment that was caused.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral, on Easter Monday, by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, shows that the Guild can rely upon its non-resident members as well as those who practise regularly at St. Martin's, and that they are equally keen in upholding the reputation of the Guild.

Some of the Birmingham contingent had what might be termed a hectic time. Leaving the Midland city at 8.15 a.m., a late arrival in London caused them to miss the train to Canterbury. They did not reach the Cathedral, therefore, until 4.20, the start having been arranged for 4 o'clock. The bells ran round at the end of an excellent peal at 8.3 p.m., and then there was another rush to catch the 8.22 train to London, and Birmingham was reached at 3.30 on Tuesday morning. Some day!

Will the ringer whose home is in Dover, and who has recently been visiting Watford and Chorleywood, communicate with Box M. C., 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, enclosing testimonials, when he may hear of a situation?

Among the wreaths sent for the funeral of Mr. Rock Small was one from the members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was described last week as being from St. Peter's Society.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Trowbridge on Easter Monday was composed by G. Holifield.

Members of the Midland Counties Association, who propose to attend the meeting of the Nottingham District at Bingham should pay special attention to the request that they should give notice of their intention to be present. The reason for this ought to be obvious, and this paragraph should emphasise the matter.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major at Shipley, in 1896.

On April 26th, 1894, 11,300 Bob Major was rung in 5 hours, on handbells, at Norwich. The same day is also the anniversary of another 'long' handbell peal, 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major having been rung 'in hand' by College Youths at Barking.

A similar length in the same method was rung by the Cumberland Youths on tower bells at Highgate on April 27th, 1876. In connection with this peal it is interesting to recall that the composition was the famous one by William Harrison, the longest length obtained with the tenors together.

It was composed in March, 1876, and at the instance of Mr. Jasper Snowden it was first published in an appendix to a new edition of Hubbard's work. The books were sent out on April 25th, one was received by the secretary to the Cumberland on the 26th, the ringers were chosen the same evening, and the peal rung the next day. The peal was called by George Newson, and the band included Henry Dains, John Cox and E. Gibbs.

The College Youths set up a Treble Bob Major record on April 27th, 1868, when they rang 15,840 in 9 hours 12 minutes at Belfhal Green. Mr. Ted Horrex, now the 'father' of the society, is the sole survivor of that band.

Another anniversary on April 27th is that of the 8,580 Stedman Cinques, at Cornhill in 1861. It was rung in 6 hours 41 minutes, and at that time was the longest length in the method on twelve bells.

Three interesting anniversaries fall on April 28th. In 1800, the Cumberland Youths rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmon-ton; in 1890, the Cambridge University Guild rang their first peal; in 1923, the Midland Counties Association rang 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, at Stoney Stanton.

The 210th anniversary of the first recorded peal falls on May 2nd—a peal of Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. As this happens to be a Saturday, it will be a convenient day to commemorate the event.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE HON. SECRETARY AND DILATORY BANDS.**

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday, at Folkestone. Members attended from all parts of the county, though not by any means to the number that might have been expected as a favourite seaside resort, and on a glorious morning, which, however, unhappily turned to rain in the afternoon. Twenty years ago, from a hundred and fifty to two hundred attended the annual gathering; now, though the membership has considerably increased, less than one hundred attend.

The committee met at 11.15 a.m., and after the business, usual on these occasions, made grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of £5 to St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, and £2 2s. to Eythorne.

The service was at noon, in the beautiful old Church of SS. Mary and Wanswyth. The association's form was used, the hon. secretary intoning the prayers, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., being at the organ. The opening hymn was the Easter hymn; before the address, the ringers' special hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and 'O praise our God to-day' (A. and M. 380) for the collection, which was for the benevolent fund, and amounted to £1 4s. 7d. The address was given by the Rev. G. A. Lewis, Rector of Cheriton, from the text, Ps. cxix. 45, 'I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy commandments.' This, he said, was an apparent contradiction to ignorant and ill-balanced minds, obedience to commandments, suggesting a curtailment of liberty. But properly understood, liberty was only to be secured by reasonable discipline and ordered obedience. This was a lesson much needed at the present time, and the preacher gave a happy illustration of this truth, by pointing out how, after the initial difficulties of learning to ring, the change ringer was free to enjoy his skill only in obeying, with others, the rules of the particular method they chose to ring. In like manner, it would be found that, as we confessed in our daily morning prayer, God's service was perfect freedom.

