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DISTINCTIVE TERMS NEEDED.

The advance that is being made in spliced method ringing is leading to a demand for a definition of what shall be regarded as a "spliced" peal, and it is probable the Central Council will be asked at the next meeting to give some ruling on the matter. Like many other words used in our art, 'splicing,' as a term to denote ringing in a number of methods without returning to rounds at the beginning of each, slipped into the vocabulary without full appreciation, at the time of its adoption, of the distinctions that were likely to become necessary. The simple meaning of 'splice' is to unite two ends of a rope by interweaving, although it is, of course, employed loosely to indicate the joining of any two similar things. From this application has arisen the use of the word when methods are interwoven in a peal or in an extent of Minor. Whether, therefore, the word 'splice' should be retained in this connection is, perhaps, open to question. Ought we not to look for some other word to convey our meaning, and one which would be more strictly correct in meaning?

What, we believe, the Council is likely to be asked to do is to differentiate in terms between peals on the multi-method principle, where the change from method to method is constantly occurring and several methods are rung, and those peals in which, perhaps, the first half is in one method and the second half in another, so that in the course of the peal the method is changed only once. Up to the present 'splicing' has been applied to both kinds of peals. There can, of course, be no question as to the comparative merits of the two performances, but if 'splicing' is to be applied only to the former, will it not be a restriction of its use which is not quite justified? If we are to continue to use the word 'splice' at all, should this not be kept for the joining up of methods in the simpler forms, such as in half peals, and another word found for the more complicated and meritorious linking up of methods which are changed every lead or two? If an alteration is to be made in the designation of these different classes of peals it would be as well to find at once the right definition.

We are fully in accord with the desire that there should be some distinction in the terms used for these different types of peals, and 'splicing' has become the common term for the higher class of peals. But if change is to be made let it be done accurately. 'Splice' seems to be the more appropriate word for linking the methods together in long lengths, such as in two half or four quarter peals, and we commend the use of the word 'compound' to those who are seeking for a distinctive defini-

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tion for multi-method peals. Thus, peals of Minor, like those rung recently in Cheshire, Lincolnshire and Kent, would be composed of 'compound extents,' and the spliced Major peals, embodying a number of methods, would be 'Compound Surprise' peals, for to compound is 'to mingle or unite two or more ingredients in one mass.' We are quite aware that our suggestions may be open to objection, and we should welcome anything which would more accurately define what we hope may in future be differentiated. What we are anxious to see, however, is the adoption of terms which will be correct and adequately distinguish between what is now the simple 'splice' and the complicated multi-method system of ringing.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK CORRE	Treble	*WILFRED G. WILSON ...	6
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK ...	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
GEORGE R. PVE	5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

ALWYN TAYLOR	Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ...	5
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT ...	2	VERNON SYKES ...	6
*JOHN LEE	3	HAROLD HAMER ...	7
JOE MOWBRAY	4	*HERBERT HARRISON ...	Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	Treble	JOHN WHEADON ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT	5	
*JOHN A. C. ABSON	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	JACK STORBS 5
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
FRANCIS BALL 4	HARRY CHAMBER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	* DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Matthews on the occasion of their silver wedding. The band also desire to take this opportunity of expressing their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russam on the attainment of the diamond jubilee of their wedding.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY H. FLOWER Treble	PERCY LONG 5
ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	ARTHUR JACKSON 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
BERTRAM J. SNOW 4	WILLIAM KEMP Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR P. BRADING.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Henry Coombes, the veteran ringer of Ryde and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on that day. He is believed to be the oldest 'active' service ringer in the British Isles.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH ... 6
ALAN SHORT 3	FRED PRICE 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	JONATHAN PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Russam. It was intended to ring this peal at Perry Barr, the church at which the wedding took place on March 29th, 1875, but owing to illness near the church the attempt was transferred to Handsworth.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JESSE HARRISON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Arranged as a 50th peal for Miss D. R. Fletcher, also as a compliment to Mr. Harold Bristow and Miss Irene Saw, who were married at High Wycombe Parish Church earlier in the day. First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

* HERBERT C. READ Treble	WALTER R. FARROW 5
* RUSSELL W. CURSON 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	* HARRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILRS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* ERNEST KEITZLE Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
ALAN D. STEEL 2	JAMES WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
MATHEW R. BUCKLEY 4	KENNETH THACKER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT Treble	* WILLIAM E. MATTHEWS ... 5
HENRY I. SELBY 2	ERNEST H. EVEREST 6
WILLIAM I. COSGROVE ... 3	RICHARD V. FULLER 7
FREDERICK A. NICHOLAS ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal and first attempt. Mr. R. V. Fuller is from Reigate and the conductor from Chiddingstone.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

EX. P.S. WILLIAM P. DOWDING, Birmingham City Police ... Treble	
P.C. HERBERT W. PERKINS, Leicester City Police 2	
P.C. LEONARD TUFFREY, Birmingham City Police 3	
* P.C. JOHN W. RAWSON, Leicester County Police 4	
[Det. Sergt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City Police 5	
[P.C. THOMAS ANDERSON, Notts County Police 6	
P.C. ALAN RANDS, Northampton County Police 7	
P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON, Leicester City Police Tenor	

Conducted by Det. Sergt. HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † 300th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman. P.C. Anderson kindly took the place of Sergt. Jenney, of Leicester, who was unfortunately placed on the sick list on the previous day.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LINES... ..Treble	HORACE MOULT 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	JOSEPH CADLE 6
*SIDNEY MONTON 3	ALFRED BALLARD... .. 7
JOHN H. DEAN 4	ERNEST MORRISTenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Major.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*O. NEVILLE CURTIS 4	EDWARD C. WHEELER... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ...Treble	WILLIAM WATHEN 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT 2	CHARLES SHERMING 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOODTenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS... ..Treble	H. WALTER SMITH 5
RONALD BULLEN 2	*ARTHUR PIPER 6
GEORGE IVES 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
BERNARD W. PETTIT 4	*ERNEST TOWNSENDTenor

Composed by C. J. SEEGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL ...Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
R. FREDERICK ROE 2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK 6
EDWIN LLOYD 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
KENNETH A. ROE 4	PERCY W. BENNETTTenor

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.
First peal as conductor other than in Doubles and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY C. JONESTreble	JAMES W. WINKINS 4
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 5
A. REGINALD BLABY 3	ROLAND BIGGSTenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jones, daughter of the ringers of the treble.

BEDFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt in A.

WILFRED EDWARDS ...Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 5
*GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICETenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in the seven methods. Rung with muffled clappers, a previous peal attempt being defeated half-way by the noise in the tower.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*T. JAMES LAKER ...Treble	†LEONARD S. LAKER 4
KENNETH SNELLING 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
ALBERT E. LAKER 3	ROBERT SWIFTTenor

Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ...Treble	WILLIAM J. THOMAS 4
GEORGE POPNELL 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWISTenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the Guild, and on the bells.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE L. HALL ...Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 4
GEORGE W. MOODY 2	*GEORGE DOBBS 5
*GEORGE L. LUNN 3	GEORGE E. FEIRNTenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
Rung after meeting short for Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, March 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At 81, BAKER STREET SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIS ... 7-8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referee—James George.

