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THE FUNCTIONS OF AN ASSOCIATION.

To what should a ringing association limit its attentions? This question is raised by the discussions which took place at a meeting of the Surrey Association on Saturday, when the members were called upon to adopt new rules. In the draft presented by the committee the first rule provided for four things: (a) the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (b) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (c) the cultivation of the art of change ringing; (d) to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings. The inclusion of two of these objects was challenged, not casually, but deliberately by one of the District Committees, and for that reason the subject deserves more attention than it otherwise would. It was urged that 'the due care and use of church bells and belfries' was no part of the business of the association, but the duty of the church authorities; and that 'to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings' was the business of local ringers and bell founders, and not of a ringing organisation. The objection to the first of these two points was successful; the second objection was defeated.

Looking at the matter broadly, it seems to us that anything which will lead to efficiency in the belfry, whether in the men who act therein or in the bells which they use, is to be encouraged. It is true that the duty of maintaining the bells and the belfry in proper condition devolves upon the church authorities, but to say that a county or diocesan association should have no part in promoting it seems to us to be excluding from its objects one of the most useful purposes it can serve. The wording of the rule, in this particular instance, may have been a little unfortunate, although, we imagine, the members fully understood what was, in principle, intended. Some of the other associations have this object more clearly stated by defining their attitude as being one for 'the encouragement' of the preservation of bells in an efficient condition; and there could be no object more worthy of ringers' attention than that. Frequently the influence of an association has been the means of getting bells restored, and it is a pity that the Surrey Association have not looked with more favour upon their opportunities for usefulness in this direction.

On the second point which it was proposed to eliminate, other counsels prevailed, and the association will still be able to supply, when required, information concerning the condition of bells and their fittings. The resolution to retain this rule was, we think, wisely made, because it opens the way to doing valuable work. It is in no

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sense impinging the prerogatives of a local company or the bell founders. If local men have any difficulty in convincing their church authorities of the need for renovations, it considerably strengthens their hands if they can call in independent evidence such as the association should be in a position to provide. Indeed, many of the associations have been able to go a step further than this, and either get a representative on the Diocesan Advisory Board, or a person recognised by the Board to whom reference is made in every case where augmentation or restoration of bells is under review. Ringing organisations should seek to extend their sphere of usefulness and influence rather than curtail it; and no association, in our view, is properly fulfilling its functions if it does not keep its eye upon the structural and mechanical conditions prevailing in its towers and stand ready to give advice when asked. The maintenance of bells in a proper condition is just as important to the success of an association as the maintenance of bands, for, without efficient bells, the bands will ultimately disappear.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
*DAVID WHITING 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
*ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 8
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 9
WILLIAM J. GROOM 5	*LESLIE G. BRETT 7 ENOY

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since their recent restoration.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt, 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
HENRY FLETCHER 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton's one-hundredth peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
JOHN KENDALL 2	JAMES MARSHALL 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
WALTER MASTERS 4	*GEORGE DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. He is greatly to be commended for the way in which he rang his bell throughout the peal, as he has never before rung more than a 504. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Piper, a past member of the local band for some 22 years, who was interred here on Wednesday, March 21st. First peal of Triples as conductor. All are members of the local band.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

JOHN ROTHWELL Treble	ERNEST GOSDEN 5
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	EDWARD A. HERN 7
JAMES E. SCOTT 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

R. TAYLOR Treble	* F. WELHAM 5
* H. TAYLOR 2	* J. SINGLETON 6
H. JACKSON 3	* E. GARSIDE 7
I. SCHOFIELD 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by R. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* KENNETH SNELLING Treble	CECIL NICE 5
* GEORGE OLLIVER 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
* BERNARD WELLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Canterbury. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

* WALTER LINTER Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
FREDERICK PASKINS 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. Jolly, who was inducted to the living of St. Mary's on St. Patrick's Day. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Jolly after the peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
THOMAS K. DEACON 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	JIM HORRELL 6
HARRY WARNETT, JUN. 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
ALBERT E. DARVILL 4	* CHARLES MOULTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to the daughter of the conductor and Mrs. W. W. Fox. This was the conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* PERCY GREEN Treble	* DR. SPENCER PHILIPS 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	* EDWARD A. KEMP 6
* HERBERT DEVENISH 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
* ERNEST CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

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

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	LACRENCIE J. WILLIAMS 7
JOSEPH BANKS 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a 26th anniversary peal of the first peal of London in the county, rung in this tower.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE Treble	HERBERT WRIGHT 5
* WALTER SMITH 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
WALTER MACHON 3	* WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
* WILLIAM A. TACK 4	* WILLIAM BARDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

D. WHEELER Treble	* S. FIELDING 5
MISS E. GRIMSHAW 2	C. WOOD 6
* ED. JOHNSON 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
A. JACKSON 4	A. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	JOHN S. ROYLE 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
WALTER LONGMAN 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 4	*HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* 50th peal. Rung on the even of Confirmation. A birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Booth and A. Smith, of Davenham, and Miss M. Davenport, of Sandbach.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 172).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Lewis, and a farewell peal to Mr. C. Harrison, who is leaving the district. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	*NOLAN GOLDEN 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Arranged for N. Golden. Mr. Andrews, of the Cathedral band, who rang treble in a previous attempt, kindly stood out for Mr. Harding, sen.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	ERNEST PARSONS 5
HERBERT WORMWELL 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
FRED BENTLEY 3	RENNIE HARTLEY 7
WALTER STEPHENSON 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

Rung to celebrate the 39th anniversary of the bells. The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Nelson, the rest belong to the local company.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 7
ERNEST JONES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

* 200th peal for the association. † First peal of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Bishop Chevasse and the late Sir William Forwood. To their vision and courage, Liverpool's great cathedral is largely due.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
EDWARD MADGWICK 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
RONALD BULLEN 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. This composition, on an original plan, contains 222 78's and 142 88's, and is now rung for the first time and at the first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPOLCHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*DUDLEY GRIMBLE ... Treble	CHARLES LOVETT 5
†MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WM. C. DUFFIELD 7
JAMES RAMPLEY 4	JAS. F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD. * First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Bob Major for G. Bailey, although it was his 97th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*A. LENIESTER Treble	*F. HOLT 4
H. COCKCROFT 2	*A. NUTTALL 5
A. FOX 3	*H. FOX Tenor

Conducted by H. FOX.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local company.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH... ..Treble	GEORGE WHITING 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM C. ROMSEYTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.

