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TWO COMMENDABLE SCHEMES.

There are two motions relating to matters of a similar nature in the published agenda of the Central Council for consideration at the next meeting that should commend themselves not only to the members, but to the whole Exercise, and should enlist the active help of all those in a position to render assistance. The first is a proposal to make a record of old and valuable peal boards, and the second a suggestion to prepare a record of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and accompanying it, where possible, with a photograph of the subject. Both these proposals are not only of immediate interest in themselves, but, if carried out, the results should be of value to future ringers.

The idea of compiling a record of the old peal boards to be found on belfry walls was first put forward in this column by Mr. J. A. Trollope, whose suggestion went further than the motion now to come before the Council. Mr. Trollope's plan was for a survey of the records in question, which involves not merely the making of a copy of what is in the tower, but a report upon the condition of the tablets. When the Council come to consider the subject we hope it may be made clear that the peal records intended are not merely records on wood, but all records relating to peals prior to a certain date, whether preserved on wood, stone, paper or any other material. We have in mind a manuscript record, with details of peals going back to the first half of the eighteenth century and also including peals rung for the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo. The original records were on the belfry walls, but were removed during a 'restoration' in the last century. Had it not been for the foresight of a local enthusiast, who made a copy of them, these interesting records would have been lost for ever. So it may happen in the future in any tower where old records exist. There have been numerous instances of peal boards taken down and never replaced, when renovations or alterations have been made. It is upon such records that much of our knowledge of early performances have been based, and it is our duty to see that what is still left to us is preserved and the first step towards it is a survey and catalogue of what remains.

The other proposal to collect short biographies of past members of the Central Council will perhaps, not prove quite so simple a task. The peal tablets exist and have only to be inspected and copied. The records of past members of the Council will not be so easy to come by, but that does not make it any the less desirable that the work of collecting should be set in hand without delay. In the history of the Council most, if not all, of the lead-

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ing men in the Exercise in the last fifty or sixty years have passed across its stage. From the days before the Council there have come down to us brief biographical details on just one or two men in a generation, but the vast growth of the art of change ringing since the development of modern ringing organisations has brought to the forefront in every decade numbers of men to whom the progress of the art owes much. At some time or other most of these leading ringers have been members of the Central body, and a record of their work would be a valuable contribution to history. And if this scheme is undertaken, we hope it will not ultimately stop as the limits laid down by the motion. Could there not be added to it the biographies, as far as they are known, of the men who in earlier days helped to build up the edifice of ringing as we know it to-day, and also of those, if there be any within the last half century who, having given service to the promotion of the art, have by chance not served on the Central Council? Why not, indeed, make this first biographical venture the beginning of a wider and more comprehensive historical record?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	JAMES BENNETT 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
GEORGE R. PYE 6	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
ALBERT DISBENS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 8
ALFRED KING 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*W. A. CYSTER (age 15) Treble	†JAMES D. TAYLOR (age 14) 5
*JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14) 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
GORDON W. LIMMER 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER 7
*RONALD C. FOWLER 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from the treble. With the exceptions of ringers of 4th and 6th (who hail from Cookham) all are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service on March 31st, 720 Boh Minor: Miss E. Wright 1, Miss W. Foster (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. White 3, F. Seager 4, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 5, E. H. Simpson 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	*ALEX HUTCHINSON ... 7
FRED W. HILL ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Treble	KRITH W. WHITTELL ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
CHARLES SHERMING ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER
A birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt. This was his 100th peal for the association.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBERTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*THOMAS WYATT Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 7
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 4	JACK WAUGH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER
* First peal of Major.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	WILLIAM FLATT ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
*STANLEY COPLING ... 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE GOWER Treble	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE WHITING ... 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, it being 22 years since his previous peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. This is the first peal in a Surprise method to be rung in the county, and by the Guild by a band composed of fathers and sons, the ringer of the 2nd, 5th and 6th being the fathers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
*CHARLES W. DENVER ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
WILLIAM T. BERSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal in the method.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. Melville.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	URBAN WILDNEY ... 5
MAURICE LING ... 2	ERNEST DURRANT ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 7
GEORGE JENNINGS ... 4	EDWARD E. DEWEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. E. DEWEY.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... 5
DAVID MACKAY ... 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
*KENNETH LORD ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
FREDERICK TARGETT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEAL.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT & BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, Killamarsh, Burton, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	JOHN R. MATTOCK ... 4
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 2	JOHN W. CHAMPION ... 5
GEORGE LORD ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

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A BEGINNERS' PAGE.

A NEW FEATURE FOR YOUNG RINGERS.

HOW THEY MAY HELP.

To promote the young ringers' interest in the Art, we propose, with their help, to set aside a page of 'The Ringing World' each week for their especial benefit.

We invite young ringers to contribute largely to this page themselves, by expressing their views on any and every subject relating to bells and bell ringing, by seeking information on difficulties they may meet with in their pursuit and by sending us news items of special interest to beginners.

Older heads, we hope, may help in the 'educational' side of this page, so that young ringers may reap the benefit of knowledge and experience, but we also hope the young people themselves will make use of the space—not just to record touches which they may have rung, but to expand their knowledge and help others, ventilate their ideas, and, above all, make it a means of progress in the Art.

There are all sorts of things in connection with bells, besides just pulling the ropes, or even learning to ring by method, which should be of interest to young ringers, and we hope to be able to impart information under many heads.

Although every ringer should aspire to become a peal ringer not all are keen in this direction, and we hope this page will give these folk something of interest to study in our columns which will make up for any lack of interest they may at present have in the more advanced achievements of others. Indeed, it is possible that ringers who are not-so-young will find something to interest them.

The young ringers of to-day will be the backbone of the Exercise to-morrow. We want to encourage them to equip themselves for the future, to get as wide a knowledge of the art as they can and to obtain as broad an outlook as possible upon the duties and responsibilities which rest upon them as church bellringers.

And we believe they can do a good deal in this direction by helping one another. For that reason we shall welcome their contributions to this page. They can rely upon their letters and articles being dealt with sympathetically, with a crossing of the t's and a dotting of the i's where necessary. The only condition we make is that each contribution must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, although these need not necessarily be for publication.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

We propose to give each week a few simple hints on conducting for those who wish to make themselves acquainted with this important and interesting side of ringing.

Most ringers have a desire to learn to call touches. Their ambition should be to learn to 'conduct,' which is rather a different thing. Conducting means not only calling the bobs, but putting another fellow right when he makes a mistake. The ability to do this does not, of course, come all at once. It has to be acquired by practice. Every young bob caller should study the art of 'conducting,' and he can do quite a lot of preliminary work on paper by a close examination of the method of which he hopes to call touches.

Let us suppose he wishes to start on Bob Minor. First of all he must know where to call the bobs. For the moment let him be content to know about bobs 'wrong' and 'right.' A bob 'wrong' is made when the tenor (or any other bell that may be the 'observation' bell) dodges in 5-6 up and the proper place to call it is as the tenor passes from 4th's to 5th's place going up, after passing the treble in 3-4. A bob 'right' (also known as 'home') is made when the tenor dodges in 5-6 down and the proper place to call it is between the two blows of the tenor's whole-pull behind. The 5-6 down position for the tenor is the ordinary course end of the method.

Three bobs 'wrong' or three bobs 'right' will give a touch of 180, and by calling bobs 'wrong,' 'right' and 'wrong,' in that order, three times, half the extent of 720, viz., 360, will be produced. This, it will be noticed, leaves the 5-6 down position of the tenor to come at a plain lead at alternate course ends. To complete the extent of the method call a single at the end of the first 360, instead of having a plain lead; and do the same at the end of the next 360.