* First peal at first attempt on 12 handbells. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Vice-President Mr. Tom Russam and Mrs. Russam, who were married at Perry Barr Church on March 29th, 1875.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At 28, FIELD ROAD

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORR ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORR.
Umpire—John E. Rootes.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At ALLEN HODSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 127, CRAYFORD WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. C. ABSON ... 1-2	*FREDK. G. GROOMBRIDGE ... 7-8
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 9-10
†T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5-6	†T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 11-12

Composed by J. REAVES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—Rene Redpath.

* First attempt for a peal on twelve. † First attempt for a peal on twelve 'in hand.'

BELLS ANNIVERSARY.

Forty years ago two treble bells, to increase the ring to ten, were dedicated at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and on the anniversary, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service and to commemorate the event, by members of the local company: S. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. Hazelden 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Tomsett 5, F. Radford 6, S. Elton (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, R. Radford 8.

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TRIPLES METHODS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEW 'COLLECTION.'

A new and valuable addition to the Central Council's publications has just come from the Press. It is the 'Collection of Triples Methods,' which has been compiled by the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. J. Arringer Trollope and Mr. S. H. Wood, and is a companion to the other volumes of Minor and Plain Major and Caters methods. Originally the Triples Collection, in a limited form, was just a section included with the Minor methods, but the revision of this latter book led to the decision to form a separate publication for Triples, and the work now produced proves that this step was fully justified, for its covers 60 pages. Indeed, it should, in some respects, make a wider appeal than the other books of the same series, inasmuch as for the first time some of the methods are given by full courses, and the compositions include touches as well as complete peals. Thus the book will be of practical service to beginners in Triples ringing and to young conductors.

The pure Triples methods with two hunts naturally take up the bulk of the volume, and the compositions have been selected for their practical, as well as their historical interest; at the same time they are examples of types which make them well worth study.

Both Stedman and Erin—the only two methods with all the bells working alike in a plain course, which are of any practical value—are of course included, with touches and peals of each.

A selection of methods with six working bells, but which, of course, do not consist of pure Triples, is introduced. Nevertheless they are methods of interest. 'There is in the Exercise,' the authors say in their preface, 'a widespread opinion that all seven-bell methods should consist of regular triple changes. As to whether that view is sound we express no judgment.' It would have been interesting if they had given us their opinion on this subject.

The authors also remind us that 'all pure Triples methods constructed with two hunts and five working bells, even if not symmetrical, will produce extents equally well with and under the same limitations as symmetrical methods. The same is true of pure Triples methods with irregular lead-ends. Indeed, the practical value of symmetry and of correct lead-ends is very much less in seven-bell methods than on any other number except five.'

In view of this pronouncement we are sorry the authors did not include that old method, Union, which is well worth practising, and with the double dodging at every treble lead can be considered 'musical.' It lacks strict symmetry and does not have 'regular' lead-ends, but it is pure Triples, which cannot be said of some of the methods included in the new volume, as, for instance, Penning's Bob, with no fewer than five 'double' changes in every lead, which means that there are 1,800 changes in a peal that are not Triples. We confess a sneaking regard for Union Triples, which would probably have had a considerable vogue had it not been for the cold douche which was given it some years ago by the Council, when there was great controversy over 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate' methods. Union was dubbed 'illegitimate' and the practice of it, thus discouraged, gradually faded out. Now we have the Methods Committee telling us, in effect, that the practical value of symmetry and of correct leads is comparatively unimportant. Some day, perhaps, Union Triples will come into its own again, and the compositions which the Council themselves published in the first section of the Peals Collection will be once more sought after.

We do not offer this as a criticism of the Triples volume now published, which is a most admirable work. The comment is made from regret that, with this newly-expressed official view upon Triples methods, Union, one of the oldest of the twin hunt methods, and one upon which eminent composers in the past thought it well worth spending their time, has been overlooked, if only in illustration of a class of methods to which the authors thought it worth while directing attention.

'The Collection of Triples Methods' is published at one shilling (post free), and is obtainable from the Council's Librarian, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech, Cambs.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN 'AT HOME.'

In spite of the very inclement weather which prevailed, a good company of members and friends of the Sherwood Youths Society, Nottingham, gathered at the Church of St. John, Beeston, for a meeting on March 16th. Some good practice was obtained by all present, and touches of Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Duffield, etc., were rung.

The members thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and also Mr. P. Price for his kindly welcome and having everything in readiness.

It is hoped the next meeting may be held at headquarters, St. Mary's, Nottingham. At present the society is 'driven from home' by very necessary repairs to the tower and the rehanging of the bells. It is understood, however, that this work is progressing favourably and the society is looking forward to its completion in the near future, when it can be 'at home' to welcome all members, old and new. Readers are asked to look out for the date.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DECISION TO START A BENEVOLENT FUND.

Australian Pictures Attract Record Gathering.

Attracted largely by the opportunity of seeing the Australian tour 'movies,' of which Mr. Rupert Richardson very kindly gave a private exhibition, a record attendance of nearly 200 members and friends was present at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at Guildford on Saturday. Twenty-seven diocesan towers were represented, and there were visitors from Beddington, Bristol, Caversham, Croydon, Edmonton, Egerton, Enfield, Fareham, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kingston, Luton, Surfleet, Sutton, Walthamstow, Winchester and Yateley.

Apart, however, from the interesting display of pictures, the Guild had important business to transact, and decided, among other things, to establish a benevolent fund.

Previous to the meeting, ringing took place on the bells of the Cathedral and at St. Nicolas' Church. The Guild's service was conducted by the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan, who gave an address. Tea was served in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Mr. Walter Harrison presided over the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Provost, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, etc.

AN APPEAL TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In their annual report the committee said they were gratified chiefly to be able to record that the Sunday service ringing had been well maintained at practically all the towers affiliated to the Guild, and it was the encouragement of this primary duty of the bellringers of the diocese which must always remain the principal object of the organisation. Other phases of their work needed fostering and deserved encouragement by the Church authorities throughout the area, but in nothing so much as in the service ringing was the Guild anxious to make its influence felt. There were still a number of towers in the diocese where neither the authorities nor the ringers showed an interest in the Guild's work and, in some cases, seven years of endeavour had failed to make any impression.

'The committee,' continued the report, 'again make an appeal to clergy of the diocese and the Parochial Church Councils in every parish which possesses a ring of bells, not only to further encourage their ringers in the work which they are endeavouring to do in the service of the Church, but, where necessary, to use their influence to raise the personnel of the belfry to full strength and develop the diocesan spirit by encouraging their ringers to share in the activities of the Guild.'

The membership of the Guild showed a marked increase during the year, with, of course, a corresponding increase in the income of the districts, each of which was numerically stronger than at the end of 1933. The membership, excluding the non-resident life members, was 495, compared with 448 in the preceding year, and the total of the balances in the district funds had risen in the year from £40 7s. 4d. to £48 2s. 2d. The General Fund this year had not quite paid its way, owing to the inroad made upon it by the experiment of paying the whole charge for the tea at the annual general meeting. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £32 1s. 6d., compared with £34 19s. 7d. at the end of the preceding year.

Twenty-three district meetings were arranged during the year, but while a number of them were most encouraging, particularly some of the meetings in the Farnham District, where the enthusiasm of youth was constantly showing itself, there were several meetings at which the attendance was very disappointing, and there was still a large proportion of members who do not attend any meetings during the year. The committee would again point out that these meetings are specially arranged for the benefit of members, to enable them to increase their opportunities of change ringing practice and to meet and fraternise with ringers from other belfries. Every member ought, therefore, to show his interest in these gatherings by attending at least one meeting in the year, at his own or some nearby tower, even if he cannot get further afield.

