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'DEFAULTERS'

There are probably quite a number of ringers to whom the remarks made in the annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and quoted in our last issue, apply. And they do not all reside in Norfolk. 'Those tiresome people who do not pay their subscriptions until the very last moment' are to be found, we are afraid, in every association and guild. Some, indeed, do not even pay at the very last moment and consequently let their membership lapse. It cannot always be put down to forgetfulness, because these people usually receive reminders of their indebtedness. The reason of it is, in the main, thoughtlessness and lack of consideration for others, and no end of trouble would be saved to officials if all members of ringing organisations would pay their contributions promptly. It is not that the amount demanded is onerous. Two shillings a year, which is the outside subscription, is not a burdensome fee, but unless the amount is forthcoming within a reasonable period after it becomes due, it may easily run away with much more than the equivalent of that sum in time and incidental expenses in the collection of it. But apart from the trouble and cost, there is the anxiety of those responsible to maintain the financial position of the association, and defaulters should ask themselves—if they ever ask themselves anything—where would the association be if all the members acted as they do? It should be a matter of honour among ringers that their subscriptions should be paid promptly. The people who collect their contributions are people who do the work for nothing, and it is not fair to put them to unnecessary trouble.

Besides this question of 'defaulters,' there were other points in the report of the South Norfolk Branch Secretary, which not only his own members, but many others might well take to heart. They are matters, indeed, which deserve the earnest attention of every ringer, particularly those which urge regular and punctual attendance for service ringing, better attendance at meetings and greater effort in securing new members. These things are the very essence of loyalty to a ringing association and if acted upon fully would vastly increase the usefulness and influence of our ringing organisations. In what percentage of towers, we wonder, does the service ringing always start with strict punctuality; what percentage of members attend their association meetings, and what percentage of individual ringers stir a finger to bring new blood into a tower? We believe the figures, if they could be ascertained, would be low. In any case, we are certain they could be greatly improved upon if ringers would take their task more seriously and realise their responsibilities to their towers and their associa-

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tions more fully. Is it not just as correct to say that those who fail in these matters are as much 'defaulters' as those who fail to pay their subscriptions when they become due? There is probably no other service or pursuit requiring team work which suffers so badly from unpunctuality as ringing, and in no other sphere, we think, would it be tolerated to such an extent. It is within the ringer's own power to alter it, and the 'defaulter' on punctuality should be the first to mend his ways. He forgets that his being late is not only wasting the time of the other members of the band, but holding them up to equal blame in the eyes of the public when, through his default, the bells fail to play fully their expected part.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Maximus on the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp

FRED HAYES ... Treble	WILLIAM E. REDDIP ... 7
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 8
FRANK WEST ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
RALPH COLES ... 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE WHITE ... 5	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6	EDWARD R. CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of F. Donald Boreham, a member of the local band, to Miss Winifred Kendall at the above church, and of Mr. E. Bernard Saunders, a member of the choir, and late headmaster of All Saints' C. of E. School, to Miss Cartwright, of Norfolk, both on the above date. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Daisy Wilkins, Perth, Australia, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KRITH HART ... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
ALBERT W. WARD ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

This peal has the 6th the extent behind the 9th and 8th, with alternate titum and handstroke home course-ends.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.**MIDDLESBROUGH.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. REID Treble	S. YATES 5
* E. BROWN 2	T. METCALFE 6
MRS. WARRIOR 3	† J. C. POLLARD 7
T. LANCASTER 4	W. ELLERINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSLOW.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar (Rev. J. McN. Smith, B.A.). This is the first child born in the parish to the Vicar of the parish.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT THOMAS Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	WILLIAM O. TALBOT 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late David Yorke, who was a ringer at the neighbouring tower of Holbeck for many years, and was interred the previous day. The peal was also rung in affectionate remembrance of the late Mr. Henry Lindsay, who was a ringer at Headingley for nearly forty years, and who passed away on March 19th. R.I.P.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
* FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 7th.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

CYRIL HOUSE Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	SIDNEY CARTER 6
STANLEY CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 7
WILLIAM K. NORTH 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by B. AYNABLE.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal in the method by all the band.

LONDON.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
GEORGE RADLEY 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 4	HENRY E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BARNES, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: A. Cutmore 1, W. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, A. Harding 7, P. Stratton 8.

LONDON.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, March 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	JOSEPH WAGHORN 5
* ERNEST W. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTHRSLEY.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.***On Wednesday, March 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

P.C. GEORGE PYE Treble	P.C. WILLIAM PYE 5
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON 2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 6
* EX. P.C. BURLEY WALSHAW 3	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 7
P.C. DONALD BROWN 4	P.C. JAMES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by P. C. FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	JOHN P. PELLOB 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	* RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 7
* CHARLES STEPHENS 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOB.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

*On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 8½ cwt.

* MISS MARJORIE C. FIELD Treble	MARK ROSIER 5
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	† GILBERT J. TOWNSEND Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT Treble	GEORGE KING 5
JAMES G. POWELL 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE 7
* WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

* 25th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Agriculture.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): Miss D. Wacey 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. A. Wacey 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	S. PERCY MERSON 5
*DUDLEY F. SEELDON 2	*WM. A. SIVIER 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
S. GEORGE COLES 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At DOUGLAS PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN BROWN Treble	*WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND 4
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED 2	GEORGE T. JENKS 5
ROBERT ALLRED 3	†ROBERT CORRIGAN Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 4
†RONALD SMITH 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung for the Easter festival.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

A. NORMAN GEARY Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 4
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 2	WILLIAM ROOT 5
J. GIFFORD GEARY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 100th M.C.A. peal. First peal of Kent Minor by all except the conductor, and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Specially rung half-muffled in sacred memory of 'I. N. R. I.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	GEORGE E. BUNTING 4
THOMAS F. BUNTING 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method by ringers of 2nd and 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

WOODBIDGE.—For confirmation service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, C. E. Fisher 2, S. Woodward 3, F. L. Fisher 4, F. G. Woodruffe 5, G. N. Blake 6, C. J. Trotman (conductor) 7, J. Sawyer 8.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—On February 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennet 1, L. Moore (conductor) 2, F. Neate (first 720) 3, G. Chamberlain 4, Eric Frampton 5, E. Frampton 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1934, in Two Hours,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

100th peal together by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	*A. ERNEST JONES 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal of Stedman.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Royal Masonic School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCIS KIRK 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	CHARLES JEFFS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Umpire—Walter Ayre.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

In St. Mary's School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS AMY WALDOCK 1-2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	FRED CHALK 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells. First handbell peal in the borough of Maldon and first in the county in which a lady has taken part. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 56th birthday. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo at the conclusion of the peal.

A NEW PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE.

QUALITIES NOT EASILY OBTAINED.

Peals of 5,024 of Superlative Surprise Major with the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th's place without the second in that position are very scarce. The following, composed by Mr. Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden, was conducted by him at Ickleton, Cambs, on December 30th last:—

23458 M. B. W. H.

42356	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—
63125	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
25834	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
62453	—	—	—
82534	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
45623	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23458	—	—	—

THOMAS THURSTANS.