A first step towards 'conducting' is a knowledge of 'coursing' order, or the order in which the bells follow

one another through the work of the course. The coursing order of the bells following the tenor in a plain course of Bob Minor is (6) 5 3 2 4 (6), with the treble changing its place between them each lead, first following 3, then 5, then 6, then 4, then 2. Every call, whether bob or single, changes the coursing order, and it is the conductor's job to be able to know, as the ringing proceeds, if the bells are in the correct coursing order. He needs not only to know what the coursing order is after he has made a call, but to be able to anticipate it by knowing what it ought to be after the next call. Peals are saved that way when a trip occurs as at bob.

Paper and pencil at home and close observation in the tower will soon put the aspiring young bob caller on the way to real 'conducting.'

(More about Conducting next week)

DO YOU KNOW

1. The proper way to hold a bell rope when you ring?
2. Who wrote the first 'text book' on change ringing?
3. Where and when the first known 'ring' of bells was hung?
4. How to find out the number of changes that are possible on a given number of bells?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN—

1. Keep the hands, one above the other, as close together as possible: On the rope end at 'backstroke'; on the sally at 'handstroke' with the tail end of the rope in the crutch of the thumb and forefinger of one hand, so that the sally can be grasped with the thumb and all four fingers of each hand.
2. Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, who published 'Tintinnalogia' in 1688. He was the author of the method known by his name.
3. At Croyland Abbey, Lincolnshire, before the year 1100. The first Abbot of Croyland, according to the chronicler 'Ingulphus,' gave six bells to that monastery, that is to say, two great ones, which he named Bartholomew and Beladine, two of a middling size, called Turketullum and Beterine, two small ones denominated Pega and Bega; he also caused the great bell to be made called Gudla, which was tuned to the other bells, and produced an admirable harmony not to be equalled in England.
4. Multiply all the numbers together. Thus, for three bells 1x2x3 equals 6, for seven bells 1x2x3x4x5x6x7 equals 5,040.

PROPOSED NATIONAL GUILD OF YOUTH.

ORGANISER INVITES INFORMATION.

Will all ringers of either sex, under the age of 26, who would like to become members of the above Guild, kindly send their name, address, age, ringing capabilities, and mention any society they belong to, to—

Malcolm Melville,

The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry,

as soon as possible?

Several young ringers are already in communication with him, and he hopes that every ringer within the age limit will communicate with him, whatever their capabilities may be. Also will older ringers kindly tell the younger ones, who perhaps do not see 'The Ringing World'?

A GUILD OF YOUTH?

'THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.'

The suggested formation of a Guild of Young Ringers, put forward by Mr. Malcolm Melville, was discussed at a meeting of Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, when a resolution was passed *nem con.* that such an organisation is entirely unnecessary.

We give below also some letters on the subject:—

Sir,—It is commonly said that youth is impulsive and needs to 'stop and think' sometimes. It appears to me that this applies to youth of all ages, judging by the letters so far published on the subject of the proposed new Guild, and also your leading article. Let us 'stop and think,' young and old alike, before bestowing blessings on the suggested venture, and see the other side of the picture.

In the first place, the launching of a new Guild is a serious undertaking (especially if it is to function in districts already covered by the territorial associations), as towers are required for meetings. Apparently the proposed Guild will aim at peal ringing as well, so that we shall have another applicant for towers which are already well booked up by the local associations, and in many cases kept open only by the loyalty of local stalwarts (many of whom would be ineligible for membership of the new Guild), while in other cases the local association has played a large part in restoration of peals by grants from funds or by concerted efforts of ringers to raise funds for restorations, etc.

Do those who favour this new idea imagine that they are going to 'cut across' local claims for 'stunt' purposes and be received with open arms? I very much doubt it, and will quote the position of my own tower, where youth has had a few attempts under the auspices of the Kent County Association. When we travel outside our own boundaries we endeavour to ring peals for the association in whose territory we happen to be, and we look for the same courtesy from visitors to Crayford.

As to the idea of 17 and 70 mixing together—why not? Is it not a fact that the old titles of —Youths originated from the old idea that all were youths together in the art? I have myself taken part in many peals, and many more attempts, with bands of varying ages from 13 to 70, and it would be hard to say which youngster was most delighted when success was achieved—the one of 13 or the one of 70.

I am aware of instances where youngsters have been snubbed by some of the old school, who have (not always without reason) become disgruntled at young ringers who ring untried methods before they ring rounds properly, and I would suggest to any young member who feels snubbed at criticism by an old 'un, before taking the huff, he should have a 'severe think' and see if there is any possibility of that criticism being justified; remember that brilliance can always

gain from experience, and that possibly that veteran can tell him in his criticism something which would take years to find out unaided. I say this with conviction, while I scored my 'first as conductor' at the age of 17, I am still learning and have learned much from criticism of my efforts at various times.

There still remains the question of an instructor being peeved if one of his colts goes to ring peals with an association from which he (the instructor) is barred. If he has any interest in his pupil he certainly should be peeved. I have spent some considerable time for several years now in furthering the progress of youngsters, but had I any idea that they intended to bar me from their peals I am afraid that they would have to go to their new Guild for the various diagrams, etc., required, for someone to spend evenings with them on handbells, or to get towers open for them, for the one reward of a voluntary instructor is to share in his pupils' success. Bar him from this and his interest evaporates, and automatically he ceases to instruct at all.

I may add that I shortly hope to take part in several peals which will be 'first as conductor,' and (I hope Mr. P. Amos reads this), although they will be Plain Bob and Grandsire, they will rank equally with London and Bristol to

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

A NEW CLASSIFICATION.

Sir,—It is generally realised that something should be done to encourage youth in the art of ringing, but we do not need another association, with the consequent petty rivalry, jealousies, and accumulation of funds which no one will be able to deal with to the satisfaction of all.

Age and wealth are overlooked in the enthusiasm of all good ringers, and although a veterans' or youngsters' peal can be arranged to advantage, we would not have good attendance if we divided ourselves into age classes. What does Mr. Cannon consider he would do with the four or five irresponsible youngsters in his band of twelve without the steadying influence of our seniors.

However, we can classify ringers, irrespective of age, as follows:—
The Super Men. We have many amongst us of all ages. They deserve more support and encouragement from the youth they serve.

The Good Ringers. I think this class holds the majority, and we badly need more.

The Learners, and those who are slow in picking up ordinary methods. Often this class of ringer is very useful to make up a band. I belong to this class myself.

All these I place under the class of 'Enthusiastic Ringers,' but there are two other types we could do without. One is invariably captain of a tower, jealous of all others, and wants to be the big 'It'; and another with these qualities, and worse, because he is attracted to the tower for financial benefit to himself. I have first-hand recent experience of one who refuses to allow learners to be taught and gives no explanation why. Now, if youth desires to do something, why not start 'The Campanologists' Association,' to include all worth having—'Australians included.'

Stop this paying sums to be boarded to no good, and perhaps such a project could make a big thing of the Benevolent Fund suggested by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Encourage ringers of all ages to travel and mix together in freedom and unity, and in time we could boycott the mean, despicable type to which I have referred, for the good of the Exercise. I am ready to help do something when you like; so get going, 'Youth.'

JOHN EUSTON

(just over 25).

