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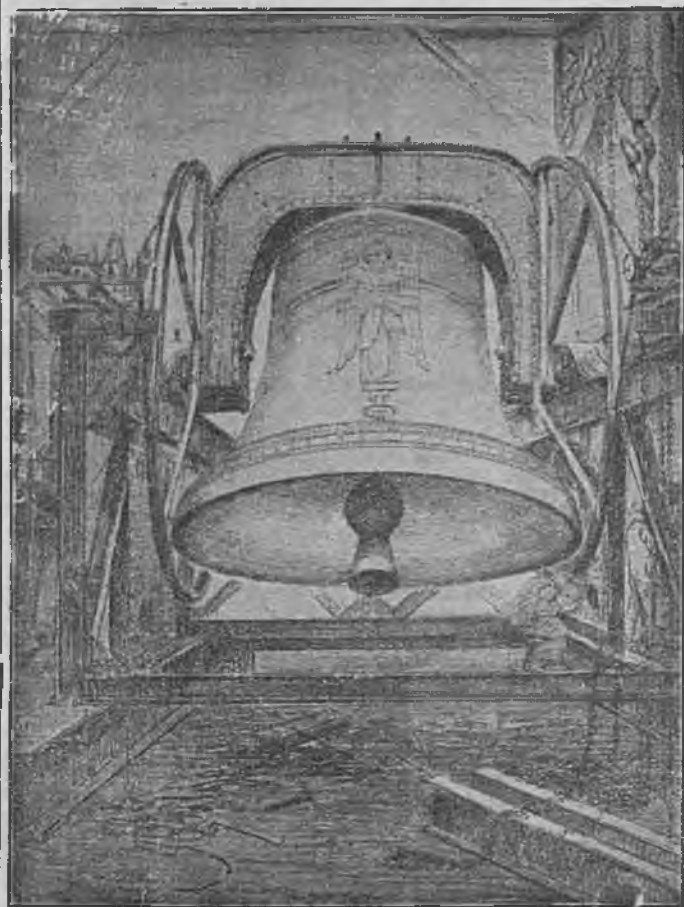
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### A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

One of the most gratifying things which has emerged from the numerous recent association meetings has been the decision of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to reaffiliate to the Central Council, after a lapse of three years. In 1929 the association felt that it had a grievance against the Council, and as a protest it severed itself from that body. The position was, in a sense, an artificial one—the association was not a scrap less interested in the work of the Council than when it was affiliated; the Council, while it made no approaches—in open meeting at any rate—for a reconciliation, was distinctly the poorer for the absence of one of its earliest adherents, and the members were individually as keen for the return of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as, we believe, were the majority of the association members to return to the fold. We are not going to say that the association had no ground for the protest which it made, although many people regretted the form which that protest took, but the action of the association was doubtless one of the factors which led the Council to consider an overhaul of its rules, while the fact that the Council was obviously prepared to review its constitution has led the association to rejoin the central body and assist in remodelling the rules as far as may be deemed necessary to meet the changed circumstances in the Exercise to-day compared with conditions which existed when the Council was inaugurated over forty years ago.

It is of the utmost importance to the future of the Exercise that all the leading ringing organisations should be affiliated to the Council, prepared to take their part in furthering those special interests of ringing which only a representative central body can efficiently promote, and to act loyally to the Council in any decisions arrived at. Even the absence of one important association or guild is like a cog missing from the machine, and while it is not to be expected that everything the Council does will meet with the unanimous approval of all the affiliated organisations, yet the work which the Council is doing is such that disagreement on any one point can well be forgotten in the larger issue of the general good of the Exercise which the Council is steadfastly promoting. The Council is building up an influence which is becoming felt more and more in a number of the directions where our art is concerned; that influence must be all the stronger if it has behind it the whole of the associations and guilds in the kingdom. When the Council meets at Plymouth it will, we believe, represent a larger body of ringers than at any time in its history; indeed there will be few change ringers in this country sufficiently interested in

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their art to belong to an association who will not be repre-  
sented on the Council. That is a great thing to say, and  
it only remains for the individual members of the Exer-  
cise to back up the Council in its work. The Council has  
done and is doing a great deal for the art; with the  
genuine interest and complete support of ringers as a  
whole it could do much more.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 9
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal on twelve tower bells, and hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LARGE ... .. Treble	*HUGH THOMAS ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 7
ERNEST HUNT ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. William Evans, of Cardiff. This was the one hundredth peal on the bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	†WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 8
*R. THOMAS HOLDING ... .. 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 9
*GEORGE PACKER ... .. 5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. CHEESMAN ... 6
*ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 2	SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 7
†W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 8
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 9
*WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 5	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. A. R. Pink's 50th peal for the Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, March 29th, 1,259 Grand-  
sire Caters in one hour: Ben Thorne 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, P.C. W.  
Pye 3, W. H. Shaker 4, P.C. G. Pye 5, P.S. P. Crook 6, P.C. J. Wil-  
son 7, Supt. R. F. Wilson 8, P.C. F. Page 9, P.C. J. Turner 10.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	GEORGE H. GRAINGER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 7
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	HARRY MANCE ... 8
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 5	GEORGE HAYDEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Rung as a 58th anniversary birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Newman.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR APPELGATE ... Treble	WILFRED APPELGATE ... 5
HARRY BROWN ... 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 6
ARTHUR GILL ... 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 5
*ALAN M. HICKMAN ... 2	HARRY OVERTON ... 6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Oxford 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. O. Kerrison and Miss H. M. Donaldson-Hudson. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the bride's father.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 1½ cwt. in F.

*MANSFIELD GINN ... Treble	*BERRY WAYMAN ... 5
*CHARLES ROBINSON ... 2	*RUPERT THODAY ... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	*ARTHUR J. GINN ... 7
*FRED C. GINN ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells as an octave. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan, eldest son of Mr. C. Robinson.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 21st, when the first service in Holy Week was held and the address given by the Lord Bishop of Ely, a non-conducted 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering: E. Cawston 1, B. D. Buttriss 2, H. J. Hazell 3, C. W. Smith 4, A. G. Rivers 5, S. Baynard 6, J. Quimby 7.

## ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	EDWARD J. BEER ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Rutland by all the band, except the ringers of 5th and tenor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	JAMES HAYWOOD ... 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY ... 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
JAMES KNOWLES ... 3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 7
*MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

\* First peal away from treble.

RISHTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

RICHARD ATHERTON ... Treble	FRED COCKSHOTT ... 5
ALBERT YATES ... 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 6
*ARTHUR HUTCHINSON ... 3	FRED READ ... 7
WILLIE AARON ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. READ.

\* First peal in method. First in method as conductor. Rung fully muffled as a mark of respect to the mother of R. Bolderstone, who was interred the same day.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REG. HARPER ... Treble	JAMES WILDELOOD ... 5
EDWARD HARPER ... 2	WILLIAM RIGBY ... 6
WALTER LONGMAN ... 3	THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 7
GEORGE BIDDULPH ... 4	ROBERT ARROWSMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of W. Rigby, for 50 years a ringer.