A birthday compliment to G. Bennett, also his 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells, also by all the band.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6000 CHANGES;

Being twenty-five 240's, viz., twelve of Pitman's, eight of Morris', and five of ordinary Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY MALETreble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
GEORGE W. BARKER... .. 2	ALFRED GOODING 5
*WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	*BARNEY W. CADMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Longest length for all. The conductor has now rung a peal on each day of the week, and in each month of the year.

OADBY, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY L. SMITH... ..Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
A. NORMAN GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTHTenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal on six bells by Mr. H. Smith. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower and rehanging of the bells in an iron frame and plain bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent. The conductor's 25th peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK KIRK... ..Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
JAMES HUDSON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMARTTenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Court and Double Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY... ..Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE H. WELLSTenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of treble and tenor. It was Mr. Wells' 72nd birthday, and he is to be congratulated on his excellent striking of this heavy tenor.

PETERS MARLAND, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Cambridge Surprise, and three of Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. RICHARDS ...Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH 4
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. WONNACOTT ... 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL...Tenor

Conducted by REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

First peal on the bells.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twenty-two methods, viz.:-

- (1) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth.
- (2) Norfolk, Ipswich, Ringers' and Cambridge.
- (3) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley.
- (4) York and Durham.
- (5) Alnwick and Newcastle.
- (6) Munden, Chester and Carlisle.
- (7) London, Wells and Canecastre.

PARKER'S.

GEORGE L. JOYCETreble	JOHN MOULE... .. 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITHTenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE L. JOYCE.

The remainder of the Leytonstone company should be associated with this peal: P. H. Avey, G. Dawson, R. Molton and W. Theobald. It contains the largest number of Surprise methods, and comprises all of the known methods of splicing, viz.: By the leads, courses, three-leads, six-leads, and by the 'lead-end places,' and is the first so rung. First spliced peal by all. Rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRETreble	*J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 4
*HENRY GOLDING 2	*JACK STOPP... .. 5
†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	†BEN JARMANTenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

DURWESTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*RONALD G. TAPPER ...Treble	†FREDERICK H. HART ... 4
PERCY F. SPENCER 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*BERTRAM KIDOUT 3	WILLIAM J. COOMBS... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Residence of L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*BERT COCK 1-2	OLAVE BROYD 3-4
LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6	

Conducted by O. BROYD.

Witness: MISS D. WISEMAN.

* First in three methods.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.4.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

S. C. REEVE-FLAXMAN ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: GEORGE R. FARDON.

On March 21st, 1884, the conductor called this composition, his first peal at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, the late John Cox acting as umpire. Rung on the 44th anniversary.

ASPENDEN'S OLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following is an account of the peal of Triples rung at Braughing on September 30th, 1746, and I give it to you as copied from the board in the ringing chamber:—

These 8 bells were rung for the first time September 25th, 1745, and the first peal of 5,040 Triples were rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins., September 30th, 1746. By Jno. Scripps treble, Wm. Welch 2, Geo. Wallis 3, Thos. Hubbard 4, Thos. Rayment 5, Wm. Welch 6, Wm. Chamberlain 7, Fran. Uncle tenor. All of this parish. Given by Wm. Freeman, Esq.

This is quite a different band from the one that rang the Aspenden peal. No method or conductor is given on either board, but evidently both peals were Bob Triples.

Mr. Archibald Jackson, of Sawbridgeworth, has written several articles relating to the bells of Aspenden and Braughing, and they have appeared in the 'Hertfordshire Mercury' from time to time.

Wm. Chamberlain was evidently one of the workmen engaged when the new frame and bells were placed in the tower in 1745, as his initials 'W.C.' are carved on one of the braces and also on the stonework on the stairs. One is 'W.C., 1739.' Probably he was the village carpenter at that date, and made the frame from oak grown on the Hamels estate.

I hope this will prove of interest to your correspondent and others.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM K. NORTH.

Braughing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual.

All communications intended for that issue must reach us by Monday.

The attention of Secretaries, who wish notices to appear, is specially drawn to this matter.

THE LADIES' PEAL OF MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to thank our noble friend, William, for his contribution to your last issue. We are pleased to see he is making use of his 'inkwell,' but hope it may not be necessary to call his 'batlle axe' into use also.

With regard to the ladies' peal of Major, this is well worthy of a permanent record, for truly it is the making of history, being the first peal of Major rung entirely by ladies, also the first peal for the Northern District of the Guild, which had only been in existence fourteen months, and speaks well for its future.

As the peal was rung on the bells of Handsworth, and two of our members took part, we hesitated to make the first move, but now we feel we may enter the scheme, and the Handsworth company have placed in my hands subscriptions amounting to £1, and if it is acceptable to our ringing friends generally, I will gladly receive and acknowledge any subscription towards the tablet. Then a small committee can be selected to consider design and erection of same.—Yours fraternally,

FRED WATKINSON.

159, Hall Road,
Handsworth, Sheffield.

'HALF THE DIFFICULTY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have heard several ringers discuss the letter of Mr. Coppock, headed as above, in your issue of March 16th, and all were in agreement with him as regards peal ringing. Many ringers at some time visit the districts of ringing associations, situated long distances from their home, and should they desire to attempt a peal while in that district must become a life member of the association in question.

If a ringer be a member of an association affiliated to the Central Council, that should be sufficient for non-resident ringers to attempt a peal in the district of any association, the peal to be credited to the association having the majority of members taking part. In the event of the ringers being in equal numbers, the conductor could decide to which association the peal be credited.—Yours faithfully,

A. C.

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BREAKING INTO 'STONEY LAND.'

The peal of Minor at Peter's Marland, North Devon, on Saturday, was arranged by Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild) through an invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. Smale. The local band has recently started on Grandsire, and can ring six-scores exceptionally well, having had only a few practices with the help of Mr. Powell.

This district is in the centre of 'stoney land,' and it is much hoped that a new district branch of the Guild may now be formed there. The Vicar is enthusiastic, can ring Grandsire, and hopes to make his tower a centre for combined practices with adjacent bands.