TWO BRIEF COMMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I make a brief comment on two points recently discussed in your columns

(a) As a representative of the 'old 'uns,' I have read with sympathetic interest the proposals to form a Guild of Youth. One reflection that occurred to me was alluded to in your admirable leading article on the subject. I certainly hold that membership of such a Guild should be confined to members of a recognised territorial organisation, otherwise the support of young ringers might be drawn away from their diocesan or county societies.

(b) Mr. Milton draws a false analogy between choir practices and ringers' meetings. A local choir practice or Church Council meeting is not usually combined with a service, though simple prayers are generally offered. But when choristers or other churchworkers from different parishes meet at one centre, they regularly do join in an act of united worship.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Letters to the Editor on the subject of the new 'Triples' book are unavoidably held over.

NUMBERING THE 'SIXES' IN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Stedman' of the 'Snowdon Series' appears the plain course of Triples giving 2314567 as the 'six-end' numbered (14) and with the succeeding six-ends numbered from (1) upwards. In the latest Collection of 'Triples' the 'six-end' 23145678 is numbered (1).

Maybe some of your more experienced readers can explain the reason of this, as the Snowdon publication is a very fine and clear book on this method.

HENRY SARGENT.

Glasgow.

The difference is more apparent than real. The actual bob is made at the first row of the 'six,' and in the new 'Triples' book published by the Central Council the figures mark the actual place where the bob should be called, i.e., at the preceding six-end. In Snowdon's 'Stedman,' as the author points out, the figures 'serve to number the sixes and are placed opposite the last row of the six, commonly called the six-end.'

For the beginner in conducting it is more important to know exactly where the bobs should be called than to know at the end of a six that a bob should have been made at the beginning of it.

'ATTEMPTING FOUL RINGING—PENALTY 10s. 6d.'**AN OLD 'CAUTION' AT A SURREY CHURCH.**

Surmounted by a tall spire, the tower at Ash Church, Surrey, contains a light ring of six bells, not particularly tuneful but very handy for practice. Some 30 members of the Guildford Guild made good use of the bells on Saturday, when a meeting of the Farnham District was held. Members were present from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnborough, Farnham, Pirbright, Seale and Worplesdon, with the Guild treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith).

The singing at the Guild's service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. J. Scott, M.A.), was led by a full choir, for at Ash there is a happy understanding between those who serve at the east and west ends of the church. The Rector's address was much appreciated.

Local ladies supervised the tea, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. J. Corbett was voted to the chair. Mrs. Cann (Pirbright) was elected an honorary member, and G. L. Luck and Mildred Cank (Seale) were elected ringing members of the Guild.

A sum of one guinea was voted from the district funds to the fund for the restoration of the tower of the Farnham Parish Church.

The new Guild badges were on sale, and the hon. district secretary, who is also Guild badge secretary, did good business both in the silver and bronze varieties. The badge is neatly executed, and consists of a bell suspended from a headstock. Its accurate proportions have been taken from Ripon Cathedral tenor, and it bears the Guild's title as an 'inscription' on the waist of the bell.

Cordial thanks were accorded to the Rector, the choir and the organist, to which the choir-master (Mr. Manfield) responded.

Attention was called to the need for restoration of the old timber bell frame at Ash, and it is hoped that something will be done before it gets into a worse state. At present it gives out weird and wonderful rumblings while the bells are being rung, and the cause of the noises can be doing the structure of the tower no good.

There is an interesting old board in the ringing chamber, worded as follows:—

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We should be interested to learn what 'foul ringing' implies. Obviously not turning a bell over. For that, the delinquent could get away with a fine of 3d. 'Foul ringing' was something much more serious, for a penalty of no less than 10s. 6d. was exacted for 'attempting' it, in addition to a liability for the damage in so doing.

Ash bells were augmented to six in 1919, and the ringing on them on Saturday covered the common ground between rounds and Cambridge Surprise, with a selection of 'Aldershot Assorted,' which included half a dozen ingredients from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A USEFUL MEETING AT SYDLING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch, held at Sydling on Saturday, April 6th, proved not only enjoyable but resulted in good work being accomplished. Sydling possess a lovely peal of five (tenor approximately 20 cwt.), where everyone would like to see the octave completed. Good practice was put in from 3 p.m. until 4.30, when the Guild office, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Werninck). The address was given by the Rector of Upwey (Rev. A. S. Bryant), who is well known as a fluent preacher, and is always at the bidding of the Dorchester Branch, which they greatly appreciate.

Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) was held in the Clubroom, and 52 members and friends were present. The Vicar, who presided, welcomed the members to Sydling, and his humorous speech caused roars of laughter.

A short business meeting followed, at which one hon. member was elected.—The Rev. A. S. Bryant stated they would have a warm welcome when they came to Upwey for their summer meeting in June.

A welcome was given to the visitors, and the usual votes of thanks were passed, special mention being made of the Vicar for his kindness in providing such a bountiful tea, and the ladies who did the waiting and the work.

Following the meeting several members went on to Cattistock (where the carillon of 35 bells hang), and rang on the peal of eight, which are hung for ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th, when some 55 ringers attended and enjoyed ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. Galer), who also gave a very interesting address. The friendly offices of Mr. H. F. Saunders at the organ were much appreciated.

After the service the members were the guests at tea of the local ringers' wives and friends. This social event, which took place in the Church Hall, firmly established two reputations—that of the ladies as ideal hostesses and the Vicar as a highly successful raconteur.

Tea over, Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., T. Groombridge, sen., E. A. Barnett, E. Beer and G. Cross delighted the company with three leads of Treble Ten on handbells.

The business meeting followed. The Vicar presided, and was elected an honorary member of the association. Five practising members were duly elected, and the election of six members previous to peals was ratified.

The selection of Downe as the place for the summer meeting was unanimous.

Tribute to the memory of the late Mr. W. Pye and Mr. R. Brett-Smith was paid by a minute's silent meditation by the meeting.

The correspondence in 'The Ringing World' anent the 'Organisation of Youth' was then mentioned. Discussion, in which youth was an active participant, led to a resolution that 'In the opinion of those ringers here assembled the suggested "Organisation of Youth" is entirely unnecessary.'—This was passed nem con.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and giving his address, for his liberal quotations from 'Ditchfield,' and for presiding at the business meeting; to the organist for his services; to the ladies for their generous hospitality and efficient 'service'; and to the local ringers for their ready assistance in preparing such a successful meeting.—This was carried enthusiastically.

The Vicar responded. He assured the association of a welcome to St. Mary Cray whenever they cared to visit the village, and paid tribute to his own ringers. Miss L. Burchall replied for the ladies graciously and well.

Mr. G. Lovelock, the secretary of St. Mary Cray Guild, endorsed the remarks made by the previous speakers in a further happy little 'speechette.'

Further ringing both in 'in hand' and in the tower until 8.30 p.m. concluded proceedings.

Members from Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, Eltham, Erith, Farningham, Gravesend and London, and visitors from Chelmsford and Northampton spent an enjoyable few hours in an English village in all the 'uncertain glory of an April day.'

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING AT KINGSBURY.**

A very successful meeting of the Central District was held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, Middlesex (formerly St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London), on Saturday, April 6th, and was very well attended. There being over 50 members and friends present. Various methods were rung, from a few rounds for the beginners to a course of Cambridge Surprise Major by a band of members.

A short but pleasant service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea followed in the new Church Hall, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At a short business meeting held afterwards Mrs. Fletcher took the chair, in the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Two new members were elected—Miss E. Lakin and Mrs. W. Rawlings.

