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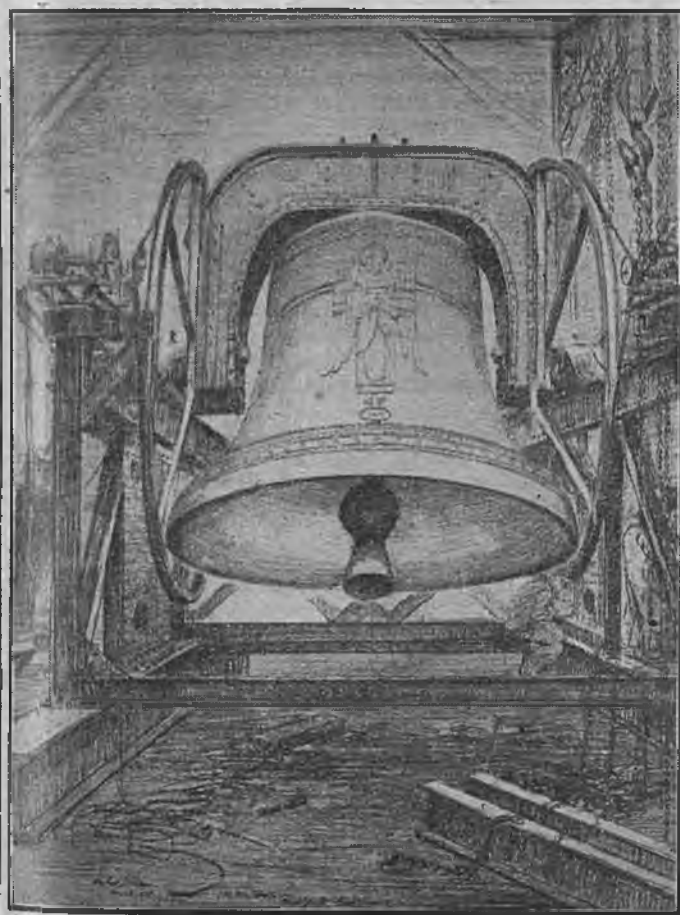
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ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

Founded on Whit-Monday, 1879, the Essex County Association celebrated its jubilee this week, and the large and enthusiastic gathering which assembled at Chelmsford on Monday was a striking testimony to the continued vitality of the organisation after an existence of fifty years. The association was established at a time when belfry standards were at a low ebb—change ringing was practised at comparatively few churches, the conditions in many towers were little short of a disgrace and the status of ringers generally was about on a par with the neglected state of the belfries. It was in the seventies that the spirit of reform began to reveal itself—a spirit which, once it became manifest, spread rapidly in the course of a couple of decades. Led by a few earnest clergy and ringers who realised the responsibilities and the possibilities of their office, the movement quickly gripped the imagination of thinking men in the Exercise and the outcome was the modern county and diocesan associations which we have to-day.

It was uphill work, however, in those early years, and it was not all ringers, nor all clergy, who welcomed the reforming zeal of the new organisations. That such a movement was necessary is plain from a statement of the objects of the Essex Association set out in 'Church Bells,' in referring to the first anniversary meeting. 'The object of the association,' it said, 'is not only to cultivate and improve ringing and to rescue our belfries from the state of neglect into which they have very generally fallen, but to make ringers feel that we look upon them as helpers in Church work and, by associating with them in these friendly meetings, raise their tone of self respect and thus promote order, moral tone and reverence in belfries and in the service of the bells.' We have gone a very long way since those days and, speaking generally, we can say that the objects for which these associations set out fifty years ago have been very largely accomplished. The practice of change ringing has been put upon a vastly wider basis; neglect has been swept away from the majority of our towers—if unhappy examples can still be pointed to they are the more striking because of the vast improvement which has been generally effected—while most complete of all has been the uplift in the moral tone in the belfries, the reverent observance of the belfry as part of the Church and the recognition of the ringers' office as a department of church work.

The reforms which have been accomplished were not, however, the work of a day or a year. They have required steady and persistent effort, and some honoured

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names stand out among those who have helped the Essex Association to achieve what has been done in that county. The Rev. J. B. Seaman, the actual founder and first secretary, is perhaps not so well recollected, although he was the pioneer, but the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who succeeded him, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, who followed Mr. Cockey, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, who was fourth in the line of secretaries, are all remembered for their labours and their enthusiasm. None of these have been spared to share in the celebration of the jubilee of the association, but there is still in office one who for twenty years has, with unselfish devotion, laboured in the interests of the organisation. Mr. Charles H. Howard succeeded Canon Papillon as Master in 1909, and the energy and enthusiasm he has displayed in promoting the welfare of the association is immeasurable. He has won the admiration and esteem of its members, and small wonder is it, therefore, that on Monday they marked their appreciation of his long and faithful service with a tangible expression of their thanks. The officers of the Essex Association to-day are carrying on with complete success the work begun by their predecessors, and while the association can command the services of such men the objects for which it exists are never likely to suffer.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	DANIEL COOPER 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ROEBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM HEATH 2	ALFRED FARNELL 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM PAGE 8
GEORGE POPNELL 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
HARRY PAGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

First peal of Stedman Caters by all the band, also first peal for the association by resident members. The ringers of the 1st, 5th and 8th hail from Pentre, 3rd and 4th from Bedwellty, the others are local men. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	RAYNARD OVERY 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	PETER CROOK 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. O. S. Walford on his 81st birthday. Mr. Crook was elected a member of the Guild prior to the commencement of the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEC ROCK	Treble	WALTER ROSE	5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND	2	JOSEPH J. CAUSON	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER	7
CHARLES MARTIN	4	GEORGE H. WALTERS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Holford, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred there that day.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES BUTCHER	Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
†JAMES BILEY	2	WILLIAM BAXTER	6
WILLIAM LOUD	3	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS	7
†CHARLES RAISON	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major inside. First peal of Major on the bells by entirely local band. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Andrews.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	Treble	WILLIE AARON	5
JAMES PARR	2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE	6
JOHN CAVANNAGH	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	JOSEPH WOODS	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by J. WOODS.

First peal as conductor. First peal for ringers of 3rd and 4th, who are only 15 years of age.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

NORMAN W. WESTLAKE	Treble	WALTER BINGHAM	5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	*ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
ALFRED G. WALLACE	4	REV. W. P. WRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal for the ringer of the treble (age 15). He is the first choirboy at Dore to take part in a peal, and is entitled to great credit for the way in which he handled his bell. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal for the new Peak District of the M.C.A. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Herbert Barber, master cutler of Sheffield 1909-10, warden at Dore 1912-14, interred at Ecclesall May 8th, 1929, the peal being conducted by one of his successors in the office of warden. Also in memory of the late Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., president of the Midland Counties Association, and a great friend to ringers. Interred at Littlecot, Derby, the previous week.