CHEQUERED CAREER OF A GREAT COMPOSER.

Buried as an 'Unknown.'

Among those whose names will ever live in the art of ringing is Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, whose fame is made secure by his celebrated peal of Stedman Triples, the first ever composed on the twin bob system with two singles only. There are many worthies of a past age about whom ringers of to-day would like to learn something, but we have a picture of Thurstans from the pen of John Day; another Birmingham ringer, who was a contemporary. John Day has been dead for many years, but we are able to give his recollections of Thurstans by the kindness of Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, who sends us a copy of an article which was published about 40 years ago. It will, we are sure, be read with interest by all our readers and particularly by those who get so much enjoyment from ringing Thurstans' famous composition.

COMPOSER WHO LACKED PATIENCE.

Next to my uncle, Thomas, the first man I ever knew as a ringer, wrote John Day, was the celebrated Thomas Thurstans. About the year 1830 my father kept a public house, the Bell, in Smallbrook Street, Birmingham, and a frequent visitor to the house was a man whom I used to hear spoken of as 'Tommy Thurstans.'

He was looked upon by my parents as somewhat of a nuisance, being generally noisy and intoxicated. Possibly that was the reason I noticed him at so early an age.

At the commencement of my ringing career in the year 1842, one of the first names I heard mentioned in the Belfry was Thurstans, and I soon learned that it was the man I had known in childhood, and it was not long before I saw him. He was a bachelor, and lived with his sister in a small house in Church Street very near St. Philip's Church.

After Sunday morning practice, Chattel and I generally passed the house on our way home, and often Thurstans would be standing at his door in shirt sleeves, pipe in mouth, waiting to have a chat with Chattel. He would ask about the young band, give his opinion as to their progress, and generally work his way round to 'Lates and Stedman Triples,' since Lates and he were both hard at work at that time trying to improve the peal.

I only remember ringing with him once, when I was a very young hand, and he made a not very complimentary remark about my striking, but it did me no harm.

Thurstans' name will last probably as long as the 'art of ringing' is practised as the composer of the peal of Stedman Triples bearing his name. He must have begun to study composing when very young in the art, as he would be about twenty-four years of age when he called his peal of 6,600 Stedman Cinques, while there were also peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal of his composition rung even prior to that.

No doubt there would be a little rivalry between Thurstans and Cooper, as the latter had made a name before the former came on the scene. Being so good a man at the heavy end would enable Thurstans to assert himself and claim priority as conductor.

I have heard both my uncle and the late Henry Johnson say that Thurstans' great fault as a composer was his lack of patience to prove his work, and I have had many opportunities of knowing such to be the case. His later peals of Stedman were submitted to Mr. Johnson, and his peals of Treble Bob Major to Mr. T. Day to look over as to their truth.

FALSE PEALS—AND A RECORD.

When he was working at Treble Bob Major with the tenors parted, which resulted in his peal of 15,840, he sent a great number of peals to Mr. Day, the late Amos Cresser being the messenger, as he lived in Church Street very near Thurstans. Mr. Day used to look them over and then put them into an old hat, which he kept for the purpose in a recess over the stairs door, and the hat was nearly full before Thurstans produced a true peal. On one Sunday afternoon, on my way to see my uncle, as I usually did once a fortnight, I met Cresser coming away from his house. He told me he had taken another peal to be looked over, and when I arrived I found my uncle very interested in the figures. Knowing that it was of no use to speak to him while he was so occupied, I sat down and waited quietly for him to break the silence, and he did so presently with his usual, 'Yes! Yes! This will do, if he alters these three courses. I believe it will run true,' at the same time showing the papers with the 7th in 5th's. The alteration was made, and as is now well known the peal is true.

Thurstans was very pleased with his success, and went to see Mr. Day, thinking he had superseded the others' peals, but this was not

so, as Mr. Day had a peal of the same number of which he had said nothing, not even mentioning it to me. Thurstans was rather annoyed when he learned this, and could not help showing his pique, so that when he was leaving Mr. Day told him that if he sent any more peals to be looked at he hoped he would send him something of his own, 'for,' he said, 'what you have sent is nearly all my work.'

On one occasion a band met at Aston for a peal of Treble Bob Major, Mr. Day intending to ring the tenor and call one of his own peals. Thurstans was in the band, and almost at the last moment asked Mr. Day to call a peal of his (Thurstans'). Being willing to oblige, he did so, and an apparently excellent peal was rung. Among those who heard it was Lates, who had just begun to show his skill as a composer and as a listener. In due course he asked to see the figures, and pronounced it to be false. False it was, and Mr. Day was so much annoyed at the occurrence I believe he never rang another peal of Major.

When Mr. Henry Johnson began to compose Stedman, thinking he had a good peal of Caters, he asked Thurstans to look over it for him. This he did, pronouncing it true. It was rung at Aston, Thurstans being in the band, and on its publication a Mr. Cross, of Liverpool, sent for the figures and discovered them to be false. Of course, Johnson never trusted Thurstans again in this way.

About the year 1846 (the year that Thurstans composed his peal of Stedman) there was a great stir about Treble Bob Triples. Day had produced a peal, and Lates had by some means got one, while Day and Cooper had produced touches also. At that time the large bells at St. Martin's were seldom rung owing to the eleventh going so badly. Stedman and Treble Bob Triples were practised on the first eight, and some beautiful ringing used to be heard. The Treble Bob Triples was quite a feature, and Thurstans, on hearing a touch rung, tried his hand in that direction and submitted a number of touches to Johnson, not one of which was true. He made a final effort, and said if that was not true it was 'impossible' to get a true touch, and Day's and Cooper's must be false. But, like all the rest, his final effort was false.

Apart from all this, I have heard Mr. Johnson, my uncle, and others say that no man of his time understood the theory of composition more than he did, but that he jumped at conclusions that were often erroneous.

A WRECKED LIFE

In appearance Thurstans was a very broad-set man, about 5ft. 8in. in height, although not looking so tall, and in later years he had a stooping and waddling gait. It was very plain to see he had been a very strong man, as he was very wide from shoulder to hip. By trade he was a brass finisher, and up to 1825 or thereabouts was a quiet and respectable man. About that time there was a trade dispute, resulting in a strike, and through leaving his work in an unfinished state he was summoned before the magistrates, who, in the then existing state of the law, had power to send him to prison. This they did for a month's hard labour at Warwick gaol.

The first time I heard of this I was in conversation with Lates, about the time Thurstans had been having one of his 'break outs.' 'Ah!' said Lates, 'Tom has never done any good since they made him grind his own corn.'

There can be no doubt that this disgrace totally upset him and, although steady and right enough at times, on others he would break out and act more like a madman than anything else. We also used to think he had been jilted in a love affair, for when he had a fit on, if anyone said anything to him relating to women it would make him ten times worse (and this was sometimes done on purpose, I am sorry to say). In fact, I and one or two others always avoided him at these times as they generally lasted for weeks until he became dirty and ragged, and a fit of illness put an end to it.