OLD RECORDS TO BE COLLECTED.

The committee have undertaken the collection of copies of old records relating to ringing up to the year 1880, contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the diocese. It is hoped, with the co-operation of ringers in the various towers, to make this collection full and complete.

After referring to the recent restoration of the bells at Albury Church, where the work was carried out on the report made by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who has also inspected and reported on the bells at Ewell, Yorktown and Crondall, in all of which instances it is hoped the restoration will not be long delayed, the report went on to say that the number of lower bell peals rung during the year increased by two, but on the other hand five less handbell peals were rung, with the net result that there was again a falling-off in the total, the 28 peals in 1934 being three fewer than the number rung in 1933. Peal ringing, said the report, is not the chief aspect of the Guild's activities, but it is an important factor in its work. There has been a serious falling-off in the number rung in the last three years, and the total is only one-half, approximately, of

the number rung in 1931. The principal reason for this would seem to be the difficulty of obtaining the use of the bells of churches in the diocese. Last year peals were rung in 14 towers, but only in 11 in the diocese, which is about one-fifth of the churches with peals of bells. Out of the 30 eight and ten-bell towers there were only ten last year in which a peal was rung. The committee feel that, while peal ringing needs to be done in moderation, incumbents should permit, at least, one peal a year on their bells. Peal ringing is the highest form of ringing practice, and if a larger number of ringers were able to share in more peals, as they would if more bells were available for the purpose, there would be a higher standard of service ringing. During the year six members rang their first peal, two their first on an 'inside' bell, 34 their first peal in a new method.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the Guild on the work it was achieving in securing the recasting and renovation of bells. He referred to the losses of the Guild by death—Canon R. W. H. Stuart (Vicar of Bagshot), Mr. William Thorne (Ockham) and Mr. G. Pearce (Hascombe)—and referred also to the death of Mr. William Pye.

He asked the members to remember the faithful departed, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments.

The report and accounts were adopted, and it was agreed to transfer 16s. 6d. (balance remaining on the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund) to the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

The whole of the ringers at Albury, where there are two bands, seniors and juniors, were elected members and welcomed to the Guild.

The following officers were elected, the Bishop of Guildford being ex-officio president: Vice-presidents, Mr. Walter Harrison and the 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; hon. librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

The meeting agreed to the summer festival of the Guild being held at Shere on July 6th, and that the next annual meeting be held at Guildford.

BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the meeting agreed to the establishment of a benevolent fund, and that it be raised by voluntary subscriptions and by such sums as it might be possible to set aside from the general funds of the Guild.

The Chairman moved the recommendation, and said there was no doubt as to the value of starting such a fund. He emphasised that no member would have any claim on the benevolent fund as by right.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, seconding, said he did not think there was anyone who would wish to claim. He hoped the fund would be reserved for severe cases of illness.

The Hon. Secretary supported the proposal, and expressed the hope that it would not dry up the charity of ringers in other directions.

The resolution was carried.

A further motion was then carried, vesting the management of the fund in a committee consisting of the Master, the hon. treasurer and the hon. secretary of the Guild, and the district secretaries, who were empowered to make recommendations to the districts for confirmation at the annual general meeting of the Guild, for the purpose of increasing the amount available in the fund, and have full discretionary power in the making of all grants from the fund to members of the Guild in distress.

The Secretary stated that the fund had been started with generous donations of £5 5s. from the Master and £2 2s. from Mr. W. Harrison.

The rules of the Guild were amended to permit of a donation, not exceeding two guineas, being paid out of district funds towards the expenses of the restoration or augmentation of any ring of bells in the district, or the restoration of a church tower containing a ringing peal of bells in the district. The resolution was the outcome of a wish expressed at a Farnham district meeting to make a contribution towards the cost of the renovation of the tower of Farnham Parish Church, but which, under the rules as they stood, could not be made without the sanction of the general meeting of the Guild.

An amendment to the rules that ringing members should be elected to the executive committee for three years (instead of for only one year), submitted by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, was defeated.

The meeting approved of the design submitted for a Guild badge, and Mr. C. W. Denyer agreed to act as badge secretary.

VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY.

The Hon. Secretary stated that a number of copies of the county bell histories and other volumes had been offered to the Guild for £12 10s. They were very valuable books, many being out of print, and would become more difficult to obtain as the years went by. When the Guild approved of the establishment of a library a sum of £5 was voted for that purpose, which had never been expended. He moved that the collection be acquired, and that the remaining £7 10s. be raised from the district funds in ratio to their members. The sums each district would have to contribute would be: Chertsey 12s., Farnham £2 12s. 6d., Guildford £3 3s., and Leatherhead £1 2s. 6d.

Mr. C. W. Denyer seconded, and the purchase was agreed to.

The meeting confirmed a grant of two guineas for the restoration of Pirbright bells, and a similar sum in respect of Albury bells. The Secretary said he had received an application from Ockham, stating that they proposed to spend £275 on a new bell frame and restoration. The meeting voted one guinea to the purpose.

A cordial welcome was extended to the visitors by Major Hesse, and votes of thanks were passed to the Provost and Rector of S. Nicolas' for use of the bells and also to the Provost for his address.

After the meeting, Mr. Rupert Richardson delighted the assembly with the exhibition of pictures of the Australian tour, on which a running commentary was given by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, while Mr. W. Linter, who was also present, very happily supplied the vocal illustration of an incident at the Aden tanks.

Mr. Richardson was cordially thanked by Mr. Harrison, and thanks were also given to Mr. A. J. B. Green (headmaster of the Grammar School) and Mr. A. H. Pulling for their assistance in the arrangements for the meeting.

Will all members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild requiring badges please communicate with C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot. Prices: Silver 2s. 6d., bronze 1s. 6d. (designed for buttonhole, watch chain or brooch). State style required.

FINANCING BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The decision of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to establish a benevolent fund is to be commended. The success of that fund depends on a constant flow of subscriptions. May I suggest to the special committee formed to administer the fund that a box be kept in each tower to receive subscriptions, and that it be an accepted principle that all visitors to practice or service ringing should show their appreciation of participating in the Exercise by making a small contribution. If every visitor to, say, Holy Trinity, Guildford, tower gave a modest twopence several pounds would be raised in the course of the year. If a man plays golf he cheerfully pays his green fees when visiting another course. Why should not ringers, according to their means, give a practical example of their gratitude for the privilege of enjoying the use of the bells?

Guildford.

T. W. WHITE.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday evening, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in honour of the 35th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester by W. R. Dennis 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, C. J. Chooet 3, W. J. Norton 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, G. Cole 6, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 7, F. G. Cole 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION ELECTS MANY NEW MEMBERS.

In spite of the inclement afternoon there was a splendid muster at the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Leytonstone on March 23rd. Early arrivals soon had the bells going to various methods, several touches being brought round prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. T. Brown), who based his address on the life and ringing accomplishments of the late member of the association, William Pye, asking all present to strive to emulate his fine character as their aim in their work for the Church. During the service the members had the pleasure once again of listening to a fine solo, 'Cast your burden,' by Miss Margery Dawson. After service, a move was made to the Church Hall for tea, and before sitting down the District Secretary congratulated Canon Brown on his having attained his 70th birthday, and extended to him the best wishes of the meeting. Before the commencement of the business all present stood in silence as a tribute of respect of the late member, Mr. William Pye.