Luncheon followed in the Woodward Hall, an institution erected to commemorate the life and work of Matthew Woodward, for forty years Vicar of Folkestone. Canon Tindall presided, being supported by the Revs. G. A. Lewis, S. K. Lockyear, Rector of Brabourne, members of committee, and the hon. secretary. The Ladies' Guild was represented by Mrs. Gatehouse (Biddenden), Miss R. Thomas (Mershham), and Miss E. K. Parker.

After the usual loyal toast, given by the Vicar, Mr. W. Stead (Tonbridge) proposed the health of the Archbishop and clergy, with special thanks to the preacher, to which Mr. Lewis briefly responded.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, and the incumbents of the other churches open for ringing: Hythe (8), Cheriton (8), Newington (6) and Lyminge (8). He then said he wished to remove a misunderstanding existing in some quarters, that district meetings were open only to members residing in the district. Members were at liberty to attend any meetings they liked, the only disqualification being that they had no vote in any district other than their own. He wished also to remind any who desired to elect members previous to a peal that the subscriptions of such members must be paid at the time. Through neglect of this rule he had been obliged to strike off from last year's list a peal in which three persons, the two clerics, and the conductor, had failed to pay up at the end of the year, even after being reminded of their default.

In the course of the report, which he then proceeded to read, the Hon. Secretary inveighed against the dilatoriness shown by many local hands in sending up their names and subscriptions, which made it impossible to give accurate details of membership and of towers in union. He referred also to the complaint of the Midland Counties Association treasurer that they had too much money. 'We have,' he said, 'twice as much as the Midland Counties Association. But we do not complain. Our Belfry Repairs and Benevolent Funds can stand any amount of increment, or with an augmented balance in our general account we could make liberal contributions to any worthy object advertised in the "Ringing World." As it is, we have already more than once acted in this way, as, for instance, just recently the sum of £4 4s. has been paid to the Washbrook Memorial.'

The report and balance sheets were duly passed, and the officers of the association, vice-presidents, committee, hon. secretary and treasurer, and auditor, re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary, in thanking the members for their continued confidence, seriously warned them that they must really look out for someone to take on his work. At his age he could not hope to do much more for the association, and it would be far more convenient if he could himself put things into another's hands than to allow the office to become vacant through senile decay or death. Mr. Stafford Green (Tonbridge Wells) had kindly consented to prepare the figures of peals for next year's report.

The company then dispersed, and in spite of the rain, all the outlying towers were visited, the little ring at Cheriton (two trebles recently added, with tenor 7 ext.) coming in for special attention.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NANTWICH.****SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF RULES TO ADMIT NONCONFORMIST TOWER.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild held its thirty-eighth annual festival at Nantwich on Easter Monday, when many members of the Guild were present, sixty-four members signing the attendance book. At 11.45 a.m., the Guild service was said in the Parish Church, the Vicar of Nantwich (the Rev. C. S. Bromley) officiating. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. A. Clements, Vicar of Grappenhall, near Warrington.

A cold lunch was served to members at 12.45, but this meal turned into a forcible reminder that it was Bank Holiday. However, despite difficulties, those present managed to keep cheerful, and eventually everyone obtained something to eat and drink.

The business meeting was a long one, and commenced at 2 p.m. After slight alteration the minutes of last year's meeting were confirmed, and the annual report was passed, with a vote of thanks to the secretary for compiling it.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Master (Mr. H. Fairclough) signified his wish to retire from office, and proposed the Rev. C. A. Clements to take his place.—This was seconded by the Rev. W. R. Ingham, and Mr. R. T. Holding also spoke to the motion, which was carried. It is much to be regretted that Mr. Fairclough felt he should give up the work. During his three years of office he has constantly visited the branches, and has worked wholeheartedly for the Guild. He still, however, remains on the committee.—The Rev. C. A. Clements acknowledged his election, and promised to do his utmost to help the Guild.