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FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS ABBOTT	Treble	JOHN R. MAIN	5
*CHARLES RICHARDSON	2	JOHN KING	6
†ALBERT W. BODDINGTON	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER	7
GEORGE EITE	4	GEORGE BASFORD	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung by an entirely local band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL	Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES	5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	2	WILLIAM G. ANKER	6
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
WILLIAM C. RHODES	4	JACOB SEABORNE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Daniel Henry Haigh, founder of the above church, who died May 10th, 1879.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	Treble	†DENNIS R. MORRIS	5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. 200th peal for the association by Messrs. R. G. Knowles and W. Ranford, and R. G. Knowles' 100th peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Holt, mother of the conductor.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

AMOS SMART	Treble	*HENRY STAPLETON	5
JOHN J. MAWBY	2	WALTER PERKINS	6
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
CHARLES W. CLARKE	4	*WILLIAM STOCK	Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Stedman. J. J. Mawby was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*GEORGE HUGHES	Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	WALTER FARLEY	6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	3	CYRIL WINWOOD	7
WILLIAM GREEN	4	*FRANK WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung within the octave of the Ascension.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	JAMES SPALDING 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES SAYER 6
EDWIN GOATE 3	ROSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

COSELEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
*JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* 150th peal. Rung on the eve of the day and Sunday School sermons.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
JAMES BILBY 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED REYNOLDS Treble	ALBERT L. DUNN 5
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM J. SMITH 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 4	*HORACE LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Pagett, who has been a chorister at St. Thomas' Church for 62 years, and a ringer 52 years. Also for Mr. A. Dunn, whose birthday was on the above date.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*THOMAS ROGERS Treble	JOHN BRESE 5
ERNEST JONES 2	THOMAS HAMMOND 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
†G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wacey 1, G. Beeston 2, F. Springham 3, H. A. Wacey 4, R. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, E. Ansell 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Also rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
FREDERICK G. COLE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

Arranged for Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
ARTHUR SKELTON 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
ALBERT PICKLES 4	HAROLD PEARCE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
*KENNETH C. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
†HERBERT R. PICKERING 3	ROBERT PICKERING 7
JACK W. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.'

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY Treble	*ALBERT HANCOCK 5
WALTER BOTTOMLEY 2	HARRY CHEW 6
REGGIE NOBLE 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
FRANK JAGGER 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOE GREENWOOD.

* First peal.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
EPHRAIM W. RANDS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SAMUEL PINDER 4	RICHARD C. BELTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	*CECIL NICE 6
*NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB AND CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

THOMAS E. SONE... ..	Treble	HARRY BAKER	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	ALBERT RELFE	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	TOM SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

In this peal the methods are changed in each consecutive lead throughout, and is the first peal rung on this plan. The 2nd is never in 5th's or 6th's place, and the 3rd never in 6th place at a course end.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN	Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER	5
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	6
THOMAS J. HULL	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
SYDNEY R. GARDNER	4	FRANCIS A. SMITH	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung after the dedication of a lych gate, erected by Mr. W. C. B. Giddins, Vicar's warden, in memory of his son.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY... ..	Treble	ALFRED KEEBLE	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY

The conductor's 200th peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GUILD OF ST. AMBROSE RINGERS.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD WILTSHIRE	Treble	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	5
†MISS BERTHA JORDAN	2	*FRANK SKIDMORE	6
EDWIN J. BROWN	3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE	7
†ALFRED KNIGHT... ..	4	*WILLIAM STAFFORD	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

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

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

DAVID HUGHES	Treble	ERIC H. LLOYD	5
LESTER L. GRAY	2	JOHN COOKE	6
JOHN BRESE	3	THOMAS ROGERS	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the first peal rung in the method, and first touch in the method by all the band. The method is No. 34, and the composition No. 16, of the Central Council's Collection.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD... ..	Treble	FRANK HARPER	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... ..	2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Quickest peal on the bells.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*STEPHEN PARRY... ..	Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT	4
JAMES INGHAM	2	†ALBERT BUCKLEY	5
†HAROLD HAMER... ..	3	WILLIAM HORAN	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Rung after meeting short for Major.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.)

*B. T. JEANS	Treble	ARTHUR H. REED	4
*EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER	2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
*HENRY SEALY	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, and 3rd from Ash Prior, remainder from Taunton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5-6
ERWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	WALTER ARNOLD	7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
Witness: ALBERT WIFFEN.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

FREDERICK PAGE	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... ..	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	7-8
PETER LAFLIN	9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 81, BEECH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B.

FREDERICK PAGE... ..	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	7-8
*WILLIAM JACKSON	9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS (Birmingham).

* First peal of Stedman in hand. First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**PROPOSAL TO PRINT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.**

The annual meeting at Lincoln on 'Fair Saturday' was the most successful one held since ringing at the Cathedral tower was stopped some years ago owing to the dangerous state of the fabric. Happily this state of things exists no longer, and the full peal of twelve bells was opened by the Guild on December 15th last. With such an attraction, a larger attendance was assured, and visitors from as far afield as Sheffield and Birmingham were in evidence. By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter the bells were available earlier than in former years, and from 1.45 until 3.30 the ringing chamber was crowded. Many also took the opportunity of climbing the tower to inspect and admire the unique internal arrangements. Nothing has been omitted to render these as perfect as possible. The lower parts of the louvres have been blocked up, and the only exit for the sound of the bells is near the top of the tower. An ample opening in the roof itself has also been provided. The tower might well be an outstanding example for architects, and, indeed, for any person or body of persons who have anything to do with the installation of a peal of bells. The sound of this beautiful peal can be heard at long distances in the city and the surrounding country, and yet in the immediate vicinity is so pleasantly soft and melodious that residents who formerly suffered greatly from the clanging and vibration now say that they actually look forward with pleasure to the ringing of the bells.

At the close of the afternoon's ringing a well-attended service was held in the morning chapel, when the address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln. A large company sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall, and the business meeting immediately followed, the Dean of Lincoln taking the chair.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected, namely: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

In thanking the meeting for their re-election, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Linley both referred to their long connection with the Guild, ever since its formation 30 years ago. They congratulated the Guild on the great progress that has been made during that time, and emphasised the fact that whereas in 1899 there were only two or three centres where change ringing was practised, now the art had spread practically to all parts of the diocese. The Master especially referred to the great achievement of the past year, namely, the accomplishment of the peal of London Surprise Major at Wasingborough in December last, the first for the Guild, and the first peal in the method by all the band.