The striking of the peal was of the very highest order, which pleased the local ringers.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality before and after the peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A most successful quarterly meeting was held of the Sonning Deanery Branch at Binfield on Saturday, March 17th, ringers being present from Arborfield, Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Sandhurst, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), Boyne Hill, Reading and Chertsey. Altogether about 50 ringers attended, including many young members of the branch, who had the opportunity of ringing rounds for the first time away from their own tower. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Bonsey (himself a ringer), conducted a short service, and gave a practical and encouraging address. He also provided a bountiful tea, at the close of which the Secretary expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for his kindness.

The secretary also presented a programme, which he had prepared, of meetings and practices for the remainder of the year. This programme was accepted by the meeting.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including a short touch of Cambridge Surprise. The next practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, April 21st.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SMALL WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

Rather a disappointing number turned up for the Western District meeting held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 17th, only 15 members being present, representing Offley, Apsley, Tring, King's Langley, Redbourn, Harpenden and Hemel Hempstead. The bells were rung half-muffled on account of the death of one of the churchwardens, Mr. J. Steptoe, who was always interested in the bells and ringers. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Robson.

Afterwards, the company adjourned to St. Mary's Hall, where tea had been very kindly arranged by the Vicar and Mrs. Robson. Unfortunately, the latter was unable to be present, being busily engaged in other church work.

For the short business meeting the Vicar presided. Tring was chosen as the next meeting place, for early in May.—Three peal attempts were arranged.—The Vicar was asked to convey the condolences of the meeting to Mrs. Steptoe, this vote being carried in the usual manner.

Mr. Good proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, for splendid address, etc., to which the Vicar suitably replied. The secretary then had to leave, while the others adjourned for another short spell of ringing.

M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space to emphasise the fact that owing to the unfortunate serious illness of Mr. Fred W. Bailey, the local hon. secretary, who is now in hospital, it is essential that all members intending to be present at tea should notify Mr. L. Chadburn, 8, Butt Houses, Derby Road, Lenton, Notts, not later than April 5th. In the past serious inconvenience has been caused by members omitting to do this, and I appeal to all, especially in the unfortunate position above stated, to assist the local committee by notifying their intention of being present.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS,
General Hon. Secretary.

SURPRISE MINOR AT ROCK FERRY.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, March 22nd, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Surprise Minor (1,440 changes), being 240 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, York and London, 120 each of Beverley and Cambridge: A. Leatham 1, J. F. Smith 2, G. R. Edwards 3, W. Dean 4, J. Martin 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and the first in seven Surprise methods by the ringer of the tenor. To their friend, Mr. J. Martin, who hails from Liverpool, the band desire to put on record their many thanks for his kindness in coming over to help them.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CHISWICK.

The meeting of the South and West District was held at Chiswick on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, followed by Stedman Triples: and methods up to and including Double Norwich were practised before service, which was conducted by the Rev. Eric K. C. Hamilton (Vicar). The excellent 'Chiswick' tea was served in the Parish Hall by Host A. Thurley, one of the local band. At the meeting which followed, sympathy was expressed with Mr. Tom Beadle, who has had to go into hospital again.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. R. Mackman, who gave the sum of two guineas to the Isleworth bell fund, also for the admirable lecture he gave on 'Church bells and ringing' (illustrated with lantern slides, handbell ringing, and a model of bell and frame), at the Richmond Athenaeum on Monday, February 27th, when the president, Prof. S. L. Loney, M.A., was chairman. Thanks were also accorded to the handbell ringers, viz., Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, J. Armiger Trollope, A. W. Coles, C. W. Roberts and G. Cross.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Chiswick, for conducting the service, and for the hearty welcome he had given to the association as diocesan ringers, to the host and lady helpers, the steeplekeeper (Mr. T. Thurley), and all the company for their support, there being about 40 present.

The tower was again visited, and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and other methods practised. At the close the Vicar paid another visit to the tower, as did also the Rev. C. H. Sangster, assistant priest and a ringer, who is leaving Chiswick in April.

Members are reminded of the Acton social on Saturday, April 7th.

5.040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First Half.		Second Half.	
231456		134526	
536421	3.4.	326541	3.4.5.6.
345261	3.4.5.6. 12.13.	241563	3.4.5.6.
125346	5.6.7.8.	351246	5.6.7.8.
Call an extra 7.8 in the first course of the 2nd and 7th parts, and call the last course of the 10th part, 5.6.7.8. S14. 5.6.7.8.		Omit 7.8 in the last course of the 3rd and 8th parts, and call S.2 in the last course of the 10th part.	

OLD MILVERTON RINGER'S DEATH.

On March 18th there was laid to rest all that was mortal of William Chapman, who died after a short illness at the age of 77 years. He was an old and respected Sunday service ringer at Milverton, Somerset, and had rung about 30 peals. Among the wreaths sent was one from the local band. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled on Sunday and at the funeral.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. James Steptoe, late churchwarden, on Sunday, March 18th, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: R. Walker 1, H. Golding 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Hughes (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynn 8.—On Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob in 50 mins.: R. S. Cook 1, A. V. Good 3, W. Hughes 4, H. Gates 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynn 8. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples, the 2nd being left out and tenor covering.

MR. E. G. HIBBINS' 100 PEALS.

	Tower Bells. Conducted. Handbells.		
Doubles, 12 methods	2		
Minor, 1 to 7 methods	17	4	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	1	1	
Stedman Triples	2		
*Bob Major	18	14	8
Little Bob Major	1	1	1
†Kent Treble Bob Major	20	10	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	8	6	
Superlative Surprise Major	4		
Cambridge Surprise Major	6	2	
Grandsire Caters	3	3	
Stedman Caters	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		
Stedman Cinques	2		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
	90	43	10

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The ancient thirteenth-century bell, at Caversfield, Oxon, cast between 1207 and 1219, and given to the church by Hugh Gargate, lord of the Manor, and Sibilla, his wife, whose names appear on the bell, has been placed in the church in order that it may be preserved as an object of interest. A new treble has been erected in its place, and will be dedicated next Sunday at 3 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with the Great Western Railway for the issue of cheap tickets to Hereford from Bristol on Whitsun Tuesday for the Central Council meeting, for the benefit of those members who attend the Gloucester and Bristol Association's jubilee festival. The tickets will be available by the 7.38 train, arriving at Hereford 9.50, and by the 9.45 a.m. train. Tickets are 2s. 6d., and are available for return by any train the same day. A good one leaves Hereford 6.12, arriving at Bristol 8.4 p.m.