On the proposition of the new Master, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. E. W. Elwell was re-elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Elwell thanked the meeting for the renewal of their confidence, and drew attention to the number of subscriptions which are outstanding. He begged that every effort should be made to collect these arrears during the present year.

Mr. Elwell, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Clements, then proposed the re-election of the Rev. A. T. Beeston as treasurer.—This was enthusiastically carried.—Mr. Beeston spoke of the finance of the Guild during the past year, showing that it was very satisfactory, and that it seemed to have met its difficulties in a manly way. He also drew attention to the dark spot—outstanding subscriptions.

Messrs. H. and J. Jackson were re-elected auditors, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston trustee for investments. With the exception of the addition of the Rev. H. W. Haworth and Mr. T. Mottershead, in the place of Mr. A. Burgess, the committee remains unchanged by the meeting.

A report was given to the meeting by Mr. H. W. Wilde of the progress made in arrangements by the Central Council Entertainment Sub-Committee, which has been appointed to look after the meeting at Chester next June.

Several members spoke keenly on the next resolution: 'That it is the opinion of this Guild that the existing names of Minor methods already rung should stand.' The result was that it was carried unanimously, and the representatives of the Guild on the Central Council were asked to bring it to their notice.

The action of the committee in recommending a grant towards the rehanging of Norbury bells was confirmed, and the sum of £5 to go to the ringers' bell voted accordingly.

PORT SUNLIGHT TOWER.

A proposal to refer the question of admission of the Nonconformist tower of Port Sunlight to the Diocesan Conference was then discussed. Mr. S. P. Barnes urged that the tower be admitted at once, without any further delay, and showed the anomalous position the Guild was in over the whole matter.—Mr. S. Jones seconded the proposal, but a doubt arose as to whether it could be done without transgressing the Guild rules. The whole motion was then withdrawn, and notice was given to revise the rules. For this purpose a small sub-committee was appointed to consider the question, draw up a revision, and report.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Brocklebank, seconded by Mr. T. Mottershead, it was decided that a collection should take place in all towers for the Washbrook Memorial.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should take place at Chester.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Fidler, and seconded by Mr. T. Wilde: 'That considering the future possibilities of radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are likely to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing; and, further, to draw the attention of the British Broadcasting Company to all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.'

Several members contrasted the indifferent performance recently

given from a London Church with that of Birmingham Cathedral, and the motion was carried.

The secretary was asked to send it to the secretary of the Central Council and to the British Broadcasting Company. It was also suggested that it would be advantageous if notice of intended broadcasting could in future be given in 'The Ringing World,' so that ringers could have warning, and listen in on such occasions.

This terminated the proceedings, and ringing afterwards took place at Nantwich, Crewe, and other neighbouring towers.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BELLS.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PEAL OF TWELVE.

The following appeal from the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. Law James (Master) and Mr. F. W. Stokes (secretary) has been issued for the balance of the funds necessary to increase the ring at Lincoln Cathedral to a peal of twelve.

'We make an appeal to all members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers to complete the fund for hanging four additional bells in the Cathedral South-West Tower, as soon as it is repaired.

'These bells, you will remember, are to serve as a memorial of our fellow-members who fell in the Great War.

'Once the Cathedral repairs are completed a Service of Thanksgiving will be held; and it would seem highly appropriate that the full peal should that day be rung.

'It will take time to cast and hang the bells, and, therefore, we are very anxious to complete the fund as soon as possible, or it may be too late. The amount still required is £112, which, added to the £137 11s. 10d., will make up £250.'

WEDDING BELLS AT EDINBURGH.

On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, in honour of the wedding of Miss E. L. Hall (a former ringing member of the society) to Mr. James Ross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 minutes: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, *Miss M. S. Taylor 2, W. C. S. Heathcote 3, C. Cleveland Ellis (cond.) 4, *Miss F. E. Hogg 5, Henry Mann 6, *J. F. Lothian 7, David Stocks 8. * Longest touch with an inside bell.