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## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	* ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 6
* HARRY TURNER ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* WILLIAM G. WHITING ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
† ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. BOTTON ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 6 and tenor.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild and by all the hand.

## NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

* HERBERT C. BEARD ... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
EDWARD WHITLOCK ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 6
† AMOS SMART ... .. 3	HARRY SEAR ... .. 7
* REGINALD A. HALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM F. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\* First peal, and belong to the local band. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY NOBLE ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 5
THOMAS POTTS ... .. 2	JACK TIPPER ... .. 6
WILLIAM GAYES ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
ALBERT V. REES ... .. 4	JACK WAUMSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN R. MAIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE M. ETTE ... .. 5
* WILLIAM H. ETTE ... .. 2	HARRY RICHARDSON ... .. 6
ALBERT BODDINGTON ... .. 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 7
† CHARLES RICHARDSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF SHILTON MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. HENRY WRIGHT ... .. Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal rung in this method. A. Ballard has now rung each bell in this tower to a different Major method, each called by the same conductor.

## OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7
* JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 4	* SYD. H. TOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

\* Elected members of the M.C.A. previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the association's jubilee. A birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the tenor.

## MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* JAMES INGHAM ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 7
* ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	CECIL NICE ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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ROCHESTER, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	FRANK BRLESEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters, Mr. E. J. Allen kindly standing out.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES WM. BAKENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM SENIOR ... .. 3	HARRY MARSDEN ... .. 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method by all but ringers of treble and 2nd. First peal of Surprise by Messrs. Senior, Marsden and Steel. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS ADAMS ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
*MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 2	*ROBERT SMITH ... .. 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Smith had not rung a touch in the method before starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GORDON LIMMER ... .. Treble	CHARLES PULLEN ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
†GEORGE LIMMER ... .. 4	PERCY J. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter, of Burnham, a 'crystal' wedding peal for the conductor, and a birthday peal for Miss Mary Biggs, of Maidenhead (niece of W. R. Madgwick).

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ORWELL, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 120's of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3
REGINALD E. LATHBURY ... 2	FRANK HARPER ... .. 4
JAMES W. R. QUINEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD L. LATHBURY.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Friday, April 1, 1932, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRANK C. GINN ... .. 4
DENNIS ADAMS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cecil Francis, son of Mr. F. G. Gleaves.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, tenor covering. Tenor 17 cwt.

HUBERT BIRD ... .. Treble	ALBERT MASON ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKE-HAM ... .. 5
FRED MATTHEWS ... .. 3	EDWARD BARKER ... .. 6

WILLIAM BUCKE-HAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

CADOXTON.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN L. BLOXHAM ... .. Treble	CYRIL LAKE ... .. 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Evans-Bevan, the former being the son of the donor of the bells.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... .. Treble	*ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... .. 2	†MAURICE J. LING ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 3	STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

\* First peal in the method and is from Thorpe. † First peal of Minor, and is from Kirby.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRYAN EVERTON ... .. Treble	THOMAS M. JORDAN ... .. 4
WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 5
LEONARD P. WARD ... .. 3	E. ARTHUR HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. P. WARD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. L. Pocock (son of the Rector of Peckleton), also a popular member of the local band, whose wedding to Miss M. Bowley took place on Saturday, March 26th. First peal as conductor.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM WATHEN ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 4
KEITH W. WHYTELL ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... 4
JOHN G. NASH ... 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
GILBERT E. PLATER ... 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. The conductor has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the daughter of the conductor and Miss M. Miller, of the Southgate band, also as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Glascock, daughter of the treble ringer, on her 14th birthday.

## CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six six-scores of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, London Singles, Grandsire, Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

SIDNEY CORBY ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
*HORACE TYLER ... 2	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT ... 5
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... 3	WALTER FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

\* First peal.

## WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Pilman's and one 720 of Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, and 720 each of Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, April Day and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD MORRIS ... Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 3
JAMES P. HYETT ... 2	EDMOND MORRIS ... 4

JAMES T. RANDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal in five methods for all. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. L. W. Riehings, for 25 years Rector of the parish.

## NORTH TAMERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER BOND ... Treble	WILLIAM SHEARS ... 4
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 5
JOHN W. SANGWIN ... 3	WILLIAM MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal, at first attempt. The first peal on the bells.

## WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... 4
THOMAS FULLER ... 2	WILLIAM DURHAM ... 5
ALBERT REIFE ... 3	JAMES WAGHORN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT REIFE.

## FIRST 'LOCAL' QUARTER-PEALS.

At St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, Lancs, on Wednesday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Hardicker 1, J. Jackson 2, R. Hardacre, jun., 3, H. Hardacre (conductor) 4, F. McCarthy 5, T. Harrison 6, C. Hardacre 7, R. Hardacre, sen., 8.

Also on Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Molyneux 1, J. Jackson 2, T. Harrison 3, H. Hardacre (conductor) 4, R. Hardacre, jun., 5, F. McCarthy 6, J. Molyneux 7, R. Hardacre, sen., 8. These are the first quarter-peals on the bells by all local ringers at this church.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BILDESTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Thursday, March 24, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT No. 3, COUNCIL HOUSES,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, called differently.

PALMER WHITTELL ... Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3-4
JACK WHITTELL ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5-6

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Witness—S. TAYLOR.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 16, GODSTONE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
ALBERT NASH ... 3-4	T. COLIN RYDER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by SIDNEY BRIGGS. Witness—MISS DOREEN RYDER.

## HAPPY CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION MEETING.

## PROBLEMS BEFORE THE MEMBERS.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Richmond, some 30 members attending from Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Thirsk, Ripon and Sharew. The ringers were welcomed to the tower by the local band, and the bells were ringing merrily by 11 o'clock, and continued throughout the day till a late hour. Touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Sledman, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire were obtained during the day, and many had their first touches in the various methods.

The dinner, served in the Bishop Blaize Hotel, was honoured by the presence of the Rector of Richmond (Canon Sullivan), who expressed the pleasure of the Richmond Church in the visit of the association, and hoped that the members would make use of the bells to their hearts' content.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and church-wardens for the ready permission granted for the use of the bells, and afterwards outlined some of the problems of the association to be decided at the next annual meeting. He asked the members to give their consideration to the question of the adoption by the association of a ringer's badge, the purchase through the association of the Jasper Snowden books, and the continuation or otherwise of the ringing competition.

An expression of appreciation of the report which has been issued recently by the association was voiced by several of the members, and several suggestions for its improvement put forward.

