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A speaker at a meeting on Saturday, when the question of peals of Minor was being discussed, expressed the opinion that not more than five per cent. of ringers cared a brass button about the subject. That may or may not be true. If it be true, we think it is probably due to the fact that the other ninety-five per cent. cannot understand it or, perhaps, do not want to do so, or, if they do, have no real interest in six-bell ringing, and only suffer it when they can get nothing else. But because they are not interested, it does not follow that those who are should not endeavour to come to some conclusion as to what should be encouraged or discouraged in six-bell peal ringing. Those who ring on eight or more bells are in the position of having had the definition of their peals settled for them more or less automatically. It began when men first sought to obtain and ring all the possible changes on seven bells, after which this standard of 5,040 of Triples became also the approximate standard on higher numbers on which the extent was, from almost every point of view, an impossibility.

The whole position with regard to five and six-bell ringing was, however, different. We believe we are right in saying that, up to a point, the early ringers looked upon a 'peal' as the extent of the changes which could be produced on any particular number of bells. And thus we read of 'the whole peal of Doubles—120 changes' and 'the whole peal of Bob Minor,' and where five thousands or more were rung we read, as in the case of the record length at Wath in 1816, of 'twenty-one peals, making in all 15,120 changes,' or, in the case of Whaplode, Lincs, '10,080 changes or 84 peals' of Doubles. Later on these five thousands were termed 'performances.' It was not until the early days of the Central Council that they were officially designated 'peals,' and eventually it was laid down that such a peal should consist of seven true and complete 720's, each ending with rounds and rung without interval. When that definition was drawn up it adequately met the situation. It was a step in advance in securing that true 720's should be rung, and ruled out such things as fourteen 360's or twenty-one 240's, which were sometimes recorded as 'peals.'

But the enterprise of composers and the views of some ringers, which have changed with the advance of time, have led to other ideas being formed as to what ought to be admitted as a peal, and it is in an endeavour to guide the Exercise that the Central Council has made various efforts to arrive at some decision on what shall in future constitute a peal of Minor or Doubles. It is quite true that, whatever definition is arrived at, the majority of

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ringers who ring peals of Minor will still be content with the conventional seven 720's, but should the Council place its official ban on any departure from this standard? On the other hand, if it is to sanction the breaking down of these bounds, it is faced with two courses, and two courses only. Either it must define a new boundary—which can always be extended if thought wise—or scrap its rules and permit individual desires, reasonable or otherwise, to have free rein. To do the latter would, we believe, be the greatest disservice to six-bell ringing, and it is to guard against it that the five per cent. of ringers set something more than a brass button value on the outcome of the controversy.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
*WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... 2	†JOHN AMBLER ... 7
*ERNEST RAYNOR ... 3	WILLIAM BARTON ... 8
†WILLIAM AMBLER ... 4	†THOMAS SMITH ... 9
JAMES COTTERELL ... 5	*GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Holdsworth, who, after 21 years as warden at the above church, has now retired owing to ill-health.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

*BURLEY WALSHAW ... Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 6
*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	RALPH RAVENSCROFT ... 7
*HAROLD LONGDEN ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 8
THOMAS JONES ... 4	RICHARD LONGDEN ... 9
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 5	*JOHN W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD MASSEY.

Conducted by R. LONGDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of Richard Massey, who succumbed whilst ringing and conducting, with about 20 minutes to go, in an attempt for a peal at the above-named church, November 30th, 1921. Second attempt by the band, the 9th rope breaking after two hours and fifty minutes on November 18th, 1933. This peal was also a compliment to Sarah Livesey and John Bolton, who were married on Easter Saturday. Both are service ringers at the Sacred Trinity Church, Salford.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*CHARLES A. OVER ... Treble	†WILLIAM H. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 7
†REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 8
†GILBERT P. MITCHELL ... 4	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by F. G. BALDWIN.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by ringers of 4th and 6th. First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung at this church by an entirely local Sunday service band. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. G. Baldwin and Miss G. B. Flagg, who were married on the previous Sunday at this church.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Saturday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for the marriage of Mr. Rutherford, son of the donor of the bells: C. Leman 1, A. Brunton 2, T. Norris 3, A. W. Dix 4, C. Cook 5, H. Cashmore 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, — Cochran 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5140 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
*RUSSELL W. CORSON ... 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... 7
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
†ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Royal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal. This composition, which contains the tenors in the Royal-tittum, the Cater-tittum and the plain coursing positions, is the first of its kind to be rung for the association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	*OWEN H. GILES... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	JOHN R. RODWELL ... 8
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	WILLIAM J. TUCKER ... 9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN RERVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Thomas' Treble	SAMUEL PHILLIPS, St. Ambrose's 5
EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec. ... 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES, Mangotsfield 6
*CECIL F. MOGFORD, St. Stephen's 3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE, St. Philip's 7
HARRY B. BURT, St. Matthew's 4	FRANK SKIDMORE, Chairman Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method and first on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2	ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*ALLAN RUSEWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
JOHN WINDLE ... 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

* First peal.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... Treble	JOHN E. MILLER ... 5
*LILIAN M. WHEELER ... 2	JAMES PARKER ... 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 4	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. John Thomas.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER GODDARD ... Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
HARRY D. LISTER ... 2	*JOHN F. TILLITT ... 6
KRITH W. WHITTLE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
JAMES ROSE ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in the method on eight bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	CECIL NICE ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	WALTER CLAYDON ... 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
JAMES H. RAPER ... 3	*JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Oxford.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
*MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by W. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
*GEORGE SIMS 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
HARRY BAKER 4	HERBERT POPE Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the patron saint of the church, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Mitchell and Miss N. Gorringer, who were married at Maidstone on April 21st.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE OLIVER Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	CECIL NICE 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Conducted by C. MIDDLETON.