At the business meeting two honorary, one non-resident life member and 20 new ringing members were elected, thus showing that interest in ringing in the South-Western Division is not on the wane.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th.

A resolution proposed by Mr. Joyce, seconded by A. Prior, congratulating Mr. Relfe and his Lamberhurst band on their fine accomplishment in ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods, was carried unanimously.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Brown for use of tower and bells, for providing the tea and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Douglas Wilson (organist) for accompanying the hymns and solo, to Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, to the curate for his assistance, Miss Miller and friends for arranging the tea, and also to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. The members were pleased to welcome also during the afternoon Messrs. Clark and West (churchwardens) and several lady friends who take a great interest in the work of the association.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Hornchurch, Leyton, Romford, Bishopsgate, Brockley, Camberwell, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, Beniley, South Weald, Walthamstow St. Mary's, Fobbing, Orsett, Wanstead, Southgate, North Weald, Sydenham, West Ham and Woodford, and touches in various methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Six Georges rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on Saturday at Elsham, Lincs. Several peals have, in the past, been rung by namesakes of England's patron saint, but we believe this is the first peal of Surprise Minor they have put to their credit.

Another performance in which youth has played a conspicuous part, with a leavening of experience. Teddy Barnett, jun., and J. A. C. Abson, at 16½, and Geoffrey Murphy, at less than 16, formed half the band in a peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' at Crayford on Sunday. The Groombridge family made up the rest, and of the six, four were making their first attempt for a peal on twelve, and the other two their first attempt on twelve 'in hand.'

Margate Parish Church bells are being thoroughly overhauled and fitted with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They will be ready in time for the King's jubilee festivities. Mr. J. Wagborn, an old London ringer, is now living in Margate and has joined the band. From the point of view of change ringing, we are told, he has made things much more lively. Ringing visitors are always welcome both at practices and Sunday ringing.

Lincolnshire is again busy with bell restorations. The Loughborough Foundry will shortly be taking in hand the rehanging in new frames of the ring of eight at Holbeach Parish Church; the ring of six at Lea, near Gainsborough; and also the rings of five at Tattershall and Rippingale; the latter is to be augmented to a peal of six.

Another peal of London Surprise Major on handbells has been rung at Oxhey. Every one of these peals is a wonderful performance.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S HOMECOMING.

AUSTRALIAN RINGING TOURISTS' MESSAGE OF GREETING.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester reached home on Thursday week, after his Empire tour, the primary object of which was to take part in the Melbourne centenary celebrations and dedicate the State of Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance on Armistice Day.

Among the telegrams of welcome he received was one sent on behalf of the English ringers who visited Australia for the centenary, and who rang to welcome His Royal Highness in the two principal cities of the Commonwealth. They followed close upon his heels from Ceylon, saw him in Bendigo, and rang for him in Melbourne and Sydney. The following was the message sent to the Duke's Equerry:

'The English Church bellringers who rang at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, to welcome His Royal Highness to those two cities, send respectful greetings and congratulations upon his safe homcoming.'

A reply has been received from Buckingham Palace in the following terms:—

'The Comptroller to the Duke of Gloucester is directed to thank Mr. Goldsmith for the message of greeting which he sent on behalf of the English Church bellringers.'

THE PEAL RINGER'S SOLILOQUY.

I've had enough of this. No one e'er wished
That 'Paradise Lost' were longer than it is,
Said Samuel Johnson. Well, that's true of peals.
I've had enough of this one any way.
I wonder what there is for tea—Good Lord!
Am I in quick or slow? Oh, yes, that's right,
Six is my course bell: I must keep awake.
Betty looks tired. What pretty arms she has. . .
Now is this first half-turn or second whole?
I'll risk it; lead a whole-pull right. . . oh curse!
It was the first-half then. All right, you fool,
It's no good shouting when the mischief's done.
Well, I will make no more mistakes I swear. . .
I wonder how the time is; it seems hours
Since the half-way single. I'll think no more
Of time until the next part-end, and then
Turn a stealthy glance upon my wrist watch.
Clumsy oaf! Can't you keep off at hand-stroke?
You're striking much too close upon my bell.
Ah, here is the part-end; now for the time;
Only another half-hour? That's good. . .
It's queer how solemn everybody looks;
I'll smile at Betty when I dodge with her,
And see if she will answer with a smile.
By Jove! my knees are stiff. After this peal
I swear I won't ring any more awhile.
Hullo, there's Tittums; but, good Heavens, you,
You must have missed a bob; Tittums came up
Some time ago, at least I thought it did.
No, it is all right, we are home at last.
'That's all.' Now 'Stand.' Well, thank the gods that's
done.
Let's flop down on this bench a bit. What, Bill?
A peal next week? Thank you, old man, I will.

A GUILD OF YOUTH.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF YOUNG RINGERS' SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am well aware that the standing of the young ringer in the belfry has been greatly improved in the last generation; especially is this obvious when I call to mind what I have been told by some of the older ringers in Birmingham. They tell me how that 50 years ago, when they were boys or young men, they used to come up and sit in the belfry both for practices and for service ringing, and never did any of the ringers take any notice of them. Perhaps they had to be coming to the tower for months on end before one of the ringers would venture to ask them whether they were ringers or wished to learn ringing. Probably, as we have been told from time to time, the reason was that they jealously guarded the secret of their art and were unwilling to impart it to others; much more so if the learner was someone much younger than themselves.

All this, of course, has been changed; there are so many excellent books and pamphlets on the subject that it is practically possible to teach oneself. There are occasions, however, when I feel that the young ringer is not given all the help and encouragement he ought to have.

To increase his opportunities I suggest that a new ringing society should be formed. I have suggested for its title The United Guild of Young Bellringers. It would be a national affair, and would be run on the same lines as the Ladies' Guild or the National Police Guild. Branches would be formed at various centres where youth is strong, and these branches would be run on the same lines as a local ringing guild. It would have its own secretary, Ringing Master, treasurer, etc. The several branches would be united into one whole under a general committee formed from representatives from the various branches, together with the general secretary, Master of the Guild, etc.

I am suggesting limiting the membership to any ringer of either sex who has not yet attained the age of 26. I am of the opinion that if we go any lower than this, the chances of having good representative meetings and local peals would be lessened. I am proposing a subscription of 6d. or 1s. per year, and this would include a badge and/or certificate on entrance, if possible. I suggest that the positions of president and vice-presidents be reserved for elder ringers. Possibly we could arrange to have general meetings once a year at various centres, at which we could all meet together, and at the same time the committee could meet. My plans are to form first of all branches in various parts of England where youth is strongest. These branches would elect their own Ringing Masters and secretaries from among their numbers. It would be the duty of the local branch secretary to arrange the local meetings, collect the subscriptions, and send reports of meetings, peals, balance sheets, etc., to the general secretary, who would be responsible for the report. After about nine months, when the branches have each held two or three meetings, and the membership has been allowed to become fairly representative of the whole of the country, then nominations could be received for the positions of Master of the Guild, general secretary, and also for president and vice-presidents.

Briefly, those are the plans as far as I have gone. Now for the ways in which I think the Guild will be an advantage and a help to the Exercise. In the first place the young member will no longer feel he is a mere nobody, as he will belong to a Guild whose members are all about his own age. At ringing meetings the young ringers will have the chief claim to the ringing, although the presence of our elders at such meetings will be both welcome and advisable.