The most important matter before the meeting was the consideration of the proposal to print a large report for next year, to include lists of members' names under the respective towers, and other matter which was deleted after the war on account of the great expense of printing. After some discussion a resolution was passed authorising a committee (formed of representative members from each branch) to meet and investigate the whole matter, with power to decide the form in which the next Report shall be issued.

After the meeting, the towers of the Cathedral and the two six-bell towers (St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's) were again visited. Naturally the Cathedral was again the centre of attraction, and a variety of methods were rung on the twelve, as well as a fine course of Cambridge Royal on the ten and a well-struck touch of London Surprise on the magnificent back eight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Great Waltham on May 11th, there being 23 members present from Great Baddow, Braintree, Chelmsford, Bromfield, Springfield, Maldon, Writtle, Dunmow and Greenstead Green. Service was conducted and an address given by the Vicar, who spoke about the bells of his own church. The 6th bell is 600 years old. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Ten at the Six Bells Inn was followed by the meeting, over which Mr. George Green (District Master) presided, supported by the Master and Mr. A. Saunders (North-Eastern District) and Dr. Spencer Phillips. One new hon. member and one ringing member were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting on July 13th at Sandon, which is a three miles' bus ride from Chelmsford. Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for giving the association the use of the bells, and for his splendid address; also to the organist and to Mr. Davis for having everything in readiness. The members again visited the tower, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich to Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE BUST OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

'The Builder' newspaper has had a review of some of the Royal Academy exhibits, and its critic, Mr. T. P. Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., writes of the bust of the hon. secretary of the College Youths as follows:—

'W. T. Cockerill, Esq. A bust by Miss Muriel B. G. Hiley is a very clever piece of modelling by a very good artist. This essay in portraiture would appear to pave the way to real success in the near future.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BRADLEY CHURCH AND BELLS.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. O. Poulter). The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and Mr. Wheeler was organist. Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Coward, of Mere, Wilts, Mr. Woodroffe, of Stratton, and Mr. Knapp, of Swindon, and congratulated Mr. S. J. Hector on his first peal of Superlative. He also referred to the death of Mr. J. D. Roberts, the respected organist of Seend Parish Church, who was a great friend of the ringers, and was always pleased to welcome the branch to Seend.—Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, he referred to the Vicar's leaving, and on behalf of the branch wished him 'God-speed.' The Chairman also thanked the organist, and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The annual Report of the Guild was handed to those present.

Ringers, including those mentioned, were present from North Bradley, Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Holt, Trowbridge and Rowde, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Cambridge Minor was also attempted.

The church at North Bradley was formerly attached to the Monastic Church at Edington. It consists of clerestoried nave and aisles and two chapels. In the fifteenth century the church was remodelled, the clerestory added to the nave, the north chapel erected, and the chancel aisles, porch and tower rebuilt. Both north and south chapels retain their ancient roofs. The octagonal font is a very fine one, of Perpendicular date, having the symbols of the four Evangelists, and the instruments of the Passion carved upon it. The tower, too, is worthy of Somerset. One wonders if John Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury, whose family lived at Southwick Court, and who was, before his translation, Bishop of Bath and Wells (temp. Henry VI.) having anything to do with the rebuilding. He certainly built the north chapel, because it contains the tomb of his mother, Emma (d. 1446).

There are six bells. The tenor, approximately 14 cwt. (cast by John Wallis), has the inscription, 'Prayed be Thy Name, O Lord. I.W. 1591.' The front five bells were cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, Somerset, in 1748, the fifth having the inscription, 'Mr. James Werratt and Mr. Thomas Pepler, Churchwardens, 1748. T. Bilbie Fecit.'

A brass plate in the ringing chamber records that they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, in 1893, at the cost of £160.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 11th, and was attended by nearly 50 members. The heavy going of the bells was not conducive to good striking, but good practice was obtained in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major. The young band that Mr. F. White has formed also had good practice in rounds, and received valuable hints from members as to managing their bells.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. C. Swingler), who is an hon. member, assisted by the curate (who is learning to ring). Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ, and the Vicar gave an excellent address. Capt. E. R. W. Lewis (one of the churchwardens) was also present at the service.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Capt. Lewis, Mr. F. White, etc.—Over a dozen new practising members were elected, including the newly-formed local band, and Capt. Lewis was elected an hon. member.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held towards the end of July at Westerham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to Mr. F. White for making the arrangements, and to Capt. Lewis for his attendance, and replied to, and the members adjourned to the tower.

BISHOP WITNESSES RINGING.

The Lord Bishop of Sherborne preached at evensong at Bratton, Wilts, on Sunday, May 5th, and after the service visited the ringing chamber, where he shook hands with all the ringers, saying it was a great pleasure to visit the church at which his old school friend was Vicar. His lordship remained while the ringers rang 120 of Stedman Doubles, after which, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. S. Collett), he gave his blessing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Andover District was held at Amport on Saturday, May 4th, when 18 members were present from Andover, Highclere, King's Somborne, St. Mary Bourne, North Stoneham, Woolton Hill and Winchester, with a very welcome visitor from Swindon. During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the ring of six bells, touches of Grandsire, Bob and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the Church Hut, and the business meeting followed. The Vicar of Amport, who was voted to the chair, extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. He said that he was sorry that his own ringers were not present, but in the near future he hoped that they would take their place in the fellowship of the Guild.

It was decided to hold meetings at Laverstoke on June 29th and Andover on October 5th, also a combined practice at Andover on June 12th.

During the evening a party went over to Thruxton and rang various touches of Doubles on the old ring of five bells, which badly need the attention of a bell hanger.

A very successful meeting of the Alton District was held at Froyle on Saturday, May 11th, when 28 members were present from Binsted, Blackmoor, Selborne, Froyle, Fareham, North Stoneham and Winchester. During the afternoon and evening good practice was had in various methods on the ring of six bells.

After the service, the party were very kindly entertained to tea by Sir Hubert Miller at the Shrubbery House. At the business meeting which followed, Rev. E. Eyres presided, supported by Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Read and others. Sir Hubert Miller, Bart., was elected a life member, and four members of the Froyle band were elected members of the Guild.—It was decided to hold meetings at Privitt on September 21st and Selborne on November 23rd.

Votes of thanks were passed to Sir Hubert Miller and the Vicar of Froyle.

HESTON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Gash (first quarter of Triples away from tenor) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, H. Payne (Harlington) 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, S. Stilwell 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne and to Mr. L. Mannering, who is in India.

A JOINT MEETING IN SURREY.