Rung especially to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. Nightingale, great benefactors of this church.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	W. GLYN SHAW 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON 6
H. ERNEST COX 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ALFRED T. POULTON 4	REGINALD POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORKE Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 5
*BENJAMIN BEEBE 2	*WALTER H. THOMAS 6
EDWIN MARTIN 3	W. HARRY BUCKLER 7
ALFRED KING 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the town's new £74,000 Municipal Offices by Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ORWELL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

A peal in this method, of which G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STOBBS Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	JOHN P. FIDLER 6
JOSEPH T. PACK 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
JOHN GRUNDY 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who reached 'the allotted span' that day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

In this composition neither the 2nd nor 3rd strike over the tenor behind. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Fernley, jun., to Miss Eva Hulme, which took place prior to the peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

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

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	JOHN W. SYKES 6
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 3	†BENJAMIN T. BAKER 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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

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ST. PETER'S, ISLE OF THANET.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRISON SMITH Treble	ALBERT E. JARMAN 5
MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE ... 2	* WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD ... 6
JABEZ WALTER 3	EDWARD H. SPICE 7
* LESLIE A. PORRITT 4	† GEORGE J. APPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. E. H. Spice and Mrs. L. A. Porritt.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp

* FREDERICK H. OLDNALL ... Treble	* HOWARD HOWELL 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	MALCOLM MELVILLE 6
* SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	* ERNEST LEWIS 7
DAVID HINGLEY 4	NORMAN G. LEECH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. This composition, which contains only 4.5.6 in 6th's place, is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sidney Holloway and as a 21st birthday peal for Mr. C. Beech, of Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

TODMORDEN, CROSS STONE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL 5
WILLIAM BERRY 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
* HAROLD PENDLETON 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
* MISS HESTER BELL 4	† ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FRED RIGBY Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
JOHN CHARNOCK 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	E. R. MARTIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. Rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. C. J. Crabtree, an honorary member of the association, who recently met a tragic death in a road accident; also to Arthur Hartley, who had been a ringer at the above church for 22 years and had been interred the previous Wednesday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

EDWARD J. FROSELL Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	CHAS. WM. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. WM. CLARKE.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the Bedfordshire Association which was rung on these bells, and was conducted by Mr. Clarke.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of St. Clement's, Grandsire and Old Doubles, 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

B. CORNELL Treble	V. CORNELL 3
L. POULSON 2	W. HEAD 4
* J. ANDREWS Tenor	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

* First peal. First peal on these bells for the Suffolk Guild.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD BUSBY Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
ROBERT JEFF 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Canon F. Peacock, M.A., Canon Residentiary of Gloucester Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of this parish, whose funeral took place at Gloucester Cathedral on the above date.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 and two 1,440's.

* THOMAS COLLINS Treble	† THOMAS J. LOCK 4
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	HARRY KILBY 5
* MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First peal on six bells.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

HERBERT GOAKES Treble	ALBERT L. WARD 3
* DOUGLAS SHELMEKDINE ... 2	† PERCY AMOS 4
JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal and first attempt. † 25th M.C.A. peal. Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have been five since 1699, and were rebung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co. in January, 1934. After the peal the Rector (the Rev. E. M. Guildford) presented each member with a souvenir of the bells and very kindly entertained them to tea, which was greatly appreciated.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON 5-5	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st, was most successful from every point of view. The beautiful peal of ten bells at St. Mary's was kept going to various methods and also in rounds from about 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was held in the chancel of the church. The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'Soldiers of Christ, arise' and 'O beautiful, my country,' were sung. The lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), and a short address given by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A.). Tea at Ye Woolpack Hotel followed and was much enjoyed by a party of over forty.

At the business meeting the president took the chair, and apologies were read from Messrs. G. and H. Fearn, R. Daniels and P. Stone (the latter having gone to Crayford for the youthful peal of Bob Major). The balance sheet was adopted, showing a balance in hand of £18 12s. 5d.

The hon. secretary's report was read. From this it appeared that the membership for the year totalled 260 (110 being ringing members), 11 members having joined during the year. The peals rung during the year numbered 15 in 12 different methods, 50 members having taken part. Two rang their first peal and 18 their first in the method. The peal of York Surprise Major at Nuneaton on December 16th was the first ever rung in the method. The treble ringer in a peal of Bob Minor at Exhall on November 11th was Percy Stone (of the Chilvers Coton band), who at the age of 12 years was the youngest member of the Guild to ring a peal.

The re-election of the president was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens and seconded by Mr. J. H. White.—Mr. J. George proposed that the remaining officers be re-elected en bloc, this arrangement having proved very satisfactory.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. D. H. Argyle and carried unanimously.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Southam for the July quarterly meeting, Polesworth on the second Saturday in May, and Monk's Kirby on the third Saturday in June.

Miss V. Freeman and Mr. R. Freeman (Coventry) and Mr. E. J. Wells (Rugby) were elected members of the Guild, and Messrs. R. F. Roe (Wigston) and S. O'C. Holloway (Smethwick) were duly ratified following their election prior to peals.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from the chair to the Rev. A. D. Henwood for his welcome and splendid address. The Vicar replied by wishing the Guild continued prosperity and offering a warm welcome to Warwick any time a meeting was arranged there.—A vote of thanks to the chairman, who closed the meeting with prayer, ended the business of the day.

A return was made to the belfry, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise and Bob Royal were rung, with rounds for the beginners.

Handbell ringing at Ye Woolpack Hotel ended the day, which all had much enjoyed. Members attended from Allesley, Birmingham, Bulkington, Castle Bromwich, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby and Stoke-in-Coventry, together with the local band. The hon. secretary of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Guild was welcomed during the afternoon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT WOOLWICH.

On Saturday, April 21st, members and friends of the Southern District of the London County Association met at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, where hanging a very handy ring of eight (12½ cwt.), recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent. Touches in various methods, rounds and opportunities for beginners were the order, the District Master (Mr. H. Mance) being in charge of the proceedings. A service, with organ and choirboys, was conducted by the curate (the Rev. — Bradshaw), who referred to the date being the anniversary of the death of the late Rector (Canon Pickering), the members standing in silence for a minute as a token of respect.

The address was based on, 'Let us glorify God'; in relation to the noises of the mechanical age, and was both original and instructive.

Tea was taken at the Rectory, the Rector (the Rev. Leadbitter) being present. At the business meeting two new members were admitted, and the usual routine items were disposed of. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Herbert to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Rectory room, to the curate for conducting the service, to the choirboys, who perhaps gave up a game of football or what-not, the member of the local band who so nicely played the organ, also to the Rector and the local ringers for providing a bounteous tea, and the ladies who prepared and served it. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. Aldridge and Palmer for their very successful efforts in having everything in order and making arrangements for everyone's enjoyment.

A return was afterwards made to the tower for more ringing. The Rector, himself a ringer and a member of the association, took part in a touch of Bob Major during the evening, and did not forget to 'see the steward,' as all good members should. The attendance was not large, but 'up to Cambridge' was accomplished during the time at the disposal of the company.

PEALS OF MINOR.