The date of the annual meeting of the district was fixed for June 22nd. This meeting is to be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London.

Mrs. Fletcher then reminded the members of the coming annual meeting of the Guild to be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on the second Saturday in July.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service; to the organist; to Mr. Barratt for making all the necessary arrangements; and to Mrs. Barratt and her helpers for providing such a substantial tea. This concluded the meeting.

The members then proceeded to the tower, to which some of the menfolk had previously adjourned, and further ringing took place.

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EASTER SERVICE TOUCHES.

At Burnham, Bucks, for evensong, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: J. E. Taylor (age 14) 1, R. G. Taylor (age 13) 2, Evelyn M. Taylor 3, B. T. Harrison 4, G. W. Limmer (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. D. Taylor (age 14) 6, G. H. Limmer 7, W. A. Cyster (age 15) 8. First quarter-peal 'inside' by ringer of 3rd.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Surrey, for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, F. Farr 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Ed. Hunt 8.

At Prittlewell, Essex, for 6 a.m. celebration, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): N. Townsend 1, R. Brown 2, G. Wilson 3, J. Fowler 4, A. North 5, F. Lufkin (first quarter-peal of Kent as conductor) 6, S. Baybut 7, G. Bacon 8.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Geo. Lewis (Sheffield) 1, A. J. Martin 2, H. Price 3, H. F. Martin (conductor) 4, F. B. Martin 5, R. Lewis 6, S. J. Jones 7, W. H. Webb (Halesowen) 8, F. Crump 9, H. Norbury 10.

On Easter Day, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. Williams 1, J. Cardowney 2, J. Riley 3, T. Egan 4, T. Hammond 5, G. R. Newton 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Caunce 8. Longest length on eight bells for the first four ringers. Ring for the induction of the Rev. Father T. D. Roberts as Rector.

At Stoke-in-Coventry, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Rouse (first quarter-peal) 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, Miss V. M. Freeman (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Sibley 4, C. Freeman 5, W. Ellender 6, W. T. Cox 7, F. Rouse 8. The quarter-peal also celebrated the engagement of Miss V. M. Freeman and Mr. E. Sibley, who are both respected members of St. Michael's band.

PAIGNTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. F. ALLWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allwood, of 8, York Gardens, Paignton, Devon, celebrated their golden wedding on April 8th, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung in their honour.

Mr. Allwood is, and has been, a regular ringer at the Parish Church for over 20 years. Indeed, he has been a ringer in various places for nearly 60 years, having been a ringer at Stoke Gabriel prior to March, 1914, when he and his wife went from Sandridge to Paignton to live.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allwood are natives of Somerset, and were married at Bristol on April 8th, 1885. Their family consists of a son and two surviving daughters, and they have six grandchildren.

Prior to the ringing of the bells, on the wedding anniversary, the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. H. M. Drake, on behalf of himself and the ringers, in the tower belfry presented Mr. Allwood with a gold-mounted cigarette holder, and presented Mrs. Allwood with a magnificent bouquet of daffodils and golden tulips as well as a rose bowl in which to stand them.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Leiston, Suffolk, on April 22nd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples: N. Summerhayes (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. M. Bailey 2, J. G. Rumsey 3, J. E. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, F. L. Fisher (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 6, C. E. Fisher 7, A. Ling 8.

At Crayford, Kent, on Easter Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Barnett 1, G. V. Murphy 2, R. Brough 3, T. Groombridge, jun., 4, Hy. Wood 5, Mollie Redpath (first attempt as conductor) 6, E. A. Barnett 7, J. Abson 8.

At North Stoneham, Hants, for evensong on April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Faithful 1, G. Pullinger 2, R. Reed (first in method) 3, W. Rowe 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, C. Fray 6, W. Tucker 7, R. Clark 8.

At Colchester, on Sunday, April 7th, previous to the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 48 mins.: W. Chalk 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, W. Dent 5, R. W. Stannard (first quarter-peal in method) 6, V. Kerridge 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8.

At Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Reay (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Fairman (first quarter-peal) 2, P. Wishart (first quarter-peal) 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, J. Anderson 6, W. J. Davidson (conductor) 7, M. Anderson 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Listeners on Sunday heard the bells of Jerusalem broadcast. But from no station on this great festival of Easter were the bells of any English Church heard—except the customary 'interval' signal. If the B.B.C. would act up to their profession to give us from time to time characteristic settings for things they put over the ether, they sadly fail at the great Church festivals by omitting to preface the services with the sound of the bells.

Birmingham Corporation has given notice of its intention to apply for permission to include in the Birmingham Corporation Bill clauses giving power to acquire, by purchase, St. John's Church, Deritend, and to utilise the site, after the demolition of the building, for the purposes of street widening.

The church and tower are built of brick, and there is a ring of eight bells. If the proposal is sanctioned by Parliament, St. John's parish will be united with that of St. Basil. Deritend bells have no great reputation for tone, but the metal might be used to provide some other church with a good peal.

Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, who has just completed 60 years as head ringer at St. Leonard's Church, has been presented with a handsome oak chair, with suitable inscription on a silver plate, to mark his long and valued services.

Three fathers and five sons rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Framsden, Suffolk, on Saturday.

The Rickmansworth, Herts, peal is to be augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles, and the work will be placed in the hands of John Taylor and Co. as soon as sufficient funds are forthcoming.

Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, Kent, writes that the peal of Minor rung at St. Margaret's Church, Barming, a week or two ago, was not the first rung there. On July 10th, 1910, the Horsmonden band rang a seven-method peal there, conducted by Edwin Lambert.

Two honours have been paid to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, this week. On Wednesday he was appointed Vicar's churchwarden at Surfleet. On the previous day he was presented with the Scouts' 'Thanks' badge, in recognition of his many acts of kindness to the local troop.

Rupert is getting quite a collection of badges, and if he goes on like this he will soon need an even broader chest (or a longer watch chain, which will require a correspondingly longer waist line), if he wants to display them all at once.

In the 'Ring o' Bells,' at Prestwich, Manchester, there used to be kept a box of handbells, but the house has now lost its licence. We wonder what has become of the handbells!

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

TO BE HUNG IN A CIRCLE IN VAST TOWER.

It is expected that the central tower of Liverpool Cathedral, which has been begun, will be completed in six or seven years' time. The cost of the tower is being met by a gift of £220,000 by Lord Vestey and Sir Edmund Vestey, but a further sum of about £80,000 is required to complete the central space, the porches and the transept now under construction.

Provision has been made for a peal of twelve bells with, it is suggested, a tenor of something like four tons, and supplied with semi-tones to make lighter rings. The cost of the bells is being defrayed from a gift by Mr. Thomas Bartlett of £5,500, and the Cathedral Executive Committee have had under consideration the plan of Sir Giles Scott for the hanging of the bells in the tower. Because of the great span involved this presents engineering problems. The method adopted necessitates the erection of a steel framework.

According to the 'Birmingham Mail,' the ringers will stand in the central square formed by the intersection of four girders, and the bells will be hung on a circular reinforced concrete frame in the centre of the tower. Between the ringing chamber and the bells there will be an insulating space to deaden the sound to the ringers.

The arrangement of the bells in a circle is believed to be entirely novel, and it is made practicable by the size of the tower, the interior of which is 74ft. 6in. across from side to side.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN U.S.A.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., on Sunday, March 31st, but was unfortunately lost after reaching nearly the half-way mark. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: S. W. Sturgis 1, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Sturgis 3, A. D. Bosson 4, W. Bashford 5, J. F. Laker 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Henson 8.