A joint meeting of the North-West Branch of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Ewell on Saturday, but the attendance proved disappointing, only twenty-one ringers being present. The following towers were represented: Croydon (St. John's), Ewell, Woking, Leatherhead, Ealing (Christ Church), St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Guildford (Cathedral), Dorking, Banstead, Mitcham (Parish Church), 'Balham-in-the-Fields,' 'Beddington Cathedral,' 'House of Commons Church,' and 'Chelsea Abbey.' The Leatherhead District secretary would be glad to know something regarding the situation of the four last-named, as he has only a hazy notion as to their whereabouts. The almost total absence of ringers from the locality was commented upon, no members being present from either of the Epsom towers. Ringing commenced on the nice peal of eight at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., and was continued after the tea.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Ewell, the Rev. E. C. Usherwood, who, after welcoming the members to his church, proceeded to give an interesting address on the uses of church bells, and reminded his hearers that they were primarily a call to prayer.

A bountiful tea was partaken of in the Church Room, the Vicar presiding. The tea was so bountiful in fact, that in spite of the presence of certain members who have notoriously large appetites, plenty remained after all had been satisfied.

This being a friendly meeting, no business was transacted, but the Leatherhead District Secretary (Mr. A. R. Pink) called for a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his interesting address and for his presence amongst them that evening, to the organist who kindly stepped into the breach at the last minute, to all those who had waited upon them at the table, and to Mr. C. E. Read, of Ewell, for making all the necessary arrangements. This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar said how pleased he was to be present, and hoped to listen afterwards to their further efforts on the bells.

With regard to the ringing done during the day, although numbers were few, the standard was high. The meeting opened with a course of London Surprise, which augured well for that which was to come. Other methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative Cambridge and Bristol. Much attention was devoted to 'splicing,' and touches of 'spliced' included Grandsire and Stedman, London and Cambridge, Superlative and Cambridge, several members ringing their first touches of 'spliced' methods. Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m., when the members departed to their other 'duties,' having voted the meeting a success, despite the small attendance.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has now over two hundred towers affiliated, and over two thousand members.

The opening of the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, took place on May 27th, 1862.

It was on May 28th, 1787, that the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung. This was by the College Youths at Horsley Down, London, and last year the same composition was rung by the society.

Next Tuesday is also the anniversary of the Bristol Surprise record (15,264) rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. at Hornchurch, Essex, in 1912.

The same date is the anniversary of the first Surprise peal rung out of England—Superlative Surprise Major at Bray, Ireland.

The first Surprise peal in Wales was rung the next day (New Cambridge at Bangor), after the ringing of the only peal ever rung on the sea (Stedman Caters), which was accomplished during the crossing between Dublin and Holyhead. It is not often that three peals of such historic interest are rung in two days. There are four men ringing to-day who took part in all three of these peals, which were rung in the year 1901.

His many ringing friends will join in congratulating Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of Cardiff, on conducting his first peal since his serious accident three years ago last February. As Mr. Chamberlain had to stand throughout practically on one leg, his pluck will be greatly admired. It is a triumph over severe disability. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the peal was the first of Stedman Caters by all the band and by resident ringers of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

SHOULD NONCONFORMISTS RING AT CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest that point in your current number. Though I am the son of a colonel, who was a great churchman, I entirely agree with Colonel Robson in admitting Nonconformists to take a rope. This is a day of much talk about reunion of Christians. Why not take this small step towards it? Some say that Nonconformists separated from the Church; if so, there are faults on both sides. Is it not our place to hold out a friendly hand? Let any readers who love their Bibles read, for instance, Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. They need go no further than the first chapter, especially the third verse, to see the broadness of Paul's mind. Let us take a hint from that.—Yours truly,

W. E. PITMAN.

Canterbury.

GIFTS TO MARSDEN BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As captain of the Marsden Parish Church bellringers I have just received four certificates of membership, two framed, one of which is an engraving by Bartolozzi (the College Youths' certificate) and several works on bellringing and numerous copies of peals. These were articles that our late friend, Mr. Joseph Edwin Sykes, of Ainsley House, Marsden, well known to many ringers, had desired should be handed over to the custody of the belfry of St. Bartholomew's, Marsden. I was pleased to receive these useful gifts on behalf of the ringers from Mr. J. E. Syke's brother, Major Frederick Sykes, of Marsden.—Yours faithfully,

H. SHAW.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS OF BOB MAJOR.

Mr. H. W. Gayton writes that a peal of Bob Major (5,056 changes) in the Beds Association Report for 1927, and a peal of 5,120 Bob Major in the Beds Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Reports respectively for 1928, are both false, the trouble in each case being identical, viz., a lead in each half repeating at the B leads. Mr. Gayton has brought this to the notice of the hon. secretaries concerned, so that the peals may be withdrawn from the records.

Mr. A. Craven's composition published in 'The Ringing World' of April 5th is also false as it stands.

IN CORNWALL.

Notice of a peal attempt, which was successful and has already been recorded, was included in the usual Sunday notices by the Vicar of Perranarworthal, Cornwall. Unfortunately, however, he instructed his congregation that this would take place exactly a week earlier than the actual date.

Notices of this kind certainly give those who dislike prolonged ringing a chance to 'go out' for the evening, but on this occasion, if any left, they went prematurely.

Mr. A. R. Pink, of Dorking, who conducted this peal, had the misfortune of standing in attempts that failed for Grandsire Triples at St. Kea, Bob Minor at St. Erme, and Grandsire Triples at Phillack, on the previous Thursday, Friday and Saturday respectively.

This 'minor' tour in humble methods concluded with a splendid peal at Truro, Cathedral on the 3rd inst.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Central Council was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, and was attended by 78 members. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president) presided, and a welcome was extended to the members by Canon Morrow (the Sub-Dean) and by the Mayor of Chelmsford.

The statement of accounts was adopted. It showed receipts amounting to £21 9s. 6d., and expenses amounting to £16 5s. 6d., thus increasing the balance in hand from £26 15s. 6d. to £31 19s. 6d.

The receipts from the sale of publications was £6 5s. 3d., but there was a loss of £3 9s. on this account.

The Librarian's report was adopted, and it was resolved that the pamphlet on the 'Preservation of Bells,' which was out of print, should be revised and reprinted.

Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. James George and Mr. H. W. Wilde were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. W. A. Cave was elected an hon. member.

After new members had been presented to the president, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) reported the loss by death during the year of three members, Mr. J. D. Drewett, Alderman R. B. Chambers and Mr. R. Holloway, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect. He also reported that the Standing Committee had considered the question of general ringing on the day of national thanksgiving for the King's recovery, and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to His Majesty with a record of the peals that are rung in connection with the event.

The Roll of Honour had been completed by the addition of six names, and Mr. Carter's ringing machine was having a new motor put to it. It was hoped this machine would be available for demonstration by November.