A ROUNDABOUT METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of April 7th, re peals of Minor and the discussion on same at the coming Central Council meeting, you very truly remark 'that the real issue which is raised' is: Will the Council, or will they not, accept any departure from the old standard for peals of Minor? I have not seen the agenda, but reading from what you say it looks as if the Council is first going to discuss the pros and cons of the Banks James Arrangement in order to be able to decide whether or not they will accept any such departure—surely a very roundabout method! At Chelmsford I asked the Council either to confirm the old ruling or cut it out. They did neither; instead they tacked on a 'tail' which has allowed the question to become more confused. I suggest, sir, that the Council first and foremost decide if they will, or will not, accept any departure from the old standard, as printed. If they decide they will not accept departure, then all further argument is unnecessary. If they decide they will accept some departure, then cut out the old ruling entirely, and compose a new ruling in conformity with present-day requirements. That, however, will require some care. You know when, in summer, we open our window widely, we are inviting a very desirable entrant, fresh air, but unless we are careful to use a rather fine screen over the open window we have also to put up with small, but very undesirable, entrants as well, and if our Council, in its wisdom, decides to depart from the old ruling, they will be well advised to look carefully to the 'screen' over the open window. May they have sufficient 'wisdom' to be able to please everybody is the wish of—

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

A COMPROMISE.

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the above subject does not seem to have got us any further towards a solution of the problem. We have had all the old arguments and counter-arguments about rows and changes, rounds at the beginning or rounds at the end, etc., but there still seems to be a sad reluctance to face the really fundamental issues.

The chief point which so many people will not fully realise is that the Banks James arrangement is something different from the old-established idea of a peal. The old convention is that of extents. An extent is not only the full number of rows possible on a certain number of bells, but the full number of changes, i.e., it must come back to the point from which it started. The old idea of a peal of Minor was seven (at least) extents. It cannot be too often repeated (because it is the one thing in this controversy about which there can be no shadow of doubt whatever) that the Banks James composition does not consist of seven extents. Therefore, as long as we stand by the present definition of a peal the Banks James Arrangement is barred. That is a fact, and nothing can alter it.

But we can alter the definition of a peal of Minor. We can alter it to read '5,040 changes, starting from and ending with rounds, and containing each change seven times.' That is a perfectly straightforward procedure, and it would quite definitely include the Banks James Arrangement; but it would also include other arrangements which do not meet with such general approval throughout the Exercise.

The people who are in such a difficult position are those (and there are a great many of them) who want to let in the Banks James Arrangement without, at the same time letting in all other compositions containing each change seven times. There is, however, one thing which they can, and must realise, and that is that what they are asking is a compromise, and therefore any rule or definition that will achieve this end must also be a compromise.

There are still a number of people who are trying to frame rules which will achieve this end without admitting the compromise. The sooner they realise the hopelessness of their position the better, because they are attempting an absolutely impossible thing, and cannot therefore possibly hope to be successful. Sooner or later the arguments with which they support their proposals are bound to become inconsistent and contradictory. We have had many examples of this. You, Sir, if you will permit me to point it out, are one of them. Last year you seconded my resolution that the Banks James Arrangement should be accepted as an exception to the existing convention of seven extents. Now you are trying to convince the Exercise that it does in fact conform to the existing definition. My answer to this, Sir (to borrow your own phraseology), is, 'If it conforms to the rule it cannot be an exception; and if it was an exception in 1933 it is an exception in 1934.'

I have read with close attention the open letter to Central Council representatives from Mr. Joyce; he is voicing, I gather, the views of a large number of Minor ringers throughout the country, but his arguments, no less than those of other people, are contradictory. His main point is that we should make no rules to apply to six bells, which do not equally apply to higher numbers. But this is just exactly what he proposes that we shall do; because, as I understand him, he wants to say that a 5,040 of Triples must come round at the end, but that a 720 of Minor need not.

No, Sir; I am just as keen as anyone not to depart from time-honoured conventions except for the soundest of reasons, and not to differentiate between peal ringing on different numbers of bells. But we cannot eat our cake and still have it; if the Bankes James Arrangement is to be accepted otherwise than as an exception to the general rule, we are forced either to make a special definition for Minor or else to allow the whole basis of the definition of a peal on all numbers.

It is an awkward position I know. But there is no other way out of it. And the sooner we all realise it the better.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

THE EDITOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Wood's allegation of inconsistency requires an answer, as far as it relates to any action of mine. I have never denied that the Bankes James Arrangement is an 'exception to the existing convention of seven extents.' The existing convention is that each 720 shall end with rounds. The 720's in the Bankes James Arrangement do not all do that, therefore they form an exception—to the 'existing convention.' But in admitting that, there is no inconsistency, in my opinion, in holding that, as each consists of 720 different rows, each 720 is also true. The existing convention and the existing definition, however, are two different things. The existing definition of a peal of Minor (adopted at Hereford) says nothing about each 720 ending with rounds; all it demands is that each 720 shall consist of 720 true rows; that is a condition which the Bankes James Arrangement fulfils, and that is what I have been trying to show the Exercise.

THE EDITOR.

OPPORTUNITIES TO RING IN OXFORD.

On behalf of the Oxford Society, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. F. Judge) extends a hearty invitation to any ringers, who would like to try the bells of Oxford, to turn up at any of the following towers on Sunday, May 6th: Carfax (6), 8 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 9 a.m.; New College (10), 1 p.m.; Magdalen College (10), 2 p.m.; Merton College (8), 3 p.m.; St. Mary the Virgin (6), 4 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

On Monday evening, April 23rd, in honour of St. George's Day, the ringers at St. James' Church, Shirley, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Hofton 1, Miss K. Morris 2, J. N. Jukes 3, P. Newell 4, A. Morris 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

The 35th annual meeting was held at St. Peter's Church, Leeds, on Saturday last, when a very good gathering heard the wonderful tones of the Leeds Society's headquarters peal, which was recast last year. After hearing the hymn tune, 'O worship the King,' played at 3 p.m., the bells were raised and ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. No great measure of success was obtained in any of the ringing before the service at 4.40 p.m. At this stage most of the company endeavoured to attend to the inner man at the various cafes in town.

Meeting again just before 6 p.m., ringing took place until 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held in the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Burley, Barnsley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), Low Moor, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Ripon, Shipley, Wakefield and the local company.

The following were elected new members of the society: Messrs. K. Simpson (Shipley), G. Robinson (Leeds Parish Church), A. J. Hughes (Low Moor), G. W. Hewitt (Earlsheaton), J. Bennett, F. Bennett, M. Lockwood and W. Tattershall (Ossett), and N. Sims and H. Ashton (Burley).

The secretary presented his annual report, the main points being that 11 meetings had been successfully held during the past year. The first rota of visits to towers on a two years' basis had just been completed and found to be workable. The interest and attendance from some of the towers which it has not been possible to visit could have been better. The financial side of the society had again improved.