Handbells were indulged in after the ringing, and included a course of Grandsire Caters, a touch of Grandsire Triples and 360 Bob Minor.

It is hoped to make another attempt for the peal on the bells at Kent School, Connecticut, some time in May, permission having been granted by the headmaster, Father Sill.

'SURPRISE RINGERS NOT TO BLAME'

We have received a letter from Mr. P. Amos on this subject, but as no good purpose can be served by pursuing the question in the vein he adopts, we regret we are unable to insert his communication.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. WALTER AYRE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on Monday. A company of about 70 members and friends attended, and the Sub-Dean of St. Albans (Canon H. A. Skelton) took the chair until the unanimous election of Mr. Walter Ayre, hon. secretary of the Western District, as president for the ensuing year. The company stood in silence for a few moments in memory of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, president and treasurer, and others who had passed away since the previous annual gathering.

Mr. T. Slater, of St. Albans, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. W. Barton, of Yorkshire, a non-resident life member.

Mr. Gilbert Debenham presented the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand on March 31st last of £3 11s. 5d. Subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund during the year amounted to £3 4s., giving a credit balance at the bank of £13 1s. 8d. During the year one grant of £2 was made to a member.—The accounts were adopted.

The annual report was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

REASONS FOR SUCCESS.

'I consider it a great honour,' said the Hon. Secretary, 'to present to you the 50th annual report of this association. At the period when this society was formed, ringers were not regarded by Church and public with the confidence existing to-day. As a class, ringers had a bad name (probably exaggerated), and Church authorities took very little interest in the men who rang the bells, chiefly in "call" changes. One of the earliest bands to initiate belfry reform in the county was the St. Albans Cathedral Society (founded January 1st, 1884), which placed its membership upon a communicant basis, and by this act secured the life interest in change ringing of Archdeacon Lawrance. He was a great friend to this association. It was customary for him to preach the annual sermon, which he did on four or five occasions. He never missed attending our annual meeting, and he was elected president in 1913. I have enjoyed, as a member for 50 years, most of which time has been spent in secretarial duties, the unique experience of watching closely our growth, and I would attribute the success attained chiefly to: (1) God's blessing upon the venture; (2) the loyal backing of the district secretaries and members; (3) the whole-hearted support of Bishops, clergy and honorary members; (4) to the wisdom of Mr. E. P. Debenham in redrafting rules which have been for so many years our working basis. The last message our president wrote to "The Ringing World," which appeared in the issue of November 2nd last, was, "I am proud to think that the association is fulfilling so well the objects for which it was established."'

The question of raising the subscription, the report continued, was brought forward at the annual committee meeting, and a referendum was agreed to. From returns which have come to hand a majority of the bands are against any alteration. It was also suggested that a yearly voluntary bell fund of 3d. per bell for each tower in affiliation with the association be established, and that the subject be discussed at the annual meeting.

The sub-committee appointed to carry through the Jubilee celebrations met on ten occasions, under the chairmanship of the president. Details were many, but the committee had the satisfaction of knowing that their labours were crowned with success. To all who contributed to this happy ending (and there are many) grateful thanks are given. The Dean of St. Albans made the announcement of his desire that the Abbey bells should be augmented to a peal of twelve, befitting a Cathedral, and to mark the Jubilee of the association. This was greeted with much satisfaction, and further enhanced when the president announced the Bishop's gift of £25. Since the meeting, a faculty has been secured, and the work begun by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

A special committee was called to discuss the question, and means are being taken to secure sufficient money to pay for one bell to commemorate the Jubilee and to the memory of Mr. E. P. Debenham, president and treasurer. It is hoped that every band affiliated in the county will send its quota, and send it quickly.

OUTSTANDING PEALS.

The peals rung during the past year make a remarkable list, which would be regarded as creditable to a much larger body. Fifty-four peals on tower bells and eight on handbells; seventeen peals of Surprise in Major methods, and one of Surprise Royal; Surprise peals rung without even a practice, some with only one. New methods rung for the first time, whose conductor had the privilege of naming the method, hence the local name. The peal of Hertfordshire Surprise Major was composed, rung, and named in honour of our Jubilee. Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his band are to be congratulated upon the honours they have conferred and the prestige which they added to the association. Mr. Cashmore heads the list of conductors, followed by Mr. George Debenham, through whose services many ringers have been enabled to ring a new or extended method, which might not otherwise have come their way. There have been 20 conductors, but first pealers only number six. Eight

peals have been rung on handbells—five of Bob Major, one of Double Oxford Bob Major (the first by the association), one of Shipway's Court Bob Major (the first ever rung), and one peal of London Surprise Major. The latter peal ranks as the crowning effort of the year, and those who heard the excellent course rung at the Jubilee dinner by the same ringers can appreciate somewhat the mental strain such an effort must have made. Since then the same band has rung three similar peals. But there is another record which worthily deserves to be mentioned, and that is the ringing on Whit Monday last of four six-bell peals in one day, each peal in seven methods, conducted by Messrs. S. Carter (2), B. Patmore and W. A. Tack. Last year these men gave the association the record length of Bob Major, and the ringing of four peals, comprising eleven methods, in a day, is a most worthy and creditable performance.

Referring with great sorrow to the death of the president and treasurer, Mr. Edward Percy Debenham, who passed away on December 16th, the Hon. Secretary said: 'Coming so soon after our Jubilee celebration, at which function he seemed blessed with a new lease of life, his passing away was a shock to everybody. He had looked forward to the Jubilee with great interest, almost as if it was the consummation of his life's work as a ringer, and God permitted him to see the realisation of his ambitions. He was not only a servant of the Church in so many ways, but also a servant to the city in which he was born. His life was one of consecrated service. He has gone from us, but he has not left us desolate, for there remains the fragrance of a life worthy of our imitation, a life which was full of service to God and his fellow-men. He had a great family tradition to uphold, and he has passed it on unsullied to his children. The remarkable gathering at St. Peter's Church, at the funeral service, expressed in many ways the respect in which he was held by all classes of the community. It is with somewhat mixed feelings that I write these few lines, for it had been my privilege to enjoy his friendship and mutual confidence for 50 years, 44 of which had been spent together as officers of this association. What that has meant in one's life only the heart can reveal.'

The Ven. Archdeacon Gibbs, who became a life member in the early days, had passed to his rest, respected and honoured by all in the diocese. Whilst Vicar of Aldenham, ringers always received from him a most cordial welcome, whether for peal or meeting. Mr. W. O. Times, of Hitchin, a well-known figure in the diocese, and also one of the association's oldest supporters, also passed away.

BENEVOLENT FUND JUSTIFIED.

The Hon. Secretary again expressed appreciation of the services rendered to the association by the district secretaries. They had arranged meetings as usual, with happy results, in which the various incumbents had most readily assisted in granting the use of the towers, arranging services, and in many instances presiding at the business meeting.

The Benevolent Fund had been strengthened by the addition of fresh subscribing bands, and, he thought, had fully justified its place in the working of the association. The larger support became, so in measure would all be knit together in a closer bond of sympathetic Christian brotherhood, ever desiring to send help to any subscribing member upon whom misfortune had fallen.