One of the main difficulties I think is that there is no other hobby, if you can call it a hobby, where the ages of those who take part in it vary so widely. It is hardly natural to expect youths of 12-17 to mix freely with and to take part in the same conversations as their elders, right up to the ages of 70 or 80. Perhaps I ought to tell you now of some of the points from those who have given me their opinions against the idea. To quote one letter: 'We will suppose that a man, middle-aged, a good and capable ringer, a loyal member of his association, teaches a young ringer successfully. Will he not feel insulted if this young ringer joins this new association and rings peals with it so that someone else takes the credit for the work he has done? He won't feel inclined to help the youngster any more or to allow the association to have his tower for peals or meetings, and surely that is what will happen. Is it not much better when both young and old can co-operate, instead of being divided into sects, one of which excludes members of the other? ... There is something further concerning peals. ... Most ringers like to ring peals, and occasionally like to ring them in high methods. No youngster, however clever he may be, can possibly conduct these peals thoroughly; that is something which comes only with age and experience, and here we should have to depend on older ringers for support. Peals with young ringers only would get so far, but no farther, and stagnation would result. ...'

This is an extract from a letter I had from a ringer who would himself be eligible for membership of my proposed Guild. I am not

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SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many ringers will be grateful for your leading article on the above subject.

Repentance forms a necessary part of the approach to a Holy God, but cannot be considered 'the object of religion and therefore the object of services.' Christians are not intended to go in sackcloth and ashes all their days, but to rejoice in the Lord and to praise His Holy Name. On these occasions we ringers come not only as loyal servants and as loving children, but as a united family, to give praise, thanksgiving and worship to our Maker, our loving Father, our Saviour and our King.

As Bishop Shaw said at the dedication of the bells at Faringdon: 'We ringers are privileged to put the biggest musical instruments we can find into the tallest buildings we have and announce to all the world, "We give glory to God."'

Bellringers in general, as loyal members of the Church, are, I am sure, glad to have these opportunities of 'ascribing unto the Lord the honour due unto His Name.'

VERA ROBINSON.

Wokingham.

A DUTY TOWARDS GOD.

Dear Sir,—I read with some disgust Mr. A. T. Milton's letter on services at ringing meetings. I think the first thing such people should learn is that church bells are inseparable from the Church. They were, I agree, used at first in strange and symbolic ways, yet for the last three hundred years they have been dedicated to the glory of God. Might it be pointed out that without the Church there would be no bells, nowhere for the art of campanology to be performed.

If, therefore, Mr. Milton feels none of the sentiment of the Church, then because of what the bells signify he should accept ringing services along the one line of duty!

We have a duty and respect towards God, and if we are not to give Him some acknowledgment of our reverence when we meet together to ring bells dedicated to His glory, then the message of the bells becomes irrelevant and a mere jangling mass of iron.

The public do not tolerate bells merely as bells; it is because they pertain to God that they are so readily tolerated.

I do not in any way wish to condemn the meeting as a furtherance to the art of ringing. It is our duty, no doubt, to improve our standards, but what I do maintain is that while we should do that we should remember to Whom the bells are dedicated.

Separated from the Church the art must truly fall to the ground.
Melton Mowbray.

VERNON TAYLOR.

'STICK TO THE SERVICE.'

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that a present-day ringer should ask such a question. The best answer or advice I can give him is to ask him thoroughly to read and digest the first part of your article on the front page of the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' I think it is good, sound, straight-from-the-mouth talk. I should like to add, as a member of a Parochial Church Council, that we never hold a meeting without starting and finishing with prayers, and I have no doubt but that all other P.C.C.'s work on similar lines.

Let us stick to this service at our meetings, for I am sure there are a great number of ringers in the same boat as myself, far from being free from sins, much to my sorrow, and let us still have a short address. But here I would like the various clergy to be asked to give us a simple talk for the benefit of our souls and not try to rake up something about bells for an address to ringers, because that is just like pouring water on a duck's back and expecting it to stop there.
G. R.

Broxbourne.

ADDRESS IN PREFERENCE TO ROUTINE PRAYERS.

Sir,—Your leading article dealing with 'services at ringers' meetings' contains much which is true. But I would like to be permitted space in your columns to take exception to one paragraph: The suggestion of often omitting the address. Better, to my mind, to have just a few hymns and an address than a lot of prayers of a routine nature uttered off by heart by most people with little or no thought as to its meaning. I am no advocate of a long service, nevertheless, and I know there are preachers and 'preachers,' but a few words from the lips of one in touch with most of the present-day difficulties can serve a very useful purpose, especially to those ringers who, as I have more than once previously said, are inclined to make their ringing into a one-sided and selfish hobby—ringers who think of nothing else but Surprise methods, and who, if asked to 'make one' for a humble peal of Grandsire Triples to oblige another of less ability, would rather leave it to someone else, making his chances possible only with a 'scratch' band, instead of using their own ability towards bringing him up to their standard. This, and petty jealousies which we read something of last week, were the subjects of a fine sermon I once heard at a ringers' meeting. To say, as some do, that 'many a clergyman is glad to be relieved of taking a service' is, to my mind, a very poor and shallow excuse. The number of parsons who view the matter from that standpoint I should say are very few.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

PART II. ARRIVAL AT AUCKLAND

We were well out in the Tasman Sea on Sunday morning, December 2nd, and found the 'Wanganella' a first-class boat for berth and board accommodation. The passage of 1,281 miles to Auckland was smooth and uneventful. After our unlimited feasting for a month, the three meals a day, at 8, 12 and 6 o'clock, were all-sufficient, and as these were served in two sittings, separating our party, we were given an opportunity to study and admire fresh faces amongst the big crowd crossing with us.

Being Sunday, morning prayers were attended, and the ordinary simple life followed till bunk time at 10 p.m.

The Guardsmen in mufti indulged in a homely hand of whist or bridge, whilst our party took up the usual deck games. Both appeared glad to have a restful time whilst they could.

On Tuesday Major Miller, who resides near my home, issued an order for a full-dress parade, but gave us no music, as the weather was wet and windy, so the golden instruments were carefully stored away after their polishing up. At night there was an excellent cinema show, followed by a ringers' refresher, and so to bed at 10.30. dreaming of 'Tugboat Annie.'

On Wednesday the good ship safely berthed at Auckland Harbour, soon after 4 p.m., and what a tremendous crowd was there to welcome her passengers, which included Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and his sister, son and daughter of the Premier. The busy Press of New Zealand had fully announced the visitors. In the customs sheds a general 'mix-up' of all the baggage, and the owners kept officials busy for an hour, while anxious friends were standing outside in the broiling sun waiting to offer their greetings. Amongst the friends to greet us were Mr. F. Colgrove, Mr. and Mrs. C. Charge, Mr. A. J. White, of St. Matthew's, Mrs. R. Field and others, who kindly offered bed and board to us, which, however, we had already fixed up.

While the Guards marched to the Town Hall, our humble party drove out to Onehunga, a seaside resort ten miles away on the south side of the city, where we were accommodated by Mr. Field and her neighbour until our departure for Wellington four days later.

I am reluctant to occupy too much the scarce columns of 'The Ringing World,' so will briefly give you my notes of the crowded doings of the 'faithful five' during their stay on the North Island.