The balance sheet and auditors' report was then read and accepted.

No further nominations were received, and the following gentlemen nominated last month were declared elected. They are: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The list of visits to towers was then read. This will be printed and circulated to all towers during the next week or two.

The treasurer proposed that he should pay from the society's funds for the tea of all members who send in their names prior to the next annual nomination meeting.

Afterwards the bells were again heard until 8.30 p.m., when the full 12 were lowered well in peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Warwick, where the Central Council is to meet at Whitsun, is the centre of one of the most historic districts in the country, and an interesting programme has been arranged, including visits to Kenilworth, Leamington, Warwick Castle and Stratford-on-Avon.

After the meeting on Tuesday members are invited to tea as guests of the Warwickshire Guild, and there will be a social in the evening at headquarters.

Members of the Lancashire Association are asked to note that the meeting of the Blackburn Branch to-morrow is to be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, owing to illness near the church at Rishton.

Mr. James Hunt, of Taunton, has recently had a new experience. Called upon late one night by an affrighted lady, who thought there was an intruder in her house, he searched the premises for her, and in one of the bedrooms found a stranger, who, on discovery, put up his arms and frankly admitted 'The game is up.' Mr. Hunt mounted guard while the lady fetched a policeman, and next day the stranger was charged with burglary.

At the close of the Guildford Guild's annual meeting on Saturday, the Provost missed his very nice pair of fur gloves. After a long and, for the time being, abortive search through the hall, they were discovered being worn by a lady member of the Guild, who was inspecting the shops in the High Street. She assures us she was quite unaware she was wearing 'stolen property.'

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Tewkesbury on May 19th, when the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will be dedicated. Mrs. Davies kindly invites all ringers who attend the ceremony to tea. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Bishop's Hull on April 12th was G. Leslie Pyke, not Pryke as published.

The third annual dinner of the Lancashire Association will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, October 27th next.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There may be many ringers who would have liked to go to Tewkesbury on May 19th to pay their tribute to the memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but who are prevented because of the distance. I am, therefore, extending a hearty invitation to all such ringers, and who live within reach, to come and pay their tribute at Deane on May 19th. It is meet and right that we should do this, for Deane was Mr. Davies' last incumbency. It was here he wrote his book on Surprise methods. He was responsible for the present condition of the beautiful ring of six in the tower in that he had rehung and returned the existing five, and added a treble in memory of his little grandson, who lies in the churchyard.

As it will be a special occasion, some sort of programme seems desirable, and I am arranging for (1) three 720's or quarter-peals if there is time, of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise, to be rung at 2.30, 6 and 8 o'clock: in between whiles ringing as at ordinary meetings. (2) A service of remembrance and thanksgiving at 6.30. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock in the Parish Institute at 1s. per head, though I fear I cannot guarantee tea to anyone who does not notify me of their intention of coming by May 15th.

I hope a good number will come and ring this very beautiful peal in memory of Mr. Davies; everyone will be most welcome.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

F. S. H. MARLE.

MR. C. W. CLARKE'S ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should very much like to know, on behalf of the Beds Association, if Mr. C. W. Clarke's record of conducting the first peal for the association and also conducting one on the nearest possible date in the same tower half a century later is also a record for an association? We are, naturally, proud of his achievement, which, record or not, is a great one.

Bedford.

EVELYN STEEL.

JOHN DAY'S 'RECOLLECTIONS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thank you for reprinting part of the late Mr. John Day's 'Recollections.' I would suggest, when space allows, that you reprint the remainder of these very interesting papers. There were, I think, 13 instalments, and they appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1895 and 1896. To my mind, there has never been anything, in their particular line, to match them from 'Church Bells' onwards. Mr. Day himself knew the men he wrote about, and so these pictures are intimate and 'live.' Unfortunately, we have no other first hand knowledge of the many noted men of days gone by.

Can Mr. Tom Russam and Mr. Tom Miller be persuaded to collaborate and continue these 'recollections' of noted Midland men—say to the Bastable, Carter, Sam Reeves and Hattersley times?

If this were done, and the St. Martin's Guild printed the lot in a booklet, what a valuable contribution it would be to ringing literature!

Most of our younger men have never heard of these papers, but I am sure they would find the rest as entertaining as the one of Thomas Thurstans' you reprinted. And so would the twelve 'Thumb-nail sketches' which appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1888.

'OLD RINGER.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

A Guild Badge to be Adopted.

The annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by over one hundred members and friends. Twenty-three towers in the diocese were represented and there were visitors from Beddington, Bromley Common, Croydon and London. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Churches, where the bells were utilised in a succession of short touches in a variety of methods.

Service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), and the singing was led by the organ and choirboys. The preacher was Canon E. M. Girling (of Farnham), who took for his text the words, 'He calleth them all by their names' (Psalm 47, 4). He referred to the fact that many bells had names and spoke of the bells of 'Fenchurch St. Paul,' mentioned in Dorothy Sayers' novel, 'The Nine Tailors,' which all bore names. These names, said the preacher, gave a kind of personality to the bells, and they did not feel they were dealing merely with a piece of metal or a machine. The bells of 'Fenchurch St. Paul' exercised a curious influence, but the book dealt also with a vigorous church life in the parish, in which the parson and the ringers were in complete unity. He remembered, he proceeded, that at one of the Guildford Guild gatherings criticism was made of the clergy in some parishes, but it was quite possible that the difficulties were not all on one side. He was perfectly certain that the clergy of that diocese would be very glad indeed to co-operate with the ringers in every possible way if they found the ringers taking a real interest in the services. He had suggested at one of their meetings that it would be a good thing if ringers of the diocese would wear a badge so that they might be known as officers of the church. He thought it would be a useful thing to show that they were not ashamed of their calling, and that they were proud of having the great privilege of ringing the bells of their churches. The preacher urged the ringers to make their lives harmonious, like the bells, and by their lives testify to the fact that they were not merely amusing themselves when they rang the bells, but were doing a job of work for God. It is good, he concluded, that members of the Guild should make themselves perfect in the art of change ringing—personally, he was only too glad when his own team completed a peal. It was better that they should look upon Sunday ringing as the most important part of their work; that there should never be a time when a team lacked two or three members for their service ringing. It was best of all that ringers should remember they were church officers; that they were in the true sense God's ministers and, like the towers in which they rang, pointed others to God, and by the regularity of their own worship and example lived a consistent Christian life.