All who attended voted the meeting to be still another success for the Cleveland Association.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF CROFT RINGER.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Tom Atkins, of Croft, Leicestershire. Born at Stoney Stanton 36 years ago, he learned to ring in his native tower, and went to reside at Croft just prior to the ring of six being installed in May, 1928. He joined the local band at its formation, and did much for the progress of the company. He was elected steeplekeeper, and held the office for the first two years. He was a good striker in the standard methods. He was of quiet disposition, rarely spoke in the belfry, and seldom made a trip.

Mr. Atkins worked and appeared in his usual health up to the Easter holidays, but was taken ill on Sunday. He was conveyed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he passed away early on Wednesday morning.

The funeral took place at Croft on Saturday, April 2nd, many ringing friends attending. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Charles Brown (Sapeote) 1-2, Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A. (Stoney Stanton) 3-4, Charles Hy. Webb (Croft) 5-6, Geo. A. Newton (Earl Shilton) 7-8. A wreath was laid on the grave by Mr. F. Bailes on behalf of the deceased's fellow-ringers of the Hinckley District, M.C.A., and the bells were rung half-muffled. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 36 times by the local band, after which three extents of Oxford Treble Bob were rung by the following representative company: T. Cooper (Sapeote) 1, A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton) 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) 3, C. E. Carr (Broughton Astley) 4, P. C. F. E. Wilson (St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester) 5, A. E. Rowley (Higham-on-the-Hill), district hon. secretary (conductor) 6.

Mr. Atkins joined the M.C.A. in 1921, and had rung 26 peals in the standard methods, his last peal being at Stoney Stanton on January 16th, 1932—the treble to Bob Major. He still had the tenor to ring to a peal to complete the circle in his native tower. Mr. Atkins leaves a wife and three young children to mourn their loss.

C. H. W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****EASTERN DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, 45 members attending from Battle, Brighton (St. Nicholas and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne (All Saints', St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Hastings (All Saints'), Lewes, Lindfield, Mayfield, St. Leonard's, Uckfield and Waldron. Dr. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, was also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. P. Hughes, who gave a most interesting address. He also kindly presided at the tea which followed at the Pitman Institute.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, occupied the chair, and reminded the members that since the last meeting was held they had lost by death an old and respected member in Mr. Jas. Livermore, late of Christ Church, Blacklands. He had been a member of the association from its inception, and had also been a member of the committee for several years.—As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

Prior to reading the minutes, the divisional secretary (Mr. G. W. Stokes) informed the meeting that he was not standing for re-election again.

The following new members were elected: Roy Mewitt and Edward Kenyon, St. Mary's, Eastbourne; and John Brewer, All Saints', Eastbourne.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Stokes had written to the committee of the division, intimating that he did not desire to stand for re-election as divisional secretary, and that it is was therefore up to the meeting to find a successor.

Several members present were proposed, but each in turn declined to stand. Eventually Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was prevailed upon to accept office.—Mr. A. R. Miles therefore proposed that Mr. Pankhurst be elected hon. secretary.—This was supported by Mr. Medhurst, put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. A. R. Miles, W. Franks, and W. Booth were re-elected to the committee, and Mr. G. W. Stokes was elected to the Committee of Advice, vice Mr. Pankhurst.

Mr. A. R. Miles expressed thanks on behalf of the association to Mr. Stokes for his services as local secretary during the past 12 years, and in response Mr. Stokes said that he would give any necessary help to the new hon. secretary during the ensuing year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and for the splendid welcome he had given to the members. The bells of St. Saviour's and All Saints' Churches being also available, good practice was obtained in various methods until 8.15 p.m.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, April 9th, by courtesy of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., and was attended by upwards of 30 members, representing Beverley Minster, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Patrington, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Sutton-on-Hill, Thorne, Withernsea and York Minster.

A choral service was held in the choir, where a cordial welcome was extended to the members, and a most helpful and instructive address was delivered by the Vicar. A word of praise must also be conferred on the six choir boys who sang the descants to two of the hymns with brilliant effect, accompanied on the fine organ by Mr. F. Ellis, deputy organist.

An excellent tea was afterwards served by Mrs. Smith in the cafe, Finkle Street, and the gastronomic capacity of the members was taxed to the utmost by the sumptuous fare provided.

The business meeting followed in the sacristy of the Abbey, the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer, Selby) presiding. Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. E. Dove, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Messrs. D. Hatfield, R. Faithwaite and H. Sweeting, of Hemmingbrough. Invitations from the Rectors of Market Weighton and Patrington to hold the next two quarterly meetings at those places in July and September respectively was moved and carried.

The three retiring committee men, Messrs. G. T. Miller (Hull), R. B. Smith (Howden), and F. W. Dale (Hull), the last named also to serve on the general committee, were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. H. Fairlam (Selby), and seconded by Mr. A. West (Sutton), Mr. H. Morley (Selby) was elected as hon. district secretary in place of Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), who has found it necessary to relinquish office.

A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cook for his services of the past twelve years, and regret at his enforced resignation was expressed by Messrs. F. Cryer, F. W. Dale, H. Morley and H. Fairlam, to which Mr. Cook suitably responded.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, service and address, Mr. F. Ellis (deputy organist), and the choir, and to the local company for their excellent arrangements, Mr. F. Ellis replying for the choir and Mr. W. A. Hall for the local company.

This concluded another delightful and harmonious meeting, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers in general, especially members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, will congratulate Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Master of the Guild, on his recent promotion to the rank of Lieut.-colonel. Last Saturday a peal of Minor was rung at Biddenham, Bedfordshire, by officers of the Bedford District to commemorate the jubilee of the Bedfordshire Association. It was in this tower on April 26th, 1884, that the first peal for the association was rung. After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. 'Harry' King extended hospitality to the band. Mr. King is the only surviving original member of the association, and he received the congratulations of the company.

Two fourteen-year-old lads—Albert Cadwell and Aubrey Atkins—are to be congratulated upon ringing their first peal on Saturday at Hanslope, Bucks. They are members of the local band. It was also the first peal for two others of the local company, and this peal of Minor was a distinctly good performance.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the popular secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has made such a complete recovery from his long illness that he has now been able to resume duty at St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Cockerill celebrated the 73rd anniversary of his birthday on Wednesday.

Sunday is the anniversary of the Treble Bob Maximus record, set up at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911. It was 12,240 of Kent rung in 8 hours 39 mins. Mr. James George rung the tenor.

Thirty-eight years ago next Monday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 13,440 Double Norwich Major in 8 hours 16 mins. at Romford after having lost it three weeks before at Brentwood, when a rope broke after 15,000 changes had been rung.

Monday is also the anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Hoptonstall, Yorks, by the Lancashire Association in 1927.

Last Sunday was the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Sredman Cinques 'in the North of England.' It was rung at Sheffield, and composed and conducted by Charles Henry Hattersley. Only three of the company survive, and these three are all in London—Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe.

## REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' MEMORIAL. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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R. and J. Prent (Coaley) ... ..	1	1	0
J. White (Cranbrook) ... ..	2	2	0
Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking) ... ..	10	6	0
William Storey ... ..	2	6	0
J. M. S. Venner ... ..	10	0	0
A. E. Allen ... ..	3	3	0
M. E. Sterling ... ..	2	2	0
Evelyn Dorrell ... ..	1	1	0
Rev. F. J. G. Helmore ... ..	1	1	0
Rev. A. W. R. Charles ... ..	2	6	0
Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge ... ..	5	5	0
*Kent County Association (voted) ... ..	5	5	0
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## KATE ON THE WARPATH.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Sherlock Holmes and other inquirers, Kate does not reside at the 'Lincolnshire Rest Home for Ringers.'

I also understand she has no further designs on any of the band who rang in the peal at St. Giles', as she hears there is a much better-looking ringer, whose enthusiasm failed him at the last moment, owing to a pressing engagement in another direction.

But there is no escape. Kate is on the warpath, and 'By Gosh' she means you! Run, boy, run!—Yours,  
DR. WATSON.

## THE EATON CHIME.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your report of the dedication of the bells at Eaton Socon mentions Dr. Sidney Nicholson, M.V.O., Mus.Doc., as having composed this chime. Allow me to point out that this is incorrect. The composer of the chime to the Eaton Church was Mr. S. G. Wilkinson, of Eaton Socon, and as chief bellringer, I shall be glad if this regrettable mistake can be rectified in your next issue.—Yours faithfully,  
W. SMITH.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### BISHOP OF WILLESDEN ON THE RINGERS' FELLOWSHIP.

Twickenham, where the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met for their annual meeting on Saturday, was a centre of ringing activity nearly two hundred years ago, and there are records of peals going back to the year 1749, when the Society of Twickenham Scholars rang a peal of 6,000 Bob Major. At present it is the church at which the president of the Middlesex Association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) is Vicar, and the members turned up in large numbers to participate in Saturday's proceedings, not merely as a compliment to their president, but to show their real interest in the affairs of their association, which is one of the liveliest ringing organisations in the country. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Twickenham, and also at the neighbouring towers of Isleworth and Hampton, and there was quite a good congregation at the service, which was conducted by the president, and at which the Bishop of Willesden was the preacher. The singing of the first hymns was led by the organ, but as, despite all the efforts of the organist, the instrument resolutely refused to emit any sound after the Bishop's address, the final hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was sung unaccompanied.

The Bishop of Willesden gave an inspiring address based upon the first verses of Psalm xix., which begins, 'The heavens declare the glory of God.' He spoke of the love which, he supposed, every man had for the glories of the skies, and the depths of the country, and said that the voice of the bells, as they rang out, declared the glory of God in the heavens. He went on to refer to the ringers' fellowship, the ringers' work, and the ringers' life. Their fellowship, he said, was far wider than that of the particular belfry in which they rang, or even the particular generation in which they were now taking their part in 1932. The fellowship of the ringers was the fellowship of all the men who had been engaged in their art right back through English history, and even beyond that time to the days of the Old Testament, to those who sounded the trumpets to summon the people to worship; it extended to the architects who had built their church towers, those wonderful towers which were the glory and pride of the English countryside. It was a fellowship which was embraced in a motto in one of the oldest belfries, the fellowship of the hand, the head and the heart—the hand for work, the head for wit, the heart for worship. It was a wonderful and complete fellowship which rolled back through the centuries, and it would go on through the years yet to come. Then the ringers' work. He would call it definitely a work of witness. The bells rang the changes of life, the joys and sorrows of man's course upon earth, the joys and sorrows of the nation, as well as ringing the people to church. In many old belfries of cathedral cities one of the bells used to belong to the burgiers of the town, and not all of them to the dean and chapter. There was the right not only to call the citizens to worship, but to call them to defend the town when attack came. That was why the Conqueror melted down the bells to mark his victory and show that he had control of the towns. But whether it was ringing for events in the life of the nation or for events which brought changes in private lives, such as weddings or deaths, all the time the work of the bells was the work of witness, in which they as ringers had their part. And in a generation like this, when people were inclined if not to forget God, were at any rate inclined to forget to worship in God's house, the ringers took an important place in carrying on a witness which went right out across the heavens, over the fields and over the roof tops. Thirdly, as to the ringer's life, how vitally important that was. The old rules which used to hang in belfries governing the ringers' conduct were there as a guard against the dangers and difficulties in a ringer's life. Ringers got thirsty, and they were warned by those rules against over-indulgence. They were taught to know how to control their tongues, and the last rule was one which said that every ringer, before he pulled a bell, should pray to God, as every Christian man should do. The ringer's life meant a great deal to the Church, and, although they were often out of sight of the public, they should remember that their work was carried on in the sight of God, and, just as was often the case in the building of their fine old churches and cathedrals, some of the best work was in the places where it could be seen least by the public, the ringers, although out of sight in the belfry, should give their best in the service which they undertook. He commended to them a little motto which he found a few days ago in the porch of an old Wiltshire church: 'Somewhere, some way, some time each day, I will turn aside and stop and pray that God will make my church a way of blessing unto men.'

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tea was served to over a hundred, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the president, who was supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the churchwardens of Twickenham, the vice-presidents of the association (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and W. Pickworth), the joint hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier), Mr. W. Pye (Master) and the district officers. Among the visitors were Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and his son, Mr. G. G. Lindoff, of Dublin.

At the outset of the business meeting the President referred to the death of the Lord Bishop of Kensington, who had been with their association on many occasions, one of the most memorable being last year, when he dedicated the two new bells at Isleworth. They would

all long remember his fine encouragement of their work, and how the Bishop seemed to be at home amongst the fellowship of change ringers. He asked the meeting to stand in silence and to pass a vote of condolence with the Bishop's widow and family.

This was accordingly done.

The report for 1931 referred first to the augmentation of the ring at Isleworth, the two new bells, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, being fitting companions to the original octave. The conception of the scheme to place these bells in the tower was due to Mr. W. H. Hollier, who, in spite of many discouragements, persevered until the necessary money was raised and the work completed. A board now hangs in the church recording that the two smallest bells in the tower were erected by members of this association, generously assisted by parishioners and friends. It also records the date and details of the dedication service, as well as the names of the persons responsible for the carrying out of the augmentation. The board was the gift of Mr. Hollier, to whom their best thanks were due for his untiring efforts to bring this work to a successful conclusion.

The report also referred to the completion of the memorial at Barnet Church to the late president (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.) and to the Stedman memorial at Cambridge.

During the year two honorary and 53 ringing members were elected, and St. Catherine's, Feltham, was affiliated. On the other hand, it was regretted that St. Mary's, Norwood Green, had lapsed from membership.