Those ringers who are also interested in sporting events can have a good day in London on Saturday if they will do as one gentleman from the West of England proposes to do. He hopes to see the Boat Race in the morning, the football match between England and Scotland in the afternoon, and take part in the early evening in the 'Oranges and Lemons' ringing at St. Clement Danes. Some day this!

On March 29th and 30th, 1891, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve on the bells at Quex Park, Thanet. Of that band of 37 years ago, only three are left: George Williams, Harry Hopkins and Fred Pitstow. The others—Newson, Foskett, Rogers, Jacob, Swain, Nathan Pitstow, Duins, Baron and Chapman—all are gone.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major at Bolsover on March 18th was Joseph Saxton.

Mr. Fred W. Bailey, of Nottingham, district secretary of the M.C.A., has undergone two serious operations in Nottingham Hospital. The latest report is that he is progressing as well as can be expected. Mr. Bailey is one of the famous Leiston family who made ringing history by a peal rung by eight brothers.

A hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow the Society of London Youths rang a peal of 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

The first peal of Grandsire at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, London, was rung on April 1st, 1834, by St. Dunstan's Society, conducted by Thomas Tolladay, who was a prominent member of the old St. James' Society. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West are seldom, if ever, rung now. They overhang Fleet Street.

The Double Norwich record was broken on April 3rd, 1899, when in 9 hrs. 24 mins., at Erith, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 15,072.

A hundred and twenty years ago next Thursday, a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters was rung at Shrewsbury in 6 hrs. 50 mins. A tablet was erected by the Union Society to record the peal, which, if surpassed by future practitioners, will stand as a memorial that their predecessors were not deficient in skill and perseverance.

The Norfolk Guild report for 1927, which has just been issued, shows that 44 peals were rung by the Guild in 1927, of which two were on ten bells, 25 on eight bells, 14 on six bells, and three on five bells. This compared with 61 in 1926, and is the lowest number for a great many years.

In recording with profound sorrow the death of the president, Dean Willink, the report says: 'We may safely say our Guild has never had to record the loss of such an ideal and honoured leader in the whole of its history.' Dean Willink was an active and wholehearted officer of the Guild.

THE OCCASIONS OF MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Cave's letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' should the deceased be a prominent citizen or churchman, it is best to ring muffled on the day of the funeral, and on the Sunday at whichever service the parson is going to mention the loss from the pulpit, when, in all probability, the 'Dead March' will also be played after or before service. For the other service that day it would be better to ring the bells unmuffled.

In the case of a Royal personage, a national personality, or a municipal loss such as a Lord Mayor, requiring national or municipal mourning, it would be better to ring for all services on the Sunday, especially if the week-end intervenes between the death and the funeral.

The best form of muffled ringing is, of course, the 'whole pull and stand,' which should be practised by every band of ringers for such occasions. It is simple and most effective, and is appreciated tremendously, not only by relatives of the deceased themselves, but by the outside public. We reserve the last five to ten minutes of the ringing following a touch for this purpose.

On Armistice Day we ring as above before the service, but ring the congregation out with open bells, to harmonise with the 'Reveille,' a rejoicing for the resurrection.

CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE,
Ringing Master,
Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. AMALGAMATION SCHEME DEFEATED.

An important meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. It was specially convened under a resolution of the annual meeting, first to receive the result of a plebiscite among the members on a proposal to approach the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with a scheme of amalgamation; and, secondly, to consider a new draft set of rules. After ringing on the ten bells of the Parish Church in the afternoon and attending service, the members partook of a substantial meat tea at the Institute. They then settled down to business, which engaged their attention for a full three hours, and there were some animated discussions. The Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett) presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary), Mr. U. Dean (hon. treasurer), and nearly 60 members from most of the towers in the area of the association.

The Master, in reviewing the steps which had led up to that meeting, referred to the original proposal made over a year ago, that the question of amalgamation with Guildford Diocesan Guild should be considered. This resulted in a conference with the organising committee of the Guild, who pointed out that they had no powers to deal with the subject, but suggested that the Surrey Association Committee should formulate a scheme which might be put before the members of the Guild when it was formed. As a result, a scheme was submitted at the Surrey Association's last annual meeting in January, when it was resolved to take a plebiscite upon it. This scheme proposed that amalgamation should take place on January 1st, 1929, that the society be called the 'Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' with the Bishops of Southwark and Guildford as ex-officio joint presidents; that the rules of Guildford Diocesan Guild be adopted with certain minor alterations, and that the two organisations should continue absolutely as one society.

The Hon. Secretary then announced the result of the plebiscite. He said 263 members were circularised. Of this number, 69 were in favour of amalgamation, and 104 against, while 90 did not vote.

The Master said the result was against amalgamation. There was, however, a motion before them, adjourned from the annual meeting, that they should amalgamate with the Guildford Guild, and in view of the plebiscite something must be done to get that motion out of the way.

Mr. W. J. Trappitt moved as an amendment to the motion that no further steps be taken in the matter. He did not see why they need amalgamate. The Surrey Association was nearly 50 years of age, and it could stand on its own legs. He was, he believed, the only original member of the association left, and he strongly objected to amalgamation with Guildford.—Mr. G. Hoad (Reigate) seconded, and the amendment was carried with only three dissentients.

NEW RULES.

The meeting then proceeded to consider, seriatim, a new set of rules, and a number of alterations were made to the committee's draft, the changes being made principally upon the representations made by Mr. Northover, on behalf of the Southern District Committee. The first rule provided that 'That society shall be called "The Surrey Association of Change Ringers," and have for its objects, viz.: (a) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (b) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (c) the cultivation of the art of change ringing; (d) to supply, when required, information of a practical character concerning the condition of the bells and their fittings.'

With regard to (b), it was urged that this was not the province of an association, the duty of the care and use of church bells and belfries devolving upon the incumbent and church authorities. On a vote being taken, it was decided to eliminate this clause. A similar proposal to take out (d), as being a matter for the local bands or bell founders, was opposed by several members, and the clause was retained by a considerable majority.

In discussing the 'government' of the association, it was resolved that the president should be elected annually like the other officers; that the auditor should not be an ex-officio member of the Central Committee, and that there should be no honorary members (as in the past) on the committee.

It was resolved that non-resident members should pay a compounding subscription of 5s., but any member, who had paid an annual subscription for five consecutive years, should on leaving the county automatically become a compounding member without further payment. The area of the association for this purpose is to be treated as the geographical boundary of the county.