After tea the business meeting was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Provost (who is also a vice-president), the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). Owing to a chill, the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) was unable to be present. Apologies were also received from Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., a ringing member at Grayshott, and Mr. A. J. Stedman, an hon. member, of Farnham.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and remarked that the committee's decision to defray the cost of the tea from the Guild funds seemed to have borne good fruit in attracting a larger number of members to the annual meeting.

DILAPIDATED BELLS.

In their annual report for the year 1933 the committee stated that the work of the Guild had shown no falling off in its main essentials. There were still a number of bands which were below full strength, and bellries where there was still a great difficulty in getting and retaining recruits, but in most of the towers where there were companies, Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. The committee appealed to the incumbents in those churches, where the ringers were numerically weak, to assist in raising the strength of the band by inviting members of the congregation to interest themselves in this branch of church service, so that all the bells in the tower might be rung for all the Sunday services.

There had been a slight falling off in the number of members of the Guild, due in the main to lapsed subscriptions, but it was hoped that the position would be retrieved this year, as there were already signs of reviving interest in quarters where, for some time past, the Guild had been unable to make any advance.

The district meetings held throughout the year were most of them fairly well attended, but chiefly by a limited circle of members. There were still many members who do not attend a meeting in the course of the year—some, even, when the meeting was held at their own tower—and the committee once more urged all members to take advantage of the facilities which the district meetings offered to enable them to reach a higher standard of method ringing and for social intercourse.

Only one important bell restoration was undertaken in the diocese during the year, namely, at Pirbright, where the bells were tuned and relunged by Messrs. Taylor and Co. There were still a number of rings which required attention, and, while in these days there were great demands upon the pockets of churchpeople in this diocese, the

committee pointed out to church authorities that it was false economy to allow the bells to get into a state of dilapidation. Neglect might, and nearly always did in the long run, prove a costly matter. Bells were not only an important adjunct to the services, but valuable instruments which were entitled to receive the same care and attention that was bestowed upon any other church property. There were churches in the diocese where the condition of the bells had led to the abandonment of ringing, and the committee desired to urge the clergy and parochial church councils in those parishes to take early action to have the necessary restoration work carried out.

The difficulty of obtaining the use of rings of bells for peals had been once more indicated by the number of peals rung. For the second year in succession, there was a considerable drop in the number. Only 25 peals were rung on tower bells during the year, which, with six peals rung on handbells, made a total of 31, compared with 43 in 1932 and 55 in 1931. The peals were rung in 14 towers in the diocese and one outside the diocese. There were ten conductors, compared with 11 in the preceding year. Only three ringers rang their first peal. The committee again desired to acknowledge the kindness of all those incumbents who had given the Guild permission to hold meetings at their churches. The facilities offered had been very much appreciated, and without them the Guild would lose much of its usefulness. The committee also thanked the honorary members for their valued support and acknowledged their indebtedness to the district officers for their ungrudging labours, carried out sometimes in the face of no little discouragement.

YOUNG MEMBERS VITAL TO SUCCESS.

Commenting on the report, the Chairman first referred to the members lost by death during the year, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect. Proceeding, Mr. Harrison said that there was a slight decrease in the membership compared with the previous year. He thought, perhaps, they were suffering a little from self-complacency. They ought to realise that they could still progress further. There was no reason why a special effort should not be made to rope in a few more members. With all respect to the clergy, he thought they ought to take their share of blame. He thought it would be a comparatively small and easy thing for a clergyman to encourage the younger members of their flock to take up the art of change ringing and so spread interest in that side of church work. It was vital to the future success of the Guild that they should endeavour to get in young members to carry on the good work, and under the ægis of the senior members, grow up to learn the art of change ringing and eventually take over the management of the Guild. If they all waited until they were 60 or 70 years old, the time would come when they would have a great shortage of ringers altogether.

The report was adopted, as was also the statement of accounts, presented by the hon. secretary on behalf of the hon. treasurer. The general fund began with a balance in hand of £31 14s. £31 12s. 4d. had been received from affiliation fees and district contributions, and 5s. 1d. from interest, together with a donation of £3 from the Master towards the purchase of copies of the Central Council handbook of instruction for distribution among the members. The Guild expenses had been £32 7s. 7d., including £5 5s. to the Walker Memorial, and £1 1s., the first allocation to the fund established by the Guild for the new Cathedral bells. The balance in hand was £32 19s. 7d. In addition, £60 16s. 6d. had been raised for the Admiral Walker Memorial.

The Hon. Secretary said compared with 1932, the affiliation fees and proportion of members' subscriptions had fallen by £1 14s., but the balance in hand was £1 4s. 9d. more. This, however, was principally due to the saving on the Central Council representatives' expenses, which last year were only 10s., compared with £7 15s. in the preceding year. In the district funds there were balances totalling £40 7s. 4d., compared with £48 18s. 1d. the previous year, but this was more than accounted for by the £15 15s. 6d. which the districts had voted to the Walker Memorial.

The following were elected members: G. Brett, Womersley; R. Wiggins, Pirbright; T. Weller, Shere; T. Aldridge and R. Jonas, Aldershot; N. Waldron, K. Waldron, F. Day, K. Day and A. Skilton, Ashted; and R. Bullen, W. Bullen, W. Pritchard, V. Walker and R. Fitchett, Leatherhead.

There being no other nominations, the following officers were re-appointed: Vice-presidents, Mr. W. Harrison and Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted.

The librarian (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) and the Library Committee (Messrs. W. Harrison, S. Radford and S. Pether) were re-elected.

The meeting confirmed the committee's recommendation that the Summer Festival be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 14th, and it was announced that the Bishop of Guildford had promised to preach and that the Castle grounds would be open to the members.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Guildford, the date being left to the committee.

On the motion of Mr. W. J. Whiting, seconded by Mr. A. Harman, the committee's recommendation: 'That the annual subscription of ringers under the age of 16 years be 1s.' was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Whiting, in moving the resolution, emphasised the fact that the future of the Guild depended upon their young members, and the

admission of young members was of more importance than financial considerations (hear, hear).

COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

The Central Council's agenda was put before the meeting for consideration. The motion that decisions relative to peals should be carried by a two-thirds majority of the Council was supported by the hon. secretary on the ground that it would be a safeguard against decisions affecting important activities of the Exercise being carried by a majority of the Council which only represented a minority of the ringers of the country. It was, however, really a question for the Council. The meeting, therefore, passed no resolution on the matter.

There was a debate on the Minor peals question, after the hon. secretary had explained the intention of his motion.

Mr. A. H. Pulling opposed it on the ground that in the Bankes James arrangement the 720's were false. He expressed the opinion that it was not a question of the Council recognising the peals rung. The associations and guilds should be responsible for the peals rung by their members.