At 14, Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, on April 10th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss A. I. Whitson 1-2, W. C. S. Heathcote 3-4, C. Cleveland Ellis (conductor) 5-6, Miss M. S. Taylor 7-8. Longest touch on handbells by the lady ringers, and longest touch of Triples, with inside bells, by the conductor.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT WHALLEY, LANCs.

Although the new bells at Whalley were only installed in August last, the ringers have made very good progress in the art of change ringing. Under the instruction of Mr. John Watson, secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, most of the ringers have now got a good idea of the Plain Bob method.

On Tuesday, April 7th, after practice, the ringers adjourned to the Co-operative Cafe, where supper was provided. They were joined by the Vicar of Whalley (the Rev. J. E. Wallis, M.A.), Sidesmen J. W. Dewhurst and A. E. Troop, and Mr. R. Townshend, a member of the Church Council. A letter of apology for absence was read from Mr. Churchwarden R. Green.

During the evening, the Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. J. Watson a smoker's cabinet, in recognition of the services he had rendered to them.

In thanking the ringers, Mr. Watson, who was taken entirely by surprise, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to know that what he had done, which was entirely a labour of love, had been so much appreciated.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. Troop, and seconded by Mr. O. Exton, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, April 4th, 588 Stedman Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy with Mr. H. Hutchinson and family on the death of Mrs. Hutchinson: Miss N. Cawthorne 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, W. Godden 3, H. Taylor 4, J. Garth 5, H. Wilson 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, F. Cardwell 8. Also, on Wednesday, April 8th, 588 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled, by the same band, in 37 minutes, for the funeral of Mr. Henson, of Damall, Sheffield.

On Thursday, April 9th, at the Parish Church, Nuneaton, two courses of London Surprise, three courses of Cambridge Surprise, and three courses of Stedman Triples. These touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. John Warren, who was interred at Chilvers Coton during the afternoon. 'Old Jack,' as he was familiarly known locally, had been a ringer over 50 years, and passed away at the advanced age of 84 years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DISCUSSION ADJOURNED ON RULE ALTERATIONS.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday at Leicester. The day opened dimly and wet, but that did not damp the enthusiasm of the large crowd of ringers who assembled at the five churches open for ringing, from 10.30 a.m., when from that time onwards throughout the day, all the range of methods from lowest to highest on all numbers from 8 to 12 inclusive were rung. Every endeavour was made to give everyone a chance, and many had their first sight of and pull on 12 bells at St. Margaret's, as well as doing a round of the other churches.

The committee had the usual meeting at 12 noon, and in addition to the routine business, special grants were suggested from the Bell Repairs Fund to Burbage, where a new 8 are being installed, and to St. Peter's, Derby, where repairs to the ringing chamber are being carried out. An appeal from Creswell, Notts, was put forward, but postponed until further particulars are available from a meeting to be held at Bolsover. The next quarterly and annual meetings suggested were Bolsover, Melton Mowbray, Eastwood and Burton-on-Trent. Further discussion took place on the proposed new rules, and reports received from a special meeting held at Derby for that purpose. The hon. treasurer gave his report on the finances of the association, which was in a most satisfactory condition, full details of which were given in these columns on April 10th.

Then followed luncheon, at which 114 members and friends from Derby, Nottingham, Burton, Loughborough, Hinckley, Ashby, Duffield, Northants, Bedford and other places sat down.

Then followed the general meeting of the association, presided over by the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Revs. White (St. John's), Disney (Belgrave), Farrow (Stoney Stanton), Wilkinson (Mansfield), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), and Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The meeting ratified the committee's proposals re grants to Burbage and St. Peter's, Derby, and also the places of next meetings, as given above.