In spite of the satisfactory number of new members, continued the report, there is a slight falling off in the total membership, which now stands at 858. Most of the lapses are due to non-payment of subscriptions, doubtless due in quite a number of cases to lack of enthusiasm. In connection with the difficulties experienced by those in charge of bands, we venture to make a few suggestions as to the best means of instilling sufficient interest in young ringers to cause them to remain members of the band until such time as their proficiency in ringing itself will be enough incentive. Each band of ringers should be formed into a proper Guild, with the Vicar or Rector of the parish as one of the chief officers. At least one business meeting of the Guild should be held every year, when the year's work could be reviewed. The social side of ringing might be cultivated much more than it is at present, and it will be found that an annual outing is a great urge to loyalty, and an incentive to progress. The same might be said of an annual supper, which is already one of the chief events of the year in some of our most successful local Guilds. Much more use might be made of handbells, both with change ringing and tune playing, and a peal of handbells should be in the possession of every band. At times when the church bells cannot be rung, the handbells might be the means of keeping the band together when it would otherwise drift apart for lack of opportunity of meeting.

### OUTSTANDING PEALS.

The peals rung during the year numbered 76, of which all but two were rung on tower bells at 32 different churches. Two handbell peals were accomplished. Eleven members rang their first peals, and 97 their first peals in a new method, or on a different number of bells. Many members rang their first peals in the higher Surprise methods. Special mention must be made of the first peal rung by Mr. George B. Collins, of St. Andrew's, Enfield, who accomplished a peal of Bob Royal on handbells, doublehanded, on July 9th! There were 23 conductors, whilst 145 members took part in the peals. Amongst the peals themselves were several fine performances. On January 17th, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung in London was accomplished at Southwark Cathedral, conducted by Mr. W. Pye. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung by the association was conducted by Mr. W. H. Hewett, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 30th. A peal in twelve Surprise Major methods, spliced, was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, on July 1st, by the band that had previously rung peals in five, six, ten and eleven Surprise methods. Later in the year this band rang a 5,760 in nine Surprise Major methods, this being the extent on the plan and a record number of changes. This peal was rung at Willesden on December 1st, and, like the twelve method peal, was conducted by Mr. W. Pye. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal ever rung was also conducted by Mr. Pye at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, on July 25th, this being in three methods. The first peal on the ten bells at Isleworth was one of Grandsire Caters, rung by a band of officers of the association on June 27th. Two peals were rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King, whilst four were rung in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary celebrations. A peal of Bob Major was rung on January 10th by a band of policemen, conducted by Inspector W. Bottrill. In addition to the augmentation at Isleworth, restoration work had been done at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Finchley and Sunbury. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, who was greatly responsible for the spread of change ringing in West Middlesex over a generation ago, and the report concluded with a reference to the retirement of Mr. W. H. Hollier from the position of joint hon. secretary of the association. Mr. Hollier had served them faithfully and well since 1921, and deserved their sincere thanks for the immense amount of work he had done on behalf of the association. The best way in which to show their gratitude to Mr. Hollier was to give his successor, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, their loyal support at association meetings, and in assisting him as much as lay in their power by prompt payment of subscriptions and

a special effort to increase the efficiency of themselves and the particular band to which they belonged.

The balance sheet showed receipts from members' subscriptions £24 13s. 4d., and from other sources 18s. 9d. The expenditure, including £5 voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, had been £27 13s. 6d., reducing the balance in hand from £30 10s. 8d. to £28 9s. 3d. The hon. secretary and treasurer explained that since the accounts had been completed the £5 for the Stedman Fund had been reimbursed by the districts (£3 from the North and East and £2 from the South and West), so that the actual balance in hand was £33 9s. 3d., a gain of nearly £3 on the year's working. It was one of the best years they had had since the war (hear, hear). Those who remembered the struggle they had to make ends meet in the few years after the war would be glad to see they seemed to have got to the end of their difficult period, and could now go along year by year pretty easily paying their way.

The report and balance sheet were both adopted, as was the statement of accounts relating to the Milne memorial, which showed a credit balance of 3s. 6d., which had been carried to the central fund.

Mr. G. A. Parsons (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) and Miss O. Ashbrook (Isleworth) were elected members of the association.

The president was re-elected, and nominated as acting vice-presidents Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. W. Pickworth.

Mr. William Pye was re-elected Master, amid applause, and Mr. W. H. Hollier (who was retiring from the joint hon. secretaryship) was appointed hon. treasurer.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (South and West District secretary) were elected joint hon. secretaries, and Messrs. Miller and Pickworth were re-elected auditors.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Willesden for coming among them, not only to be at the service and giving them the address, but also for joining them at that meeting. The service was the most appreciated and helpful part of their annual meeting, and the Bishop's address would be remembered with gratitude.—The motion was carried with applause.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of attending such a gathering of ringers. There was a fellowship which embraced men of all ages, and he was glad to see they were getting hold of the young folk and teaching them to love the art. They wanted to see every belfry manned, and he wished it were possible in every church where there were bells to have, from the staff of curates, a chaplain of the belfry. He hoped some of the younger clergy would take a part in this great art, which drew men together in an extraordinary way. He recognised to the full that they were a body of people who were doing a most important work for which not only the Church but the whole nation ought to be grateful (applause).

The Bishop then left the meeting.

Mr. Trollope proposed a vote of sincere appreciation of the services of Mr. W. H. Hollier as one of the secretaries of the association, and moved that he be elected a life honorary member of the association. This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, who referred to the wholehearted support which he had received from Mr. Hollier during the past eleven years during which they had been associated.—The motion was carried with applause, and Mr. Hollier, in replying, said he had always striven to carry out his duties faithfully and diligently, and he trusted he had succeeded.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles, it was decided to alter rule 7, which fixed the annual meeting for the first Saturday after Easter in each year, to 'the second or third Saturday' after Easter, the principal reason being that it was often difficult to get a preacher for the Saturday immediately after Easter.

Mr. Coles next moved that a sum of not less than two guineas be voted from the central fund for providing tea for members and friends of the Central Council after the meeting in London in 1933. Mr. Coles pointed out that of late years, when the Council met in the provinces, it had been the habit of the local association to entertain the Council, and it was felt that it would be ungracious if, when the Council visited London, they did not do something to reciprocate the kindness of the provincial associations. It would be impossible to do in London what was done at Liverpool last year and in other places in previous years, as the Council visited London every three years and the other places only once in a lifetime, but that did not preclude them doing something by way of entertainment. Out of an estimated cost of about £12, some members of the Central Committee had promised about eight guineas, and the motion was proposed to enable the association to issue an official invitation to the Council and to defray the balance of the cost.—Mr. Hollier seconded the motion, which was carried.

It was resolved that the peal books and other volumes of the association remain at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for the next twelve months.