It was decided to eliminate the proposed rule giving authority to dismiss a member from the association for misconduct, it being argued that it did not look well in a set of rules for bellringers, who could all be relied upon to behave themselves.

A discussion took place on a financial rule directing subscriptions of hon. life members and compounding members to be paid into the general fund. The Southern District desired that these subscriptions should be retained by the districts, but the committee's proposal was adopted, after two counts of hands; the final decision being reached by the casting vote of the chairman.

Other minor alterations were made, and then considerable discussion took place on the rules for the district branches. They were ultimately adopted in a redrafted form. The principal alterations to the committee's original proposals were that the districts will each have their own treasurer and auditor, and will pay over to the central

fund 6d. per paid-up ringing member (equivalent of 25 per cent. of the subscription), instead of 75 per cent. of the cash in the hands of the district secretary at the end of the year.

In contrast to the decision to eliminate from the objects of the association the 'care and use of church bells and belfries,' the district rules provide that the District Committee shall satisfy themselves by personal inspection or otherwise as to the state of the belfries and bands in their districts, and make a yearly report for presentation to the Central Committee.

The rules having been disposed of, the meeting turned to a discussion on the form of the association's certificate. It was decided to retain the old form, but to bring it up to date by substituting a photograph of one tower from each of the three districts (to be decided on by the districts) for those shown on the existing certificate, but still retaining the illustration of Beddington tower, as the birthplace of the association.

On the proposition of Mr. Chas. Dean, seconded by Mr. Northover, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the three secretaries to complete and arrange for the printing of 500 copies.—This concluded the business.

The General Secretary informed those present that an invitation meeting would be held at Beddington (where the bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Saturday, April 14th, and that he hoped to see a good number there. He emphasised the importance of those intending to be present notifying him beforehand, so that adequate provision could be made for tea. He had received 20 notifications for tea that day, whereas about double that number had put in an appearance.

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Dean for making arrangements for the tea and meeting, to the Vicar of Leatherhead for conducting the service, and to the Master and general secretary for their work in connection with the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Birstall, Guiseley, Leeds, Shipley, Queensbury, Headingley, Huddersfield, Bradford, Silsden, Bingley, Horbury, Mirfield, Denholme, Keighley, Lightcliffe, Armley, Lindley, Batley, Rothwell, and the local company. A short church service was held, when an address was given by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Hall). Tea was served in the schools, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer of the association) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association).

Six new members were elected, viz.: H. Wilde, G. Longbottom, R. Kendall, A. Skelton (Queensbury), J. Birchenough (Northwram), W. Brittain (Birstall).

No new nominations having been received, the retiring officers were re-elected: Messrs. J. Broadley (Ringing Master), F. W. Dixon, J. Hardcastle, R. Umpleby (committee).

On the motion of Mr. Lawson it was decided to hold the June meeting at Brighouse if possible.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and for his address, to the organist, to the ladies who kindly served tea, and to the local company for the arrangements made.—These were responded to by the Rev. G. R. Hall (Vicar), Major Goater (churchwarden), and Mr. H. Dransfield for the local company.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

HALIFAX CONTEST.

SANDAL WIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday last, when seven teams entered the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes in any method. Mr. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. Hoyle (Shelley) officiated as judges, and their decision was as follows:—

Company.	Method.	Faults.	Penalty.	Total.
No. 1.—Holmfirth	Oxford	192	20	212
No. 2.—Liversedge	Oxford	182		182
No. 3.—New Mill	Oxford	140	20	160
No. 4.—Moltham	Kent	217		217
No. 5.—Sandal	Oxford	151		151
No. 6.—Batley	Kent	177		177
No. 7.—Huddersfield	Kent	190		190

No. 5 company, Sandal, were therefore declared winners of the cup. It was the first time Sandal had won the trophy, and the Vicar (Rev. Walkden) congratulated Mr. Moxon, the captain, who received the cup. He hoped that the association would soon visit Shelley again.

An excellent tea was provided, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and judges closed a very enjoyable meeting.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Sunday night, March 25th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), arranged for the birthdays of Messrs. Smedley and Markwell. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Staveley: A. Markwell, sen., 1, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 2, F. Dyble (first quarter-peal) 3, S. Smedley 4, H. Stow 5, F. Parsons, jun., 6, F. Parsons, sen., 7, L. Palmer 8.

MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. CRAYFORD VETERAN'S 700 PEALS.

The name of Edwin Barnett, senior, is one of the most familiar to ringers throughout the country, and in the Exercise he has a large circle of friends, which a gentle nature and a genial disposition has continually widened throughout the years. In the course of his long ringing career Mr. Barnett has achieved a number of distinctions, and his latest is to join the comparatively small group of men who have rung 700 peals. Among this little circle, however, Mr. Barnett stands almost unique in the number of methods which he has included in his big peal total, a total which has certainly not been amassed from selfish ends, for much of his peal ringing has been done to help others, as witness, for instance, his 110 peals of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Barnett, sen., was born at Ross, Herefordshire, in 1862, and was educated at the Bluecoat School there. At the age of 13 he removed to Welshpool, where he became a Sunday 'chimer,' there being no ringing there at that time. Three years later he went to Leytonstone to live, and there he came in contact with Mr. Arthur Gardener



MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

(who left for South Africa more than 40 years ago), and there began his real connection with ringing. Opportunities for enthusiastic youngsters were not numerous in those days with the old school. Mr. Barnett, however, succeeded in ringing his first peal of Triples at West Ham in 1882, within four months of learning to handle a bell. Two peals of Grandsire Caters with George Newson followed very quickly, after which Mr. Barnett left London to take up an appointment at Monmouth, where he found the church and bells undergoing restoration. It was nearly two years before the work was completed, and during this time he walked regularly (with very few exceptions) once a fortnight to the nearest place where he could get a change-ringing practice, which was Ross, eleven miles distant, reaching home again about one o'clock in the morning.

As soon as the bells at Monmouth were rehung, Mr. Barnett formed a band, to all of whom he had to teach the handling of a bell, but in a little more than a year they succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was his first as conductor. It was also the first peal on the bells and the second in the county of Monmouth, the previous one having been rung at Chepstow many years before. During the period he was at Monmouth, Mr. Barnett married, and his son, Mr. Edwin Barnett, jun., was born there. Very soon after the peal above mentioned, he returned to London and joined the band at Leytonstone, where he remained a member until 1889, when he removed to Crayford, with which place his name has been associated ever since. Here he found practically a 'stone' band, but excellent material, which he very quickly transformed into—at that time—one of the best change-ringing companies in the county, as the records in 'Bell News' of the '90's testify.