Mr. Fred Bennett proposed that the Guild's representatives should support the motion on the agenda.

The Chairman deprecated giving any direction to the representatives. 'Give them what strong moral support you can,' he said, 'but I do not think you can instruct them what to say.'

Mr. F. Nye proposed that the representatives be given a free hand. The Guild had every confidence in them.—Mr. C. E. Smith seconded, and this was agreed to *nem con*.

Mr. W. R. Melville said in his opinion not 5 per cent. of ringers cared a brass button about the whole thing.

Mr. C. Hazelden (a member of the Council) said that might be true, but the Central Council had got to care and had got to make some decision. The wishes of that meeting might help the Guild's representatives.

Mr. A. H. Smith said that since it was known that eight 720's of Cambridge with the tenors the right way were available—although whether they were different compositions was questionable—the Bankes James arrangement had not been rung so much. All that ringers were troubling about was to get true 720's, and rather than run the risk of false compositions they did not ring the Bankes James.

The meeting unanimously supported the motion, to be proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, that the Council, viewing with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.

BADGE TO BE ADOPTED.

The Hon. Secretary introduced a proposal to adopt an official badge for the Guild. He said he had found great enthusiasm for it among the young members. The Guild ought to do anything it could to encourage the young people, and if they were proud enough of their calling as ringers and proud enough of their membership of the Guild to want to wear a badge, they should be allowed to do so. If there were members of the Guild who did not want a badge, they need not buy or wear one—there could be no compulsion about it. He proposed that the Guild should adopt a badge and that the design be left to the Executive Committee.

The Rev. D. Raiton (Shalford) seconded. He had had such a proposal in his mind, but would like to see the suggestion taken to headquarters and made a national one. The badge, of course, should only be issued to properly qualified ringers. It should be not only a mark of membership of a belfry, but an indication that the wearer had attained a certain standard of proficiency.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the question of a national badge had been before the Central Council, but had been turned down. Some of the associations and guilds, however, had adopted badges.

The motion, on being put, was carried *nem con*, the Chairman remarking that he thought it would be a great encouragement to the younger members of the Guild.

A vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was accorded to the Provost for the service and permitting the use of the Cathedral bells, to Canon Gilling for his address, to the organist and choir, and to the Rector of St. Nicolas for the use of the bells at that church.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

NORBURY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, April 28th, at Norbury Church, Cheshire, Mr. J. Fernley, jun. (a member of the local company, one of the band in the peal of 38 spliced Minor methods and the youngest son of Mr. J. Fernley, sen.), was married to Miss Eva Hulme.

Before and after the ceremony the bells were rung by Messrs. W. Fernley, A. Fernley, J. W. Hartley, L. Clough, E. Jones, J. A. Milner, W. Stevenson and J. Worth. Later a peal of London Surprise Major (one of the finest rung on the bells) was rung in honour of the event. Afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Fernley, and the 'health and happiness' of the bride and bridegroom was drunk.

EALING.—For morning service at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples: E. B. Hartley (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, W. H. Hollier 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. Botterill (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, E. W. Coulson 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, on Saturday, April 14th. About 50 members were present, representing some 25 towers—truly a well-mixed gathering. The bells were kept going in various methods throughout the day. At the service a very helpful address was given by the Rev. Holmes, who officiated in the absence of the Vicar. It is generally said that ringers are often heard but seldom seen, but, judging by wholehearted singing of the hymns, they could both have been seen and heard.

A bountiful tea was served in the Schools. At the business meeting the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, occupied the chair. A letter of apology was read from the president (Canon C. C. Marshall), who was attending the Northern District meeting at Pickering.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Armitage, of Burley, W. Amley, of Elland, K. Simpson (age 13), of Shipley, and G. Lambert, of Drighlington.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to Mr. Holmes for his address, the last named expressed his pleasure at being able to assist in making the meeting a success. A hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements was also passed.

Mr. Johnson, in supporting the resolution, recalled the time when Armley was once famous for its handbell team, and expressed great pleasure in having present Mr. J. Thackray, a surviving member of that band.—Mr. H. Lofthouse, the energetic secretary of the Leeds and District Society, responded on behalf of the local company.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Elland on Saturday, June 9th (will peal arrangers please note?).

Mr. J. Broadley was re-elected Ringing Master for a term of three years, but, on accepting, expressed the hope that the division should be looking for a younger man to fill the post, as he was now getting on in years, and, although feeling well and hearty, was likely to 'pop off at any time.' Messrs. F. W. Dixon and J. Hardcastle were re-elected to serve on the committee and to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. R. Umpleby, Mr. J. Ambler, of Pudsey, was elected. Mr. F. W. Dixon was unanimously elected to serve on the General Committee.

Mr. P. J. Johnson then made mention of the Minor controversy to be brought before the Central Council. Several members expressed themselves on the matter, and, had it not been brought to a close on the motion of Mr. Barton, with the sincere hope that the Central Council will settle the question for all time, some would probably have been discussing the matter yet.

The tower was afterwards visited for further ringing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

An excellent meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Brancepeth on Saturday, April 21st, 24 ringers being present from Newcastle Cathedral, Wickham, Chester-le-Street, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Shildon, Bishop Auckland and Staindrop. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich. At 4.30 p.m. the ringers went through the Castle Grounds to the Gardens, where a good tea had been prepared, and a short business meeting followed, Mr. W. N. Park (vice-president) being in the chair.

An apology for absence was read from Mr. T. Metcalfe, Middlesbrough, secretary of the Cleveland Association, owing to important business in London.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. W. Storey, J.P., of Newcastle.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 7.30 p.m. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 30th.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. The tower was opened at 3 o'clock, by which time a good number assembled, and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung before service, which, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was conducted by the curate, who in his interesting address spoke about bells in the 3rd and 4th centuries when only handbells were known. The hymns were heartily sung, led by the organist, who kindly put in an appearance.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, to which about 40 sat down, the curate, despite his pressing engagements, being persuaded to join in.

After tea another move was made to the tower and ringing indulged in till about 9 p.m., everyone voting it a most enjoyable meeting. The methods rang included Stedman and Grandire Caters, Cambridge Royal, Kent and Oxford Treble Ten and rounds for the youngsters.

The next meeting will be held at Brith on July 7th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUNTIDE.
SUNDAY.**

Morning.—Ringing at various churches and short tour of Warwick (particulars at headquarters).

Afternoon.—Visit to Kenilworth and Leamington.

MONDAY.

