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THE ARCHBISHOP AMONG RINGERS.

It was an event of more than passing significance that the Archbishop of Canterbury should, on Monday, have preached in his Cathedral at the Jubilee Meeting of the Kent County Association, and afterwards taken a part in the other proceedings which marked a memorable day. It is true the gathering was held in Canterbury and that the Archbishop is President of the Association, but the demands upon the time and energies of the Primate are so enormous that he has little of either to spare for engagements which do not go necessarily with his official duties and position. His presence at Canterbury, therefore, was a signal honour not only to the Association, but indirectly to the Exercise at large. All who heard his address must have been convinced of His Grace's conviction of what the bells of our English Churches mean to this country and of the importance which he attaches to the ringer's office and art. It was this which doubtless induced the Archbishop to come so willingly among the members of his own association to offer them a message of goodwill and inspiration upon an auspicious occasion.

In addition, however, the Archbishop's presence was also, we imagine, partly prompted by the little ceremony which he undertook to perform of making a presentation to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the precentor of the Cathedral, who last year retired from the secretaryship of the Association after 38 years of untiring and successful work. And not only did this play an important part in bringing the Archbishop among the ringers; it was by no means the least of the attractions which drew so large a gathering to the venerable city. Among the members of the Kent County Association there is a deep and abiding love and esteem for the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, not merely for the service he rendered during the 38 years he held the secretarial office, but for the never-failing personal qualities of kindness, gentleness and sincerity which he has displayed. Mr. Helmore can never have had any doubt about the affection in which he is held by the ringers of Kent, but if he had, they were completely dispelled on Monday by the great gathering which assembled to do him honour and the warm expressions of gratitude which were heard on all sides for the lifetime of labour he had given in the cause of ringing in the county of Kent.

The whole of the day's proceedings were signally successful and probably constituted a record for any association meeting, and the ringers who were present will carry away with them lasting memories, not the least of which will be those of the hearty service in the glorious choir of the Cathedral and the sermon of the Archbishop,

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who, in eloquent phrases, put into proper perspective not only the position of the bells themselves in relation to the services to the church and the life of the people, but of the ringers in relation to their task in the belfry. To all who heard it, the sermon was a great inspiration, and to those still amongst us who can remember the relationship between ringers and the church before the days of the county associations and diocesan guilds, it must have conjured up thoughts of the striking differences between then and now — between the time when few of the clergy considered the ringers as in any sense part of the church organisation, and the belfry was hardly recognised by those who used it as part of God's House, and to-day, when in the mother church of English Christendom the Archbishop of Canterbury publicly acknowledges the importance of the ministry of the bellringer and pronounces his benediction upon their art and their work.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOSEPH MELLOR 1 Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER 7
DONALD BROWN 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 8
SIDNEY MARSHALL 3	WM. H. SHUKER 9
JAMES CARTER 4	ALBERT ADAMS 10
SAMUEL HOLT 5	FRED R. WILLIAMS 11
HERBERT BARLOW 6	BENJAMIN THORP Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mellor and the anniversary of the 1911 record peal of 12,240 changes of Treble Bob Maximus. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN C. DICKEN Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
*ALFRED J. MOY 3	WILLIAM J. LEE 8
†ARTHUR G. KING 4	WILLIAM E. BASON 9
GEORGE BAILEY 5	HERBERT JERMY Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung as a farewell peal to W. E. Bason, who is leaving Great Yarmouth to reside at Norwich.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... Treble	HARRY SEAR 6
CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
HARRY MILES 3	RICHARD G. RICE 8
MAURICE SMITH 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
*RICHARD POST 5	*THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ...	6
ALBERT H. WARD ...	2	ALFRED J. TURNER ...	7
HENRY J. TUCKER ...	3	NELSON ELLIOTT... ..	8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
WILLIAM R. DRAGE ...	5	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the KILLMARSH VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	...Treble	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ...	5
*MISS DORICE TURNER ...	2	*JOHN C. TAYLOR ...	6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... ..	3	*ARTHUR FIRTH ...	7
*MISS K. BURCHNALL... ..	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. SEVERN. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	...Treble	FRED BENTLEY ...	5
THOMAS REDMAN ...	2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	6
JAMES SMITH, SEN. ...	3	JAMES SMITH, JUN. ...	7
WALTER STEPHENSON... ..	4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HUNTER.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...Treble	RONALD BULLEN ...	5
EDWIN F. PIKE ...	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	6
ERNEST BRETT ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE ...	7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	4	JOHN T. KENTISE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. C. F. Bayley, towerkeeper of St. Giles', Cripplegate, who was well known and respected by all the band.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	CECIL W. PIPE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At Tunstall, Woodfield Avenue, Gravesend, on April 14th, in 36 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: E. H. Spice 1-2, S. Sandford 3-4, E. J. Beer (conductor) 5-6, R. Smith 7-8. Witnesses, Mrs. E. H. Spice and the Misses I. Jones and K. Beer. First quarter-peal on handbells by all.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ...	...Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	5
WILLIAM HORAN ...	2	JOHN POTTER ...	6
JOHN BOOTH ...	3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ...	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...Treble	GEORGE GOWER ...	5
ERNEST WHITING ...	2	CHARLES CUTTING ...	6
CHARLES BAKER ...	3	RUSSELL RICHES ...	7
FREDERICK ROOPE ...	4	CHARLES ROOPE ...	Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the ringers of 4th and 6th. The conductor has now turned the above tenor in to 100 peals.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON... ..	...Treble	G. ROBERT JONES ...	4
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ...	2	GEORGE POPNELL ...	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	3	ALEC A. RACKHAM ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALEC A. RACKHAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Popnell, William Short (Clent), and Robert G. Knowles (Madresfield).

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. CHAPMAN ...	...Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT ...	4
G. E. REX CHAPMAN ...	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN ...	3	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Great credit is due to the ringers of treble and second, for they began first to pull a bell only during the last few days of January, and had never previously rung an extent.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

SISTER K. JUTSON, C.A. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
FRANK ROWLINSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Arranged for Sister K. Jutson, who was spending a short holiday at home, before commencing her duties in St. Aidan's, Leeds, to which parish she has been recently appointed.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4
GEORGE PRYKE ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

WHITNEY-ON-WYF, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Master Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's of Pitman's, five of Morris' and five of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDMUND MORRIS ... Treble	REGINALD MORRIS ... 3
* DENNIS SHARPLES ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower. Rung in honour of Easter Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD JACKSON ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-5
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	* ERNEST BENNETT ... 7-8

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: PETER LAFLIN.

* First attempt for a handbell peal.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Friday, April 18th, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

RICHARD BALDWIN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4
HUBERT JONES ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: L. E. A. DAVIES.

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At 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

* LEONARD E. A. DAVIES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4
HUBERT JONES ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: R. BALDWIN.