'In conclusion, as we enter upon our 51st year,' the Hon. Secretary said, 'I would appeal to all ranks to continue to give of their best in helping the association to carry out faithfully the aims for which it was established. We are living in days when people are more inclined to grumble about ringing, and, in fact, noises of any kind, and although we may have proved to our own mind our case, yet the grumbler may still be unconvinced. It is an acknowledged fact that the general public know little or nothing about bells or change ringing, therefore the best weapon to meet the grumbler is education. The precise form must be left to varying circumstances, but handbell ringing is a never-failing attraction, at parochial functions of all kinds. Lectures on church bells and ringing might also be arranged. In the St. Albans District much interest has been created, and knowledge is disseminated by these methods, and Mr. Ayre on two occasions has been requested to arrange for the handbells to be rung at a Ploughboys' Supper, with gratifying results. We have reached a period when we have got to let our light shine and to let the public know that change ringing is a highly skilled job, undertaken for a definite Church purpose, and that peal ringing requires far more skill and patience than a speed race. Finally, on the occasion of the Jubilee of our beloved King, may the bells from every steeple in our land send forth their sweet music and receive from the general public deserving appreciation.'

A BELL RESTORATION FUND.

After his election as president, Mr. Walter Ayre expressed the hope that to celebrate the King's Silver Jubilee on May 6th the bells of every tower in the county and the country would be rung, and in the event of towers not having a band, that the nearest companies would make arrangements to ensure those bells being rung.

Another suggestion put forward by the president, which found the favour of the meeting, was the establishment in the association of a fund to assist towards the augmentation or restoration of bells in the county on the basis of a voluntary levy of 3d. per bell per year in each of the towers. For example, a tower with six bells would make a voluntary contribution of 1s. 6d. a year.

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NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

FENDALTON.

The pretty little modern church at Fendalton, dedicated to St. Barnabas, serves a new area carved out of the older parish of Riccarton in 1883, and only four clergymen have held the living since then until the present Vicar (the Rev. O. Fitzgerald, M.A.) was appointed. It was erected to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing, well-to-do suburb of the city, and is built with local grey stone with dressed stone jambs to doors and windows. It is placed well back from the street in park-like surroundings, and presents a pleasing invitation.

The tower entrance forms the north porch, and has a carved figure of the patron saint over the arch, and inside is a stone tablet recording:—

In memory of
Arthur Hughes Turnbull,
1860-1917.

This tower is erected by his family.

The handsome gift of £800 for a peal of bells was a red-letter day for Fendalton, and pros and cons were raised as to what sort of bells were to be bought. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were eventually given an order for a peal of eight bells, which were cast in 1926, with a tenor of 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D sharp. These are hung without fittings in an iron frame, and are played with the clavier. A local ringing society was formed in 1930 to arrange turns of duty and a list of ringing days for the members. One has to climb a vertical iron ladder to reach the ringing room from the porch, which is none too convenient for the lady performers.

Mr. G. Claydon, of Christchurch, has rendered good service here as instructor and performer, and amongst his pupils is Miss Harman, a daughter of the churchwarden, residing opposite the church, and who took the English ringers over her gardens on their visit to Fendalton on December 13th.

The jubilee of the church in 1933 was a joyful occasion when Lord Bledisloe, Governor-General of New Zealand, was present. We were unable to meet the Vicar as he was away on S.P.G. duty in England. Writing in the Parish Magazine, he told the parishioners of his visit to Holbeton Church, Devon, 'which contains some of the finest oak carving to be seen in any church in England. . . . It contains a fine peal of bells, with a very enthusiastic band of ringers. In many villages I am impressed with the keenness of the bellringers.'

I thought this was a very kind appreciation of our brotherhood to forward to New Zealand. I hope he reaches Fendalton safely. At the time he wrote home he had completed a 2,000 miles' motor tour in Great Britain without a mishap. What will the Rev. Everard Powell say to this Dominion news?

ADDINGTON.

On Friday, December 14th, 1934, I completed the 'hat trick' by completing a tour of three parish churches in three days within the diocese of Christchurch, each possessing a peal of bells. Beautiful summer weather, with a gentle breeze, made these trips by tram, a few miles out of the city, a very enjoyable experience.

The Church at Addington, dedicated to St. Mary, stands on the centre of an island site, resembling St. Saviour's, Ealing, and there are some fine trees of old standing still preserved. A pretty entrance feature is the modern lych gate, with a large tree on each side, erected as the Addington war memorial. The building is constructed of timber, like most of the earliest Dominion churches, but whether from want of funds or the fear of unexpected upheavals I cannot say. The interior is very dark, as the low cradle roof of the nave, supported by vertical stout beams, affords no lighting except from the windows of the north and south aisles. It has a stone-built detached tower, some distance from the west end of the church, with stumpy spire. The whole of the bell loft on each of the four sides has continuous rows of louvres for sound to pass outward like a huge radiator. At the base is a large foundation stone, which reads:—

This belfry is erected by Friends, Parishioners,
and the Lancashire Besses o' th' Barn Band,
To the memory of New Zealand's Greatest Statesman and Humanist,
Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D.,

Thirteen years (1893-1906) Prime Minister of this Country.

Born July 22nd, 1845, at Eccleston Hall, Lancashire.

Died at sea on ss. 'Oswestry Grange,' Sunday, June 10th, 1905.

Buried on Observation Hill, Wellington,

June 21st, 1906. Aged 61.

The bells are a ring of eight cast at Birmingham by James Barwell and Sons in 1907. They are far from musical, as the hammers do not strike on the soundbows, and the 5th has been oversharpened. I tried them in rounds with the usual chime hammers, and this brought the verger round in double quick time. He thought it was the schoolboys who had got into the tower. After a few explanations I was able to tell him that I found out his hiding place for the key in the church.

The bells are hung in an oak frame without fittings on headstocks, the tenor inscribed, 'In memory of J. R. Seddon.' Each bell bears the foundry's usual trade mark, a wreath of oak leaves with Latin cross in centre, and the initials 'J. B.' at the four quarters. The verger is Mr. J. Buckley-Beman, of Leeds. He came out 13 years ago.

PART IV.

THE ONE DISAPPOINTMENT.

Through all the roads of life the best
We'll strive to be your guide,
And let our notes do your behest
By tolling far and wide.

We've crossed the seas to this fair land
To do God all the honour;
From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
And tell of Rhodes the donor.

(Christchurch tenor bell.)

Everyone rallied round to the Cathedral for service ringing on Sunday, December 16th, both from 10 to 11 in the morning and 6 to 7 in the evening, and we were again favoured by the presence of Dean Julius, who said office and readily granted permission for another 'try' for a peal during the afternoon.



CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL.

We enjoyed an impressive morning in the nave, attending the usual service, and afterward got an early lunch in order to be back in the belfry again at 2 o'clock. Plain Bob Major went well, considering the warm weather and the heavy going, for three hours and over, when the bells got out of course and the conductor had to call 'Stand.'

This was a great disappointment to everyone, listeners and ringers alike, as it was doubtful if another opportunity could be fitted in during the visitors' stay. The ringers were: W. D. Sloan 1, H. S. Barnett 2, Wm. Linter 3, J. S. Wilde 4, C. Charge 5, W. H. Fussell 6, B. Shaw 7, George Martin (conductor) 8. The two treble men did well—it was their longest length—and they were congratulated by their fellow-members of the Christchurch Society.

Broadcasting House had previously erected a microphone near the tower, and the evening ringing was transmitted across New Zealand. For this we put on touches of Grandsire Triples, on the back eight bells (tenor 32 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in D, by John Taylor and Co.), with a very good effect. A similar broadcast was made during the week,

when Caters were rung in some excellent Grandsire courses that roused the appreciative interest of many of the citizens, who seldom hear the ten bells rung in method.