Ald. Chambers was unanimously re-elected president, and eulogies, given by the proposer and seconder, were fully supported by all members.—Mr. Chambers briefly replied in his own inimitable way.—The hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), having given his resignation in on account of business ties, the Rev. Wilkinson had allowed his name to be put forward, but at the last moment had to withdraw on account of having been offered a living in North Notts. While deploring his inability to stand as secretary, the members will wish him godspeed in his new sphere.

Mr. Wright being pressed, consented to take the peal section, if someone else would take on the routine and general work. The name of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, was then put forward, and he was duly elected. Mr. Wm. Willson was again elected as hon. treasurer, and duly thanked the members for their confidence.

The matter of the new rules was discussed, but as time did not allow the matter to be fully debated, Mr. W. E. White withdrew his scheme, and the matter was allowed to stand over to the next annual meeting.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and members adjourned to St. John's Church, where the association form of service was given chorally, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. White, M.A.), who officiated, gave a very inspiring address, which was appreciated by all present.

Ringing was again indulged in until 7.30, when a most enjoyable smoking concert was given at the Victoria Hotel. The star turn of the evening was the Paradise Mission Handbell Ringers, under the conductorship of the local secretary (Mr. Harold Poole), whose performances on about 50 bells were something to be remembered. Their rendering of 'The Ash Grove,' 'The Legend of the Bells,' 'Spanish Chant,' and other items, well merited the great applause given.

Other items included songs by Messrs. Howe, Branson, Williams, Stevens, of the Leicester Amateurs, and Ernest Morris. During the evening, a course of Stedman Caters, and, later Cinques, were rung, the latter by Flight-Sergeant Holden 1-2, W. P. Whitehead 3-4, W. Willson 5-6, P. O. Lakin (Birmingham) 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10, E. Morris 11-12. Thus ended one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings in the annals of the M.C.A.

THE GREAT CARILLON FOR NEW YORK.

The carillon of 53 bells (in which the bass bell weighs 9 tons), which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have cast, will be played at the Croydon Bell Foundry, Croydon, from Monday, May 4th, to Saturday, May 9th, inclusive, three times daily, at 12.30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

If any ringers or bands of ringers would like to attend a recital, they will be welcomed by the firm; and it is requested that those desirous of doing so will write as soon as possible, stating what day and time is chosen.

It would be advisable to arrive half an hour before the time of recital so as to view the bells beforehand.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EASTER MEETING AT BLYTH.

Apart from their great antiquarian interests, the village and the church at Blyth, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Martin, have many attractions for ringers. The church is a spacious, elegant Gothic structure, with an ancient tower, in which are six bells erected in 1842, very much out of tune with each other, a tenor bell reputed to be 16 cwt., but requiring the attention of a bell hanger. Despite the lack of train service and the boisterous morning that made cycling anything but a pleasure, there was a fairly good attendance at the meeting on Easter Monday. The towers of Tickhill and Harworth were also at the disposal of ringers in the morning and afternoon, and a number of ringers put in an appearance from all parts of the country, viz., Loughborough, Halifax, Leeds, Anston, Shireoaks, Tickhill, Harworth, Gainsborough, Workop and Doncaster, together with the full company of Blyth ringers, and the Rev. S. B. Bleau, Vicar of Laxton, who motored over with three of his ringers. The methods rung at all three churches were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court and St. Clements.

A splendid tea at the Sheffield House, Blyth, was catered for by Mrs. Antcliffe, to which a large number sat down. The Rev. S. B. Bleau presided at the tea and business meeting, and also offered an apology for the Rev. A. L. Phillips, Vicar of Blyth, who had a very pressing engagement.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held at East Retford by arrangement of the committee, in May or early June, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' as usual.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Tickhill, Harworth and Blyth, the Rev. H. E. Booty, Rev. F. D'Arbley Burney and the Rev. A. L. Phillips for the use of the bells; and Mr. J. H. Hind, of Blyth, offered, in the absence of the Vicar, a cordial invitation to all present.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. S. B. Bleau for presiding over the tea and meeting.—In reply, Mr. Bleau said it was always a pleasure to meet a band of church workers, and as this was his first appearance at an association meeting since his election as vice-president, he was very delighted to preside over so many new people, and claim them as his friends. What little time he had been in Blyth that afternoon he had listened to some beautiful ringing, and he would be pleased to welcome the association at Laxton in July of this year (applause).