* First peal.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

ARTHUR C. NASON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4
JOHN J. PRICE ... 2	HUBERT JONES ... 5-6

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: L. E. A. DAVIES.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
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(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

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At 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3-4
JOHN J. PRICE ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5-6

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EALING.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Gilbert 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, H. Belcher 5, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Harding 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, April 8th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, A. Parsons (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, H. L. Cook 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Vincent, on Saturday, April 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Stringer 1, P. J. Cobbold 2, Percy W. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, H. Bramble 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. Gordon Noel Manley (son of the Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne) to Miss Dorothy Elliott.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Thursday, April 3rd, for Confirmation service at St. Thomas' Church, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: J. Hosgood 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, P. Walford (longest length inside) 3, E. Shepherd 4, W. Howe 5, C. Routley 6, A. Goad 7, W. Wills 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Thursday, April 3rd, for an evening Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. E. G. Moody (first quarter in method) 1, W. H. Ball 2, W. Malins 3, C. W. Otley (first quarter Double Norwich inside) 4, Robert Bullen (first quarter in method) 5, E. Cassell 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8. All Sunday service ringers.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, April 2nd, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Stirland 1, W. Pollard 2, T. Jennison 3, J. Johnson 4, W. Stirland 5, T. Wheat 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, P. Welch 8.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 of Bob Minor: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, T. Evans 3, G. Evans 4, S. Piper 5, J. Dyer (conductor) 6. First 720 rung by the local band, who are all beginners. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years old.

WICKEN.—On Tuesday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Green 1, S. Smith 2, A. J. Green 3, G. Froddy (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Ridgway 5, T. Roberts 6, F. Case 7, W. Jackson 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Harwood 1, W. Leo 2, J. C. Dicken 3, G. H. Hammonds 4, A. King 5, E. Kett (conductor) 6, W. Bason 7, H. Jarmy 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Also on 1st April, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Harwood 1, J. C. Dicken 2, A. King 3, Clayton Parnell 4, H. Wright 5, W. Bason 6, W. Lee 7, E. Kett (conductor) 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A BENEVOLENT SCHEME ADOPTED.**

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held, as is customary, at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the bells of the Abbey and other city churches were utilised during the day by visiting ringers, many of whom in the morning had also the opportunity of ringing on the peal of ten at Hatfield. In the afternoon they attended evensong in the choir of the Abbey, and were addressed by the Bishop of St. Albans. They afterwards went to Ver House Hotel for tea and the annual meeting of the association.

In his address, the Bishop said he was grateful to have the opportunity of publicly saying 'Thank you' for the services which the ringers were rendering to the Church, the community and the diocese. The science and art of bellringing was typically English, but it would not go on unless they inspired the younger generation to follow in their footsteps. That was not only true of bellringing but of every other good thing in the life of our nation to-day. It was abundantly true of the Christian faith and of the Christian Church from which bellringing took its origin, and from which all that was best in the life and character of the nation and its history was due, directly or indirectly.

At the annual meeting, Mr. H. W. Golding, of Hemel Hempstead, the retiring president, welcomed the gathering of nearly eighty members, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many younger members present.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The hon. secretary's report was again a full and interesting review of the year. He said that throughout the year in the city, towns and villages of the county the members had rung the bells for Sunday divine services and on other special occasions. While this service ringing had emphasised one aspect of their craft, the ringing of peals showed the scientific advancement in another direction. This year they had cause for congratulation, 36 peals having been rung on tower bells and one on handbells in a variety of methods. He mentioned in particular the Spliced Surprise Major at North Mimms and the Double Norwich Royal at Hertford, both records for the association. The peals had been distributed throughout every district, and had been rung in 23 towers with 20 different conductors. They had certainly progressed, and typical instances might be mentioned of the Northern District, where five rang their first in a peal at Hinxworth and six their first peal on eight at Bennington.

A pleasing feature of the year had been the holding of joint meetings with other associations. Herts and Beds met at Dunstable and also at Biggleswade; Herts and Middlesex at Monken Hadley; and Essex, Herts and Middlesex at Hertford. The president had shown the enthusiasm of a young man in attending most of these meetings, arrayed in his chain of office. The Hon. Secretary added that his experience of these gatherings was that they made for progress and sociability, and ringers got to know others who were carrying on the same good work in the neighbouring counties. Bell founders had been fairly busy in the county, he continued. Two trebles had been added to the Hatfield peal, in memory of the late Rupert Edward Gascoigne Cecil, son of the Bishop of Exeter, and the county now possessed four rings of ten. The bells at Graveley and King's Walden had been rehung, and the peal at St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, had been quarter turned and rehung, and the chiming put into repair after a silence of twenty-five years; other repairs had also been done. Advice on the condition of various peals of bells in the county had been readily given by members when approached.

In a recent issue of "The Ringing World," the report proceeded, 'the Editor dealt in a trenchant manner with the problem of lapsed ringers, men who after a few years' service became lukewarm or indifferent, or, having conjured up a fancied grievance with their Vicar or ringers, gave up. It is a many-sided problem. Personally, I think the greatest pull will come through the spirit of brotherhood and service. This is assuredly the greatest factor in our associations to-day, and one of its happiest features, and in the exercise of which I venture to suggest we owe much of the success that has been achieved. If our bellringing is regarded as a duty to the Church, and is also undertaken in a spirit of true fellowship with one another, we shall rejoice in the slogan, "Once a ringer, always a ringer." When age or infirmity debars us from actual ringing, we shall consider it a privilege to belong to the association or guild, because we regard it as a lifelong pact. Whilst the task of winning back lukewarm members in any appreciable numbers is great, yet perhaps some may be recovered by a "personal contact campaign," and the ranks of all associations further strengthened.'

A BENEFIT FUND.

Having referred to the losses sustained by the association through death, the Hon. Secretary called attention to the following matters arising out of the committee meeting:—

(1) Peal booking fees. The charge for booking peals, according to rules, is 1d. per head, and the attention of conductors of all peals is directed to this rule.

(2) Necessitous sick benefit fund. This was discussed at some length, and a resolution adopted approving the same. In the discussion it was apparent that an expression of opinion from members attending the various district meetings before Easter would be help-

ful in any decision that might be made by the general meeting. At some meetings this has been done, and I believe the consensus of opinion is favourable to the idea. The crux of the question is whether it should be voluntary or the funds raised by the imposition of a higher rate of subscription and grants made as occasion arose from the general or a separate fund. By the adoption of a fund on a voluntary basis, it could start from to-day, but the alteration of subscription would require previous notice, and could not be started until a year hence. Personally, I believe the voluntary basis preferable, and that a scheme could be worked by a committee comprising the officers of the association, which would be representative of each district.

(3) Attendance at district meetings. It was felt by the committee that an improvement in the attendance of resident members would be encouraging to those responsible for arranging the meetings, but since our meeting three of our district secretaries report good gatherings.

During the year, a form of service for district meetings, the report adds, has been adopted with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, and has been found most helpful. A new certificate of membership has also been approved by your committee, for which I trust there will be a ready sale to all new members, at one shilling each. It has been specially drawn, and is represented by a sketch of a church in each district, and the Abbey, under whose shadow the association was formed.

Thanks were extended to Mr. W. Mercer, chartered accountant, for his gratuitous services in auditing the treasurer's accounts, and also to Mr. Gilbert Debenham for undertaking the services of librarian.