Tea was taken at 8 p.m. at the Dixieland Cafe in the Cathedral Square, with an extra large cup and a double bite, and more than one member would like to have 'drowned' the failure—but not on Sunday, if you please! So we went home to bed at Avonlea with clear consciences, aching limbs, and humming heads, having done our best.

On Monday we 'paraded' at 10 a.m. in Cathedral Square with smiling faces and not downhearted. Even the Clerk of the Weather thought we were making another attempt, for the air was cool and the sun dulled, quite a contrast to the previous day. To the city Art Gallery and Museum in the morning, where the cases exhibited a number of ancient small bells of various sizes collected from Burma, Japan, China and South Africa. The skeleton of the largest whale known is one of the famous exhibits. Judging by the span of its wide ribs there is room for a double-handed team of Jonahs to sit inside in comfort.

Amongst various MSS. and pictures to be seen here is a framed list of the names of the 'Canterbury Pilgrims,' who landed on the coast on Sunday, December 16th, 1850. Four ships from England came out, bringing 717 people, ten of whom are living to-day. A large stone, with suitable inscription, to mark the spot, was unveiled at Lytleton on Saturday, the anniversary, when the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop. Our visiting bellringers helped to acknowledge the pioneer work of these early settlers, which Sir Heaton Rhodes referred to in his address. His family name appears on the tenor bell of Christchurch.

Playing bowls at St. Albans, a seaside suburb, enticed several hands, others roamed the City Park with its peaceful river Avon, its handsome English trees and statuary.

By kind invitation of Mr. Ben Shaw's family, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, we all went out to Shirley for the evening, where time flew so fast—the last bus or walk home roused the visitors to leave. Wellington and all friends round Wrekin were recalled, Mr. Shaw's daughter being a proud Salopian. After supper the handbells, as usual, and the piano by the granddaughter, echoed round the house for an hour. It is comfortable travelling on the plains of Canterbury by motor bus, but when you get off at the wrong corner and have a mile and a half of straight road to walk, it creates a 'tired feeling,' after paying to ride. Rain—much needed for months past—was now threatening, but none came. Bed at midnight.

CHRISTCHURCH FESTIVITY.

The Cathedral steeple gazed down with dignified sympathy upon the members of our party as they gathered as usual in the Square on Tuesday preparatory to more city explorations. In the afternoon we spent a joyous time at Bishopscourt as guests of the Lord Bishop and Mrs. West Watson (formerly of Kendal). The beautiful little chapel and the grounds were admired, photographs taken and handbells used until 5 o'clock, when 14 sat down to high tea in the dining-room.

Our hosts' kind words of welcome were answered by grateful expressions of thanks, with the hope that good would follow the pilgrimage of the English bellringers. We left the Court in the Bishop's car, driven by his son, for the return to the city.

In the Cathedral belfry in the evening 22 ringers joined in method ringing and rounds. The visitors' book was signed by the tourists, as a regretful 'good-bye' to the tower. Even the tower bells seemed to be on their best behaviour, for everything went well—Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and a course of Stedman Triples.

At the neighbouring Dixieland Cafe the Cathedral Society generously provided a complimentary dinner for us, to which about 50 people sat down in the large dining-room of the hotel, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop, supported by the Dean, Mr. G. Claydon (Master), Mr. S. H. Barnett (hon. secretary), the members of the society and numerous friends of the Church.

A full programme began with the toast of 'The King,' submitted by the chairman, followed by that of 'The English Bellringers,' proposed by the Bishop, to which Mr. Fussell responded.

His Lordship referred to our visit as a unique event, in that no team of bellringers had previously left England on such a missionary expedition. He hoped Mr. Fussell would publish an account of the tour, and that the visit would rouse up interest in New Zealand in the art of bellringing, especially in the young.

Mr. Claydon gave the toast of 'The English Ringers in New Zealand,' Messrs. Wilde and Roberts replying. That of 'The Christchurch Society' was proposed by the Dean and replied to by Mr. Barnett.

Numerous vocal and instrumental items were interspersed: duets by Messrs. Samson and Wall, a course of Caters on handbells, the gathering winding up with 'Auld Lang Syne' with joined hands shortly before 11 p.m., Mr. G. B. Claydon accompanying on the piano.

During the concert the Bishop distributed happy mementos of the evening, presenting all the tourists with a neatly printed card of membership of the Christchurch Cathedral Society. A very busy two hours' social programme was carried through only by strict adherence to the time allowance for each item.

'Hark the bonnie Christchurch bells
Ring one, two, three, four, five, six.'

I heard them on two occasions during our stay in Bob Minor by the home band, and their efforts gave me hope for the future. The parcel of ringing books and Central Council literature was presented to the tower and placed upon the belfry table, only to disappear like hot cakes amongst the beginners eager for instruction and advice.

For the eighth day in succession we paraded the Square on Wednesday, December 19th, and gave old Christchurch a farewell nod, whilst making for the 'den,' after the New Zealand bank had generously given us full value for our strange notes. Lunch and packing—our bags, not the meal—followed, and a couple of cabs drove our party to the railway station to catch the 6.30 boat train to Littleton Harbour. Our 'send off' was immense, so great, indeed, that we felt inclined to miss the boat, but lightness of pocket advised us to carry on.

Mr. Sladen, Mr. and Mrs. Minter and their two sons, Mr. Shaw, and Mrs. Rowlands and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, Messrs. Barnett, Claydon, Sloan, Roberts, other fellow-ringers and a press-man gave us a hearty 'bon voyage,' which on our passage to Wellington was not so good. Summer and the Christmas holidays in New Zealand lead to congestion of traffic, and we found the only accommodation available was in the stern of the boat, with 44 bunks, a rattling propeller and restless companions.

GOOD-BYE, NEW ZEALAND!

No one needed calling on Thursday morning. As early as 5 a.m. there was competition for the washing and shaving accommodation, all the passengers being eager to leave the boat early, as we arrived at Wellington at 7 a.m. This was our last day in the Dominion, and we had to make the most of our opportunity. Breakfast and lunch at The Elms, the morning spent at the City Museum, where the bell of H.M. 'Australia' is preserved, together with a good collection of New Zealand antiques. By kind invitation of Mr. Pillar, formerly of Balham, we visited the National Park, and Wadestown, a few miles out, the residence of our hostess, who had set a high tea for our enjoyment. From this elevated region we had splendid views of the harbour, covering an area of 20,000 acres. Wellington is now the capital of New Zealand, in succession to Auckland, and is the first borough in the country. Girdling the city is the Town Belt, a public park of nearly 1,000 acres, permanently reserved for air, space and recreation.

Returning to the harbour at 8 o'clock, we went aboard our vessel, the 'Rangitane,' a motor vessel of 16,000 gross tonnage, that was to be our happy home for the next month. Whilst away at Christchurch half our luggage was stored on the wharf, and now we had both hands full in negotiating our accommodation. 'Below baggage' and 'By your leave,' bunk, gradually died down as the hour of midnight approached. The ship was timed to leave the Glasgow wharf at day-break on Friday, December 21st, therefore our faithful five arose early and took a long farewell look at the rugged coastline, burnished with the morning sunshine, with that doubtful Empire feeling—shall we ever see New Zealand and our friends again?

W. H. F.

THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

DEMAND FOR THE STORY IN BOOK FORM.

Subscribers Invited.