The last time I remember seeing him he was respectably dressed in black—I think in mourning for his sister, with whom he had lived for many years. He was carrying a basket of soil, which he had been getting for his window plants. He told me he was unwell and could not work. That was in the spring of 1858, and in the autumn of that year Mr. T. Cole, a former member of St. Martin's Youths, went to Johnson and told him 'poor Tom' was dead. From what Mr. Cole said we were led to suppose that he had had a break out and was taken ill in the street, it was said with English cholera. He was taken to the 'General Hospital' and there died.

No one knew who he was, and no one enquired about him, so it came to pass that the parish authorities buried him, no friends or relatives being near. We used to think it was mainly through the influence of his brother Charles that he was employed for some years as a filer at Messrs. Ellingtons, the manager overlooking his transgressions as to loss of time, etc.

DONCASTER VICAR'S APPOINTMENTS.

The Doncaster Parish Church bellringers rang two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples for the Sunday morning and evening services in 47½ minutes to mark the election of their Vicar (Canon Brooks) as president of the Doncaster and District Association and his installation as Rural Dean of Doncaster by the Bishop of Sheffield at the evening service. The following took part in the ringing: M. G. Halksworth (conductor), E. Stacey, J. Holmes, H. Wagstaff, A. Stavelly, W. E. Lloyd, R. Thompson and H. Baldwin.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For very shame I hesitate to bother you in the matter of Mr. Cashmore's letter of March 23rd. You have been so patient with us all—especially myself. But when there is persistent barking at the monkey which ain't up your tree, you would do something about it, wouldn't you?

In 1928 I tried to show that, not only did I view a theoretical lead in the light described so clearly and concisely (and not for the first time lately) by Mr. Cashmore, but—and far more importantly to the 'man in the belfry'—that, at Leytonstone, we rang our methods in precisely the same way. I have been trying to get Mr. Coles, and others, to admit this very fact for the past two years; and when a fresh correspondent entered, with the 'structure-of-leads' bee apparently so very fresh in his bonnet, to inform the world that . . . Mr. Joyce has . . . lost sight of the fact . . . my outburst was not, (as Mr. Coles, of all people, had the nerve to state!) 'quite unmerited.'

If ever it dawns upon Mr. Cashmore—as eventually, perhaps, it might do—that he has been barking up the 'Joyce,' instead of the 'Coles,' tree, he might perhaps be inclined to proffer to you an apology for those '14 lines to the bad.' I have written 'might perhaps' in both instances quite advisedly.

One tires of 'turning the other cheek' to the statements of a personal nature which are slightly wide of fact. (There are debit accounts in the names of Messrs. Coles and Severn!) But Mr. Cashmore makes one which affects argument. He states that I '... create the impression that I have studied the 12-method peal . . . not as a branch of mathematics.' Now my particular bêtes noires are the terms 'mathematics' and 'mathematical laws,' when introduced in the hope of blinding the ordinary ringer to fundamental and easily explainable fact; but I am quite prepared, when occasion arises, to justify my statements from that point of view. And here goes!

Here is my 'hand,' face up on the table! Three names of gentlemen who have inspected (not 'examined' let it freely be admitted) my figures dealing with the proof of that 12-method peal—Messrs. Prior (Leytonstone, and District Master of Essex Association), Cross (some time of Watford district), and Macdougall (of Hornchurch). One who may be inclined, if necessary, to testify to the probable authenticity of those figures—Mr. Driver (of Belvedere). A letter from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who examined the system which Mr. Driver will presume was used on the job—'. . . I have pondered . . . your system . . . and should not hesitate to use it myself. . . '

Now, to justify his references to 'intelligent schoolboys' and 'rope manipulation,' it is Mr. Cashmore's turn to 'face his hand' in this 12-method deal, and show, with names whose testimony is unimpeachable, that he has travelled so far in this particular 'branch of mathematics.'

Finally, Mr. Cashmore asserts that every lead in that peal of Major is 'complete in itself and conforms with any plain course lead.' He calls for intelligent argument to prove the contrary. I offer none, nor have I ever tried so to do. But here are two jobs well worthy of Mr. Cashmore's 'mathematical' hire:—

(i.) To try to convince Messrs. Coles, Trollope and Company that every one of the 30 leads which comprise each extent of the peal of Cambridge is 'complete in itself and conforms, etc., . . . '

(ii.) And then 'intelligently to argue'—without bolsters of 'mathematical' generalities—that the extents of that peal are not 'complete,' while each and every lead which goes to make those extents is 'complete and conforms, etc., etc., . . . ' and not by standards of 'rope manipulation,' but by the standards of 'a branch of mathematics' so strenuously advocated by Mr. Cashmore himself.

'Mathematics'—in this particular direction—bah!

GEO. L. JOYCE.

WILL ASSOCIATIONS ADJUST THEIR RULES?

Dear Sir,—As the Bankes James Cambridge is again likely to be the subject of much discussion at the Central Council meeting, it would be interesting to know what would be the attitude of those associations who have already reached a decision on the matter. Will they adjust their rules to conform with the C.C. decision, or shall we still have (as at present) some associations who allow this composition and some who do not?

I feel that, whatever the outcome of this controversy, all affiliated bodies should agree to the ruling of the C.C., or otherwise it will be best to leave it out of the C.C. agenda altogether.

A. E. ROWLEY.

Higham-on-the-Hill.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, L. Smith 2, S. J. Worsfold 3, W. A. Law 4, H. R. Acoc 5, E. Cooper 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, S. R. Stevens 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter-peal in the method ever rung in Fairfield by a resident band, also first as conductor by J. Hope.

DEATH OF MR. H. LINDSAY.

A LOSS TO YORKSHIRE RINGING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Henry Lindsay, of Holbeck, Leeds, which took place on March 19th in the Leeds General Infirmary. Of Scottish descent, Mr. Lindsay first became acquainted with change ringing at the six-bell tower of Ackworth, near Pontefract, but his work as a gardener brought him to Headingley, some forty years ago. At that time there was a band at Headingley who could ring meticulously five Surprise methods for Sunday service, and whose aims differed widely from the modern idea of huge peal totals. They concentrated on a standard of striking for Sunday service ringing which the writer has never heard excelled, and woe betide the unwary peal snatcher who visited the tower, if his striking did not compare in proportion to his peal performances.

Mr. Lindsay was somewhat unusual, for he did not take up change ringing seriously until he was nearly forty years of age. Once he had turned his attention to the art he made rapid strides and soon assimilated any complicated method with the best of ringers, and he was a splendid striker.

The deceased had rung twenty-seven peals for the Yorkshire Association, among them being the first peal of London Surprise for the association in 1904. Possessed of a rare fund of anecdote, and of a delightful and genial disposition, he was a welcome visitor to all ringing meetings until advancing years made his visits less frequent. Some three years ago internal trouble asserted itself, and was borne with great patience until, after a series of operations, he passed away somewhat unexpectedly on March 19th.