The district secretaries had arranged a full complement of meetings during the year, and cordial thanks were extended to them.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the committee, acknowledged the assistance which had been given during the past year by the various incumbents, churchwardens and others, in granting facilities for ringing, arranging services, and in many cases generous hospitality; to the honorary members, for their monetary assistance and interest; and to the members in general for all they had done for the advancement of the association.

FELLOWSHIP NEEDED.

The Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson), in moving the adoption of the secretary's report, impressed the need 'of the belfry in every town and village being a place of real fellowship. Fellowship was what was needed more and more in this country, and particularly in the Church. 'I cannot tell you how I admire you all as ringers,' he added. 'For bellringing a very high level of intelligence and concentration is required, and my admiration goes out to anyone who is a really tried and passed ringer.'

Mr. E. P. Debenham seconded the adoption of the report, which was approved. On the proposition of Mr. Debenham, seconded by Mr. W. Buckingham, the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers approves in general the idea of the formation of a benevolent fund in connection with the association, and requests the committee to work out details and forward them to the various towers through the district secretaries.'

The hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) presented the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £23 8s. 6d., as against £25 19s. 9d. at the beginning of the year, and a reserve fund of £24 15s.

The following were elected ringing members: Messrs. F. W. Allen (St. Albans Cathedral), R. Bedford and A. Ewer (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), G. W. Marlborough and J. E. Roots (St. Peter's, Bushey Heath), and H. Aldridge (Graveley).

Mr. W. Nash, of North Mimms, was unanimously elected president, and received the silver badge of office presented last year by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who was then the retiring president. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; representative on the Central Council, Mr. W. Ayre; hon. librarian, Mr. Gilbert Debenham; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; district secretaries, Messrs. D. C. Mears (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), W. Nash (St. Albans), C. H. Horton (Watford) and J. Puppelt (Western).

Thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's, St. Albans, and the Rector of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for their services.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at South Kirkby on Saturday, April 12th, when members attended from Ackworth, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. The fine peal of six bells was kept going during the afternoon, and the business meeting was held after tea in the Parish Hall, the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Brightman) presiding. Wentworth and South Kirkby were put to the vote as the venue for the shield contest, and Wentworth was selected, the meeting to be held in July. Felkirk was chosen for the next meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks the tower was visited, and touches were brought round in Plain, Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods, good striking being the general order of the day.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

A reunion of the band that rang the record twelve-bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne last August Bank Holiday took place during Easter. A tablet commemorating the peal was unveiled on Sunday evening, and on Monday peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were rung at Oldham and Macclesfield.

When the record peal was rung circumstances did not permit of the company being photographed, but this meeting of the twelve men has afforded an opportunity, and the picture will, we hope, be reproduced in 'The Ringing World' next week.

At the time of going to press we have had no official intimation with regard to the result of the attempt at Painswick on Monday to ring a longer peal than the one at Ashton-under-Lyne. We understand, however, that the attempt failed after 7 hrs. 52 mins.!

'DECAY' IN DEVONSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The state of affairs you mention in your leading article of April 4th, is, I much regret to say, very much the position in which we, as members of the Devon Guild, are placed. The menace to the Devon Guild is serious, and likely to become more so, if the flow of the tide is not stemmed, and that as early as possible. But it is of no use to cry over spilt milk. Our chief concern emphatically and immediately should be to see that no more is spilt, and also make every possible endeavour to try and recover some that has been lost. Surely our stout hearts of glorious Devon have not lost the pluck and enthusiasm which they used to possess some thirty or forty years ago, when (so I have been proudly informed) members of our Devon Guild have tramped or cycled over hill and dale in all winds and weathers a considerable distance to ring perhaps just a touch or touches, and perhaps a peal. Some of these men are with us to-day, with probably the addition of grey hairs; others with hair, perhaps, not quite so thick as it used to be; others have passed beyond recall. It is to these few remaining pioneers of our Guild we should naturally turn for some possible remedy, which (yes, I know, wear out the old ones first!) I sincerely think could be found, provided we and they work wholeheartedly in co-operation with each other for the common cause, and for the benefit of all.

May I be allowed to put forward a suggestion which may be the means of adding a few more sheep to our fold: That we have four informal meetings a year in addition to and alternately with our quarterly meetings. Such informal meetings could be arranged at a quarterly meeting, prior to which the secretary should write to various towers, or to such towers where ringers are thought to be interested in change ringing, and acquaint them with the fact that the Guild would be willing to send men there to give an exhibition of the art of change ringing; help them to practise it, and give them all the necessary details they may desire to assist them. Upon the receiving of an invitation from such tower, a qualified number of members, who can rise and fall, and ring 'half pull' well, should be selected (at the quarterly meeting) to visit such tower and give the local band such assistance, and put them on the way that leads to change ringing. The expenses incurred by such visits should be borne by the Guild. Possibly a quarterly meeting could afterwards be held there, or another informal meeting. Surely we could give this a trial?

I may add that at our tower we are doing our little bit for the Guild in bringing on seven keen young men (average age about 16 years) in the art of change ringing. All of them can ring Grand-sire Doubles, and some of them Triples. The question of the noble ring of twelve at our Cathedral has been raised. Like many others I should welcome, and do look forward to, the time when the powers that be will give this matter their keenest attention, and so come to some definite arrangements whereby we may again (and soon) hear the full twelve ringing merrily, and in the method which we love.—Yours, etc.,

E. W. BIFFIN.

St. Thomas', Exeter.

'A LOT TO LEARN.'

Sir,—Your remarks are to a certain extent true, but I think half-pull ringers have a lot to learn, as regards striking, from the much abused call-change ringers. A lot of our so-called 'experts' do not know how to handle or strike their bells. So long as they can 'scramble' through London, Bristol or Cambridge, that is all they want; striking is a matter of little consideration. The majority want to 'run before they can walk,' to use an old saying. I spend about a month annually in Devon or Cornwall, and there is nothing I enjoy more than a pull with these 'stone' ringers, and have always met with a very hearty welcome and a request to come again. I was at Hatherleigh last September, and sampled the new peal, and the way these bells were raised and lowered was a real treat. The same remark applies to all the Devon and Cornwall towers I have visited. Two years ago I was staying at another village where a visiting band of half-pull men came along. A day or two afterwards a friend of mine asked the local men what they thought of the ringing. The reply was, 'They can't learn us nothing.'

J. A. D.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing took place at Great St. Mary's, the R.C. Church of St. Mary, and St. Andrew's the Great, also at Old Chesterton.

A short service was held in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., conducted by the general secretary (Rev. R. Copeman), at which about thirty members were present. An interesting address was given by the Rev. J. Duffil, Vicar of Bourn, in which he pointed out that etymologically the word 'belfry' was not derived from 'bells' but was derived from two words meaning 'guard of peace.' He went on to point out that especially at Easter and Christmas the message which the season gave was associated with 'peace.'

The members then assembled for tea at the Dorothy Cafe. This was followed by the business meeting, Mr. Duffil being voted to the chair.