Morning.—Visit to Warwick Castle and other places of special interest in Warwick.

Afternoon.—Visit to Stratford. The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre is worth a visit, and the play, 'Much Ado About Nothing' is being performed at 8 o'clock. Admission for a party of 20 or more can be arranged, if accommodation is still available when application is made, at the reduced prices of 6s. seats at 4s. 9d. and 3s. 6d. seats at 2s. 6d. Names must be sent at once to Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Coventry, who will endeavour to reserve the necessary seats. Buses are available to Warwick after the performance.

TUESDAY.

The Council will meet in the Court House at 11 o'clock precisely, and all members are asked to be in their seats at that time.

Lunch can be obtained at headquarters at 2s. 6d. If possible, please send names to Mr. Perrens.

Tea. The members are invited to partake of tea at headquarters as the guests of the Warwickshire Guild. Names to Mr. Perrens.

Social at headquarters at 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Visit to Coventry, and an opportunity of visiting the Daimler Motor Works. For the latter please send names to Mr. Perrens.

IMPORTANT.

All names for the theatre must be sent to Mr. Perrens at once, and for the other items not later than May 14th. Please write your postcard now.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beeton, Compton, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Midgham, Newbury and Thatcham. Visitors were present from Overton, Farnborough, Wootton Hill and Beenham. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Benson), who gave a very inspiring address. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), and Miss E. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Coach and Horses Inn, where 36 sat down to an excellent meal. At the business meeting, over which the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, the secretary said he had been successful in securing Great Shofford tower to join the Guild, and had arranged to hold a meeting there on Saturday, May 12th. He asked the members to support this meeting.

The Rev. W. Benson, who was elected an honorary member of the Guild, was thanked by the chairman for his address. He also thanked Miss Mathews for playing the organ and Mrs. Barrett for providing the tea. The tower was again visited, and the following methods were rung: Grandire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT GLASGOW.**

The second annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, where the bells (a ten by Taylor, 32 cwt. tenor) were kept going to Grandire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and some of the ringers had a first try at Caters on tower bells. The service in the Cathedral was taken by the Provost (the Very Rev. K. C. H. Warner), the association form being used. A very interesting address on 'The influence for good of bells and memories they recalled' was given by the Provost.

Fifty ringers sat down to tea, kindly supplied by the St. Mary's Society, and afterwards the business meeting was held in the Synod Hall, Mr. W. B. Sampson (president) being in the chair. Unfortunately, Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, the Master, was unable to be present owing to business, and for the same reason he regretfully resigned the Mastership.

Mr. W. H. Pickett and Mr. H. F. Sargent, both of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, are to hold the position jointly. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both very satisfactory. Leith was chosen for the next meeting on October 6th, the annual general meeting to be at Edinburgh on April 27th, 1935.

As no word had been received from the patron (the Duke of Argyll) and he was not present at the meeting, the question of the opening of the new peal at Inverary had to be left in abeyance meantime.

Apologies were received from Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Stephen H. Wood for being unable to attend the meeting.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS' DINNER.**BAN ON RINGING AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

At the annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association a protest was made against the refusal of the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. Henry Gee) to permit ringing on the Cathedral bells on that occasion. The Mayor of Gloucester (Mr. T. Hannam Clark), who presided, said application had been made to the Dean to permit members to ring on the Cathedral bells, and in a letter replying the Dean stated that owing to the weakness of the tower he had to refuse the request.

One speaker contended that if the bells of the Cathedral could be rung 12 times a year, surely a thirteenth could be allowed on the occasion of their annual dinner. Failing this, perhaps one of the monthly occasions could be foregone to enable visitors to the dinner to find the opportunity of ringing. It would be a great incentive to ringing in Gloucester if the Cathedral bells could be used.

The Mayor of Gloucester was supported by Canon H. M. Braithwaite (Mayor's chaplain), the Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), the Rev. E. Banks James, Mr. S. D. Romans (chairman of the Gloucester Branch), Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary), Messrs. T. Baldwin and J. Austin. Among the visitors were Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), a party of ringers from Bristol and another from Mangotsfield.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman proposed the toast 'The Church and State,' and remarked that he had an interest in bellringing, having been born near Painswick, which was regarded as one of the principal bellringing places in England. He extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. E. Banks James, whom he had always associated with church bellringing, and who had never lost his interest in this, his hobby.

Canon Braithwaite, replying, said that he was always sorry when attending that dinner that he could not hold forth hopes that ringing could be safely resumed in the tower of St. Michael's Church. The Advisory Committee thought that it was not safe to ring in that tower at present.

Giving the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' the Rev. E. D. S. Camus pointed out that the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol were once united. They had since been separated, but the bellringing associations had held together and combined strongly to their mutual help and benefit.

Mr. E. Guise explained that the Gloucester and Bristol Association hoped to add another branch to its list in the North of the Dean Forest. He also stated that he had received information from the branch secretary that the local band of ringers at St. Mary de Lode Church, the mother church of the city, were anxious to have their peal of six augmented to eight. The ringers had themselves promised £5. and £11 altogether had been promised. He hoped they would succeed in their efforts.

Mr. S. Roper, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' urged upon the members who did not do so the necessity of buying 'The Ringing World' every week, pointing out that they would gain useful knowledge by doing so and keep in touch with everything appertaining to ringing. He hoped the conductor of every tower would see that a copy of 'The Ringing World' was placed in the ringing chamber every week.

Mr. G. Jackson proposed the toast of 'Other Kindred Societies and Visitors,' and, in reply, Mr. J. Jones, secretary of the Llandaff Association, remarked that it was a great disappointment to the visitors to Gloucester to find that the Cathedral bells were unavailable.

Mr. S. Romans proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite, the Rev. E. D. S. Camus and the artistes, and to this the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite replied, in the absence of the Mayor, who had had to leave to keep another engagement.

A musical entertainment was provided by the Tuffley Revellers, supported by Messrs. H. Newman and J. Gillett. Handbell selections were given by Messrs. S. E. Romans, J. Williams, W. H. Harris and J. Austin.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SOUTHGATE.—On April 29th, for morning service, 1,281 Erin Caters: S. Wade 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, D. Ovington 4, E. H. King 5, G. E. Plater 6, N. H. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. First in the method by all the band.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church for evening service on Sunday, April 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. P. Stirland 1, A. Elliott 2, T. James (Mangotsfield) 3, P. Walker 4, W. A. James 5, W. Beresford (first quarter-peal of Stedman 'inside') 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, J. A. Stirland (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church except the ringer of the 3rd.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, W. Paul 2, H. Long 3, A. Bruntton (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, C. Leman 5, A. W. Dix 6, R. Bell 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—For evensong, at St. Peter's, on April 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: Mrs. A. Richardson (first quarter of Double Norwich) 1, W. Lutter 2, B. Collison 3, Miss G. Collison (first quarter of Double Norwich) 4, W. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd 6, H. Marshall 7, A. Richardson (conductor) 8.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association have launched an appeal for assistance on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haydock, late secretary of the branch. Owing to long illness he is now in very poor circumstances. The branch will be glad to receive contributions to the fund. All donations should be sent to me. The list will be closed at the end of June.