Afterwards, further use was made of the Blyth and Harworth bells, and more interesting methods were rung.

During the afternoon, at Harworth, two very pretty weddings took place, and the ringers present had the pleasure of ringing, by special request, a touch of 'Orange Blossom,' in which a lady took part. A gentleman afterwards appeared on the scene, and asked if the ringers had any objection to drinking the health of the bride and bridegroom. Readers are left to guess the answer.

H. H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division of Essex Association was held at Wivenhoe on Saturday last. Members began to assemble shortly after 2 p.m., and ringing in most of the standard methods was indulged in until 4.30, when a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, who preached a most impressive sermon, and at the same time gave a hearty welcome to all.

Afterwards, at the Church Hall, about 60 members sat down to a most sumptuous repast. Mr. C. E. Gooch, of Wivenhoe Park, presided, and the Vicar, the churchwardens, and various officials of the town, were present.—Mr. C. Howard (Master of the Association) and Mr. Nevard (District Master) congratulated the district upon the large attendance, and thanked the donors of the tea for their kindness in providing such a splendid repast.—The Secretary (Mr. Stanward) stated that he hoped the next meeting would be at Worningford, in June, an open invitation having been given.

Ringers attended from 19 parishes, and ringing was kept up till a late hour.

COLERNE BELLS AND THE FIRST PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. J. Holman's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' when he gave the day, date and time of ringing the first peal on these bells, because there is a board in the ringing chamber recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1892, and conducted by H. Wotten, and a footnote states it to be 'the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.'

I shall be pleased if Mr. Holman will give me the names of those who took part, as no doubt it was recorded at the time.

When the Central Council institute a museum or 'interesting relics' department I will forward the three pennies, used for packing the fifth. Evidently this bell has been a trouble for years.—Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

The rededication of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, after extensive restoration, which has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., took place on Sunday.

A history of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft is almost a history of ringing in miniature. It was on these bells that the first recorded peal was rung, two hundred and ten years ago. The first peal of Stedman Triples also was rung here, and afterwards, on the enlarged ring of ten and subsequently on the twelve, some of the most famous performances of past generations have been put up.

The original peal at St. Peter Mancroft, existing as early as the fifteenth century, consisted of five bells, wrote Mr. J. R. Jerram in 'The Ringing World' of September 14th, 1914. In 1602, a treble, cast by William Brend, of Norwich, was added, making a peal of six. In 1675-6, two more bells were added to make eight. These were cast by Edward Tooker.

A board in the belfry records that in 1736 the ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells 'subscrib'd for by gentlemen in ye Parish.' The first peal on them was rung on March 8th, 1737, 12,600 Grandsire Caters in 8 hours 15 minutes, and was 'perfectly compleated, to the entire satisfaction, surprise, and amazement of thousands of hearers.'

Nearly 40 years later it was decided to replace the old peal by a new peal of twelve, and at a vestry held on January 31st, 1775, it was agreed to accept the tender of Messrs. Pack and Chapman. In 1814 the tenor was cracked, and was recast in the same year.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH REVIVAL.

The first meeting of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, arranged by the new secretary, Mr. A. S. Roberts, with the help of Mr. R. Dibbs (St. Agnes), was held at St. Agnes on Saturday last, and was attended by about 50 ringers, representing the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Redruth, St. Budock, St. Newlyn East, Guival, and the local band. There were also present Dr. Symons (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. Canon Jennings (Diocesan secretary), and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Vicar of Zennor (once curate of St. Agnes, and captain of the St. Agnes and Cathedral bands).

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and the service, held at 4 o'clock, was conducted by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Turquand, who is in charge of the parish during the absence of the Rev. Father Browne, through illness.

After tea, which was provided in the Sunday School, a short meeting was held, at which the Ringing Master congratulated the members on the good attendance.