The general secretary read his report, which was adopted.—The treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis, produced a statement of the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £16 ls. 11d. It was decided to postpone the printing of the annual report, and to print one for the two years.

The officers for the year were then elected: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis; auditor, Mr. A. E. Austin; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. T. R. Dennis and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake; district secretaries, Mr. F. Warrington (Archdeaconry of Ely), Miss D. Clarke (Archdeaconry of Hunts), Mr. H. W. Giddings (Archdeaconry of Wisbech), and Mr. W. G. Cross (Marshland District). For the general committee, in addition to the above, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. H. Fields, E. G. Hibbens, A. G. Rivers and J. Taylor.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Easter Monday at Cambridge, and to arrange definite times for ringing at the different churches.

Mr. Dennis proposed, and Mr. Rivers seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Duffil for his address, to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell for accompanying the hymn at the service, also to the district secretaries for their support, and especially to Miss C. Fields for her work in the Archdeaconry of Hunts.

This brought the business to a conclusion, and members returned to the towers for further touches in standard methods.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION MOURNS EX-PRESIDENT.

DEATH OF REV. ALBERT SIMPSON.

The Cleveland Association has lost one of its most popular vice-presidents by the death of the Rev. Albert Simpson, M.A., Vicar of Evenwood, County Durham, which occurred on April 13th. Mr. Simpson joined the Cleveland Association in 1907, and was president from 1922-1928. He was always most popular with the members, who felt that in him they had a president who was in the unique position of being able to see both the ringers' and the clerical points of view. His peal list was not large (44 in all for the Cleveland Association), but his ready help and counsel were of great service to the association during the troublesome times of reconstruction after the war.

Mr. Simpson was educated at University College and Wycliffe College, Toronto. He was ordained in 1917, and his first charge was the curacy of St. Peter's, St. Toronto. He remained in Canada until 1919, when he came to Stockton-on-Tees, and was curate of Holy Trinity Church there. He became Vicar of Evenwood in 1929, and during the short time he was there he had endeared himself to all his parishioners. He leaves a widow and one son.

His memory will live with the members of the association for a long time, and the gap left by 'Albert's' death will be very, very hard to fill.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The meeting of the Chertsey District at Hersham on Saturday week was a disappointment to the officers, especially to the Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), who, on account of the illness of the hon. secretary, had been responsible for the arrangements. The attendance was very small. Only five members residing in the district attended, together with visitors from Woking, Hillingdon and Cambridge. Even the members of the local band were conspicuous by their absence. It is said they all went to the boat race, but even that was over by one o'clock. The officers of the Chertsey District have an uphill task, and the members do not exhibit the loyalty to the Guild in supporting the meetings arranged for them which those who are responsible are entitled to expect.

The Vicar (Rev. E. R. Brittain) conducted service and afterwards presided over the short business meeting, at which the Vicar was elected an hon. member of the Guild.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grand-sire and Bob Doubles, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples.

TWO COMPOSITIONS.

5,040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.
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First rung at St. Mary's, Beddington, on January 18th, 1930, conducted by W. H. Hewett.

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BY C. W. ROBERTS.
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First rung at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on October 19th, 1929, conducted by W. H. Hewett.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Brathay, Westmorland, on Saturday, April 12th, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of Bob Minor (1,930 changes), comprising two 720's and one 490, each called differently: J. Tebay 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, G. Sutton 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, F. Wilson 6. All are Sunday service ringers at Windermere Parish Church.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, April 5th, at Northfield Parish Church, near Birmingham. Very little remains of the original building, which dates back to the Norman period. There is, however, still to be seen the leper's window and a fine example of Norman door and arch. The church is wonderfully rich in stained-glass windows, but, strange to say, is extremely poor from a musical point of view. It has no organ; all it can boast of to lead the singing is a small harmonium. The tower contains a nice modern peal of eight by Taylor and Co., and these were kept going on the occasion of the visit in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Tea was partaken of at 5.30, and this was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. Vice-President James George in the absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

Several new members were made, including Miss Muriel Sanders, of Moseley, as a full ringing member. The tower elections of Messrs. A. W. Coles and John Armstrong as life members were also duly ratified.

The secretary having referred to Alderman Pritchett's unique record in completing 50 years as a member of the Masonic Craft, and the high position he held in the Order, Mr. George proposed, and it was unanimously decided, that a letter of congratulation should be sent him.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, July 5th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and school-room and to the vergers for arranging the tea brought the meeting to a close.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.**A CORRECTION.**

Shropshire Association.—Clerical hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury; lay hon. secretary, Mr. A. Pritchard, Brooklands Cottage, Admaston Road, Wellington.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, A. Bishop 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Timms 8. All regular service ringers at Burford.

HORNSEY.—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, C. H. Ross 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is quick work to begin to handle a bell at the end of January and to ring a peal by the middle of April, yet this is what George and Rex Chapman have accomplished at Banham, Norfolk. What these young men have done in from two to three months has taken many ringers from two to three years.

The number of changes in the peal of Superlative at Redenhall, published in the last issue, was erroneously sent as 5,088. It should have been 5,312.

Two hundred and twenty-five years ago to-morrow the first peal of Bob Major was rung. This was at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and was accomplished by the College Youths.

The anniversary of two other memorable peals by the Ancient Society occurs on Sunday, one the 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861, and the other the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green.

Forty years ago next Monday the Cambridge University Guild rang their first peal.

The record length of Cambridge Surprise Major (12,896) was rung at Stoney Stanton on April 28th, 1923.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton, on April 28th, 1800.

We have recently had reference in our columns to long lengths rung in unsuccessful peal attempts. The 'Annual Register,' under date of April 28th, 1800, recorded that in an attempt for a peal of 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton a short time since, 'the ringing had entered the ninth hour when Mr. George Gross, the composer of the peal, made an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, and his leg became entangled in the rope. He was elevated to a considerable height, and, falling on his head, he broke his collar bone.'

Miss Kathleen Jutson, of Peterborough, after passing through a course of training at the Church Army College, has been appointed to St. Aidan's, Leeds. She will carry with her in her new sphere of work the good wishes of her many ringing friends.

Mr. Frank Warrington, district secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, wishes to thank the several bands of ringers for their kind reception and allowing him to have a pull in Kent during his stay at 'The Bay.'

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was honoured by his fellow-members of the Kent County Association on Monday, is approaching his 80th birthday. Nevertheless on Sunday he climbed to the Cathedral belfry to take part in the ringing for both services.

London ringers, and College Youths in particular, will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. C. F. Bayley, the genial steeplekeeper of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate.