The Peal Collection Committee's report was brief, Mrs. Fletcher stating that the Rev. H. G. T. Richardson was now proving the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the Literature and Press Committee's report, which commented upon the generally satisfactory nature of press references to bells and bell-ringing, and added a word of warning that careful watch should be kept on any legislation promoted to deal with noises, in order that nothing should creep in which would be detrimental to the ringing of church bells. The report asked that the members of the legal profession on the Council be asked to keep an eye on legislative measures of this nature and be prepared to take such action in conjunction with the Standing Committee as emergency might demand.

A sub-committee which has been revising the 'Rules for a Local Company' had, it was reported by Mr. E. W. Elwell, practically concluded its labours, and a new edition would shortly be printed.

As was expected, the report of the Methods Committee (published in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th) aroused great controversy. Its acceptance was moved by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope in reasoned speeches.

Mr. W. Willson moved to refer it back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman arrangement of Grandsire Doubles, the Bankes James Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the Law James London Surprise Minor, on the ground that they were 'hopelessly false.'—Mr. James George seconded.

The debate was interrupted by the luncheon interval, and during the afternoon a number of members took part, and on a division the amendment was carried by 30 votes to 29 on a second count.

On being put as a substantive motion, however, Mr. Willson's resolution was defeated, and a deadlock was thus arrived at. At the suggestion of Mr. Trollope it was eventually decided to print these compositions in an appendix with a note that their publication did not commit anyone to the opinion that they were suitable to be used in a peal.

This suggestion was adopted by 44 votes to three.

The Peals Analyses Committee's report, already published, was adopted, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. Williams.

Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. A. T. Beeson having resigned from the committee, Mr. James George and Mr. G. R. Pye were added to it, and the committee were thanked for their valuable work.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report (also already published in these columns) was adopted on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and the committee were entrusted with the preparation of a revised edition of the book on the preservation of bells, which will include the committee report on acoustics of towers.

The Records Committee's report, presented by Mr. T. H. Beams, was adopted, as was also an important and valuable report presented by Mr. F. A. Milne for the Legal Committee on 'The Law Affecting Church Bells.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the motion should read: 'The Council then came to the motions on the agenda, and another important discussion centred round that moved by Mr. R. Whittington and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling: 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.'

The Rev. E. G. Powell suggested that the motion should read: 'That the Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor any composition in which each 720 is not true and complete, and which does not start from and end with rounds.'—Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Eventually the proposer and seconder withdrew their motion in favour of the amendment, but an amendment moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, was put, that further consideration of the matter be deferred until a future meeting.—The amendment was declared carried by 34 or 35 votes to 24, and was then adopted as the substantive motion.

In the absence of Mr. Elwell, who had had to leave early, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed: (a) 'That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum'; (b) 'That associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.'—Rev. C. A. Clements seconded.—The first part (a) of the motion was defeated, and the second portion (b) was carried.

The following motion, proposed by Rev. H. Drake and seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, was also approved: (a) 'The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area'; (b) 'The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Conferences and to the Church Assembly.'

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and supported by the hon. secretary, it was resolved that the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting.

On behalf of Mr. Walter Ayre (who was unable to be present owing to illness), Mr. E. A. Young moved: 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.'—Mr. J. George seconded.—The motion was negatived, the opinion of the meeting being that this was a matter best left in the hands of the associations themselves.

Next year's meeting falls to be held in London, and, amid applause, the Council learned that the hon. secretary had been able to secure (subject to no unforeseen circumstances arising) the use of a room at Lambeth Palace for the meeting.

Mr. James George made a suggestion that the Council should undertake the publication of a complete directory of ringers, and was informed by the president that a matter of this kind could only be discussed upon a formal resolution, which he told Mr. George must appear on the agenda.

A vote of congratulation to the president on his recovery from his illness, and of thanks to him for the admirable way in which he had presided over what was at times a difficult meeting, was passed on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, and the meeting concluded at 5 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Mayor, the Sub-Dean, Mr. Howard and the members of the Essex Association for the arrangements made for the comfort of the members.

Afterwards the members and their friends were entertained to tea at the County Hotel by the Essex Association, and in the evening, after ringing at the Cathedral, there was a social gathering at the hotel.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in subsequent issues of 'The Ringing World.'

YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH.

The S. Nicolas' tower, Guildford, has lost a valued ringer by the death of Sidney Stedman Radford at the early age of 16 years.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 20th, and was attended by a number of ringers, a touch of Grandsire Triples being rung at the graveside, and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on the S. Nicolas' tower bells. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Septimus Radford, his father, who has been steeple-keeper for 35 years at this tower.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, May 4th. It had originally been decided to hold this meeting at Thurleigh, but this arrangement had to be altered at the last minute owing to a death in the parish. Over 30 members, however, were present at Milton Ernest from the following towers: Bedford, Cardington, Thurleigh, Keysoe, Riseley, Harrold, Turvey, Clapham, Bromham, Kempston, Wilden, Roughton, Milton Ernest, Sandy, Higgleswade and Olney, Herts, and methods ranging from Grandsire to London Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was the election of eight new members, and another was the number of young ringers present. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Copple on June 1st.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.—At St. Edward's Church, on April 10th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Watkins 1, A. E. Jones 2, J. J. Price (first quarter as conductor) 3, T. F. Preece 4, W. J. Beniams 5, G. C. Abley 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

MONDAY'S CELEBRATION AT CHELMSFORD.

FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS.

The jubilee celebration of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whit Monday brought together a large number of members from all parts of the country, and representatives of many other associations attended to show their interest in the proceedings and to extend their congratulations to the association upon the interesting event. The association was founded on Whit Monday, 1879, at Writtle, by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, who was then priest-in-charge of that parish. The preliminary meeting held at Writtle Vicarage on May 9th, 1879, was attended by representatives from six neighbouring parishes. At this meeting a set of rules was drawn up, and it was decided to circularise every incumbent, churchwarden and band of ringers attached to towers of five bells and upwards in the county inviting them to Writtle on the following Whit Monday. The inaugural meeting was attended by clergy, churchwardens and forty-seven ringers from fifteen parishes, and the association was duly launched. Of those present at that first meeting only six are known to be alive to-day, viz., Messrs. W. Hawkes (Springfield), W. Bearman (Bocking), F. Rudkin, T. Edwards and T. Watson (Braintree), and B. Keeble (Romford). Messrs. Rudkin and Hawkes are still members of the association. The Rev. J. B. Seaman, who convened the preliminary meeting, was appointed the first hon. secretary. He held office for four years, and resigned on going to Manitoba to join his son there. He was succeeded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who held the position until 1886, when the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected. During his term of office, the association made great strides, and by 1901 the membership had increased to 532. The county was then divided into four divisions, each with its own District Master and Secretary.

