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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council is accorded a distinct honour in being allowed to use the Council Chamber of the historic Guildhall for its meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. Very few outside bodies, whose affairs have no official connection with the City of London, are given this privilege, which follows meetings at other such historic places as the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, Lambeth Palace, the Mansion House and Skinners' Hall.

The first meeting of a newly constituted Council always produces a long agenda, and this is again the case for the forthcoming meeting in London. The routine work at this first meeting of the triennial period is added to by the election of officials and committees, and although the present secretary has done much to save the time of the Council by circulating reports beforehand, it is seldom now that the reports and the accompanying elections are all disposed of until well after lunch. The result is that the subsequent general business has sometimes to be concluded hurriedly and in a dwindling assembly. The Council should welcome, therefore, the proposal that in future the meetings should, where possible, begin earlier in the morning. As we pointed out not long ago, the main obstacle to this change is not so serious as it would have been a few years ago, when the Standing Committee did not meet until little more than an hour before the Council. Now that practice has shown that it is possible for the committee to meet and conduct its business with less hurry on the previous evening, an earlier meeting of the full body ought to be possible, with the consequent relaxation of the pressure at the end of a long day.

The Council is fortunate in its president and hon. secretary, and they will be re-elected for another term of office on Whitsun Tuesday, but the Council have to find a new librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. Probably the Standing Committee will have a name to put forward, for this is a post that cannot very well be filled on the spur of the moment. There are men well fitted for the position who would be prepared to give the necessary time, but the number of these who have the storage accommodation available for the library and stock of publications is probably very few. Whoever fills the office of librarian renders a valuable service to the Council and the Exercise, but the filling of the vacancy on this occasion will be accompanied by a sense of sorrow.

There are no fewer than eight committees to be elected, but with one exception, there is unlikely to be any desire for change. The committees are selected for the special aptitude or liking which their members have for the kind

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of work undertaken, and as there is no limit to the membership, of competition for places on these committees there is, of course, none. The one exception to which we have referred is the Standing Committee, which under the rules is limited to twelve elected members with the officials and the conveners of committees ex-officio. Here the constitution of the committee may be called into question. We know in some quarters there is a feeling that there should be a greater proportion of representative members, that is, those elected by the affiliated societies. At present about half the number are hon. members of the Council. It should, however, be pointed out that the members of this committee are not elected because they represent this or that section of the Council. They are elected from the Council as a whole for their capacity to manage its general affairs and to act for it in between meetings. The members of the committee not only include some of the 'elder statesmen' of the Council, but men of considerable business capacity and knowledge of ringing affairs, but it is, of course, open to the Council to elect whom they please. Hitherto the Council can be presumed to have elected the men considered best fitted for the job.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHORT Treble	†REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 8
*THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	†GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 10
*GEORGE E. LARGE 5	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 11
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Maximus and first in the method. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by the rest, on the bells and for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
FRANK BROWN 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
JOHN E. HOBBS 5	*WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. F. A. Salter has now 'circled' the tower.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	*ROBERT C. HEAZEL 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE DAWSON 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	ALBERT BAYNES 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 5
FREDERICK MORRIS 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	*JAMES W. SPILLETT Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Hammer, Rector's churchwarden for 35 years. Previously he was churchwarden at Newington-next-Sittingbourne for 10 years.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
FREDERICK PAGE 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	THOMAS A. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester, also to Mrs. C. J. Ide, daughter of the ringer of the treble. It is 45 years since a peal of Stedman was rung on these bells.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES 2	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
KENNETH LEWIS 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (171). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEATHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CLOVER 2	RUSSELL CURSON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	HAROLD QUATRILL 6
ALBERT E. BRACEY 3	CHARLES MOORE 7
WALTER FARROW 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	CHARLES SHEMMING 5
JAMES ROSE 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
WILLIAM KINSEY 3	GEORGE MORE 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

HARRY HARRINGTON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM 6
HERBERT MAREWELL 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
FREDERICK SMEATON 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
First peal in the method as conductor.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS 2	FREDERICK WIGMORE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*FREDERICK REX 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. Fred Wigmore's 50th peal.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM BAVIN 2	ROBERT SMITH 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 6
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRED C. GINN 4	RUPERT THODAY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung with muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. O. I. Robinson, a former captain of the local company.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PAINSWICK, YORKSHIRE, SUPERLATIVE, AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	*EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*LEONARD STILWELL 6
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in four Surprise Major methods. This peal contained 138 changes of method, and these methods are now rung spliced for the first time. First peal in four spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild and rung without previous practice.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
FRED HAYES 2	*R. GORDON CROSS 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*MARIE R. CROSS 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by J. MILLER. Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*HERBERT W. COLLIER ... Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 5
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal.