St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is almost unique in the possession of two towers. In one is a ringing peal of eight, in the other is a ring of five. These latter have now been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, of Derby, have installed a new clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff, of Boston, U.S.A., will celebrate their silver wedding on Sunday next. Mrs. Shurtleff, who is a daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, is a member of the Boston Guild of Ringers, and on her occasional visits to this country has taken part in ringing with the College Youths, with whom she rang her first peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S VISIT.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury spent four hours among the members of the Kent County Association, of which he is president, on the occasion of their jubilee celebration on Monday at Canterbury, where in 1880 the association was formed. The Primate not only preached at the festival service in the Cathedral, but presided at the lunch and the subsequent proceedings. The interesting gathering brought together one of the largest assemblies of ringers ever seen at a meeting of this kind, and there must have been well over four hundred seated in the vast choir of the Cathedral when the service began at noon. Earlier in the morning there had been ringing on the Cathedral bells, St. Stephen's, Hackington (eight) and St. Alphege (six).

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor, who for 38 years was hon. secretary of the association, officiated, and the lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. The order of service was printed in a 'souvenir' programme, and was followed with great heartiness, which particularly manifested itself in the singing of the hymns, 'Alleluia, Alleluia,' 'Unchanging God' and 'Christ is made the sure Foundation,' and the 'Te Deum.' The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Mus.Bac., was at the organ.

A WONDERFUL POWER.

The Archbishop gave a most inspiring address. As Archbishop of the Diocese and Province, and as president of the Kent County Association, it was a great pleasure to him to come there to give them a message, as they celebrated this jubilee year of their association, of congratulation, of gratitude for the service they rendered, and of benediction on their art and their work. 'I want this morning, if I can,' he continued, 'to help you to magnify your office and to realise its special place in the life of the Church and of the people. Let me base what I have to say to you on the words of St. Paul (Romans xii. 6-7): "Having, then, gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us . . . or ministry, let us wait on our ministering." I want you to realise that you have a special vocation and ministry in the Church of Christ. In another Epistle, St. Paul says "there are many kinds of voices in the world and none of them is without signification." The voice of the church bells is among the many voices of the world full of a very special signification and meaning. The ringing of bells is peculiarly a characteristic of England of the English Church. There are, indeed, other countries where the church bell has a great place, but it is very often only a single bell, deep mouthed and solemn, but change ringing appears to be the peculiar possession of the English race and the English Church. The bells express, as no other voice can, the joys and sorrows of the people. What would the commemoration of great events in our nation's life and history mean without the sound of the bells? And as the bells speak out in the life of the whole people, so also they speak out in the lives of the very humblest. It is to the sound of the bells in the village that the young man and woman at their wedding advance to the adventure of their new life, and it is to the sound of the muffled bell or the passing knell that the humblest villager is laid to rest. Again, as you must often have noticed, there is no voice in the world more capable than the voice of the bells in retaining and reminding us of the most sacred associations. I do not think any sound in the same wonderful way opens the doors of memory and brings out its greatest treasures. Only last week I was spending some days in the place for ever sacred to me as the scene of my first prayers and resolutions in preparing for the sacred ministry, and I never hear the familiar sound of the church bells in that quiet village without being at once and constantly reminded of all the associations of that holy time. Whenever I hear the bells of the churches or the cathedrals with which in my life I have been associated, memories of the hopes and the desires of the time spent there come rushing back. Truly you who ring the bells wield a most wonderful power. Some of the deepest associations of human life, most of all, of course, the message of the Church, the voice of the bells speaks out. There are other voices within the Church, of teaching, of worship, and of praise, but the bells always seem to me to be the voice of the Church itself, when the buildings, so many of them old and venerable, try to speak for themselves. The bells, therefore, give their witness of what the churches themselves stand for through all the changes and chances of the generations that have passed, of things that are unseen and eternal. Sunday by Sunday the sounding of the bells reminds the people of God's claim upon their lives. You who wield those bells call to a world that is increasingly indifferent. The bells you make to speak are saying, "O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker."

A GREAT MINISTRY.

'And in the midst of all the many questions and doubts and perplexities there is always to me something joyful and rather assuring in the sound of the bells. They speak of the faith that endures and of the everlasting gospel of the love of God. To make the voice of the bells heard is truly to fulfil a great ministry in the Church of

God. Then, secondly, St. Paul says we must wait upon our ministering, we are to give ourselves to it with care and with zeal, and I would ask you to wait upon this ministry of yours. First of all be eager to be perfect in your art of bellringing. It is a great art, and it belongs to your honour to see that you make it as worthy as you can possibly make it of the high office. Other arts, such as music, of architecture, of painting, have a great place in the life of the Church. When you meet to-day in this choir, almost exactly 750 years after it was built, repaired from the waste of a great fire, when you look round upon it, its pillars and arches and windows, you realise what a place art has in the expression of human worship and devotion and all the revelation of God in beauty. And in its own way your change ringing has its place among the arts that are meant for the glory of God. Therefore, I say, it belongs to your honour that you make it as an art as perfect as you can. You rejoice, I know, in your change ringing and your practice. You get bodily exercise, you get good fellowship, but always remember that the main motive with which you conduct these practices is that you are striving to wait upon your ministry, to make your art a true and worthy offering to God. I rejoice in the immense improvement in the spirit and tone of the belfry chambers, and I trust you will always be zealous when you are there to remember that you are on holy ground, and most of all know you will try yourselves to obey the summons of your bells. There is something extraordinarily unreal if you make the bells speak out a summons to worship and you yourselves are heedless of it in your own lives; something strange if you yourselves do not steadfastly and loyally obey it, if the voice of the bells does not find a sure answer in your hearts and lives. So I congratulate you, and most of all I congratulate your venerable late secretary, to whom presently I hope to present a token of gratitude for his service of 38 years. I wish well to your ministry, and I pray that God's blessing may rest upon it. In these days so full of perplexities and indifference, let me ask you to ring out with gladness and pride the joyful tidings of the unchanged faith in the everlasting love of God. Let your bells Sunday after Sunday proclaim the joyful Easter message, "The Lord is risen and He is in the midst of us." In fulfilling your great calling, wait upon your ministry with pride and thankfulness, and with the deep desire to make it worthy of the glory of God.'

The offertory on behalf of the Cathedral Reparation Fund amounted to £5 4s. 7d.

THE LUNCHEON.

Afterwards the big party were photographed in a group outside the Cathedral, and then proceeded to the County Hall, where they sat down to luncheon. The Archbishop presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Canterbury (Rev. S. Gordon Wilson), the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley and other clergy, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary), Mr. G. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), officials of the Kent Association, and visitors from other ringing organisations. Altogether a company of 350 sat down.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. F. White proposed 'His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops and the clergy of the county of Kent.' He said it had been the custom in connection with that toast to thank the clergyman who had conducted the service and given the address at their annual meeting. Custom was not to be lightly trifled with. Their association was formed fifty years ago by a meeting of clergy and laity held in that city of Canterbury, and the special object of the association was the cultivation of change ringing and belfry reform. He ventured to think the association had thoroughly justified its existence (hear, hear). Not the least of its achievements had been to bring into closer touch the clergy and ringers, so that ringers were now recognised as having a definite status as churchworkers. Their services and the skill and practice which those services demanded of them were fully recognised by the incumbents throughout the county. They received from them great kindness and encouragement in their work. Many of the clergy were themselves change ringers, notably their dear past secretary, Canon Helmore (applause). They were indebted to the clergy for the opportunities given them for peal ringing and holding meetings, and for the helpful addresses they gave to them at those meetings, as well as for the hospitality that was often extended to the members. For all those kindnesses they accorded them their most hearty thanks (applause). They were specially honoured on that occasion by having the Archbishop with them (applause). The Archbishop was not a visitor; he was their president; he was one of them; he came to them of a right, and they said to him, 'Welcome, sir; here is your place at our head' (applause). They felt that the Archbishop had done them and the association a signal honour in laying aside for a short while the onerous duties of his high office and coming to give them so helpful an address, sharing their meal with them and performing the important