It was decided to hold these meetings quarterly, and to hold the next one at St. Budock on June 27th.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

The majority of the bands were able to ring Grandsire Doubles.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

COCKERMOUTH WIN RAWNSLEY SHIELD.

The annual ringing contest for the 'Rawnsley' shield was held at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday. Six teams competed, as against five last year, representing Bridekirk, Egremont, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth and Keswick (2). The judge was Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, and the result as follows: Bridekirk rang 720 Woodbine in 27½ minutes, with 153 faults; Egremont rang 720 Woodbine in 31½ minutes, with 99 faults; Cockermouth rang 720 Kent Minor in 28½ minutes, with 75 faults. Keswick No. 1 rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 34 minutes, with 119 faults, and, being the home team, were penalised another 20 faults, making 139. Cleator Moor rang Bob Minor for eight minutes, when they broke down, and Keswick No. 2 rang Bob Minor for 20½ minutes, when they had the misfortune to break a rope, but did not wish for another attempt.

A meeting was afterwards held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. W. Elliott-Bradley, Vicar of Crosthwaite, and supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. T. Holmes (Cockermouth).

The judge read his report as above, and Mr. Bradley presented the shield to Mr. Casson, the conductor of Cockermouth team. The winners will hold the trophy for the next twelve months.

A very interesting discussion followed, and it was decided that the winners should ring Woodbine for the next contest.

St. Bee's was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on the 27th June.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Robinson for adjudicating, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding. These gentlemen having responded, further ringing brought a very successful meeting to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hasell 1, F. Brown 2, Will Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. G. Cook 3, A. Parsons 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Niblett 1, R. Harris 2, F. Harris 3, E. Cole (first 720 on a bob bell) 4, T. Harris 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, 1,141 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: W. Bottrill 1, C. H. Chapman 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, G. Shipp 4, F. C. Chapman 5, C. Hare 6, T. Walters 7, W. Glover 8, J. Carman 9, C. W. Pipe 10. W. Bottrill's first as conductor. First quarter in method by 4th and 8th.

EALING.—At St. Mary's, for morning service, on Sunday, April 19th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Moore 1, J. H. Hunnisett 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. H. Harding 4, W. H. Hollier 5, C. Edwards 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 19th, 1,320 Treble Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: H. A. Kolkark 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. Sheppard 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, J. A. Trollope 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, A. W. Colles 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. R. Williams 3, G. J. Winter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, W. C. Cuss 6, J. Hope 7, E. Gardener 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, F. Culham, senr. (Erith) 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, J. Crowder 6, F. Culham, junr. (Erith), 7, J. Daffers 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 19th, before evensong, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Mulford 1, E. Hudson 2, F. Prince 3, E. G. Rice 4, E. A. Gregory (conductor) 5, W. Seymour 6, H. Sims 7, E. White 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Dan Hadyn 1, A. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, C. Beeston 4, F. Bird 5, Wm. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. Longest length by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, after evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes (ten different callings): T. Lock (first quarter) 1, S. Bevan 2, Miss Stella Disney 3, N. Scott (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. Scott 5.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Yateley on Saturday, when the ladies and their friends were made very welcome. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and various touches were rung until 5 o'clock. Unfortunately, the service had to be cancelled owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and then followed the business meeting. It is proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ashted on October 3rd. The district annual meeting is to be at Aldershot, probably June 20th.

During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were brought home. Yateley bells were also rung for the first time by eight ladies, a course of Stedman Triples being rung as follows: Miss Stilwell 1, Mrs. Melville 2, Miss N. Denyer 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, Miss B. Mills 5, Miss V. Robinson 6, Miss H. Mills 7, Miss M. Nye 8. Visitors came from Aldershot, Bagshot, Camberley, Guildford (Holy Trinity), Godalming, Reading (St. Lawrence), Sandhurst, Wokingham.