On Thursday morning we were 'engaged in the city.' When you travel out of Great Britain there are many business matters that have to be carefully attended to, and it was always a case of 'Don't forget your passport,' or 'Have you anything to declare?' I overheard more than one passenger 'declare' in words such as could not be found in the English dictionary. First, there was your money. We received in Australia £24 18s. 9d. for £20 sterling, but in New Zealand the Australian £1 was only worth 19s., so the bank for the 'ready' was first attacked. Next the Post Office for stamps. There is penny postage in New Zealand to-day. Then followed the Shipping Offices, where the railway journey to Wellington and boat from there to Christchurch were formally adjusted. We had already satisfied the port and medical authorities that the British bellringers were, in shipping language, 'At all Lloyds,' and, I may add, registered tonnage, copper bottoms and later on in the day true to Plimsoll water mark. I suppose all these exacting details are necessary to the welfare of the British Empire, and, having transacted them without a hitch, we felt entitled to take something to restore the loss of energy and moisture. Our first drink in New Zealand at the Imperial was followed by a generous lunch at the Waverley, and now it was that we felt we were really 'landed.'

Through the good offices of Mr. White, of Darling Point, a letter of introduction to the chief of the A.M.P. Insurance Company led to an enjoyable excursion to some of the beauty spots of the city rightly named the Queen City. Starting from Queen Street, one of the most important thoroughfares that connects the quay and harbour with the Town Hall, we drove to the Domain, a well-laid-out area of 190 acres, with winter gardens, fern walks, statuary and native trees and shrubs. On a raised plateau stands the Auckland war memorial and museum, the latter a large stone edifice in Grecian style, with the Cenotaph in front. We could have very well spent a couple of days here. In the entrance stands a bell of about 10 cwt., presented by Mrs. Elsa Jeanette Bodle. The inscription reads, 'Sung Hing Bell, presented to the most obedient disciple, Wo Chang. Made and presented in the spring of 1803.'

There is a large handsomely carved figure from a solid block of stone of 'Laocoon,' from the baths of Titus at Rome, found in 1506, and carved A.D. 76 (some say earlier). Relics of the native Maori race are to be seen in a very fine state canoe carefully restored, and a native hut, both grotesquely carved in native design with figure heads which show protruding tongues that signify 'defiance.'

Passing onward, our next place of interest worth noting, amongst so much of real and deep interest, was Mount Eden, 644ft. high, the site of an early extinct volcano, with wonderful panoramic views of the city and the sea coast. The summit is marked by a stone pedestal having a flat top with porcelain enamel map, inlaid in black line, indicating local geography and distance. There is a similar dial in Stirling Churchyard (N.B.) in bronze, pointing out the distant Scottish hills. We were eager to learn where we stood on the map of

the world, and were mutely informed that we were 1,506 miles from Hobart, 1,281 from Sydney, and had 7,463 miles to get to Panama via Wellington. If anyone desired to call at Vancouver to have a touch with Mr. Limpus, the crossing of the North Pacific would mean 6,358 miles, a nice 'coming home' course.

Then to Cornwall Park, a scenic reserve of 538 acres, presented to the city by the late Sir John Logan Campbell, 1817-1912, a pioneer resident, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, our present King and Queen, in the year 1901. In the centre of this reserve stands 'One Tree Hill,' 602ft. high, with the remains of an ancient Maori camp, and more distant scenery—Waitemata Harbour and the distant island and mountain of Rangitoto, a Government reserve. On this hill the donor lies beneath a marble slab, inscribed, 'Si Monumentum Æquirit Circumspice.'

We were most grateful to the two members of the insurance staff who so generously gave the use of cars and time to show us so much of their city. This drive ended up 'Imperially,' not by measure, but in toasting the old country and the new.

The day finished up by an evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charge, at Green Lanes, on the south side of Auckland, where a party of 12 sat down to dinner at 7 o'clock. The handbells they had charge of were freely used between recollections of London and New Zealand ringers amidst a cloud of smoke. I was agreeably reminded of a peal of Royal I shared with Cornelius 40 years ago at Fulham. We were loth to leave our kind hosts, but having a big day on the morrow a couple of taxis cut across the suburbs from Remuera to Onehunga, which enabled us to 'turn in' by midnight.

W. H. F.

THE 42-METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that 720's Nos. 1 and 2, published in your issue of March 15th, are not as rung. I rather fancy the fault is mine, as I had two 720's like them sent to me by Mr. K. Lewis, our trable ringer, asking me to have a look at them, and get them proved for him (which I have not yet done).

When copying the 720's out to send with the peal report I must have copied the wrong 720's for the first two.

Mr. Driver wrote to me saying that the number of changes of method during the peal should have been 76 instead of the 71 you mentioned, but I took it to be a small mistake on your part and did not therefore draw your attention to it. Now it looks a blunder by me.

I am enclosing the 720's as rung in case anyone requires them.

J. WORTH.

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In the above 720's the methods are the same as published in 'The Ringing World,' but the arrangement is different. Both these 720's were suggested by Mr. Severn in 1933 after we had rung the 35-method peal at Chelford.

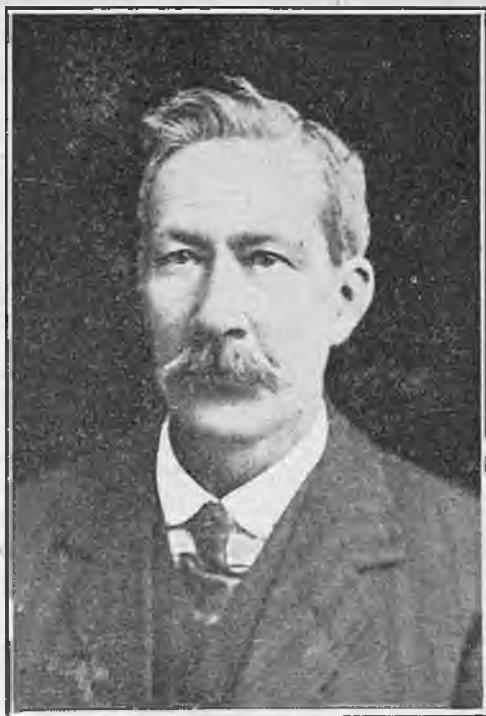
WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—For evensong on Sunday, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Stanley Woodard 1, James Woodruffe 2, John Trotman 3, George Blake 4, Frank Fisher (conductor) 5, Frederick Woodruffe 6, William Woods 7, Alderman Ling 8.

BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS RUSSAM.**

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam, of Birmingham, on Friday, March 27th, celebrated their diamond wedding, and they have been the recipients of many congratulations.

Mr. Russam forms a link with the Birmingham ringers of nearly 70 years ago, for his ringing career began in 1869. Prior to that he had been a choirboy at Bishop Ryder's Church, and he and some of his fellow-choristers used to climb the belfry steps and watch 'Puffer' Malin (so-called because he was also organ blower) ringing the bell for service. The boys soon had a desire to ring the bell themselves, and after a bit they almost used to fight for the privilege. When the ring of bells was installed in 1869 Tom Russam was one of the first to become a member of the band.

This soon brought him into contact with the Birmingham celebrities of those days—Johnson, Chattell, Perks, Hallsworth, Biddlestone and others. Those were times when the would-be ringer had to pick up knowledge as best he could. Text-books were not readily available, but Tom Russam 'sat at the feet of the mighty,' and drank in the wisdom (regarding ringing) that fell from their lips. It was Chattell who really taught him Stedman, for he had what was then considered to be the special privilege of going to Chattell's bakery, where that worthy used to demonstrate the 'slow work' by a novel method of his own.