duty which would shortly fall upon him. Never before in the history of any ringing association had a meeting been presided over by an Archbishop of Canterbury, and it would always be a proud boast and a happy memory that the honour was first conferred upon the Kent County Association in the city of Canterbury (applause). In the Kent County Association of Change Ringers the Archbishop and clergy had a body of men who had done, were doing, and would continue to do, their best to carry out the purposes for which the association was formed. They welcomed the Archbishop among them, and assured him of their loyalty and thanked him for all he had done for them (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 'DAY.'

The Archbishop, in replying, said the members had attended that day in large numbers because it was the jubilee of their association. Fifty years was a long time, and it invested them with a certain stability and respectability, but happily it did not make them old, and he hoped they would never allow themselves to grow stale, and having been allowed to reach 50 years they would become, as future years passed, younger in their enthusiasm, their unity and their devotion to their work. There had been a remarkable increase in their numbers from something like 150 to about 1,000 practising members in the county of Kent, and he liked to think of that great body united in fulfilling what he had elsewhere called their ministry in the Church and in the life of the people. He had, he continued, no right to speak about their art. He knew nothing about it. He once or twice tried to make a beginning, but as he found on the first occasion, and again on the second, and again on the third, that his arms were nearly wrenched from his body, he desisted in any further efforts, but he was told that these were only the frolics by which they were disciplined before they were able properly to manage a bell (laughter). He had often noticed how difficult the act of ringing a bell could be when an incumbent, inducted to the care of a living, tried to ring a bell as a token to the parishioners that he had arrived and taken possession. In order not to give away the secrets of his profession he would not reveal what he had often seen happening in that connection (laughter). Sometimes the new incumbent was apparently being carried up into the heavens instead of being inducted to more earthly things (laughter). He admired what the ringers could do, although he must admit there had been times when he had not spoken so favourably about them as he then was. There had been moments when long peals had been rung in towers under which he had been living, when he could have wished the change ringers and all their works in Jericho or anywhere else (laughter). He was not sure that his feeling about them would not be somewhat different about half-past six that evening than they were just at that moment (laughter), but at that moment he had nothing except praise and gratitude for them.

Another reason, continued the Archbishop, why they were there was that it was Mr. Helmore's 'Day' (applause). He confessed he was glad he was not in Mr. Helmore's shoes—it would be difficult to rise to the height of that great occasion. He could only hope Mr. Helmore would remember for the rest of his days the entire sincerity of the thanks to him which he knew was in all their hearts. It was a remarkable thing for one man as secretary to have guided their work for all those 38 years. He became their secretary the very year in which he (the Archbishop) was ordained in the Church of God, and all that time Mr. Helmore had given himself to their service. They could have had no one more fitted to be their secretary, for he had been for fifty years connected with the Mother Church, not only of Kent but of the whole of English Christendom, and no one could be a more fitting link between the art of music and the art of bellringing and worship than their secretary for these 38 years. Mr. Helmore knew what his (the speaker's) gratitude was to him for the work he had done in the Cathedral, and, that day, for all the work he had done for the association. He knew that he would feel in that company of grateful and affectionate friends that he had received an ample reward for all the labour he had given to this cause, but he (the Archbishop) was permitted in their name to give him some more visible and tangible expression of their gratitude, and he felt it to be a very great honour to be allowed to do so. In the first place, he had to ask Mr. Helmore to accept what in these days, after the recent Budget, was always a very joyful and pleasant thing to receive—a cheque (applause). It was a cheque which went in its amount even beyond the number of years which he had served in the Cathedral or as secretary of that association (applause), and he hoped in the name of those who asked him to receive it that he would make use of it in a thoroughly selfish manner (applause), that he would not attempt to use it to make gifts to the belfry repairs fund or the benevolent fund, but use it to do something to ensure that the comfort and happiness of the years that remained to him might be promoted by the gift (applause). There was another gift which he would ask Mr. Helmore to accept, and in this respect hope passed more into the region of certainty, for he was to ask him to receive a supplementary gift of a case of pipes. If Mr. Helmore would continue to use these opportunities of solace, he would ensure comfort and happiness for a long time to come. Lastly, he had to present to him an address, illuminated suitably and thoughtfully, and, he thought, beautifully, and he must ask Mr. Helmore to conceal

his blushes while he read the words (laughter). The Archbishop then read the address, which was worded as follows:—

'Presented to the Rev. Frederick John Ottley Helmore, M.A., by the members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, who desire to place on record their warm appreciation of his services as hon. secretary for 38 years, and of the high standard of efficiency attained by the association due to his loving care and devotion. In asking his acceptance of this testimonial, the members of the association express the hope that he may continue to enjoy good health and happiness, and assure him of their very cordial goodwill and affectionate remembrances.'

Turning to Mr. Helmore, the Archbishop added that he had been proud to sign that address, as Mr. White had said, as their head. It was signed also by other most suitable persons, including his revered predecessor, whom they all wished to remember that day, Lord Davidson. It was also signed by Mr. Ryley, the trustees, the secretary and the six district secretaries. He had very great pleasure in presenting this address to Mr. Helmore with every good wish (applause).

MANY TOWERS STILL UNAFFILIATED.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was received with tremendous enthusiasm, said he did not know what to say about their gifts, except that he did not expect anything of the sort. He wished to appear as thankful as he could to them for what they had done in this way, and for the expression of feeling towards him. At the same time he would like to say that he considered it unnecessary, because the older members of the association at all events would remember that in the year 1907, at the annual meeting at Rochester, Dean Erle Lane presented him on their behalf with a most charming and most useful gift in the shape of a desk. That had been a great help to him in his secretarial work, so, bearing that in mind, he really thought for one secretary that was quite enough. Mr. Helmore paid a great tribute to the work done by the six district secretaries of the association, whose efforts had greatly lightened his duties, and one of them, his old friend Mr. Fred Mitchell, had taken his (the speaker's) place. Judging from the experience of this year, he felt sure Mr. Mitchell would be able to carry on the work of the association to the satisfaction of them all. In an article which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' it was stated that there were about 25,000 ringers outside their associations and guilds. It was for them in Kent to try and bring in some of them, and he hoped the members would combine with the district secretaries to induce outside ringers to come in and form bands in the towns and villages. They wanted to extend the influence of their association. They had 106 towers in union, but there were 215 altogether in the county. That meant they had not got half, and even some of these ought not really to count as being affiliated to the association, because only one or two ringers in the tower were members. They wanted to improve upon that, and he felt sure that Mr. Mitchell and the district secretaries would be able to do something, but the members must not leave it all to the secretaries. They should all put their minds to it so as to influence others to come in and help in the work which they had been trying to do for the last fifty years. 'I thank you all from the bottom of my heart,' concluded Mr. Helmore, amid applause.