J. BRACEWELL,

Hon. Secretary, Rossendale Branch.

8, Regent Street, Bacup.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADMIT MEN TO MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were kept going from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., when an excellent tea was partaken of at the new Parish Hall nearby.

After tea it was announced that any gentleman who cared to do so would be allowed to stay during the business meeting.

The business meeting then followed, Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president) occupying the chair.

Two new members were elected: Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, and Miss Nixon, of St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway.

It was proposed, providing permission be obtained, that the next meeting, being the annual one, should be held at St. George-in-the-Borough, Southwark, on June 22nd.

Mention was made by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher of the annual general meeting to be held at Surfleet on July 14th. Any members of the district who desire to attend should communicate with her as soon as possible, in order that arrangements can be made with regard to travelling by coach or rail.

Mrs. Chas. Kippin asked whether it had previously been the rule to request gentlemen who attended the gathering to retire during the meeting. It was stated, in reply, that this had not been the case for some time past, as usually of their own accord the gentlemen returned to the belfry for further ringing while the meeting was taking place.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher to the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole Shcaune) for granting permission for the use of the bells, also to Miss Kathleen Bradford for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting and tea. Service was afterwards held, at which an interesting address was given by the Vicar, whose text was, 'The joy of the Lord is in thy strength.'

RINGERS' DAY AT RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS TRY THE NEW BELLS.

On Saturday, April 21st, the new peal of ten bells at the Church of St. John, Ranmoor, Sheffield, were open for ringing, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster), who desired that the bellringers should have a day of rejoicing at Ranmoor after the bells had been silent for two years.

The bells were set going shortly after 2.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. a splendid tea awaited the assembly in the Church Hall.

About seventy sat down to tea, including the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows), the Vicar of Ranmoor and the Rev. J. H. Foster, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Necpsend. After tea, the Vicar of Ranmoor extended to those present a hearty welcome, saying he was sure all were anxious to hear what the Bishop had to say about the bells.

The Bishop said he not only had to address the ringers of his own diocese, but the ringers from eight other dioceses who were with them that day. The ringers of to-day, he said, were an important body of churchworkers, and he himself recognised and appreciated very much their work and the great improvement effected in the belfries. The Bishop finished his short address by congratulating the Vicar of Ranmoor on having such a splendid peal of bells in his church.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who represented the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bellfounders, said it had been a great pleasure to do the work, for whatever they had asked for or suggested to be done was granted and attended to.

The Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar) then announced that by the generosity of Mr. Johnston and a few friends at Ranmoor, the tea would be gratis.

Mr. C. Haynes, president of the Sheffield and District Society and Master of the Ranmoor company, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for his presence and the interesting address he had given them, and said they were very grateful to Mr. Johnston and Ranmoor friends for their generosity, it being the second free tea within three weeks.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, supported the vote of thanks, and remarked that he envied the ringers in Sheffield having a Bishop who took such an interest in them.

The tower was again visited, and full use of the bells was made. The circle of the ropes, the tone and 'go' of the bells alike are splendid and a credit to those who had the work in hand.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please come and make the meeting a success. Everybody welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting of the general committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. General meeting afterwards. A cordial invitation is extended to members of neighbouring associations.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope (six bells, recently rehung and retuned by Gillett and Johnston), May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Parish Hall 5.45.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom. All ringers welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Fox and Goose, 1/- each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Local Hon. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Burbage bells will also be available after tea.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kendal on May 5th. Bells (10) at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. Will Furness District members come and help to make a joint meeting?—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Bells recently rehung. Names for tea, please.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Collaton St. Mary (Paignton). Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. at Parish Room. Paignton bells (8) also available after 6.30. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Special Notice. The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 5th, not at Rishton, as previously advertised, owing to sickness. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—May meetings. At St. Clement Danes', Strand; Sunday, May 6th, 10 a.m., service ringing; practices 14th and 28th at 7.30 p.m. Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, May 29th, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Gen. Hon. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. S. Fearnhead, 256, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday, May 9th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilpertown, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill (6). Those requiring lunch please inform the secretary by Monday, May 7th. All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30. Please advise me by May 9th. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SILEBY, LEICS.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. Owing to limited catering facilities tea will only be provided for those who send in their names not later than first post, Wednesday morning, May 9th, to Mr. C. Harrison, Bellfoundry House, Loughborough.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Sat., May 12th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4, and service in St. Oswald's Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, after which bands will be made up for St. Aidan's and All Saints'. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, not later than May 9th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Wicken on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Lunch 1.15 (2s. 6d. to non-members). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify secretary before May 8th for lunch, tea, or both.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Capt. Podgee, Swan Hotel, Great Shefford, near Newbury, by Wednesday, May 9th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation, service after. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at East Haddon (six bells) on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing 2.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by May 7th, also applications for seats in special bus from Kettering.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of Gloucester Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) open at 3. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than May 9th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 12th. Will all requiring tea notify by previous Tuesday?—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, May 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Ulceby on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 5d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to H. Ebbatson, High Street, Ulceby, not later than Thursday, May 10th.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, May 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. You must notify Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright, by May 9th, if you require tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 to make arrangements for shield contest at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Tea 1s. each for those who notify Mr. E. Cutt, Milnthorpe Green, Sandal, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 9th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Notify me, if possible. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.45. A 'bumper' attendance is earnestly requested.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Nynhead on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. Those wanting tea must let me know by Tuesday, May 8th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 35th annual meeting will be held at Stoke Doyle, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please write by May 9th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Sheffield (bells 12), on Saturday, May 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Plenty of cafes for tea close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Please notify me by or before Thursday, 17th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.—Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, May 19th. Dedication service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available (8) before service and (12) after service by application only. Full details in next week's 'Ringing World.' All those requiring tea and a pull upon the 12 must apply before May 12th to Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. N. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. Application for tickets, with remittance, to be made not later than Wednesday, May 16th, to Mr. F. Browning, Cold Higham, or to the general secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's,

Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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