LONDON.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD AND NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

P.C. JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Treble	P.C. J. CHARLES DOEL ... 5
CHIEF-INSPE. W. BOTTRILL ... 2	P.S. CYRIL PEASE ... 6
P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3	P.S. CHARLES WILLMINGTON ... 7
EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 4	EX-P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by Chief-Inspector W. BOTTRILL.

Rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the church, and the restoration of the bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust, to whom all thanks are due.

PONTYPRIDDE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED SCRIVENS ... Treble	REGINALD WESTCOY ... 5
FREDERICK J. TYER ... 2	FRANK ROWSELL ... 6
JOHN A. EVANS ... 3	JOHN DARCH ... 7
GEORGE KERLEY ... 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DARCH.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who has just been promoted to headmaster at one of the local schools.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
THOMAS J. ELTON ... 2	FRANK BROTHERTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	JOHN PERRY ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	BERT HORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Taylor and Co., dedicated on Palm Sunday.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Treble	SIDNEY KEITHLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 2	†JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 6
†FRANK RAYMENT ... 3	WILLIAM FEATHER ... 7
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4	HARRY DAVISON ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughter of Canon C. C. Marshall, the esteemed president of the Yorkshire Association.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Saturday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. E. Bailey 1, J. Wheadon 2, Miss J. M. Thompson 3, F. E. Walker 4, H. Rayner 5, J. M. Bailey (Leiston) 6, G. Butcher (conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	FRANK CLAYTON ... 5
*RONALD SUCKLING ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM S. KEY ... Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR HINGLEY ... 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
CHARLES R. COLLINS ... 4	*ARCHIBALD CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. R. Beards, who was inducted to the parish of Wombourne on Wednesday, April 29th.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE W. WARNER ... Treble	A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	*ROBERT MALSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST ... Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... 7
GEORGE MAYLAN ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 417, is rung for the first time.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

BARNARD PATMORE ... Treble	†ARTHUR BRADFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH ... 2	†ERNEST J. SPARKES ... 6
*ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*CHARLES A. BYSOUTH ... 4	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	WALTER AYRE ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*REV. B. F. SHEPHERD ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT 1	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 1	JOHN N. LINDON 4
GEORGE H. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM MULCOCK 5
MISS ENID FOSTER 3	ROLAND W. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Much credit is due to Roland W. Edwards for his splendid performance in ringing the tenor after a very brief instruction.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents with seven callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY PURCHASE 1	CLAUDE TARR 4
ALBERT TOTT 2	EDGAR QUICK 5
JOHN SUMMERHAYES 3	ALBERT TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Milverton, the others belong to the local band.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT 1	ALAN BROMLEY 4
FRANCIS BROMLEY 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM 5
EDWIN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

First Surprise peal on these fine old bells. All the band are service ringers from Horsmonden Parish Church.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS 1	REV. A. G. THURLOW 4
WILLIAM WELLING 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
R. GORDON CROSS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Welling. The Rev. O. E. Wigg's 100th peal.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

G. BURCHER 1	E. GLEED 4
C. NEWMAN 2	A. GIBSON 5
W. COLE 3	A. VERNALL Tenor

Conducted by W. COLE.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SROUTE 1	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	HENRY W. SAUNDERS 5
FRANCIS G. BLAKE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

Twenty-fifth peal as conductor. Rung, after meeting short for Triples, as a wedding compliment to Mr. S. Ford and Miss N. J. Austin, who were married in the church the same day. The bride was an office colleague of the conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents differently called.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ANDREW C. SINFIELD 1	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 2	SIDNEY J. COOPER 5
* COLIN E. JEFFRIES 3	C. HENRY HARDING Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. The ringer of the treble is the first Maulden ringer to ring a peal.

ODDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ROBERT H. VIGOR 1	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 4
HAROLD S. BLACKETT 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
* ERIC J. BARRETT 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on six bells. Rung in honour of St. George's Day. This peal was rung on the front six of the peal of ten (treble 2½ cwt.), and is the fastest peal ever rung on church bells.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. W. M. K. WARREN 1	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
REV. F. LL. EDWARDS 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, Chase, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HERBERT W. ABBOTT 1	SIDNEY G. MUNTON 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	LEONARD G. TOSLAND 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

First peal of Doubles in seven methods by all except the ringer of the third.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 variations). Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY HARRISON Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 4
THOMAS M. JORDAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*FRANK MASON 3	*HAROLD C. HAMMERSLEY...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. A 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Grandsire and 1,440 each of St. Simon and Plain Bob, 18 callings.

*KEN. G. CARLTON (aged 13) Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
EDWARD S. ROCK 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT LANCEFIELD 3	HERBERT G. CARLTON ...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal and first attempt. All are regular service ringers. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Baker.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, Double Oxford Bob, London Bob, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL R. BURRELL Treble	*JOHN A. MUSE 4
*JOHN C. BRITTAIN 2	GEORGE W. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HARVEY E. BURRELL ...Tenor

Conducted by HARVEY E. BURRELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

GRIMWOOD Treble	F. ROPER 4
A. R. WOODWARD 2	E. CRACKNELL 5
F. BORLEY 3	J. STEED... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY FOX Treble	REGINALD HODGKINSON... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	MANSFIELD GINN... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BENJAMIN NORMAN Treble	LAURIE NORFOLK... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
JACK PARISH 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

TATTERSHALL, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Marple Delight; (3) London Bob, Double Oxford, College and St. Clement's; (4) Lytham, Thelwall, Wavertree and Childwall; (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	VERNON TAYLOR 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

There were 67 changes of method. * First peal in 20 methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor in 20 methods.

BUKHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	JACK R. STEED 3
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all.

HANDBELL PEAL.

PALMERS GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 21, STONARD ROAD, N.13.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3-4	WALTER J. BOWDEN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First handbell peal of Major.

ANOTHER DEVON RING RESTORED.

MALBOROUGH BELLS TUNED AND REHUNG.

On Thursday evening, April 30th, a well-attended service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Arrowsmith), at the interesting and picturesque Church of All Saints', Malborough, near Kingsbridge, in South Devon, marked the consummation of the parishioners' efforts to restore the six bells.

The Vicar has had previous experience in the matter of restoring bells elsewhere, and the response to his appeal resulted in the necessary funds being forthcoming within two months from the time of his laying the matter before the Parochial Church Council.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, was due to rededicate the bells and to preach, and it was, therefore, a cause of considerable disappointment to all concerned that Mr. Cox was prevented by illness from attending.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. G. Porter, Vicar of Kingsbridge, had kindly undertaken to take over the president's duties, and was specially fitted to perform the ceremony, for his own bells at Kingsbridge were restored some twelve months ago. In his sermon the Rural Dean spoke of the monks who were reputed to have cast the first bells in this country and to have taught the craft to laymen more than 1,200 years ago.

The dedicatory rounds were rung by the local band, composed of Messrs. E. Jarvis, jun. 1, A. Yeoman 2, E. Jarvis, sen. 3, R. Stone 4, J. Edmunds 5, and F. Prowse 6; and after the service the bells were kept going till 9.30 p.m. by visiting bands from East Portlemouth, Aveton Gifford, Galmpton, Buckfastleigh and Newton Abbot.

The bells are a ring of six with an 11 cwt. tenor. They have been rehung with new fittings in a massive two-tier frame of iron castings on steel girders, and No. 2 bell has been recast.

The bells have been accurately tuned, and the improvement brought about called forth many complimentary comments amongst parishioners and visitors.

The work has been ably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and now another ring of bells in South Devon is in first-class ringing order.