**MR. T. RUSSAM.**

The Birmingham men, even in those days, were very keen on handbell ringing, and they met, usually, at a place known as 'Old Joe Nixon's.' The practices, it is said, used to commence every week on Mondays and finish the following Sunday night. In this atmosphere of enthusiasm Mr. Russam learnt his ringing, and he became a leading exponent of the art in the city. He is a graceful as well as an expert ringer, and, although Mr. Russam's health has never been robust, he has taken part, he believes, in over 300 peals, although he has kept no detailed record. On tower bells he has rung peals on all numbers from Triples to Maximus, and the methods include Grandsire, Stedman and Erin, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Duffield and Forward, while on handbells his peals include Grandsire from Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob, and Stedman from Triples to Sextuples, for he rang 1-2 in the only peal that has ever been rung on more than 12 bells.

Mr. Russam was a member of the Birmingham and District Association and the Birmingham Amalgamated Society from their formation until they became defunct. He was also a 'Holt Society man' until it was absorbed by St. Martin's Guild, which previous to the amalgamation was St. Martin's Society. Mr. Russam called the first peal for the 'Guild.' In addition to the distinction of having taken part in the Stedman Sextuples, Mr. Russam took a pair of bells in the first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' and the first double-

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BILLINGSHURST RINGER'S DEATH.**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION LOSE AN OLD MEMBER.**

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. James Burdfield, of Billingshurst, at the age of 57. Deceased had been troubled for some time as the result of an injury received during the war, but death was unexpected, as he was actively engaged until within a few days of the end. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

An old member of the Sussex Association, Mr. Burdfield had been leader of the local band for 30 years, and was largely responsible for the complete renovation and rehanging of the Billingshurst bells.

He had rung about 50 peals, and as a ringer and also a member of the choir had been a loyal and devoted churchworker. He will be sadly missed.

At the funeral service, which took place on Friday last and was choral, the cortege was escorted by members of the British Legion, of which deceased was a member. The bells were rung half-muffled. In addition to members of Billingshurst band, ringers were also present from Kirdford, Fulbourn, Slinfold and Warnham. Among numerous floral tributes was one from the bellringers and the choir.

As a last token of respect to Mr. Burdfield a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, on March 29th, the funeral having taken place the same day: P. Wood 1, A. Peist 2, C. Wood 3, T. Adams 4, W. Wicks 5, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 6, R. Wood 7, W. Holden 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**KING'S JUBILEE RINGING.**

A very well-attended quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Saturday week. Ringers came from Cambridge, Chelmsford, Chesterton, Exning, Fulbourn, Hitchin, Little Shelford, Melbourn, Newton, Newmarket, Over, Royston, Sawston, Springfield, Trumpington and Willingham, and there was a splendid muster of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penny), with Mr. L. Lilley at the organ.

Mr. J. Wright, of Trumpington, and Messrs. B. Dean, S. Dockeril, G. Eady and A. Hurst, of Little Shelford, were elected members.

The question of ringing for the King's Silver Jubilee was discussed. The matter is a simple one in the parishes which have keen local bands, but it is hoped to make arrangements to visit towers where there are no ringers during the Jubilee week.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Chippenham on May 4th.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. P. Webb, who had made all arrangements so splendidly. The visit to Ickleton is always one of the best events in the association's year, and all who attend can be sure of having a good time, but the 1935 meeting was even better than usual.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

VETERAN RINGER AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**TWO SONS AND DAUGHTER RING FOR BIRTHDAY.**

On Sunday, March 31st, Mr. W. Collison, of Tunbridge Wells, attained the age of 71 years, and to mark the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church: Mrs. A. Mayes 1, B. V. Collison 2, C. Collison 3, Miss G. Collison 4, W. Collison 5, H. Markwell 6, A. Richardson 7, A. Mayes 8.

Mr. Collison began his ringing career over 50 years ago in Sussex, and since moving to Tunbridge Wells he has been a regular service ringer at St. Peter's for over 20 years. He has more than 100 peals to his credit, but has always put Sunday service ringing first. He is always ready to help a youngster, and in spite of being older than some of the rest, can still show them how to do it.

The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the above quarter-peal are his sons and daughter. It was conducted by Miss Collison, and was her longest touch as conductor.

The good wishes and congratulations of all the band were offered to Mr. Collison and also to Mr. Mayes, whose birthday fell a week previous, and who is also a regular service ringer at St. Peter's.

Mr. Collison is the second member of the Tunbridge Wells band to complete a long term of service ringing, Mr. W. Latter, the local captain, having recently resigned the secretaryship of the Tunbridge district of the Kent County Association, after 40 years in office.

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handed peal of Stedman Cinques out of London, this being only the second over rung in hand. He also once took part in 10,000 of Grandsire Major on handbells, but he always looks back with pride on his share in a handbell touch of Stedman Cinques at the great gathering of ringers assembled to celebrate Henry Johnson's 80th birthday. Scores of excellent ringers who were present had never before heard twelve-bell ringing on handbells, and the touch went off without a hitch to the huge delight of the assembled company.

During his long career Mr. Russam has acted as instructor to many ringers, and beginners have never had a better mentor.

Advancing years have prevented Mr. Russam of late from doing as much in the belfry as formerly, but he is as alert and interested in ringing as ever.

Ladies and gentlemen, the toast is 'Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam!'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on Saturday, March 30th, and was attended by over 50 ringers from Boverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Cottingham, Easingwold, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Pocklington, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints), Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Kirk Ella and York, together with visitors from Bradford (Western District), Ripon, Birstwith and Norton (Northern District), Wortley (Southern District), London, Lincolnshire and West Hartlepool. The glorious Minster bells (12) and also the six at Clifton Church were rung in the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in Feasgate Restaurant, and at the business meeting, which was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer), Mr. J. Hardcastle, of Bradford, gave a most interesting account of the Australian tour, for which he was heartily thanked.

The members present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Cotterell, the association treasurer, Mr. D. England, district committeeman, and Mr. William Pye, all of whom have recently passed away.

The invitation to hold the next meeting at North Ferriby in June was accepted unanimously.

Messrs. G. T. Miller, R. B. Smith and F. W. Dale were all re-elected to serve on the district committee for a further period of three years, and Mr. F. W. Dale to serve on the general committee, while Mr. A. B. Cook was elected on the district committee in place of the late Mr. D. England.

Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected district secretary for a period of three years. One new member was elected, Mr. A. C. Hopper, of Cottingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of York for the use of the bells and to the Minster ringers for the arrangements, and were responded to by Mr. G. Horner, who gave the visitors a hearty welcome to York. Further ringing on the Minster and Clifton bells terminated a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

NORTHAMPTON TOWERS' LOSS. TRAGIC DEATH OF A YOUNG RINGER.

At St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Monday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Harry Bruce, a member of the local band, whose tragic death at the early age of 24 has left the band with an empty space which it will be difficult to fill. Well known by all ringers locally, his death has come as a great shock to all, and to those who mourn heartfelt sympathy is offered.

The ringers in the quarter-peal were B. Yorke 1, N. Bannard 2, J. Burston 3, F. Wilford 4, W. Rogers 5, G. Bannard 6, I. Bennett 7, R. H. Taylor (conductor) 8, G. Flavell 9, F. Kettle 10.

On Monday, March 25th, the death occurred of another Northampton ringer, Mr. W. Farcey. He had been in ill-health for some years, but his death came unexpectedly. He was for many years a ringer and leader at All Saints' Church.