A peal which had been intended to be rung at Headingley in honour of the attaining his majority by the junior member of the band, was rung half-muffled at Headingley on March 21st, the method being Double Norwich, the favourite method of the deceased, composed by his old friend the late Mr. Arthur Craven.

The interment took place in the neighbouring churchyard of Kirkstall on March 22nd, several ringers being present from local towers, besides Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by his old friends: Mrs. J. Cotterell 1-2, W. O. Talbot 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, J. Cotterell 7-8.

A devoted husband, a beloved father, the deceased will be greatly missed by his wife, son and daughter, and though at the age of 75 his end could not be unexpected, his passing will form a gap hard to fill.

A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

THE EIGHTH TO RING A PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hinton on March 21st (and recorded last week) was originally arranged for February 21st, exactly a month earlier, and the actual date of Miss M. J. Johnson's 21st birthday. It was postponed on account of the death of Mr. F. J. Johnson, her father, and father of the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, which occurred the day previous. Despite the serious state of his health at the time, Mr. Johnson would not hear of it being put off, but was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to listening to the ringing. His last conscious thoughts were of the peal, and his last words were to his daughter 'not to get excited to-morrow.'

Permission was readily given, under the peculiar circumstances, for the attempt a month later and so near Holy Week, and was duly rung with the feeling of certainty that the departed parent was listening just the same.

Miss M. J. Johnson is the eighth member of the family of nine brothers and sisters to take part in a peal.

'CAMBRIDGE' CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Not so very long ago Mr. Filson Young, writing in 'The Radio Times,' tried to tell its readers something about the chimes heard daily over the ether from Westminster, commonly called Big Ben. He did not say definitely what the words are, and wrote only on hearsay.

The late Henry W. Haley, great ringer and composer, spent a great number of years with the now defunct firm of Warner and Sons as their bell tuner. His son, W. Haley, followed in his father's footsteps as a bell tuner, and a clever tuner he was. Haley, sen., passed on to his son a lot of manuscript connected with ringing, and when I was engaged at Messrs. Warners and met Haley, jun., he handed on to me some of his father's MS. Haley, sen., handed on to his son MS. dealing with what is known as the 'Westminster chimes.' These chimes are struck on the bells 2, 3, 4 and 7 of an octave, and for the hour they strike 16 notes. Here are the words:—

'Lord, thro' this hour
Be Thou my Guide,
And by Thy power
No foot shall slide.'

Anyone listening to wireless can hear for themselves the bells used. The chimes at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, are the same, but played on bells an octave higher, viz., 1, 2, 3, 6 of the back 10.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Arnold 1, H. Brackley 2, C. Badrick 3, H. Bull 4, F. C. Reeve 5, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 6, N. Brackley 7 (cover bell). First 720 by Miss Arnold, who only learned to handle a bell last year, and first 'inside' by the ringer of 2nd.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Rossendale Surprise: E. A. Sneath 1, H. M. Day 2, W. H. Waldron 3, T. A. Cooper 4, J. O. Landau 5, W. A. Day 6. First 720 in the method by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. Brunton 1, R. G. Bell 2, A. Dix 3, H. L. Long 4, S. H. Hoare 5, C. N. Leman 6, G. E. Howchin 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bristol on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, A. N. Wood 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, E. C. Lamber 5, F. Case 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—For evensong, on Sunday, March 11th, by the All Saints' service band, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, F. D. Boreham 3, F. Boreham 4, G. White 5, F. West 6, C. A. Smith 7, G. F. Hinton 8, Rev. C. E. Wigg 9, S. T. Goodchild 10, E. R. Coles 11, E. Croxford 12.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 49 mins.: E. Ansell 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Springham 5, F. Bird (conductor) 6, H. Bull 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10. All are local Sunday service ringers.

HERTS COUNTY MEETING AT WARE.

A meeting was held at Ware on March 10th, and proved very enjoyable. The bells, which are quite a fair peal, with a tenor of 22 cwt., were kept busy all the time, except for the interval for tea and meeting. Ringers were present from many places, including Broxbourne, Baldock, Braughing, Benington, Enfield, London, Forest Gate, Welwyn Garden City, Royston, Waltham Abbey, Great and Little Munden, also Exning, Sawston and Fulbourne, Cambs.

The Vicar, Rev. Lloyd Phillips, conducted the service and gave a very helpful address from the words, 'Magnify your office.' He extended a very warm welcome to all to his tower.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for confirmation service: E. R. Weller (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Stevenson 2, F. Relf 3, W. Reynolds 4, O. Waghorn 5, W. Gorringe (conductor) 6, J. G. Powell 7, F. Chapman 8. For evening service 1,080 changes of Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell 1, A. Goldsmith 2, R. Richards 3, E. R. Weller (longest length 'inside') 4, O. Waghorn 5, F. Relf (longest length as conductor) 6, W. Gorringe 7, F. Chapman 8. Rung with treble and 3rd in 'front.'

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for children's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Fields 1, Phyllis Hind 2, Ellis Clarke 3, E. Barnes 4, M. Ginn 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. Parker 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for 2nd and 3rd ringers.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Palm Sunday, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): G. Whybrow 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn 3, F. C. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, March 25th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. White 1, *W. Millard 2, *W. H. Farr 3, P. Merson 4, J. Fowler 5, E. Wyatt 6, W. H. Lloyd 7, F. Sadd 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, *P. Pengally 10. * First quarter-peal on ten bells. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Forest Hill, London.

WREXHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for men's afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Milington (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Clutton 2, F. Mitchell 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, P. Cross 5, J. Capper 6, A. Lea, jun., 7, A. Hodges 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: R. Fenn 1, C. E. Faulkner (first in the method) 2, S. J. Holgate 3, W. Beard 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. G. Moore 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

OXFORD.—On March 4th, for evensong, at SS. Martin and All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. F. Judge 1, A. Howes 2, Miss M. E. Reynolds 3, H. Miles 4, H. Badder 5, J. P. Pelloe 6, R. Green (conductor) 7, L. Plumley (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter as conductor and first attempt.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—At the Minster, on February 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, Rev. E. V. Cox 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, L. J. Lockyer (first quarter in the method) 4, E. T. Griffen 5, C. F. Turner (conductor) 6, R. F. Price (first quarter 'inside') 7, F. C. Hart 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to note that Mr. E. P. Debenham has been elected president of the Herts County Association for the jubilee year of the organisation. Mr. Debenham was present at the first meeting of the association in 1884.

With the peal at Countesthorpe (reported elsewhere) Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung peals of 5,000 and over at 120 towers in the Leicester diocese, 119 of which are actually in the county. This is a record far ahead of any other individual ringer in one county.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on March 19th, was rung by the Oxford Society to celebrate its bicentenary. The peal was recorded in error last week as by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The next meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was to have been held at Odiham, but as the bell frame there is in need of overhaul the meeting is to be held at Yateley, as announced in our notice columns.