Mr. Barnett was elected on the committee of the Kent County Association in 1894, and has represented that body on the Central Council since 1903. He is one of the oldest members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and in his early days was closely associated with the late George Newson, John Cox, Henry Dains, and many others whose names will live as long as ringing lasts. He is a member of many county and diocesan associations.

MANY 'FIRSTS.'

Mr. Barnett's record of 'first peal in the method for the Kent County Association' is probably unique, for he has called no fewer than 26, ranging from Triples to Maximus. Last year a serious operation threatened to end his life, but he was happily spared, and has made a wonderful recovery. His 700th peal was the first he has been able to ring away from treble or 2nd for some years, and the fact that he was able to turn in the tenor in 2 hrs. 40 mins. speaks for itself.

We referred above to the great variety which characterises Mr. Barnett's peal list, and it will be seen that it includes four methods of Maximus, two of Cinques, nine of Royal, two of Caters, 22 of Major, nine of Triples (which is probably a record), and six varieties of spliced methods. His full list is as follows:—

		Rung.	Cond.
Maximus:	Cambridge Surprise	1	
	Kent Treble Bob	4	1
	Plain Bob	1	1
	Little Bob	1	1
Cinques:	Stedman	39	
	Grandsire	2	
Royal:	Cambridge Surprise	4	
	Double Norwich	1	
	Duffield	1	
	Forward	2	
	Kent Treble Bob	14	1
	Oxford Treble Bob	2	
	'Cam' Treble Bob	1	1
	Plain Bob	2	2
	Little Bob	1	1
	Stedman	23	1
Caters:	Grandsire	7	
	Bristol Surprise	1	
	London Surprise	3	
	New Cumberland Surprise	1	
Major:	Cambridge Surprise	27	
	New Cambridge Surprise	4	
	Superlative Surprise	30	1
	Norfolk Surprise	4	53
	*Double Norwich	118	2
	'Real' Double Norwich	4	2
	Kent Treble Bob	74	39
	Oxford Treble Bob	5	3
	Granta Treble Bob	1	1
	'Cam' Treble Bob	1	1
	Plain Bob	33	21
	Reverse Bob	1	1
	Waterloo Reverse Bob	1	
	Double Oxford Bob	7	6
	Little Bob	2	1
	†Canterbury	18	13
	Little Canterbury	1	1
	Crayford Little Bob	1	1
Spliced Methods:	Dartford Little Bob	1	1
	Kent Colledge	1	1
	Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	2	2
	Double Norwich and Double Oxford	1	1
	Double Norwich and Plain Bob	1	1
	Double Oxford and Plain Bob	1	1
	Canterbury and Plain Bob	1	1
	Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1	
	Stedman	104	27
	Erin	2	1
Triples:	Grandsire	110	57
	Union	19	10
	Oxford Bob	3	2
	Plain Bob	2	1
	Darlaston Bob	3	1
	Court Bob	1	1
	Canterbury	1	1
Minor:	Four methods	3	1
		700	254

Of the above number 165 have been rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and 140 at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith. * Including a 13,440. † Including a 10,080.

APPLETON'S 109th ANNIVERSARY.

The Appleton people do things without thought or care as to what other people think. For instance, they decided a few years ago that March 4th should always be on a Saturday. This year of grace 1928, owing to the 'All England Meeting' at Croydon, it was decided that March the 4th should be on the 10th, and it was so. To those who made the journey to this place of renown it proved that March 4th can be celebrated at any time, while Hollifield's and White's are alive and full of 'vim and vigour,' as has obtained since A.D. 1818.

The day started with a good peal of Grandsire Caters, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Miss S. Davis getting to Appleton soon after sunrise to ensure an active participation in the opening proceedings.

After mid-day, visitors arrived in shoals, and touches of Triples and Caters, Major and Royal were rung in good style, a few ringers, as usual, hearing and ringing ten bells for the first time. Dinner was served by Host and Hostess R. Brown at the Thatched Tavern (which will soon have to be enlarged for these occasions). After a good meal, songs, speeches, handbell ringing, and instrumental music brought parting time all too soon, but, as usual, those people who have been several times were thankful that they had been spared to go once more, and those who made their first pilgrimage to that 'ringing Mecca' said, 'I shall come next year (D.V.).' Visitors were present from Abingdon, Bucklebury, Caversham, Faringdon, Croydon, Oxford, Reading, Launton, High Wycombe, Wokingham, Witney, while that little place called London was also represented.

ROWS AND CHANGES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Some time ago I pointed out (not for the first time) that the important thing in change ringing in general, and the problem of Extension in particular, is not the rows, but the changes which produce the rows. And I said that unless you appreciated the distinction between a row and a change you were not very likely to go very far in understanding the question of Extension. Of course, I was promptly contradicted. I was told that I was hair splitting, that there is no difference between a row and a change, and that there is nothing between the changes. These gentlemen, no doubt, think they have completely demolished my argument to their entire satisfaction, and I should be sorry to disturb so happy a frame of mind. But I feel sure that the man who is interested in Extension as a general question, and who is not merely trying to establish or dispute some particular case, like Shipway's Superlative or the Superlative Maximus rung at Ipswich, will agree that it is anything but splitting of hairs to make quite sure of the grounds on which you are working, and rather important to know what you are going to extend before you try and see how it can be extended.

After all, it is a question of facts and of facts belonging to actual ringing in the tower.

If you are thinking of practising a new method you will probably get that method in the form of a lead of rows. The first thing you will do will be to draw a line, either with a pen or mentally, along the path of one bell. What is that but putting in something between the rows? When you give the method out to your band to learn, you will probably give them a 'skeleton course'; that is to say, you will ignore the rows altogether and give them only that something you have put in. And what is that something? It is hunting, place-making, dodging, leading, lying, snapping and everything which we call work. These are the things which really are the method, and they all take place between the rows. They constitute the changes, and they produce row from row.