He was laid to rest on Thursday, March 28th, and as a mark of respect a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the half-muffled bells of St. Peter's Church by some of his old colleagues and members of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild: J. Dean 1, A. P. Hensman 2, A. Robinson 3, F. Wilford 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Parker 6, W. Austin (conductor) 7, W. Atterbury 8. It was at this church that the deceased rang his first peal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. IMPROVEMENT IN LAMBETH TOWER.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a most successful meeting on March 16th at Lambeth, when some 35 or 40 members and friends attended and made good use of the bells, which are now much more pleasant in the belfry than they used to be, as new ceiling and floors have been put in, so absorbing some of the sound, which was formerly rather strident. Proceedings commenced soon after 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandshire Triples, in which several novices distinguished themselves. During the remainder of the afternoon touches for all were the order, and some good ringing was the result. A substantial tea was disposed of in the Parish Institute. At the business meeting, consisting mostly of routine business, the Master (Mr. H. Mance) mentioned the great loss the Exercise had suffered by the death of Mr. William Pye, and recalled the quiet and dignified temperament of this truly great ringer.

Those present stood in silence for a short time as a tribute to his memory. Afterwards the secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. W. Pye offering the condolences of the members.

More ringing was indulged in previous to the usual evensong, at which the Vicar, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Jones, addressed the company, welcoming them to his church.

Ringing then continued till 9 o'clock. It might be well to say that a most enjoyable time was spent, a feature being that a number of quite young ringers attended and received help and encouragement. Also that a vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and to Messrs. Hardy and Wyatt as well as to Mrs. Aitken and her helpers at the tea table.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. NOMINATION MEETING.

The society's annual nomination meeting was held at Armley on Saturday, March 30th. The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 p.m., except for a break for the business meeting and tea. On this occasion the society provided tea for all who made application, and about 50 members sat down to the meal in the Parochial Hall. They were welcomed to the parish by the new Vicar (Rev. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A., LL.D.).

The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair at the business meeting, when a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Renton and seconded by Mr. H. Marsden. The Vicar, who acknowledged the vote, said although that was his first experience of a gathering of that kind he hoped to welcome the society on future visits to Armley.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. H. Loft-house replied on behalf of the local ringers.

The following nominations were then received: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, J. Hey and H. Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Loft-house; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and L. Drake; trustees of the bank account, Messrs. J. W. Moorhouse and F. Rayment.

After the business meeting the members were entertained with handbells by four members of Leeds Parish Church company and Mr. J. Thackray, of Armley, who rang 'Caller Herring.' Other ringing followed, but when, at the end of one touch, certain ringers were seen following the Vicar down the main room natural curiosity compelled the remainder to follow, and all ringing was forgotten. They found themselves in the room set apart for the children's Guild, where the Vicar has one of the most up-to-date model (electric) railways, covering 17ft. 6in. by 14ft. Oh, how the years fell away from shoulders, and fingers itched to touch the points, controls, etc., of this wonderful model. Then, hearing the tower bells going again, the company were reminded that they had visited Armley for a ringing meeting.

Members were present from Almondbury, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Headingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northwram, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company.

A KELVEDON PEAL BOARD.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled and dedicated at Kelvedon, Essex, by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Croft). The board has been made by Mr. W. Elliott and carved by Mr. E. W. Beckwith. The board consists of two panels and records five peals of Surprise Minor, namely, one of London, one in three methods, one in seven methods on one panel, while the other records a peal of Cambridge and a peal in seven methods. Four of the peals were rung in 1933 and the last one in 1934. The ringers who rang in the first three peals were W. Keeble, C. W. Burton, A. Mason, J. Elliott, W. Elliott and C. Button. In the peal of Cambridge, G. Green, of Great Baddow, was in the place of A. Mason, and in the last peal, A. Mason, C. W. Burton, W. Elliott, J. Elliott, W. Keeble and C. Button.

Several touches were brought round by those assembled for the ceremony, among those present being Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. C. Newman (Feering) and S. Hills (Witham) and all who rang in the peals with the exception of Mr. G. Green.

The Vicar complimented the ringers upon their achievement, and said it was an incentive to others who would follow. He also thanked the ringers for such a beautiful piece of work, which made a handsome addition to the belfry.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Egerton, Kent, on Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Doubles, being 300 Original, 360 Plain Bob and 600 Grandshire: L. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. J. Pack 2, Miss M. Pack 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing 5, V. Field 6.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on Sunday, March 17th, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. Symonds 1, F. G. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, D. A. Symonds (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, M. T. Symonds 7, I. G. Nash (first attempt of Surprise Major as conductor) 8.

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inclined to agree with either of his objections, but I quote them to give some idea of what other people think of the scheme besides myself.

I should like to have views and criticisms from young and old, and most especially I would like to hear from all those ringers of 25 and under who would be willing to join the Guild if it were formed and to give it their support. In this way I would be able to tell where there was sufficient strength in the way of young ringers to form branches. Some of the ringers, I expect, will send their opinions to 'The Ringing World,' but perhaps most of them will send their views direct to me.

The Cottage,
Austy, near Coventry.

MALCOLM MELVILLE.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please send names to Mr. H. Lomax, Avendal, Park Road, Coppull. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, April 6th, at Liversedge. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 and after the meeting. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) from 3 to 4. Service at Reigate Parish Church 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15.—Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (eight bells) on Saturday, April 6th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, at Prince of Wales, 5. Bus service from Sudbury and Long Melford.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Railway station, Wembley Park (Met.), and Nos. 83, 8 or 46 bus to Blackbird Cross.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and those interested are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoke Golding, Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 p.m. Meeting following. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton (6 bells) recently restored by Taylors, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hollingbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, April 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome. Photographs of the group at Egerton meeting available. Fine prints, about 6in. by 8in., 1s. each, postcard size 3d.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Please book these dates: Saturday, April 13th, Feltham; and Saturday, May 18th, Isleworth. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting of St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me by April 10th for tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea (9d. each) notify the Vicar, St. Mary's Vicarage, Prescott.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers, only for those who notify me not later than Monday, April 8th. These bells were put at our disposal at short notice. Please show your appreciation by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 6, Lydgate Villas, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Thursday, 11th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea notify me by Thursday previous latest. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, 10th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, April 11th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low, Bentham, on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. per head. All are welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmcon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the New Inn. Please let me know numbers for tea by April 10th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—A peal board will be dedicated in this church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers and friends welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 10th.—Cyril Wilson (next P.O.), Woodford, Kettering.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, April 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Chilton Foliat. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the Vicar) at 4.30. Please notify for tea.—A. Taylor, Branch Secretary, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others. Application for tickets must be made to the undersigned, together with remittance, on or before Tuesday, April 16th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Institute, 5.15. All ringers welcome. Sidmouth Bells (8) available 6 p.m. by arrangement.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 17th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Further particulars next week.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North and South Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Redenhall on May 11th and East Dereham on May 25th. Usual arrangements for tea. Please advise, and note change of address as from April 12th: Nolan Golden, Pear Tree Cottage, Northrepps, Norwich.

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LATE NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice Sat., April 13th, St. Mary Bourne. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

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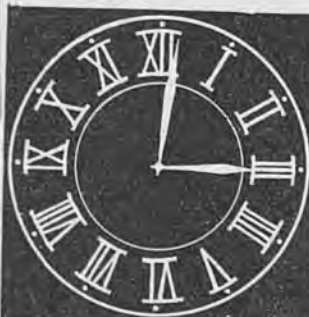
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