At the same time another new office was created in the appointment of a Master for the whole association. To this position the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected, and held office until 1909, when he left the county. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, who had acted as assistant secretary since 1890, was appointed to succeed Canon Papillon as hon. secretary and treasurer. He remained in office until 1921, when the present esteemed secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, was elected. During the time the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre held office the association increased in numbers and usefulness under his able guidance. Upon the resignation of Canon Papillon Mr. C. H. Howard was appointed Master, and has held office up to the present time.

To-day there are in the county 3 rings of twelve bells, 3 of ten, 45 of eight, 63 of six, and 60 of five, making a total of 174 rings of five bells and upwards. Of these, 93 are in union with the association.

A revival in the restoration of bells has taken place in the county during the last twenty years, in no small measure due to the advocacy of the Master, and a great many augmentations and re-hangings are due to the association's efforts and influence. Among them is the ring of 12 for the Cathedral to which the association gave the treble bell, being the first association of ringers in the county to make such a gift. At this time, when the association is celebrating its jubilee, the membership is the highest yet attained. It exceeds the record of last year by 24, and is made up as follows. Hon. members 89, resident ringing members 780, non-resident ringing members 215, making a total of 1,064.

A WORK OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE.

Monday's gathering was both large and successful. Members were present from all districts and most of the affiliated towers. In addition there were many members of the Central Council from distant parts of England who had arrived for the proceedings on Tuesday, and something approaching 300 ringers must have visited Chelmsford to share in the celebration, which officially began with service in the Cathedral. The building was well filled, and the singing was led by the organ. The association's customary form was used, and the sermon was preached by the newly-enthroned Bishop of Chelmsford, who, as president of the association, met the members for the first time. He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of them, and in taking a prominent part in that service, which was a kind of annual consecration and rededication of the work in which they were engaged. They were, he said, a people who practised and preserved an art intimately associated with the romantic, sentimental and profoundly religious moments in the lives of the community, and a people who were doing a work of tremendous importance in our national life to-day. They were living, he said, in days when every institution and every society was being challenged with the question, 'What is the good of it?' The test of value in these days was generally the test of crude gain. They could say quite truly that bellringers were not essential to life; that they did not increase the national income, or make any contribution to the increase of exports or imports. They could not pass any financial tests, and in the spirit which prevailed in many directions to-day they might say there was no place for the bellringer—let him go. But that, he thought, was

a mistake of the most serious kind. There were certain embellishments and adornments in life which were absolutely essential. Who could deny that life to-day would be infinitely poorer if it were shorn of the multitude of things that had no value in £ s. d.? He looked upon bellringing as one of those adornments and embellishments of life, one of the things which beautified worship, and he said without hesitation that if an art of that kind were banished from among them, their moral and spiritual life would be so much the poorer. The work in which the ringers were engaged was a beautiful and gracious contribution to life to-day, and he hoped the day would never come when worship would be robbed of the art of the change ringer. In giving the ringers a message, the Bishop quoted an inscription to be found on a bell at Colchester: 'Different in size, in note, and weight, both small and great we harmonise.' That was a thought which he would ask them to carry away with them. They were all different in size, in note and in weight—different in moral and physical and intellectual weight—but could it be said of them that, small and great, they harmonised? Were they each making their contribution towards the common stock, which was essential if there was to be harmony among them? They had each a contribution to make to the common stock; a contribution for the common well-being; but if it were made by them all, then, 'different in size



MR. C. H. HOWARD.

Twenty years Master of the Essex Association.

and note, both small and great, we harmonise.' If the bells they rung taught them that priceless lesson, their lives would be enriched and blessed by the dignified work in which they were engaged.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service, at which a collection was taken for the association's bell restoration fund, the members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where the Bishop presided over the annual business meeting, and was supported on the platform by Canon Morrow, the new Rector and Sub-Dean of Chelmsford, the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), the hon. secretary (Mr. F. J. Pitstow), and four of the original members of the society, Messrs. W. Hawkes, W. Bearman, F. Rudkin and T. Edwards.

The Master extended a welcome to the Bishop and the Sub-Dean, and, having expressed the association's deep regret at the death of Canon Lake, the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Bishop thanked the members for the honour they had done him in electing him as president. He said he could not but feel, as

he looked round that gathering, what a fine body of people they were. To find so many ready to turn up at the annual meeting was a most impressive thing. It was particularly pleasing to see so many young men among them, apparently determined to carry on the fine tradition associated with bellringing. In carrying on this work, these young men were doing something of great value, and he congratulated them and the association as well (applause).

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and under the able guidance of the Bishop was disposed of with commendable dispatch.

The report and balance sheet were first adopted.

STILL SCOPE FOR EXPANSION.

In his annual report the Master remarked that even with the present record membership of 1,064 there is ample scope for increase. A considerable number of towers, especially in the outlying villages, are not yet affiliated, and change ringing is not yet practised. He appealed to those more fortunate members in the parishes where the art is firmly established to pay visits during the summer months to some of those towers, a word of encouragement, and, where possible, to offer their services as instructors, and so give their less fortunately placed fellow-ringers an opportunity to acquire the art.

The Master also commented upon the number of belfry improvements that had taken place during the year, and remarked that the fifty peals rung, although rather less than the previous year, made a very creditable list. The peal of Superlative Maximus at the Cathedral, and New Cambridge and Kent Surprise Major at Harlow Common were each the first in the method by the association. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in twenty-two methods at Chigwell Row by the Leytonstone band was a very remarkable performance requiring great concentration of mind, and deserved special mention. The association was again indebted to W. Keeble for his indefatigable services as conductor in 19 peals in nine different towers. Quite a number of young members had been piloted by him through their first peal, or first peal in a Surprise method, during the year. The financial statement was quite satisfactory. Including the balance in hand from last year, the total income from all sources in the general secretary's account amounted to £70 15s. 5d., and expenditure to £35 17s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £24 17s. 9d. The balance of the Bell Restoration Fund was gradually increasing. Grants of £2 2s. to Elmdon, £3 3s. to Great Bardfield, and £2 2s. to Saffron Walden had been made, leaving a balance in hand of £21 15s. 10d. The reserve fund had increased from £178 14s. 3d. to £186 6s. 7d.

A large measure of the association's success was due to the excellent services rendered by the officers, and for the ready co-operation given by the clergy, without whose assistance it would be almost impossible to continue, and the association tender to them their grateful thanks. Encouraged with such a past record, the Master appealed to the members to go forward with renewed effort, strengthened by the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship, determined to accomplish even better results in the future, ever remembering the responsibilities of their office of summoning the people to public worship.

MASTER'S 21st ELECTION.

The Master was unanimously elected for the twenty-first time with applause, on the motion of Mr. T. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Butler.