NOTICES.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Ashburton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Also Buckfastleigh bells (6) available 2 p.m. Good train and bus service. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please inform me by April 29th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntoria, Church Street, Paignton.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 30th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Ringwood on Saturday, April 24th, from 3 p.m. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Stret, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farmborough on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting to be held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at All Saints, Marlow. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Stebbing, Essex.—The annual ringing festival of the Stebbing ringers will be held on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a service in the Church at 4.30, and tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on April 25th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at 5.15, 1s. per head. Business meeting after. All members and friends welcome. Essex friends, please come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th April. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Godalming, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will be available in the evening.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Secretary, 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting

will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All wishing for tea please give notice by April 28th to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will not be available in the evening, as a peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted at 5 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, April 25th. Meet at St. Mary's Church at 2.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) each at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. E. S. Kell, 26, Ellwood Gardens, Gateshead, by Wednesday, the 22nd.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by Vicar, and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Brislington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly business meeting, Monday, April 27th. Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 11th and 25th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Wolsey on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided only for those advising the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, The Rectory, Bingham, Notts, not later than May 1st.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8 bells) available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, after the meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 28th?—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing 5 till 8. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. There will be a service in the Church at 4.15 p.m., and tea afterwards. All ringers cordially invited, and those intending to be present at the tea must notify me not later than Thursday, April 30th, in order that provision may be made for them. — W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by April 28th?—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those who hope to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellington.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 28th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A propaganda meeting will be held at Cheddleton (Wall Grange Station) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.30 p.m. Notifications of attendance to be sent to Mr. J. E. Wheelton, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before April 28th.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden. Members intending being present, please write Mr. S. Hartley, 15, Erringden Street, by May 4th. Tea at 5.30, in Schools, at 1s. 8d. each.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Hornet, 1s. each to members. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival will be held at Dorchester, on Tuesday, May 12th. Service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Dinner and annual meeting after service.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

ST. JOHN'S, RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—Practice will be held every Thursday evening at this church at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th, a fairly representative gathering of 53 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.15, and at 4 o'clock a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, B.A.). The collection for the benevolent fund amounted to 14s. 6d. At 5 o'clock, all proceeded to the Parish Hall, where tea had most kindly been provided by the Rector.

This was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), T. Jeffrey, Burgess Hill; Alfred Absalom, G. Gasson and G. Lewry, Bolney; and E. Hobden, Ditchling, were elected new members.

The Secretary's report and statement of accounts were favourably received, and the whole of the officers of the division were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Secretary, A. D. Stone; committee, O. Sippelts, J. A. Hart and Jas. Wren; committee of advice, K. Hart, W. Palmer and C. Tyler.

The Secretary announced that the next meeting of the division would be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, who is providing tea for those attending.

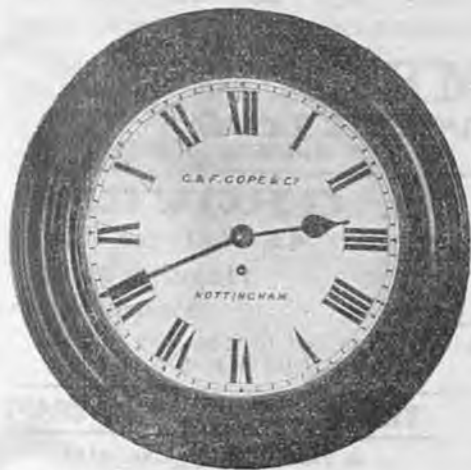
The meeting concluded by the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his very able address, and for his most generous hospitality.—The Rector, in responding, expressed the hope that the association would again visit Southover in the near future.

Afterwards, ringing continued until about 8.30, the methods rung during the day ranging from Grandsire to Surprise. The following towers were represented: Barcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burwash, Crawley, Ditchling, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Henfield, Heathfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Mayfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover and Waldron. Mr. J. Harris, Portsea, was also present.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A pleasant quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Branch was held at Bickleigh on Saturday: about 40 ringers being present from Exeter, Christow, Exmouth, and most of the towers belonging to the branch.

Several bands availed themselves of the Rev. W. French's kind invite, and enjoyed a ring at the neighbouring tower of Cadeleigh. Seven certificates were awarded, and one associate member elected. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th.



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