Mr. J. A. Trollope brought forward a motion with regard to the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street. He pointed out that it had been decided to remove the church to one of the London suburbs, and there was some uncertainty as to what was to become of the bells. These bells had a special interest to ringers. By some they were said to be the finest eight in London. He was not prepared to go as far as that, but the bells were in some respects rather unique. They were cast by a man named Lewis, an organ builder, who had some theories on the matter of bells. One of his theories was that the outside of the casting was a sort of skin, and if they wanted a fine bell they must not break through the skin. Therefore the bell

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## DEATH OF THE REV. R. H. WHITFORD. A BRISTOL RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 57 years, of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, of St. Raphael's, Bristol. He passed away on Sunday after a protracted illness and much suffering.



Mr. Whitford joined the Cambridge University Guild nearly forty years ago, and rang one or two handbell peals at the University. In 1905 he was hon. secretary of the Guild. When he was appointed to the living of St. Raphael's he became a member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, and took part in eleven peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, viz., two of Bob Major, two of Cambridge Surprise Major, six of Stedman Catens, and one of Stedman Cinques. He also rang a few peals with other associations.

He was chairman of Bristol United Ringing Guild in 1929, and was in office during the production of the first edition of the Ringers' Directory, to which he gave great help and encouragement.

Mr. Whitford was a very popular figure among Bristol ringers, and his death is

deeply deplored by his friends in that city.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at Canford Cemetery, where three members of St. Stephen's Guild, who have passed away in the last ten years, now rest.

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should be cast true to note. That was an exceedingly difficult thing—so difficult that ordinary bell founders did not try to do it, but cast the bell thicker than they wanted it to be, and then put it on a lathe and turned it down. In order to get the eight bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Lewis is said to have cast 20 or 30 bells. It was, of course, an expensive job, but they were a 'maiden' peal and a good peal of bells. The church was now coming down, and the bells had got to be moved. There were three things which might happen which would prevent their future use as a peal. They might be sold and broken up. He did not think that was at all likely to happen. There were 45 new churches to be built, and these eight bells might be distributed between eight of them, or they might be put into a tower that would not be sufficiently strong to hold them if rung. He proposed that the following resolution be sent to the Bishop of London: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers desire most respectfully to call the attention of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the great artistic and historical value of the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and express the earnest hope that if it is not possible to build a sufficiently strong tower at the new Church of St. Andrew, they will not be either broken up, dispersed or placed in a tower not suitable, but will be given to some church in the diocese where there is a tower sufficiently strong to enable them to be hung for proper ringing.'

Mr. W. H. Oram seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, a vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the invitation extended to members of the Middlesex Association in connection with the Croydon Rally and for the hospitality of the firm.

The appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for funds to erect a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies in Tewkesbury Abbey was laid before the meeting. Mr. J. A. Trollope spoke of the services rendered to the Exercise by Mr. Davies, who was one of the leaders of the reform movement of fifty or sixty years ago, and did so much for ringers and ringing by his work to put the more scientific side of ringing on a sound basis. He proposed that a sum of two guineas be voted to the memorial fund.—Mr. J. H. Hunnisett seconded the motion, which was adopted.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Mr. Hollier proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Teddington, Isleworth and Hampton for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and to the steeplekeepers for their assistance.—The Chairman, in replying, mentioned their indebtedness to Dr. Nicholl, who deputised for the organist, and remarked that when the organ failed them in the last hymn he thought the ringers covered themselves with glory in singing without any other adventitious help.

This concluded the business, after which ringing was kept up in a variety of methods on the Parish Church bells for a considerable time.

### LEEDS BELLS TO BE RECAST. COMPLETE RESTORATION SCHEME.

A large scheme of restoration of the bells of the Parish Church, Leeds (Yorks) is shortly to be taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The present peal of twelve, tenor 35 cwt., was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1840, and hung in a bell frame which was taken from the previous tower and reconstructed to suit the new tower, which was completed about that time.

All the bells are now to be recast into a noble ring of twelve, tenor weighing well over 2 tons, and a flat sixth is also to be provided which will give a handy ring of eight, tenor about 17 cwt., for practice. The peal will be hung in a massive iron and steel framework, and will, of course, be equipped with up-to-date and modern fittings throughout; an Ellacombe chiming apparatus is also to be provided.

It may be of interest to note that Leeds bells will make sixteen entirely new or recast rings of twelve bells to have been installed during the past sixty years. Of these sixteen rings, twelve have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

#### SIXTEEN NEW PEALS OF TWELVE.

The fifteen new peals of twelve bells which have been cast during the last sixty years are as follows:—

	Weight of	Tenor.	Date.	Founder.
London, St. Paul's Cathedral ...	62 cwt.	1878.	Taylor.	
York Minster (also a semitone bell)...	60 "	1926.	Taylor.	
Worcester Cathedral (also a semitone bell ... ..)	50 "	1929.	Taylor.	
Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral (also two semitone bells) ... ..	45 "	1909.	Taylor.	
Shrewsbury, St. Chad's ... ..	40 "	1914.	Taylor.	
Newcastle-on-Tyne Cathedral (also a semitone bell) ... ..	38 "	1892.	Taylor.	
Birmingham Parish Church ... ..	37 "	1928.	Mears and Stainbank.	
Chelmsford Cathedral ... ..	35 "	1913.	Warners.	
Oldham Parish Church, Lancs... ..	35 "	1925.	Taylor.	
Leicester, St. Margaret's ... ..	33 "	1922.	Taylor.	
Wolverhampton ... ..	33 "	1911.	Gillett and Johnston.	
Buckfast Abbey, Devon ... ..	28 "	1912.	Warners.	
Macclesfield Parish Church ... ..	26 "	1923.	Taylor.	
Walsall Parish Church ... ..	26 "	1929.	Taylor.	
Lincoln Cathedral ... ..	24 "	1928.	Taylor.	

The peal of twelve bells with semitone bell, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to cast for Leeds Parish Church, will make the sixteenth peal of twelve to be cast during the last sixty years, all but three of them having been made within the last twenty years.

### A JOINT MEETING AT WORKSOP.

The Sheffield and District Society of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild held a joint meeting at Worksop on Saturday, April 2nd. A visit to this beautiful and historical Norman church provides a great amount of interest. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., the ladies taking their share in conducting as well as ringing, and several good touches were brought round in grand style.

After tea at a nearby cafe, a short business meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place in the belfry, the chair being taken by the newly appointed president, Mr. C. Haynes. A vote of thanks was given to the Worksop company for helping to make the meeting such a successful gathering, also to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Further ringing took place until time for bus and train.

At the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, members were present from Sutton-on-Trent, North Collingham, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Thurgroft, and Handsworth, Sheffield. Mrs. East, of Collingham, took the chair. Mrs. Sanders, of Duffield, was elected a member.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of the late Miss Leach, of Leeds, who had passed away since the November meeting.