Mr. Pitstow was re-elected hon. secretary, and heartily thanked for his past services, the Master mentioning the long connection which the Pitstow family had had with the association, and the work which they had done for it.

The five members, to act with the officers on the committee, were re-elected, viz., Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner and F. Dench. A vacancy on the peal committee, caused by the death of Mr. F. Pitstow, was filled by the election of Mr. G. L. Joyce, the other members (Messrs. T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble) being re-elected, as were also the association's representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard and E. J. Butler, for the triennial term commencing in 1930.

The auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner, were re-elected, some amusement being caused by the suggestion that their salary should be doubled. Eventually they were elected at the same salary as heretofore, but, as the Bishop pointed out, this did not matter one way or the other; the amount was the same—nothing.

A number of new members were elected, including Canon Morrow, the Rev. H. V. Riess (Vicar of Harwich), as hon. members, and Messrs. C. H. Jennings (Weymouth), W. H. Shaker (Manchester), and J. Hunt (Taunton) as life members.

Mr. T. Edwards, one of the foundation members, expressed his pleasure at being present at the jubilee meeting, and recalled the formation of the association and some of his experiences in ringing in those early days in the Braintree district.

Mr. Faulkner invited the association to hold a meeting at Barking in September in connection with the tranksgiving which was then to be held to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the church.

At the suggestion of Mr. L. Wiffen the Master undertook that the committee should consider the question of making a contribution to the Canon Lake memorial.

Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), who had arrived during the meeting, extended congratulations to the association upon celebrating its jubilee. He could, he said, go back to the time when the association was founded. One of the prime movers was a dear old friend of his, the Rev. H. A. Cockey. They were undergraduates together at Oxford, and both learned to ring there. Mr. Cockey began by helping to form a county association, and if he had been alive he would have been a leading spirit there that day, and would have been overjoyed at that large assembly of ringers, properly taken notice of by their Bishop. He wished them all success in the future, and hoped by the time they kept their second jubilee their numbers would not only be doubled but, rather, trebled or quadrupled (applause).

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for preaching to them, to Canon Morrow for the use of the Cathedral and the bells, and to the other incumbents of neighbouring churches who had placed bells at their disposal.

Canon Morrow replied, and promised that anything he could do to further the interests of the association in the tower of the Cathedral or in any other way he would be pleased to do for them.

Luncheon was afterwards served in the Corn Exchange, when over 250 sat down. The chair was taken by the Bishop, who was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, Canon Morrow, Mr. C. H. Howard, Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. W. Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association), Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Mr. T. Faulkner, Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. Black, etc.

MAYORAL THEORY OF THE FIRST BELL.

The Bishop proposed the toast of 'The King,' and the Mayor submitted 'The Church,' in which he was both grave and gay. He often had wondered, he said, who invented the bell, and he had come to the conclusion that a Mayor must have had something to do with it. As they had recognised, Mayors were pretty good people in turning up at feasts (laughter). In primitive times Mayors and councillors, when they assembled to dine, often prepared their meals in a pot over a camp fire, and in that he saw the discovery of the bell (laughter). He could imagine some Mayor having had a good dinner round the camp fire, and, at the conclusion of the meal, taking up his mace and tinkling the pot which had contained his dinner, with the mace. He thus discovered the soloist quality of a hemispherical measure (laughter). Having got their bells, they got campanologists, and hence mayors and bellringers' luncheons seemed bound up together (laughter). The Mayor went on to voice appreciation, on behalf of the public, of the manner in which the ringers devoted themselves to their work in the cause of the Church. Bells, he said, were the voice of the Church: they touched and searched the hearts of young and old, and their speech and meaning was manifold.

The Bishop replied to the toast, and Canon Morrow proposed 'The Essex Association,' referring to its magnificent growth, which he attributed largely to the untiring efforts of Mr. Howard (applause). Canon Morrow proved that he was no stranger to a belfry, and caused amusement by relating an experience in West Ham belfry many years ago, when he and a friend, who rose to a high position in the Navy, were both swung up by the tenor bell, and had their heads knocked together in the process.

Mr. Howard, replying to the toast, disclaimed the credit given him for the success of the association, and said it was due to the excellent officers which the association had had during its whole history. Mr. Howard briefly reviewed the progress of the association, and referred to the fact that a great many bells in Essex had been restored through the efforts of the association. They had succeeded in stopping the pernicious practice of 'clocking,' which had cracked so many ancient bells, and added that much greater care was taken of bells than used to be the case. Wherever there was a band of change ringers they would find that the bells were properly cared for, which proved that the association was fulfilling a valuable duty. The association had on many occasions been the means of getting bells rehung where they would not otherwise have been touched. At such towers they usually held a meeting and put before the authorities the need for improvement, and they usually found that they were well supported. The Master went on to refer to the interest and enthusiasm which many of their members maintained, and spoke of the fact that Essex had produced some of the finest ringers and composers known to the Exercise. They were particularly fortunate in having had among them the Pye family, who began their ringing at a five-bell tower, and had become the most remarkable family of ringers in the country (applause). The spirit of brotherhood which existed among ringers was, said Mr. Howard, largely responsible for the success of all their associations. There was no stronger brotherhood existing in any branch of the Church more than existed among the ringers of to-day (applause).

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Ambrosden on Saturday, May 4th, 43 being present, including Rev. W. O'Rieley (chairman), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Guild Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Rev. C. E. Edwards (Piddington), Rev. Oake (Ambrosden), and representatives of Bicester, Islip, Middleton, Stoney, Launton, Caversfield, Piddington towers, and visitors from Tring, Burford, Oxford, Abingdon and Heyford. Several excellent touches in various methods were rung in the afternoon, after which the Guild service was conducted by Rev. Oake, a particularly interesting sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Busher (Rector of Charlton-on-Otmoor), from the 122nd Psalm words, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'

After the service, the party adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent repast was waiting. At the meeting which followed, the branch chairman (Rev. W. O'Rieley) extended a welcome, and said how pleased he was to see so many present. It was easily the largest number at a branch meeting.

The hon. secretary gave his report, which was considered highly satisfactory. The balance sheet was next presented, and was adopted.

Rev. Oake next spoke of the work that had been carried out at Ambrosden, the ring of six bells having been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles, and said how very much he had to thank Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, for his invaluable services during the carrying out of the scheme. The branch also accorded to him their appreciation of all the time and energy he had spent to make the alterations a success.

Rev. O'Rieley was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch with acclamation.—The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. A. Clifton, was re-elected, and the representatives on the Guild Committee (Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. F. Neale) were also re-elected.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. Wright each gave an interesting address. Two new members were elected (one honorary and one ringing member).

Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. Dr. Busher for his address, Mrs. Oake for her services at the organ, and Rev. Oake for all his trouble in arranging the meeting and tea, and making the whole proceedings a great success. Later there was some excellent ringing on the bells.