The peal at Christchurch Priory Church, on Monday, was in some respects a commemoration, for it was on Easter Monday, 1888, that the first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung on the bells.

The meeting of the Sherwood Youths, which was to have been held to-morrow at St. Mary's, Nottingham, has been postponed to April 14th.

The pre-arranged toast was well and truly drunk in Hampshire on the 31st at 9 p.m. Th' clack stoock oop. How did Sheffield, Croydon and Edinburgh fare?

THE LADIES' GUILD.

ANNUAL REPORT REVEALS SATISFACTORY POSITION.

A report covering four years' work of the Ladies' Guild has just been issued. During that time—from July 1st, 1929, to June 30th, 1933—59 ringing members were elected, the total being now 273 ringing members and 57 honorary members. There are, however, ringers in various parts of the country who have not yet joined the Guild. 'The reports from the district secretaries,' it is stated, 'show that most meetings are well attended, but still there is room for improvement, and we would urge members to do their utmost to support the district secretaries. They work very hard for the Guild, and we cannot show our thankfulness and appreciation for their work better than by being regular in our attendances at meetings. Four peals have been rung. The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hands-worth was the first in the method for the Guild. An attempt for London Surprise Major was made at Crayford, but failed after two hours. The district secretaries still find difficulty in collecting the annual subscriptions, and in some cases have to make several written applications for them. It would be a great help if members would send their subscriptions when they become due on July 1st, or as soon after as possible.'

The income showed an excess over expenditure of £7 7s. 6d. during the period.

A HINT TO THE LADIES?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When a guild or association has been formed for a number of years, how important it is not to keep up old and worn-out ideas for the sake of tradition.

One might mention the exclusion of the 'gentlemen' from the 'ladies' business meetings. How enjoyable it is to have to 'get out,' after an appetising tea, from a nice warm room into the cold and wet, and find something to amuse yourselves. Especially when there are no handbells, not enough to ring the tower bells, and, when you discover a billiard table, to find cues but no 'ivories.' Of course, they (the gents) are useful at times, when a bell is treated unkindly (by a strong man) and the stay has to be disentangled, and even the sermon has to be preached by a mere man. It is the practice in quite a number of ringing societies nowadays to allow non-members to remain for the business meeting, with the permission of the chairman.

A. C. OLDBACK.

MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Drake is mistaken in supposing that the bells of Merton College are unringable. They are rung regularly on certain specified occasions each year, although the number of such occasions is strictly limited by the college authorities. If only permission could be obtained, a peal would certainly be rung on them. There is nothing in the 'go' of the bells to prevent this being accomplished.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

TENORS RECENTLY REHUNG.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Drake's letter in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' may I, through your columns, ask in what sense he applies the term 'unringable' to Merton College bells? I have personally rung many times in that tower during the last four years, and hope to do so many times in the future. The seventh and tenor have recently been rehung in ball bearings, and the 'go' of all the bells is quite satisfactory.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. WIGG.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

There has been a big drop in the number of peals rung in 1933 as compared with 1932. The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1933.		1932.	
	Tower.	Handbells.	Tower.	Handbells.
Maximus ...	26	1	22	—
Cinques ...	28	8	40	2
Royal ...	53	3	80	9
Caters ...	68	11	98	9
Major ...	789	49	879	49
Triples ...	345	16	418	13
Minor ...	303	5	408	8
Doubles ...	122	6	166	1
	1,734	99	2,111	91

TOWER BELLS.—Peals of Maximus have increased by four. There was a drop of three in Surprise methods and an increase of seven in other methods. Cinques have decreased by 12. Royal have decreased by 27; Surprise Royal have decreased by 19; and other methods by eight. Caters have decreased by 30, Stedman by 18, and Grandsire by 11. In Major, Surprise methods have decreased by 17, Double Norwich by 10, Treble Bob by 87, and Plain Bob by 30. Stedman Triples have decreased by 40 and Grandsire by 32. Minor show a decrease of 105 and Doubles 44.

HANDBELLS.—There is a slight increase in handbell peals. Maximus, Cinques, Caters, Triples and Doubles have increased, whilst Royal and Minor have decreased. Major remain the same.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Kent County Association head the list with 153 peals, an increase of seven over their last year's total. The Lancashire Association come next with 133, a decrease of nine; the Essex Association 131, an increase of 13; the Oxford Diocesan Guild 120, a decrease of 26; the Midland Counties 111, a decrease of 30. Seven societies show a small increase, and the rest a decrease, the most noticeable being the Yorkshire Association with 40 less.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

18,144 (longest length) Bob Major by the Hertford County Association at Bennington on June 5th.

NEW METHODS.

5,120 Daventry Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, January 19th.

5,104 Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus by the Suffolk Guild, February 11th.

5,040 Northfleet Little Bob Major by the Kent County Association, March 8th.

5,024 Woodbridge Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, April 10th.

5,056 Painswick Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, May 10th.

5,088 Wigston Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, June 24th.

5,152 Hinton Surprise Major by the Worcester and Districts Association, July 15th.

5,152 Bosmere Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, September 14th.

5,056 Windsor Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, October 18th.

5,088 Aldenham Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, October 21st.

5,088 Waveney Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, November 11th.

5,024 Bushey Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, November 23rd.

5,152 York Surprise Major by the Warwick Guild, December 16th.

HANDBELLS.

5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, March 22nd.

The only long length rung in addition to the Bob Major was 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major at Warnham by the Sussex County Association.

The outstanding performances of the year were the record peal of Bob Major at Bennington; the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand' by the Hertford County Association; the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; and a peal of Minor in 38 methods by the Chester Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1933 and 1932:—

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
January ...	119	184	July ...	115	131
February ...	167	155	August ...	150	175
March ...	146	154	September ...	155	181
April ...	178	211	October ...	146	210
May ...	156	183	November ...	168	208
June ...	127	143	December ...	206	267

FOOTNOTES:

It is pleasing to note an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The total is 523, an increase of 43 over (Continued in next column.)

PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

ENGLISH RINGERS TO VISIT THE COMMONWEALTH.

Mr. W. H. Fussell is organising a ringing tour to Australia, which is to take place in the coming autumn in connection with the Melbourne Centenary celebrations.

A cordial invitation to visit the Commonwealth has been received from the ringers of Melbourne, who are backed by the local Centenary Committee, in offering hospitality.

Already a number of ringers have promised to join the party, and it is hoped to make up a full band.

The excursion will be unique in the annals of ringing, and offers a great opportunity of encouraging the art in Australia.

The itinerary has not yet been mapped out in detail, but it is expected that in addition to Melbourne (where the central event of the centenary celebrations is to be the opening of a Hall of Remembrance on Armistice Day by Prince George), Ballarat, Hobart, and other places will be visited.

COMPETITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the article on ringing 'competitions.' There is no doubt that festivals or competitions amongst bands of ringers create great interest, but where there is competition between team and team the true spirit of emulation is often marred by a team including a good ringer who takes the place of one who attends the regular Sunday service ringing. Rightly, the omitted member objects, and there arises dissatisfaction and disagreement within the tower concerned.

'Though I like festivals and good striking,' said a ringer of 40 years' service, 'I don't care for competitions of any sort.'

Yet there is good in it all, and the festival should be encouraged, and, if possible, the striking judged by competent ringers. Would it be ultra vires to suggest that a certificate be issued to a band who successfully ring, say, 360 Grandsire Doubles or Triples, Stedman, Kent, or what not, so that each band be judged on its own achievement?

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

Lindfield, Sussex.

(Continued from previous column.)

last year. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method or method on a different number of bells is 1,162, a decrease of 384. It must be remembered, however, that it is impossible to judge progress or otherwise by these figures, as this total includes every footnote recording a first peal in the method, and in some cases peals in the simplest methods have been rung by ringers of wide experience and ability and are recorded as 'first peal in the method.' Again, ringers of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Royal ring a peal of Cambridge Minor, which is duly recorded as 'First peal of Minor in the method,' and is included in the above total.

Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 72, away from the tenor eight, in the method 'inside' 71, Maximus 13, Cinques 14, Royal 14, Caters 15, Major 65, Triples 21, Minor 52, Doubles 28, on twelve bells 34, on ten 51, on eight 42, on six 3, Surprise 53, 'in hand' 27, in method 'in hand' 37. New conductors number 62, a decrease of 28, and conductors in new methods 98, a decrease of 19.

Other footnotes show that 55 peals were the first on the bells, 21 since restoration or augmentation, and 179 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 74, birthday peals 283, Royal birthdays 23, weddings (including golden and silver) 97, church festivals and dedications 43, anniversaries 64, Armistice Day 34, welcome and farewell 33, Empire Day 6.

In conclusion we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 63,337:—

1881 ...	156	1919 ...	1,048
1898 ...	1,002	1921 ...	1,632
1905 ...	1,519	1930 ...	2,014
1913 ...	2,358	1932 ...	2,202
1917 (war year) 130		1933 ...	1,833

EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHAS. DEAN.
G. L. GROVER.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The second session of the fifteenth Council (42nd annual meeting) will be held in the Court House, Warwick, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, at 11 o'clock precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership, and payment of subscriptions.
2. Election of honorary members.
The following retire, and are eligible for re-election: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and S. H. Wood. One vacancy was left last year by the resolution of the Council.
3. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of Accounts.
9. Election of honorary auditors. (Rule 8.)
10. Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.
Trustees: Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
11. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

12. That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-third majority of the meeting. (Proposed by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.)
13. That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the 'Bankes James Arrangement' are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible. (Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.)
14. That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren. (Proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins and seconded by Mr. J. Parker.)

AGENDA.

15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
16. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road,
Enfield, Middlesex.

ARRANGEMENTS.

Headquarters: Ye Woolpack Hotel, Warwick. Accommodation at reduced prices. Bed and breakfast 8s. Apply to the manager. All members are advised to book accommodation at once, as Warwick is usually very full at Whitsuntide.

Peal attempts: Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Coventry, has kindly offered to arrange peal attempts (six and eight bells) for Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, but names must be sent in to him at once.

Tewkesbury: By special arrangement the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies is fixed for Whit Saturday, and all members who can do so are asked to attend.

ANCIENT BELL WELDED.

An ancient church bell belonging to Blythburgh Church, Suffolk, has just been successfully repaired by modern welding methods. This bell was cast in 1608 by James Edbere, whose name appears in the inscription, and is an excellent example of the bell founder's art. It stands 3ft. 6in. high, and weighs about 8 cwt. Although in a perfect state of preservation, it was badly cracked in the crown and on the canons, the cracks being due to the development of rust around the iron clapper staple.

The repairs were carried out by Barimar, Ltd., who also cut out the iron staple and welded up the cavity, and thus removed the cause of future trouble. The condition that the repairs were to be carried out without removing the canons was faithfully observed.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th, and was attended by about 45 ringers from Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Easingwold, Hemingbrough, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract (All Saints' and St. Giles'), Leeds, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea, York, and the local company. Choral evensong was attended in the Abbey, the address being given by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Solloway.

Tea in the Hawdon Institute was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Rev. N. Breene (curate) and the district officers.

Mr. H. C. Walters, Ringing Master, and Messrs. H. N. Imeson, W. Pearson and D. England, committeemen, were all re-elected for a further period of three years, Mr. Imeson having a seat on the general committee.

Eserick was chosen as the next place of meeting in June.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. D. M. Sharp, of Sutton-on-Hull, and W. Woosam, of Hull.

On the motion of Mr. F. W. Dale, the secretary was requested to write to the B.B.C. expressing appreciation of the broadcasting of church bells rung for services, and also of the record of Bow bells broadcast at various intervals, and hoping these will be continued as a permanent feature in the programmes.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his presence, was proposed by Mr. W. Middleton, seconded by Mr. A. E. West, and replied to by the Vicar, who heartily welcomed the association in his usual humorous manner. He said he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells for meetings or peal attempts, but owing to business premises being near the Abbey peals could not be rung on Saturdays or Mondays (market days).

A vote of thanks to the local company, the organist and choir, and to the ladies for serving the tea was responded to by Mr. F. Cryer.

Further ringing concluded a very happy meeting, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal and Major.

PUDSEY RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

FIVE SURPRISE PEALS RECORDED.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey, on Sunday, March 25th, prior to evensong, when the Vicar (the Rev. C. Tremayne) dedicated a peal board erected in the ringing chamber to commemorate the first peals rung on the bells in five different Surprise Major methods, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Pudsey.

The board was unveiled by Mr. Pratt Cordingley, president of the local company, to whose unflinching interest and enthusiasm much of the success of the Pudsey company is due. Significant of his zeal and that of his brother ringers is the fact that, apart from the late Mr. George Bolland, who rang in the first peal (Cambridge), all whose names appear on the board have been taught to ring in the tower, and each peal, except the last, shows one or two names of ringers who had to be taught after the previous peal had been rung.

After the dedication service the bells were rung for evensong to a touch in each of the five methods mentioned on the board.

5,024 SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BY. WM. BARTON.

A peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major was rung on handbells at 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, Yorks, on March 27th, composed and conducted by Wm. Barton. The following is the composition:—

Start Bob Major.

23456 W. B. M. H.

23645 2 — —

26345 3 S

Change to Double Norwich at the Single.

1 4 5 6

32564 — — —

25364 — — —

54362 — — —

35246 — — —

52348 — — —

62543 — — *

23546 — — —

Change to Bob Major at the Bob at 5.

W. B. M. H.

43265 S — —

24536 — — 3

Twice repeated, adding three bobs at 6 at * in one part.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE.

Mr. E. P. Debenham Elected President.

The 48th annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held on Easter Monday at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, under the chairmanship of the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson).