Rising again, Mr. Helmore proposed the toast of 'The Right Worshipful Mayor of Canterbury,' and referred to the fact that the Mayor was a beneficed clergyman, and that the three bells in the tower of his church had been recently rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and that there had been some talk of adding to them. As they respected their Mayor, said Mr. Helmore, so they, as ringers, expected something from him in this matter, and they hoped they would not be disappointed.

MAYOR SUGGESTS A BADGE.

The Mayor of Canterbury, in the course of his reply, said he did not see the possibility at present of getting any more bells for his church. The three bells had been hung in ball bearings, and, said the Mayor, they look something like a magnificent new motor car in the belfry (laughter). Whether eventually they would be able to get a full peal he did not know. Proceeding, the Mayor submitted the toast of 'The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.' On behalf of Canterbury he welcomed them to the city, and congratulated them upon their jubilee. He hoped the work which they had done during the last fifty years would be continued as successfully during the next half century, and that the silent bells in many steeples of Kent would be restored by the efforts of Kentish clergymen (applause). Campanologists, said the Mayor, seemed to be shy people. He rather wished his Grace would found a badge to be given to ringers after so many years' service. He thought a great many more ringers would roll into the association if they could get a badge for, say, a shilling, and he would be very pleased to design them a badge and present them with the first 300 (applause). On behalf of the citizens of Canterbury, concluded the Mayor, he welcomed them as brethren of the Noble Order of Campanologists.

The Hon. Secretary replied to the toast, and said that he believed their gathering that day was one of the largest association meetings ever held by a single association. There were about 350 present, and among them were four foundation members (applause)—Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Mr. E. S. Ruck, Willesborough, Mr. Slingsby, of Aldingham, who was 93 years of age, and Mr. J. W. Leonard, of

West Malling. Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., of West Ham, who had been a life member of 45 years, was also with them. Looking through the records of their progress, said Mr. Mitchell, he found that in 1880 they had 156 practising members and 100 honorary members. In 1890 they had 456 practising and 142 honorary. They had to-day 970 practising and 80 honorary members. He wondered whether the falling off in hon. members indicated a falling off in the interest in their work by those outside, and he hoped the various bands would try and get more honorary members. They welcomed among them that day, said Mr. Mitchell, representatives of other ringing organisations, including Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the College Youths, visitors from various county associations, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Mitchell then read the report for 1929, which showed that the number of towers in union and the number of members remained about the same, and there were the following balances in the various funds: General fund £68 5s. 4d., belfry repairs £123 15s. 3d., benevolent £142 13s. 8d.

Before the business meeting began, the Archbishop and the Mayor took their departure, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the officers re-elected. A ballot took place for the election of four Central Council representatives. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore retired, and the vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. F. Mitchell, the hon. secretary. The other three representatives, Messrs. E. Barnott, sen., J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge, sen., were elected, the unsuccessful nominees being Messrs. W. Haigh and T. E. Stone.

Mr. E. A. Young said that outside the walls of one association there was only one body which could speak for the whole Exercise on such an occasion as that, and that was the Central Council of Church Bellringers. It was the mouthpiece for the ringers of the country. Canon Coleridge, the president, had, as they all knew, recently been seriously ill, otherwise he would have been present to convey the good wishes of the Council and the Exercise to the Kent County Association upon its jubilee. In his absence, therefore, he (Mr. Young) desired, on his behalf and of the church bellringers throughout the country to offer the association felicitous greetings, to wish them 'God-speed' in their work, with the hope that they would go on for another fifty years.

A vote of thanks to the organist and to the hon. secretary terminated the proceedings.

In the evening further ringing at the Cathedral and other churches brought to a close a memorable day, upon which all those responsible for its organisation, and especially the hon. secretary, are to be heartily congratulated.

THE GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In the fifty years of its history the Kent County Association has had only four general secretaries. The Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen was elected when the association was formed on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1880. He remained in office until 1889, when, having accepted a living in Sussex, he resigned and was succeeded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, during whose secretaryship the area of the association was divided into districts. Mr. Carpenter gave up in 1891, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was elected. His tenure of office lasted until 1929, when advancing years led him, much to the regret of the members, to resign, and his work was taken up by Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

One hundred and fifty ringers were present at the inaugural meeting, and the membership has steadily grown until there are now 1,350 life, honorary, practising and non-resident members.

Financially the association is probably better off than any other ringing organisation. Its invested funds have reached £547, and this, together with the balances in various funds, amount to over £880, the interest being mainly devoted to the belfry repairs and benevolent funds. Extremely useful work has been done with these latter funds. The Belfry Repairs Fund was started in 1895, and since then 48 grants, amounting to £163 2s., have been made to churches for the repair of belfries or the addition of new bells. The fund still has a balance in hand of £123. The benevolent fund, to assist aged and disabled members and members' widows, was instituted in 1913. Since that date 31 grants, totalling £113 19s., have been made, and there is a present balance of £142 13s. 8d. to meet deserving cases. This strong and satisfactory financial position is in itself a testimony to the admirable management of the association, which is in the hands of a representative committee and the hon. secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples: H. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, H. Rivers 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skovington (conductor) 7, W. E. Butler 8.

BELBROUGHTON.—On Sunday, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 44 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, on the 86th birthday of Mr. H. Martin, a ringer for 65 years, and conductor for 60 years at the Parish Church: W. Davis 1, G. Parton 2, E. Calcutt (conductor) 3, W. Saunders 4, R. Parton 5, W. Stride 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of the treble and tenor.

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

The almost accidental circumstances under which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore became a ringer are interesting. In the year 1882 a company of amateurs applied to Dean Payne Smith for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells. This the Dean declined to grant unless they could induce one of the Cathedral clergy to superintend their practices, and he recommended them to apply to the junior minor canon. It was not until it had been clearly pointed out that their chance of pulling the Cathedral bells depended entirely upon his consent to join them that Mr. Helmore was prevailed upon to touch a bell rope. For months these amateurs attended a weekly practice, but made very little progress, and by the spring of 1884 Mr. Helmore was so heartily sick of scrambling through a plain course of Grandsire Doubles that he was preparing to give up all idea of becoming a change ringer. Fortunately, however, the then conductor of the Cathedral ringers (Mr. G. Stancombe) interested himself in one or two of the party, and by inducing them to practise with some of the Cathedral men, soon had them ringing Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Helmore rang his first peal at Faversham on November 10th, 1884. He scored his first peal of Stedman Triples with the College Youths (at Bishopsgate, conducted by James Pettit) in 1887. His first peals of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in conjunction with the Rev. E. E. Robinson and James Washbrook. The majority of the Rev.



[Photo: Fisk-Moore, Canterbury.]

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE, at the desk presented to him by the Kent County Association in 1907.