The annual meeting is to be held in June at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

### DEATH OF NORTH Lincs RINGER.

The death of Mr. Charles H. Bird, of Scunthorpe, which occurred on Monday, March 21st, removes a well-known and much respected member from the ranks of the Exercise in the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He had been a ringer at Scunthorpe Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893, and for the last ten years the captain.

His peals (about 35 in number) have been rung with two exceptions for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and in the following methods: Minor (one to five methods), Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Little Bob Major.

A reliable ringer and excellent striker, he will be sadly missed by the Scunthorpe band in particular, and by a wide circle of ringing friends generally.

### A PEAL THAT MADE HISTORY.

#### OLD FRIENDS CELEBRATE RINGING OF 'THE ORIGINAL.'

On March 11th, 1887, the first non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths. That performance made ringing history. At that time there was in London a brilliant young band that made handbell ringing their special hobby, and who achieved much success with peals. Eventually they determined to attempt Holt's Original, non-conducted, and at the third attempt they were successful.

In those days the ancient hostelry known as the Goose and Gridiron, adjoining St. Paul's Churchyard, was an informal meeting house of the society, and it was there, in a room on the first floor, that this great performance was achieved. The band was John Christopher Mitchell, then aged 19, 1-2, William H. L. Buckingham, aged 20, 3-4, Challis F. Winney, aged 29, 5-6, George T. McLaughlin, aged 23, 7-8. There were three umpires—John W. Rowbotham, representing the College Youths, and George Wild and William Barron, representing the rival society of Royal Cumberlands. Outside the door of the room were many more listeners, and when the bells came truly home there were scenes of great enthusiasm.

The Goose and Gridiron has gone; George McLaughlin and William Barron have joined their fathers; but time has dealt kindly with the rest of that little company, and in celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the peal the survivors, with the exception of Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, who was too unwell to join them, were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchell, at their delightful home at Streatham Hill on Monday evening. They were joined by a few other old friends, the company including, in addition to Messrs. Buckingham, Winney and Wild, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Young, A. A. Hughes, F. E. Dawe and J. S. Goldsmith.

What a wagging of tongues there was; what reminiscences! How many times was the question asked, 'Do you remember —?' Challis Winney, with his wonderful memory, which even the passage of 74 years does not seem to have impaired, was in great form. The enthusiasm of those days, now nearly half a century ago, was brought back in vivid patches. For instance, it was recalled that one evening it had been intended to attempt a handbell peal at Mr. Winney's house, but Mr. Mitchell was detained by business and did not arrive on the scene until a quarter to eleven. Nevertheless, the peal was begun—and successfully finished in the early hours of the morning! Challis' bed that night was given up to two of the visitors, and he had to sleep on his billiard table!

When the Original had been rung non-conducted (and we do not think anyone has repeated the performance on handbells), Holt's Tea-Part was similarly rung by the same band. Afterwards, the company turned their attention to Stedman Triples, and Mr. Winney conducted a peal of it. This was all within a few months. On Monday evening three of these 'old hands' sat down with the handbells, and, with Mr. Cockerill filling the vacant place, once more rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples, although Mr. Mitchell had been for years without practice. Once again they made a non-conducted attack on the opening leads of Holt's Original, and, although they did not get very far, it was a happy link with 45 years ago. Indeed, there was a very tangible connection with that now distant performance, for Mr. Wild produced the original figures by which the umpires checked the peal. None of your rough and ready bob lead-ends about this; not even the whole of the 360 lead-ends would suffice for that task. The book, in Mr. Wild's own writing, contained the whole of the 5,040 changes, and there was the pencil dot placed against every row as the peal proceeded. That was Umpiring, with a capital U.

Thus the delightful evening quickly fled, with handbell ringing in which all present took a share, with stories that recalled incidents almost forgotten, and people who had played their part in the Exercise and passed on. There was no formal speechmaking, but a toast was drunk to 'the anniversary' and to the gracious host and hostess. That peal of March 11th, 1887, must have lived again in the memories of at least four of those present; the celebration of the 45th anniversary will long remain a pleasant recollection with those privileged to enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell's kindness and hospitality.

It is interesting to recall that the 'silent' Original was rung on the 33rd anniversary of another famous handbell peal—the non-conducted Stedman Triples rung on March 11th, 1854, by John Cox, William Cooter, Henry Haley and Matt. Wood.

### THREE DEATHS IN THREE WEEKS.

The Church of the Saviour, Bolton, has lost by death, within three weeks, its Vicar, Rev. Arthur Pearson Bradshaw, who was always interested in his ringers, Mr. Sylvester Worthington, a ringer there over 30 years (both were interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on the same day, when the bells were rung fully muffled for the service), and then the leader of the tower, Mr. Robert Fiddies (who had taken part in this ringing). Mr. Fiddies was interred at Deane on the 24th ult., when the bells were again rung muffled. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1888.

Two peals were rung by members of the Bolton Branch to show their respect—one on March 11th and the other on April 1st.



### THE FIRST PEAL AT ST. DAVID'S. AN ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

Almost at the extreme end of West Wales, in Pembrokeshire, amongst the wilds, situated sixteen miles from the nearest railway station (Haverfordwest), and reached after negotiating seventeen steep hills, lies the magnificent old Cathedral of St. David. When it was known a new ring of bells was to be installed, a few of the enthusiasts of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association decided to go there. An attempt was made to arrange the visit last year, but permission for the bells could not be obtained, as the dedication did not take place until July, so it was decided to wait until Easter Monday. True to promise, the eight mustered, the first of the party having to leave Newport with the morning mail at 2 a.m. Two more joined the train at Bridgend, a further three at Port Talbot, one more at Neath, and the last at Swansea, and thus, to the joy of all, the band was complete. Haverfordwest was reached about 6.30 a.m.



ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL.

The first bus due to leave being timed for 11.20, arrangements were made for a 'special.' After what seemed a tremendously dangerous ride by taking sharp turns and ups and downs, St. David's and a good breakfast were reached.

The peal was started just before 10 a.m., and successfully brought home by the able conductor and well-known composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman.

The foregoing information may interest those who have in their mind a peal on St. David's bells.

An inspection of the Cathedral was made during the afternoon and details explained by Mr. Owen Harries, the local leader. Afterwards the tedious return journey was made for home, the last to reach there arriving about midnight.

The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and are a very fine ring with a tenor of 25 cwt. They hang, not in the Cathedral tower, but in the 13th century octagonal tower at the south-east entrance to the close. It can be seen in the picture, between the central tower of the Cathedral and the western pinnacles. The tower is unusual in its proportions. Its height from the ground to the top of the parapet is about 46ft.; the internal span of the belfry is approximately 28ft., and from the belfry floor to the ground is about 20ft. The ringing chamber on the ground floor is heavily vaulted and impressive, but, while the sound of the bells outside has been pleasantly modulated by closing the louvres and providing a lantern in the roof of the tower, the noise in the ringing chamber is very considerable owing to the close proximity of the bells.