In the course of a brief welcome to the members, the Dean said he did not know of a better band of people who gave their services to the church than ringers. Ringing, he thought, was really of the greatest value, and he wished they were able to get the principles of ringing into the scheme of national education. What was needed was accuracy, and if they could get accuracy into the boys and girls when they were young it would be the best thing possible. Bell-ringers must be absolutely accurate; they must have intelligence; and the amount of intelligence that people brought to that work made him marvel. It also required a quick intelligence, and he could not think of a finer training than ringing. It was not merely the ringing of the bells, but the spirit of the belfry that made all the difference in the music they sent out to the people all round.

The following ringing members were elected on the motion of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre: F. Giddings and O. Hickling (St. Michael's, St. Albans), W. J. Arnold, E. J. Payne, J. F. Whyte, J. R. L. Challey and P. W. Lewis (St. Albans Cathedral), Miss Arnold and Miss Young (Tring), R. Williams and J. Culver (Little Munden), R. Thomas, R. Kerr and T. Kerr (St. Peter's, St. Albans).

DISLOCATION OF CHANGED FINANCIAL YEAR.

The financial statement, presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), who moved its adoption, showed a balance in hand at the end of December, 1933, of £8 7s. 10d., and the cash statement to March 28th, 1934, showed a balance of £14 6s. 1d. On the benevolent fund account there was a balance of £12 15s. 8d., an increase during the year of £4 7s. 10d., the largest increase since the fund was started.

The secretary's (Mr. G. C. Cartmel) report included the following: The passing of the resolution at our last Easter meeting that the financial year should end at December 31st, instead of at Easter, has limited our activities to nine months, and has caused dislocation in most districts in the collection of subscriptions. When a rule which has been in operation for nearly fifty years is suddenly changed, it is natural to expect that some difficulties would arise. However, this is only a temporary disorganisation, and the present year, I trust, will bring us into our stride once again, provided subscriptions are paid up early. I know of no reason why they should not, and if this suggestion is acted upon I am sure our treasurer will thank you.

During the nine months under review, twenty-eight peals have been rung upon tower bells and six on handbells. The outstanding feature of the year has been the ringing of the record length of Bob Major, consisting of 13,144 changes, rung at Bennington on Whit Monday, June 5th, in ten hours and fifty-two minutes. You will acknowledge, I am sure, that it is evidence of great skill, and we heartily congratulate the conductor, Mr. Sidney Carter, and the band on ringing a peal which is not only a record in the annals of change ringing, but also has only been surpassed in length by the Stedman Caters peal at Appleton. I am glad to hear that a board has been erected in the belfry to commemorate the achievement. It is interesting to notice that all the ringers are resident in the Eastern District. Other records calling for notice are the first peals of Duffield Major rung at Bushey Heath, conducted by Mr. F. W. Brinklow, and Aldenham and Bushey Surprise Major, both conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and rung at the respective towers. This being the first time that the methods of Aldenham and Bushey Surprise have been rung to a peal gave the conductor the privilege of naming the methods, and he has very appropriately chosen two names (Aldenham and Bushey), places where so much has been done to further the cause of change ringing. Another creditable performance has been the ringing of a peal of Minor, in ten methods, at Apsley End, conducted by Mr. W. Ayre. Advance also has been made at Redbourn, where the first local peal has been rung of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. G. Dauells. The Hitchin band have also succeeded in ringing a peal of Double Norwich, the first peal by an entirely local band since 1782. Mr. H. V. Frost, whose enthusiasm for ringing is commendable, has succeeded in calling his first two peals, Bob Major and Bob Royal.

The peal list shows a good variety of methods, rung in every district of the county, with seventeen conductors, the highest number of peals called by any one person being eight. Only one peal of Grandsire Triples was rung during the year, which shows advance in the ringing of higher methods.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

It has been stated in 'The Ringing World' that 'the clergy, as a whole, do not evince that interest in the ringers they have the right to expect.' This is, to my mind, a somewhat ambiguous statement, capable of wide interpretation, and one that will do no good to our cause. A careful perusal of accounts of meetings and the peals which are recorded weekly in 'The Ringing World' do not agree with what has been stated. Nor does it agree with my experience of the Hertfordshire clergy. The district secretaries report that the most cordial

sympathy exists between them, and that there is always a readiness to help in the arrangements of meetings, even to hospitality. Let us remember that when ringers have rung a peal (and perhaps many of the band have come from another district or even county) and go away pleased with their success, very often the parson who has so graciously granted the use of the bells, without any charge for wear and tear, has to bear the aftermath of complaints. Frequent visits of the clergy to the belfry is not the only way of expressing interest in our services, you all know very well. I think ringers are too humane to expect it in some belfries. The statement having been given such wide publicity, I feel it is my duty to express the opinion that it does not apply to our Hertfordshire clergy.

I am glad to report that the benevolent fund is steadily improving, support being forthcoming from several new districts during the year. Although the rules of the fund have been sent to every tower, there has been a failure to grip essentials. This position is now changing, and as a further help it has been suggested that the rules should be printed in the annual report.

THE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

The jubilee is claiming, and rightly, the thought and attention of our members throughout the county. Our fiftieth birthday is on October 29th, and the Committee selected October 27th as the nearest and most acceptable date for celebrating the event. It has since been found that this date was unsuitable for our Bishop, and as it is most important that we should secure his presence on such an auspicious occasion, he has kindly set apart Saturday, November 3rd, to be with us. The Dean has been asked to arrange a choral service at the Cathedral in the afternoon, and there will be ringing at the various churches, by permission of the incumbents. A dinner, with music and with community singing, will be held in the evening, probably in the Town Hall, when it is hoped the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will preside, supported by a record attendance of members and other clerical and county officials. A small committee will soon be meeting, and progress will be reported through the various district secretaries and 'The Ringing World.' There are still living several original members of the association whom we would like to join us in our jubilee festivities, and I should be very grateful if any such are known to our members they would put me in communication with them. I also hope that we shall be able to report a record number of peals having been rung to commemorate our fiftieth birthday. Is it possible for a peal to be rung in every tower in the county during our jubilee year? I leave the suggestion with you.

The district secretaries have again carried out loyally their responsible and exacting work in arranging meetings in their respective areas, and it is always a pleasant duty to acknowledge the association's indebtedness to these officers for their useful work.

In conclusion, adds the Hon. Secretary, let us acknowledge the good hand of God in vouchsafing to us the strength of mind and body and the will to carry on our church work, with the hope that by the music of the bells on the Sabbath day many may respond to their call and 'come and worship.' We would also extend our gratitude to our honorary members for their financial support, and to those clergy who have so kindly given permission for peal ringing, for district meetings and assistance in arrangement of services. To the 'live wires' of our association, who by their enthusiasm and ringing abilities have assisted so greatly the progress of change ringing in the county, and to the rank and file of our membership for their continued loyal support. And we also thank those who, in every tower, by taking care of the bells, make our pleasures more pleasant. Let us all endeavour to be loyal to the conductors of the band, willing to bear and forbear, not unreasonable or snappy, when advice is given as to bad striking or mistakes, but always ready to further the aims of our association by fellowship and goodwill.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Dean, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

On the motion of Mr. Cartmel, Mr. E. P. Debenham was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Cartmel mentioned that Mr. Debenham was present at the first meeting of the association in 1884.