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'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. Black, was responded to by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

MASTER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

An interesting presentation to the Master was then made by Mr. T. Faulkner, who, on behalf of the members, handed to Mr. Howard a handsome silver tea and coffee service. It had been said in 'The Ringing World' last week that the Essex Association was a virile association, and that the officers were tactful and energetic. Not the least tactful and not the least energetic, proceeded Mr. Faulkner, had been their Master, and they desired to give him some slight recognition of the tact and energy which he had shown in the work of the association for many years. That gift was a tangible token of their affection and regard. That day he entered upon his 21st year as Master. He (Mr. Faulkner) proposed him on the first occasion, and he was thankful to have been there to propose him on the 21st (applause). Mr. Howard had been one of the most kindly and complacent Masters of any association in any part of the country. He had made them feel that he was not their Master but their brother (applause). Whoever had suggested the form of the present must have had a thought for Mrs. Howard and the sacrifices she must have made in sparing her husband to do so much for the association. He hoped Mr. and Mrs. Howard would use this service, and every time they used it would remember that it was a present from the ringers of Essex in appreciation of what they had done for the Essex Association. The teapot was inscribed, 'Presented to Charles H. Howard by the Essex Association in appreciation of his services as Master, 1909-1929.'

The gift was handed to Mr. Howard amid cheers, followed by the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' The Master had to acknowledge that he had been taken completely by surprise. He expressed his gratitude for the gift, and said that as long as the association required his services it would be his endeavour to serve them as faithfully as he had done in the past.

This concluded the speech making, and the members dispersed to the many towers in the district, where they enjoyed ringing throughout the rest of the day. The twelve bells at the Cathedral were the centre of attraction, but private cars and specially chartered buses took visitors to Writtle, Widford, Galleyswood, Great Baddow, Great Waltham and Boreham, which all have peals of eight, and Broomfield and Springfield, which have rings of six.

The day was one of the most successful and enjoyable in the long history of the association.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Sawston (8) on Saturday, May 25th. A good attendance is requested. Election of district ringing master, etc.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Church of St. Paul, Bentley, is situated on the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, 3 miles from Brentwood, 4 from Ongar. Buses leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) at 3, 3.30 and 4 p.m. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th, instead of on the 18th, as previously arranged. A plain tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2.45.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. As Mr. Cowper, 88, Melbourn Road, Royston, is arranging the tea will all members who require tea notify him? A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome. — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Aldington (by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long) on May 25th. Mr. Slingsby's 92nd birthday party. Bells available 2.30 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, after service. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Winterbourne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2. Service 3.30.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Tea can be had at Hutchison Café, Market Place. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe St., Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? A good attendance is requested.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 25th. Church of St. Giles' (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.). Available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at The Crispin at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Please send names in. Reports available. Subscriptions due. Members from other districts cordially invited.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Amersham on Saturday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than May 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute. Members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must inform me on or before Wednesday, May 29th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. Please advise me of tea requirements not later than May 29th. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country! Cheap trains from Baker Street, and other Metropolitan Stations.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. Numbers for tea by May 29th to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Willington (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Cople bells are not available for this meeting.—J. T. Newington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers early. Meat tea will be provided at Cooke's Café at 5 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney. Please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, number for tea. Members from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on June 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. F. Nye, Lynhurst, Bagshot, before May 30th.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only notifying me by Wednesday, May 29th.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d. per head) only to those notifying me by May 29th. Reports (6d.) may be obtained. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Rowde bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Bus service from Devizes to Rowde (2 miles), Bromham (4 miles).—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. Tea will be provided for all who notify the Rev. J. B. Frith, The Rectory, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs, before May 29th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsover, June 1st. Bells will be open early. Tea, at 5, to all who let Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, know before the 30th. Entries will be received for ringing contest to be held at Ecclesfield in July.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30, service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock. Business important. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 28th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting to follow. Archdeacon Howson will be present. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting and notify

me before Tuesday, June 4th, of their intention of doing so.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Practice, Wednesday nights, from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Annual outing on Saturday, June 22nd, to Stratford-on-Avon, in conjunction with the parish outing. Train leaves Paddington Station at 11.28 a.m. Fare 5s. Will all members desiring to attend please advise secretary at once?—W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., Rector; F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The meeting at Stowmarket is cancelled.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

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KNIGHTON, RAD.—On Whit Sunday, May 19th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. W. Watkins 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. E. Jones 3, T. F. Preece 4, W. T. Gough 5, S. Evans (conductor) 6, G. C. Abbey 7.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, G. J. Winter 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, J. Smith (first quarter-peal in the method) 6.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, W. Idle 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choquet 4, F. Digby 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, A. C. Darnell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8. This was arranged for Mr. W. Idle, of Dowsbury, Yorkshire.

DUNSTABLE.—On May 5th, for matins, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. B. Chappell 1, C. Rollings 2, G. H. Sentence (longest length of Surprise) 3, A. V. Good 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, April 28th, for the industrial service, 1,056 Superlative Surprise Major: R. C. Kersey 1, Tony Price (longest length) 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, A. Keeble 4, F. J. Smith 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): G. Stemp 1, Miss J. M. Melville 2, C. Kippen 3, M. Northover 4, A. Bashford 5, J. Foster 6, G. F. Head (conductor) 7, H. Hooper 8, W. Claydon 9, A. Cheasley 10.

HORNSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles) in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

LYMINGE.—On April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Sken 6, J. Reeves 7, R. Webb 8.

FELSTED.—On Sunday, April 7th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, for matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. E. Haslen 1, F. Jacob 2, A. H. Farrow 3, H. Ebert 4, W. T. Farrow 5, J. Wood (conductor) 6. First in the method and by the local band, and first as conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, April 7th, at Brookfield Church, for service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Knott 1, A. Barnes 2, E. Seddon 3, E. Mawby 4, J. Fearnhead 5, H. Gaskill 6, C. Ollier (conductor) 7, G. Eaton 8. All except the ringer of the 2nd are service ringers at the above church. Longest length in the method for the treble, 2nd and 4th ringers.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, April 7th, for sung Mass, 720 Norbury Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Ward 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 7th, before matins, 720 London Surprise, 720 Norwich Surprise. Before evensong, 720 Wells Surprise, 720 Southwell Surprise: L. Camp, G. Camp, F. Wright, H. Wright, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's, on Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 1,264 of Bob Major: F. W. Thornton 1, A. James 2, G. James 3, T. I. Knight 4, P. J. Spice 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8. It was intended to ring this quarter by the local society, the Bromley Youths, but Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, paid an unexpected visit, and one of the Bromley Society kindly stood out to allow him to ring.

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