The great interest which was aroused by the recent ringing tour in Australia and New Zealand has resulted in numerous requests that the story of this great 'adventure' should be reprinted in book form.

The articles which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' would form the basis of this reproduction, and, if undertaken, would be supplemented by further material and pictures. It would be printed in demy 8vo. size, with stiff covers, and would consist of about 100 pages.

The book, however, cannot be produced without the guarantee of a sale large enough to cover the cost. If a sufficient number of copies are taken up by subscribers the book will be put on sale at 2s. post free.

In order that a decision may be come to, ringers who are prepared to subscribe for the issue are requested to send a postcard to:—

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

Tower secretaries can send the number for their tower.

DEVON AND ITS BELLS. STEADY CONTINUANCE OF RESTORATIONS. Bovey Tracey Event.

Devon does not loom largely in the campanological world. It is content with rounds and call changes in a large number of parishes, and with the four standard methods in places where scientific ringing has a footing. But Devon is not excelled by any county for enthusiasm in the work of bell restoration. Some cynics might say there has been tremendous leeway to make up, but they must admit that Devonians, having realised obligations, have set about discharging them with astonishing zeal. It may be possible in a few weeks to publish details of what has been accomplished. At the present time schemes are in hand or approved for Highweek (Newton Abbot), Tamerton, Foliot, Down St. Mary, Otterton, Throwleigh and South Molton. A few others are reasonably certain to mature in the immediate future.

Among recent openings was one at Bovey Tracey, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, supplied new gudgeons, ball bearings, ropes, etc., for the ring of eight with tenor of 14 cwt., painted the frame and fittings with two coats of anti-corrosive paint, and refixed the hour hammer and reconnected with the clock.

The opening day was marked by a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Howell), and the attendance of numerous bands of round and call change ringers—several being well-known competitive champions—who, with few exceptions, gave fine demonstrations of the art of raising and falling bells in peal and of the charming effects of accurately struck 'Queens' and other popular combinations. It has been agreed that the ease with which money for bell restorations can be usually raised in Devon is due to the fact that round and call change ringing predominates, and that it makes a more understandable appeal to the average listener than the intricacies of half-pull methods. That is a point that need not be discussed here, but it is common ground that Devon folk keenly appreciate good striking and have become attached to repetitions of set changes.

The round ringers at Bovey Tracey united in proving the great improvement effected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. One man with the words, 'The bells go like tops now,' summed up the opinions of all. And they were no less pleased with the free tea provided for them. The Vicar, who presided, offered a hearty welcome to all. Mr. Cyril Johnston, who specially attended, acknowledged the encomiums passed upon his firm's work by the ringers, and expressed great pleasure at meeting the visiting bands and their handling of the bells, while a spokesman for the ringers tendered thanks for the lavish hospitality.

Bovey Tracey formerly had a ring of six, all cast by Pennington, of Cornwall. A new peal of eight was installed in 1902. The whole of the money needed for the recent work was raised in a few weeks.

DEVONIAN.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Westmeon on Saturday, April 13th. Members were present from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Eastmeon, Fareham, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth, Portsea, Privett, Soberton, Swanmore, Steep, Titchfield, Westmeon, and visitors from Reading. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. H. Thomas), who welcomed the Guild to the parish. Tea was served in the New Inn, and was partaken of by a party of about 50.

In the absence of the district chairman, Canon Thomas was voted to the chair for the business meeting. The Hon. Secretary announced the death of the Rev. P. J. Miller, of Langrish, an hon. member, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New ringing members were elected from Steep, Privett and Westmeon.

A discussion on the necessity of holding by-meetings for members who could not attend the usual meetings on Saturdays took place, and at the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) it was decided to arrange one such meeting as a trial.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 20th at Newton Valence.

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Mr. Gilbert Debenham was elected hon. treasurer in succession to his father, the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, and the other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; hon. librarian, Mr. George Debenham; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; district secretaries for Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford and Western Districts respectively, Messrs. D. C. Mears, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Horton and W. Ayre.

The augmented peal of twelve bells at St. Albans Abbey will be consecrated on May 6th, after 8 o'clock Communion, and the full peal will be rung for the first time at the King's Silver Jubilee commemoration service at 10.30.

Prior to the annual meeting the company attended evensong at St. Albans Abbey, at which an address for the ringers was given by the Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhamsted.

Touches were rung during the day on the bells of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Churches, and also at Sandridge

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's, from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. — T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A good attendance at this meeting is requested. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, April 27th, a meeting will be held at Royston. The bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Vicar invites all members, who notify him, to tea in the Church House. Postcards for tea to Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business, to elect a new divisional secretary. No rail fares.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, April 27th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Reading Room at 4.30. Recently restored peal of 6 bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. Noice and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Archdeacon) 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourge Street, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. St. Leonard's, Malton (8) may be available during evening. Tea at 5.15 at Schofields, Yorkersgate, Malton. Service at Norton 4.30. Business meeting at Norton Church Hall after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton; Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Meugan Church, Llanveigan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 27th. Service in church at 4. Tea at 4.30 (by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society), to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Ringing at Adderbury (8), commence 6.30 p.m., Saturday, April 27th. Presentation to chairman the same evening. Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5) on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Oxon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Business meeting to follow. Printed reports for the years 1933-34 will be distributed at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. George's, Southwark, on Wednesday, May 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 2nd, 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, the 26th (5.30 p.m.) and on the *28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Numbers for tea to me, please, by April 30th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Corscombe on Saturday, May 4th. Being two days previous to the King's Jubilee, the secretary appeals to all ringers, hon. members, etc., to help make this a record meeting. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Notify me by April 30th for tea.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Further details later. — A. Waddington, Hon. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, May 4th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.0, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Number for tea not later than April 30th, to either secretary. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 24, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3. Service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. Armstrong). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 30th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Broughton on May 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers by May 1st, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follow.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 o'clock. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. E. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 1st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Greasley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Will those wishing for tea, please 6d., kindly notify early? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. At the present time it has not been possible to arrange tea. Will members please make their own arrangements or bring sandwiches?—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, May 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly advise me by May 1st those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday afternoon, May 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Teas can be had by all who send their names to Mr. G. Haigh, 40, Stoodley View, Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, at 1s. 6d., not later than Wednesday, May 1st. The business of this meeting is a revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Noll Street, Rochdale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting has been arranged at Old Windsor (bells 8) on Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 29th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the School. The bells of Emmanuel Church will be open to visitors from 7 p.m. onwards. All names to be sent to Mr. Joseph Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 1st. Special illuminations will be on view on this date. Come and enjoy a day in England's Garden Town.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. For tea please notify (important) Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All will be welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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ASTON-ON-TRENT, Near DERBY. — On Monday, May 6th, at 11.30 a.m., the Bishop of Derby will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Redenhall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea, followed by meeting, at the Yew Tree, opposite church, at 4.30. Please notify me if you require tea. **Note change of address:**—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Sat., May 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) to members attending. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Bacup, St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready for 3.30. All ringers cordially invited.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring luncheon please notify the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

ALDENHAM, MAY 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station Bushey and Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the new peal of 10 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 3.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. G. Bennett, 9, Town End, Ossett, by the first post on Thursday, May 16th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea. There is a ten minutes' bus service to Ossett from Wakefield Kirkgate Station, and the Dewsbury bus from Wakefield bus stand

passes the church. There is also a ten minutes' bus service from Dewsbury market place. All visitors to Ossett can be assured of a hearty welcome, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

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