Returning thanks, Mr. Debenham said he had followed the affairs of the association from the beginning with a good deal of interest. He became secretary and treasurer in 1883, and he had been in office ever since.

Mr. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. F. J. Reeve, seconded by Mr. B. Jarman.

Mr. W. Gilks proposed, and Mr. H. Goodenough seconded, the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as hon. secretary; Mr. George Debenham was elected hon. librarian; and Mr. W. Mercer hon. auditor. The following district secretaries were re-elected: Messrs. D. C. Mears, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Norton and W. Ayre.

Previous to the annual meeting a service for ringers was held in St. Albans Cathedral, and was conducted by Canon J. L. Barkway. The lessons were read by Canon H. A. Skelton and the Dean, and the preacher was the Rev. H. E. Earnshaw-Smith, Vicar of Watford. He said the great use and purpose of the bells was to summon people to church. They were used for invitation, to sound out the great word, 'Come.' That was their privilege in the service they rendered. They should always remember that they were calling men and women to the house of God.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

EDINBURGH.—At the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, on March 20th (St. Cuthbert's Day), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by members of the Scottish Association: *D. Holland 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. S. Holland 3, Miss A. I. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, *C. Raine 6, H. Mann (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *J. Lindsay Fraser 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1,321 Stedman Cinques: R. S. Long 1, J. H. Bower 2, J. Thorpe (conductor) 3, H. Naylor 4, Hezekiah Thorpe 5, A. P. Knights 6, M. E. Wilson 7, L. Charlesworth 8, E. Thorpe 9, S. F. Palmer 10, Haydn Thorpe 11, W. G. Dyer 12. First quarter-peal by Ernest Thorpe and William G. Dyer.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Mapley 1, R. Abrahams 2, R. Howson (first quarter-peal) 3, H. C. Beard (conductor) 4, E. Lathall 5, R. Hall 6, W. F. Smith 7, W. Childs 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Bowden (first quarter-peal) 1, B. D. Elliott 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, H. R. Furlonger 4, G. Ayliffe 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, F. Wicks 8. First quarter-peal by local ringers for several years.

EASTER TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, April 1st, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Stemp 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 3, P. W. Burnett 4, E. R. Warner 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, L. P. Cook 7, S. A. Bamford, R.M., H.M.S. 'Hood,' 8.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss D. Aslett 1, G. Ackerman (first quarter-peal) 2, W. G. Chandler 3, W. H. Chandler 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

DEAL, KENT.—On Easter Sunday evening, at the Church of St. Leonard, 720 Bob Minor: L. Amos 1, A. P. Cannon 2, J. Arthur 3, W. Terry 4, E. Verrier 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Arranged by the ringer of the 2nd, home for the Easter holidays, and rung within two days of St. Richard's Day, the latest black-letter saint in the calendar and the first Vicar of this church in 1243.

DOVER, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, April 1st, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, the St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation): H. Whitehead 1, R. T. Clark 2, H. J. Sanders 3, C. George 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, at the Priory Church, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. Stonestreet (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, E. V. Hinton 2, Miss M. Hodges 3, S. White 4, F. E. Pitman 5, H. C. Edwards 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10.

EDMONTON.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Norman Bagworth 1, Miss L. Wheeler 2, Miss E. Greenall 3, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher 4, George Collins 5, George Fletcher 6, James Parker (conductor) 7, Percy Pearce 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and tenor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. G. Biggs 1, P. Newton 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. James 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs 2, A. G. James 3, F. G. Biggs 4, P. Newton (conductor) 5, A. Newton 6, R. Blaby 7, Jos. Evans 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—At St. Laurence's Church for morning service, on Easter Sunday, 120 each of St. Clement's, St. Simon's, Old and New Doubles, Grandsire and Plain by: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5. For the evening service a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 360 each of St. Clement's and St. Simon's, and 240 each of Old and Plain Doubles, and 60 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, H. Day 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5.

FLIXTON, LANCS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) by the local band: Miss E. Collier 1, H. Chadderton 2, D. Vincent (conductor) 3, S. Rickard 4, G. Mason 5, J. H. Collier 6, H. Collier 7, R. Thomas 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kynaston 1, J. Hughes 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

VICAR'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Saturday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon J. J. Littlewood): J. Thorley 1, A. Woods 2, A. Ensor 3, D. England 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward (first quarter-peal) 8.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. Business meetings to follow.—H. Mingay and Mrs. R. Richardson, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. John's Church, Crossens. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School at 6.30 p.m. There is an excellent bus service to Crossens from Lord Street, Southport. Please make an effort to attend this seldom visited tower. The May meeting has been arranged for Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 5th. —William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Sawley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions for the above are now due. Reports are ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and Lynn St. Margaret's for short time in evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Crompton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5, at White Hart Hotel. Service 6.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., 33, Chesterton Road, Cirencester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Braden on April 7th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Bells not available April 7th. Annual meeting postponed to April 14th at St. Mary's Church, 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Parish Church, New Radnor. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector. — F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-Smith). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 10th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches. — The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m., meeting following. Please send number for tea not later than Thursday, April 12th, to Mr. John Roskell, 7, Prospect Place, Penwortham, Preston. Next combined branch practice at Whittle, Tuesday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 7th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Apply Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12, not later than April 11th. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m., Councillor T. Hanam Clark (Mayor) presiding. Tickets 3s. (ladies invited, same price). Ringing facilities: Barnwood 2 p.m. if required, St. Mary-de-Lode (6) 2.45 to 3.45, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45, St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. You may go east and you may go west, but come to Gloucester and have the best. Tickets obtainable, with remittance, from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bradfield Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, April 14th. Englefield tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). For those who apply before April 11th, a discount of 50% will be allowed. Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. We extend a hearty welcome to ringing friends.—H. Parker and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—F. Browning, The Bungalow, Cold Higham, Towcester.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, April 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th? All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kirton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th. Bells of St. Hilda's available from 2.30. Please advise Mr. W. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields, by April 12th if you require tea. Hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Sun Inn. All welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Revival of district meetings.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, April 14th. Service in the Parish Church, tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 26, Haligarth, Pickering. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Tea, 1s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. Please come. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Lockerley on April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by April 12th. Tytherley and Mottisfont bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Kathleen Bradford, 19, Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, April 14th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting. Tea close by. Kindly notify for tea Mr. A. J. House, Rochdale, Unity Road, Waltham Cross, Herts. All heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 14th. Those who require tea must notify me not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Willesden. Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Tuesday, 17th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify if requiring tea by 17th. — E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. All requiring tea please notify by April 17th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, April 19th?—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, April 16th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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