### BOW BELLS.

#### RESTORATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY MESSRS. GILLET AND JOHNSTON.

The committee responsible for the restoration of Bow bells have decided to place the contract with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

They had previously accepted the offer of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge to defray the cost on the basis of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's specification, but an offer made while the case was before the Consistory Court led to the matter being further considered. The committee, however, decided to adhere to their previous decision.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

#### INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR RULE AMENDMENTS.

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate. Seventy-six members were present, and among the visitors were Messrs. Keith Hart and Jack Cripps (Brighton) and Mr. Oliver Sippetts (Crawley). Tea was served at the Tudor Cafe, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, supported by Mr. Temple Muir (Deputy Mayor of Reigate), Mr. C. H. Kippin (secretary), Messrs. D. Cooper and A. J. Bull (district secretaries), Mr. M. Northover, etc. The treasurer's statement of accounts was approved.

The committee's report showed that 35 peals had been rung by the association during 1931, being two less than the previous year. The association had a balance of £46 8s. 8d. at the end of 1931, as against £60 5s. 9d. at the beginning of the year. The loss of £13 17s. 1d. was caused by an expenditure of £21 upon printing certificates, which would not occur again for many years to come. Three members had passed away during the year, viz., R. J. Loveland (Croydon), J. Curvell (Mitcham), and J. W. Knight, sen. (Limpsfield). In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 34; in the Southern District the average attendances at meetings was 33 against 24 for the previous year. A joint meeting had been held with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and this event still proved popular. The bells of St. John's, Redhill, had been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The committee recommended that a peal book be purchased at a cost of £6 15s. in an endeavour to get some of the peals written up.—The report was adopted.

St. Peter's, Croydon, St. Martin's, Epsom, and Southwark Cathedral were proposed for the next annual meeting. After considerable discussion upon the ability of members to ring 12 bells, St. Martin's, Epsom (10), was chosen.

All the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, no other nominations having been received.

Mr. Reading moved a vote of thanks to them, especially to Mr. Birt (Master) for what he had done during the year.—Mr. Birt, in replying, said he had been out of the country for the major part of the year, and had only just returned. He gave an interesting account of some of his experiences in South Africa.

The following alterations to rules were recommended by the committee:—

- (a) That the last sentence of Rule 10 be deleted (this related to the 2s. 6d. re-election fee).
- (b) That Rule 21 be deleted (peal booking fee).
- (c) That Rule 17, second paragraph, be amended to read 1s. 6d. per member, instead of 6d.

As the 69 supporting votes required to alter a rule were not forthcoming, all the recommendations were lost.

A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was carried, and concluded the meeting.

The bells of St. John's, Redhill (8), and Reigate (10) were made good use of, and methods up to four-spliced Surprise and 'Boat-race' Surprise were rung.

Service was held in Reigate Parish Church, and an interesting address was given by the Vicar.

### WEDDING OF MANCHESTER RINGER'S DAUGHTER.

#### BRIDAL COUPLE RECEIVE PAPAL BLESSING.

Considerable interest was evinced in the wedding of Miss Ethel Josephine Steele and Mr. Eric Williams, M.P.S., which took place on Easter Monday, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Strretford, Manchester.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Steele, of 21, Henshaw Street, Strretford, and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Williams, of Mayfield, Brook Lane, Newton Park, Chester. The ceremony and nuptial Mass were performed by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Edmondson), and at the sanctuary were Rev. W. Lawlor, assistant priest, and Rev. P. Kennedy, St. John's, Chorlton.

The bridal pair enjoyed the unique privilege of receiving the blessing of His Holiness the Pope, Pius XI. This was bestowed at the end of the nuptial Mass by Rev. J. W. Edmondson. Bridal music was played by Miss L. Hughes.

The wedding reception was held at the Angel Hotel, Strretford, attended by 40 guests, who showered their good wishes on the happy pair, who later left for a honeymoon previous to going on to Chester, where the bridegroom is in business as a chemist.

A peal of Stedman was rung at Pendleton in honour of this event. Mr. F. J. Steele is a well-known ringer in Lancashire and the Midlands.



# NOTICES.

## THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 16th. Opening of Guild Library in S. Nicolas' belfry at 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each) and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Bells of Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) 3.15 to 4.15.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on April 16th. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Rector (Rev. Canon Green). Tea in the school close by at 5.30. All ringers and ringing friends will be welcome. Buses now run conveniently from Ware. Priory buses for Dane End (outward): 2, 2.55, 3.45, 4.50 and 6 o'clock. We shall be pleased to see any old friends, also new ones. A card would be appreciated and a help towards catering.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Bells available 3.30. Tea (near by) 5.30. Business in tower 6.30. Ringing after. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. — J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Also Winford bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 16th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—Ashford District. — A combined meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at Saltwood. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hythe tower will open at 6.30 for after-tea ringing. All ringers heartily welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; P. Page, R.M. Guild Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business at 7.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall. 5, meeting.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will those desiring tea kindly advise by April 20th, J. D. Buckingham, Rectory Cottage, Goldhanger? Come and make this meeting a big success.—A. E. Coomber, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Brookfield Church, Gorton.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the dedication and reopening of the bells at Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Dedication service at 3 p.m., with ringing by local band. Tea, free to all ringers and 1s. per head for others, will be served in Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Ringing between service and tea and after tea until 9.30 p.m. All intending to take tea please notify C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, not later than Wednesday, April 20th.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, 1s. 3d. Secretaries must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Stret, Brighton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Steeple Aston tower will also be available 3 to 4 o'clock and after tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m.: E. Retford (10), W. Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Good bus service to and from Ordsall. Service in E. Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. A good attendance is requested. Special business.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**STANDLAKE, OXON.**—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by White's, Appleton, will be re-dedicated by Bishop Shaw, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Institute (1s.) at 5 p.m. Please notify by April 20th.—B. D. Costar, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Beaconsfield. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please send your name for tea not later than April 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting has been arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, at All Saints', West Ham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Faith's Hall, by kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members are requested to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Important routine and other business to discuss.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Littleport, Cambs., on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please look up College Exercise.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, 20th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's, Froyle, at 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller. Will those who wish to accept the invitation please notify me, without fail, by Thursday, April 21st?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. W. A. Lowsley, Hampstead Norris Vicarage, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 20th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, 4, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolphs, from 1.45 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Caroline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Café at 6, at rs. 9d. each. Tables reserved for those who send names in to J. W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Wigan, before April 17th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Half railway fares (maximum 2s.) will be allowed all members attending.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Stone), followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. 6d. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

YOU can easily make a 'bob' by spending an afternoon at Bushey, April 30th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 6. Cheap tickets either by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, on usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Bells at St. Andrew's also hoped to be available.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should be made to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than first post May 5th. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every 1/2 hour, and from Goole every 1/2 hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Full particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3.30. Preacher: The Bishop of Salisbury.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

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