Probably the reason why people say that there is nothing between the rows is because there is nothing that they can see. They can see two lines of figures written on paper; they can see nothing between them. True, but then, a line of figures is not in itself a row of change ringing; it is only a symbol which represents a row. There is nothing to see of a row in the tower. On the other hand, when you represent the changes by your skeleton course you have a symbol which is just as visible as the line of figures. A row and a change are equally real and equally abstract. There can be no question of which is of the more immediate importance in actual ringing. If you ring a peal of, say, London Surprise Major, it is almost certain that you will never know what rows you have rung, neither the ringer, nor the conductor, nor even the composer. You will know, you must know, what hunting and place-making and dodging you have done, for they are everything that, for the actual ringer, is London Surprise.

This brings me to my main point. A method is not essentially a collection of rows, but an amount of movement among the bells. It is a matter of clear historical fact that in that way, and that way alone, ringing was begun, was developed and still continues. And it follows that if we are to understand such problems as Extension we must study ringing as it is practised in the tower and not as if it consisted of certain orders of figures written on a piece of paper. To put it briefly, we must study chiefly the changes and not the rows.

Once you get ringing as essentially the movement of bells, certain laws become operative. I have already pointed out and illustrated the most important of these. It is that this movement is, and must be, cyclical. Every round block, and therefore every method, consists of a number of cyclical movements. When this fact is recognised, we are in sight of the solution of the problem of Extension, so far as any solution is possible. For this reason, a cyclical movement has a definite recognisable way of expansion. The plain hunting course on four bells will expand into the plain hunting course on six bells in one way, and one way only. And this is true whether this hunting course is independent or whether it is part of a more complex method.

How this works out I will show presently, but there is one thing which I may perhaps be pardoned for referring to. It is the usual custom for people who criticise the views, which those of us who have been at some trouble to investigate these problems put forward, to call themselves plain practical ringers, and to brush us aside somewhat contemptuously as mere 'theorists.' They stand for facts; we only for fancies. Actually, the case is just the opposite. No doubt in these things many views are expressed which are unsound or only partially true. But the aim is always to find out the truth which underlies the science of ringing, and that truth is being found out more and more each year. Whereas your 'practical' man is usually one who refuses to look an inch before his nose, who thinks that the little he can see is all that there is to be seen, and who imagines that his prejudices and interests are all that matters in ringing. Usually a very worthy sort of man (we all share his failings), but not the most trustworthy guide in finding out the unknown.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Wednesday, March 14th, at All Saints' Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: T. Goodchild 1, Miss Stella Davis 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, W. E. Taylor 4, E. Hobbs 5, J. Eldridge 6, E. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

As this fund will be closed immediately after Easter, contributions should be sent without delay. We gratefully acknowledge the following further subscriptions, among which will be noticed a substantial gift from Mr. A. T. Baker's old parish of Ilkeston, where he was a ringer some years ago.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	181	18	11
Collection through the Parochial Church Council, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, per C. C. Humphreys	7	13	6
Collected at the Cheltenham Branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, per W. Yeend	14	6	
Rothwell Parish Church Society	5	0	
Idle (Yorks) Parish Church company	10	0	
W. Mead, Clun, Salop	5	0	
	£191	6	11

BEDDINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

PERFECT 'GO' IN A ROCKING TOWER.

After a silence of ten weeks, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Croydon, were rung again on Sunday, March 11th, after restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were dedicated during matins by the Rector (Rev. E. V. Bond), and immediately after the bells were rung to three minutes of call changes. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of London Surprise Major were rung.

On the following Sunday, for evening service, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 48 mins.: F. E. Darby 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, E. G. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, F. W. Housden 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10. The first practice night saw plenty of visitors, and all the standard methods, including Cambridge Royal, were rung.

The bells have been quarter-turned and retuned, and the canons removed. New cast-iron headstocks have been fitted with independent clapper staples, which can be adjusted by any ringer in the tower. The staples are controlled by a couple of bolts from the stock, and, in the writer's opinion, it is a great improvement, as true striking bells can be ensured. The clappers have been refaced, and the rims of the wheels renewed. New gudgeons running on ball bearings, with ball-bearing floor rollers, have been supplied, and all stays, sliders and runner boards renewed. The oak frame has been retained and strengthened. The tenor is now 13 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon the excellent way in which they have carried out the restoration work, especially as the tower rocks violently. The bells 'go' like tops, and they sound beautiful.

An invitation meeting is being arranged for Saturday, April 14th, particulars of which appear in the notice columns.

C. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, on Saturday, March 17th. Proceedings opened by the raising of this peal of five at three o'clock, and there were soon more than the tower could hold comfortably. The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hill Merryweather), with the support of the organ and a full choir, the lesson being read by the Vicar's warden (Mr. J. Hurcombe). A bountiful tea was served in the Parish Hall, and kindly given by members of the Parochial Church Council.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. Hurcombe, Mr. G. A. Nock (Elkstone), Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Mr. C. W. Dyson (Leigh), and over 50 members from Alderton, Dumbleton, Winchcombe, Elkstone, Leigh, Swindon, Prestbury, Leckhampton, Badgeworth, and the local tower, as well as several visitors from Worcestershire.

The Secretary expressed pleasure at seeing such a large number present, especially their beloved friend, Rev. A. D. Pennington. Letters regretting absence were read from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Capt. Trye, R.N., and Mr. Chas. Amos Wilson (churchwarden).

Elkstone was selected as the place for the next meeting in June. Mr. Wm. Hale proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, and expressed the hope that at least one more bell would be added to make a fine ring of six in the near future.—This was seconded by Mr. G. A. Nock and carried with applause.

The Vicar, responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch there that day, and thanked Mr. J. Harper (captain of the tower) for his loyal support in all church matters.—Mr. J. Hurcombe also expressed pleasure at seeing such a happy gathering.

A collection was taken for the Alfred T. Baker fund. The tower was again visited, and the following methods were rung during the day: Stedman, Grandsire, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, and Plain Bob Doubles.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Reverse in 26 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Coles 4, A. Tomlinson 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. First 720 in method by all.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church on March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,312 changes) of Canterbury Pleasure Major in 50 mins.: J. Stanford 1, T. Branch 2, J. Cook 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Pettifer 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—For Sunday evening service, on March 25th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: *F. Stacey 1, J. Allen 2, *E. Aylett 3, M. Hibbert 4, W. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley 7, *J. Evans 8. * First quarter of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHILDON, DURHAM.—At John's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 600 Bob Minor, and for evensong 720 St. Clement's Minor, by the service ringers of the above church, conducted by R. B. Robinson.