F. J. O. Helmore's 200 and odd peals have been rung for the Kent County Association, and he has conducted a considerable number in the Grandsire and Stedman methods.

Mr. Helmore was elected president of the Cathedral company in 1885, and he still occupies the position. In July, 1891, he succeeded the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as general hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and discharged the duties of the office with the utmost efficiency and success until, in 1929, after 38 years' service, advancing age compelled him to relinquish the work. In 1907 the members presented him with a handsome roll-top desk, with a silver bell in the centre internal panel, in recognition of his labours for 25 years in the interests of the association.

Born in London on December 2nd, 1851, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore celebrated his jubilee in the ministry of the Church in 1925. He was ordained deacon at Hereford in 1875, and priest in 1876, being at the time an assistant Vicar-choral in the Cathedral. After being curate and precentor of Holy Trinity (Shakespeare's Church), Stratford-on-Avon, 1877-78, he was appointed minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and became precentor of the Cathedral in 1883. He has taken part in the enthronement of four Archbishops—Benson, Temple, Davidson, and Lang—and since 1912 he has held the incumbency of Stedmarsh.

EASTER BELLS.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Easter Sunday, at the Church of St. Thomas, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, F. Wreford 3, R. J. Davey 4, J. Hosgood 5, H. J. Corry 6, C. Routley 7, W. Willis 8. First quarter for F. Wreford inside.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Calers (1,263 changes): W. Page 1, T. W. Lewis 2, G. Popnell 3, S. T. Holt (conductor) 4, F. Lawrence 5, W. Williams 6, W. Ranford 7, W. C. Jones 8, C. Camm 9, F. West 10.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Huntley 1, F. Longley 2, C. Aylward 3, I. Cruwys 4, A. Longley 5, A. Wiles 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. Everest 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Longley 1, F. Longley 2, I. Cruwys 3, A. Wiles 4, E. H. Everest (conductor) 5, C. Aylward 6, H. Huntley 7, L. Everest 8. First quarter-peals on the bells since the rehanging of the two tenors by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. These bells have been put in ball bearings and cast-iron headstocks, and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for 7 a.m. Communion service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, D. Adams 2, W. Bayin 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6. For evensong, a 720 Norwich Surprise: E. J. King (Peckham) 1, C. Robinson 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6. After service, a 720 Kent: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn (first inside) 2, F. Warrington 3, F. C. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, the following 720's were rung: Before 7 a.m. choral Eucharist, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure; before matins, 720 Annable's London Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure; before evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Ringers: L. Camp, H. Wright, G. Camp, C. Harrington, E. Stich, A. Bradley (conductor).

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Sunday, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., for morning service: W. Bowden 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, C. Knowles 3, F. Viney 4, W. Cockram 5, S. Ridgeway 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. For evening service: H. J. Coombes (Dorset) 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, W. Cockram 3, F. Viney 4, S. Ridgeway 5, C. Knowles 6, F. Newcombe 7, W. Bowden (Bampton) 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, G. Williams 6, R. Kynaston 7, G. Benton 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss F. M. Child (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, H. R. Bennett 2, Miss M. White 3, A. G. Bennett 4, H. G. Frampton 5, F. Frampton 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at the Parish Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, J. Davies 4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, G. Bennett 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Giles' Church, for festal evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Law 1, E. Trubshaw 2, L. Trubshaw 3, S. H. Coley 4, J. T. Davies 5, B. H. Pountney 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. First quarter-peal in the method for all except ringers of 7 and 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 13th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop Macnan, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: J. H. Fuller (conductor) 1, Geo. Moss 2, W. Hesketh 3, W. H. Lewis 4, S. J. Lewis 5, T. M. Illington 6. First quarter-peal by the local ringers.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins.: A. Roberts 1, E. Matthews 2, W. Holden 3, I. Mills 4, W. W. Thorne 5, W. James (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent by all with the exception of W. W. Thorne.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, E. Palmer 2, H. Milton 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Edwards 6, S. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Norris 8. It is the first quarter called by the conductor, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mrs. Broad, Mayor of Watford, who died early on Sunday morning.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.—On Palm Sunday, April 13th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a peal of Bob Minor with the 6 and 8 covering: A. V. Bellerby 1, Miss A. Foster 2, F. Maude 3, W. Sadgewick (conductor) 4, W. Bullough 5, R. H. Bent 6. Covering bells, W. Foster and H. Simpson.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at the Coffee Pot on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Tea at 5.45 in the Parish Hall, at a charge of 1s. each member. The usual business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: Fulham (10) from 3 p.m., Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., Hammersmith (8) from 7 to 9 p.m., All Saints', Wandsworth, 3 to 4.30. Trams 26, 28, 30, to all churches. All day ticket 1s.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and make the meeting a success.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the quarterly meeting at Evercreech on April 26th are: bells 2.30, evensong 4, tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 26th. Will all those requiring tea notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats Norton? Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new Rector.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1/-. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1/9 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Secretary.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, Llanelly, Breconshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Sat., April 26th, at Farnham Royal. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at 1/- per head. Business meeting 6.15.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General Meeting.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning-on-Thames on Saturday, April 26th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 26th, from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Parish Hall. Service at 6. Address by Rector, Rev. E. J. Janson Smith.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aldford on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—Daffodil Sunday.—The grounds of Newnham Paddocks will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Tea provided in the grounds at moderate charges. The proceeds will go to local hospitals. The fine peal of bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening. Buses from all parts.—F. Harrison, Ringing Master.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Warmley. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Short meeting to follow. All ringing visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Brunswick Road, Brislington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on Wednesday, April 30th. In the evening at Christ Church, North Shields. Tea at 5 p.m. All invited.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6). Those intending to be present should notify the General Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINDSOR.—The Parish Church bells have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and will be reopened for ringing on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30, address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea (4.30) will be provided to a limited number who apply before Monday, April 28th.—L. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., 40, Frances Road, Windsor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, May 3rd. Will all who require tea please advise Mr. E. Wakeling, Somersham, Hunts, by Wednesday, April 30th?—C. Fields, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton St. Loe on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by April 30th.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sherfield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.0. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, near Ledbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Bishop of Peterborough. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 3rd, instead of April 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton, Lancs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 3rd. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Secretary by May 1st.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Also at Bishop's Sutton. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify by April 30th.—C. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Grindell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, before April 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Everdon (6) on Saturday, May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Heytesbury on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 29th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shapwick on Saturday, May 3rd. Number for tea to reach me not later than Tuesday. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, April 30th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Members can have reports; please let me know how many are required.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—E. A. Clifton, 79, Sheep Street, Bicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec. of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, has removed to 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent.

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RUSLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: R. Snelling 1, H. Ive 2, P. Thrift 3, E. H. Kilby 4, G. M. Kilby 5, T. Collins 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, A. Hunter 8. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by the ringer of the treble.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Palm Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, C. F. Smith 2, A. Fry (first quarter-peal inside) 3, L. Harris 4, F. Precey 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. A. Chaik 8. Rung to mark the occasion of the jubilee of the opening of St. Mary Magdalene Mission Church, which belongs to the parish.

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