ERITH.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: H. Luck 1, F. J. Cullerne 2, S. Stagg 3, J. Morton 4, F. J. Cullerne, jun. (conductor) 5, H. Holden 6, L. Cullerne 7, W. Darke 8.

WRENTHAM.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas', 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, W. C. Bann 2, E. Bailey 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Double Court, with C. Bailey taking part.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 18th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss F. Orr 2, F. Pike 3, Miss E. Chapman 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 mins., rung 'silent': E. T. Butler 1, T. Faulkner 2, G. L. Joyce 3, W. Miller 4, C. Fenn 5, G. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, E. D. Smith 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Flower 1, R. Brett Smith 2, F. Fraser 3, H. Wood 4, C. A. Bines (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. Anderson 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, March 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, F. Read (conductor) 4, F. Hirst 5, R. Balderstone 6, J. Hirst 7, A. Lord 8; 7-8 covering. First 720 Kent for 5th ringer.—On Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, F. Read (conductor) 4, F. Hirst 5, A. Lord 6, R. Balderstone 7, J. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by all the band, who are regular Sunday service ringers. The average age of the band is 18½ years, all the ringers being under 21.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Rawlings 1, H. Hawkes 2, F. King 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, J. Blake 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. Arranged for Mr. Blake, of Chichester, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Terry.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evensong, February 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A welcome back to Mr. A. J. Ginn after two months' illness.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 18th, at St. Andrew's for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: Thomas Benney 1, Charles J. Choort 2, W. J. Norton 3, Joseph S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, John Lee 5, K. W. Green 6, A. C. Darnell 7, E. J. Sampson 8.

NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Houghton-le-Spring.—The Lord Bishop of Durham will dedicate the two new trebles at Houghton-le-Spring on Easter Eve, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. The local ringers will ring at the dedication; after the service bells will be open to all ringers. Tea will be provided in the Kiepiers School at 5 p.m., 1/6 per head, to those who notify Mr. R. Artington, North View Terrace, Fencehouses by Tuesday, April 3rd.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitley on Easter Monday, April 9th. Bells (10, tenor 17 cwt.) available for ringers all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe (members 2/6, non-members 3/-) at 1 p.m. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, April 5th.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of Central Division at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in Small Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on March 31st. The recently recast ring of eight bells will be available early. There will be a meeting of the Cup Committee.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Humberstone on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Important business meeting (re M.C.A.'s future) at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, March 31st. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) 2.20 p.m. approximately.—G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—'Oranges and Lemons Say the Bells of St. Clement's.'—The children's festival to perpetuate the old parish custom will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, at 4.30. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.20 and again about 5.30, when each child, on leaving the church, will be presented with an orange and lemon by little Danish children.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 23rd, quarterly meeting at 6.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 17th, at 8.—S. C. Move, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Troilope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday (April 9th). Committee meeting in the Church House 11.15 a.m. Service in St. George's at 12. Address by Rev. E. Lionel Gedge, Rector of Crayford. Collection for Earl Haig Memorial Fund. Dinner in the Town Hall 1.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open: Gravesend (8), Northfleet (8), Swanscombe (8), Milton (6). Members wishing to ring at Cliffe, Higham, Shorne, Meopham or Cobham are requested to write to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before April 6th. For dinner tickets apply before April 4th to Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, April 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and meeting to follow. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawk's Road, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Wednesday, April 4th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 9th. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham. Luncheon at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members requiring luncheon are urgently requested to send in their names to the secretary not later than Thursday, April 5th. The annual business meeting for the election of new president, officers and committee will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 4th. Bells available: All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Shepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Soham, on Easter Monday, April 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 sharp. Ringing at Soham (10 bells) from 10 a.m., Ely St. Mary's (8) and Fordham (6) from 6 p.m. Members requiring tea are requested to inform the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 3rd.—Rev. R. Copeman, 53, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., Rector of Ross. Dinner at the Boothe Hall, 2s. 6d., at 1. Those requiring dinner should let me know by Wednesday, April 4th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Bury St. Edmunds. Cathedral (10) and St. Mary's bells (8) available all day. 3 p.m., committee meeting at Abbey House. 3.30, service in Cathedral. 4, tea, Abbey House, free to all sending word by April 3rd. Meeting follows. Quarterly meetings at Ufford, March 31st, and at Fressingfield, April 21st. Tea at 4.45 at Fox and Goose Room, 9d. to all sending me word by April 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

JOINT MEETING OF SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—On Easter Monday, Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) and Eastwood, near Rotherham (8 bells) available. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, as early as possible?—Robert Harrison, jun., and Hilda Jacques, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary (10), St. Peter (10), Lenton (8), Beeston (8) and Basford (8) will be available during the day. Committee meet in St. Peter's School 2.30. Short service in St. Peter's Church 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., at which all members are specially requested to attend. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's School, followed by the general meeting. It is requested (owing to serious illness of local hon. sec.) that all requiring tea (1s. 6d. members, 2s. non-members) acquaint Mr. L. Chadburn, 8, Butt Houses, Derby Road, Lenton, Notts, not later than April 5th to avoid inconvenience.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.15. Meeting, 6. Members free. Handbells 6.30. Various towers open for ringing. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at St. George's, Stockport. Service 10.45 a.m. Preacher, Rev. A. J. Humphreys. Meeting, 11.45 in Schools. Luncheon, 1 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. members, 2s. visitors, from branch secretaries before April 2nd, or from Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Frequent service of trains from London Road Station. Fare 1s. 8d. to Glossop Central.—J. Hall, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at North Collingham, Newark, on Easter Monday. A good ring of 6 bells (almost new) available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and probably another peal of 6 in the evening. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, Collingham, Newark, not later than April 4th. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Ringers on the Northern and Retford side of the Trent are requested to book to Newark. Cheap rail and bus fares, thence to Collingham, buses running hourly. The lane at Carlton Ferry at present is under water. Looking forward for a good attendance.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 9th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. Luncheon will be at 'The Silver Grill' at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-resident members and friends 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting after lunch. A hearty welcome will be given to visitors and ringing friends.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells, 10, 8, and two sixes, all going well. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Tea 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute. Towers open at 2 p.m. The two six-bell towers earlier by arrangement. If coming to tea, drop me postcard.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 12th and 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral on the 19th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. One shilling will be charged, but please advise your district secretary by April 11th if you are coming. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4.; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4., and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District. — A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (D.V.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome, but visitors must notify me of their intention of being present not later than Wednesday, April 11th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early now so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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