Mr. Cyril Johnston was present to represent the bellfounders, and the bellhanger responsible for the erection of the bells, Mr. F. Collins, took part in the ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY APPOINTED.**

At the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at the Co-operative Hall, Ipswich, on April 18th, over 70 members sat down to tea. After tea the president, the Bishop of Dunwich, welcomed the largest meeting of Suffolk ringers that had ever been held.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £33, out of which a double report would have to be paid for, as it had been found better to issue the report in the first half of the year, instead of the latter part as heretofore.

The officers were all re-elected, but Mr. M. Making, of Sproughton, was elected as assistant secretary in order that he might take over the duties, as the Rev. H. Drake gave them up.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Paigrove, and the next annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, if it could be arranged.

The committee was asked to choose a deputation to see what could be done to abate the nuisance of noisy towers. It was pointed out that this could be done nowadays much more cheaply and effectively than in the past, owing to the researches of the B.B.C.

It was agreed that the B.B.C. be thanked for the better broadcasts of change ringing that have lately taken place.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHERTSEY DISTRICT TO HAVE A SUMMER OUTING.**

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Ottershaw, a six-bell tower, beautifully situated, attracted nearly 30 ringers, and some excellent practice was put in. The Vicar conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. He also presided at the tea and meeting which followed, when two new members from Ottershaw (Messrs. T. Hawkins and W. Horn) were elected, and it was decided to appoint an assistant ringing master for the district, as the present Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) finds it difficult to attend some of the meetings, owing to business ties. Mr. W. Simmonds, of Hersham, undertook the duties.

It was decided to institute combined practices once a month, in alternate months at Ottershaw, in the other months at eight-bell towers.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist were accorded.

Subsequently, the District Committee met and drew up plans for a combined summer outing, which it was decided should take place on a Saturday afternoon and evening in July, when it is hoped to visit towers in the Thames Valley. Details will be announced later, but the excursion will be open to any ringers and their friends to join.

A collection at the service for the Guild Benevolent Fund amounted to 6s 5d.

A LONDON PEAL RESTORED.**BARRON BELL TRUST BEARS COST.**

The peal of eight bells at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, was reopened during evensong on Sunday, April 26th. The bells had been retuned and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust. After the second lesson had been read by one of the curates, the Rector (the Rev. Ernest Cook) offered several appropriate prayers in rededicating the bells, and prayers for all those who heard the bells, whether from sick beds or as passers-by, and those whose duty it was to ring them.

The opening touch was rung by a band of the Metropolitan Police Guild, under the conductorship of Chief Inspector William Bottrill, the Guild Master. It was regretted that Mr. F. Hopkins, the senior trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, could not attend. An apology for his absence was given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who, with Mr. John Fidler, represented the bellfounders. The Loughborough firm is to be congratulated on the work they have carried out on the bells. The 'go' leaves nothing to be desired, and the tone of the peal has been greatly improved by their retuning.

The bells were kept going after the service until about 9 p.m., when all ringers present, who included a number of visitors, besides members of the Metropolitan Police Guild, had an opportunity of ringing. The bells form one of the very few complete rings of eight cast by Abraham Rudhall, the well-known Gloucester founder in 1718, and in regular use at the present time:—

Treble.—'A.R. 1718.' 4½ cwt.

Second.—'Peace and good neighbourhood.' 5 cwt.

Third.—'Prosperity to all our benefactors.' 5½ cwt.

Fourth.—'God preserve this church.' 6½ cwt.

Fifth.—'Prosperity to the place.' 7½ cwt.

Sixth.—'Mr. William Budger, churchwarden.' 8½ cwt.

Seventh.—'A. Rudhall, Gloucester Bell Foundry, 1718.' 10½ cwt.

Tenor.—'The living I to church do call, and to the grave, I summon all.' 14 cwt. in F.

The reopening of the bells coincided with the bicentenary of the present church. (The bells are older than the present church, and were rehung in this tower after the old building was pulled down in 1734.) The present church was opened in 1736, and to Dickensians is known as 'Little Dorrit's Church.'

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by members of the Metropolitan and National Police Guilds was rung to celebrate the bicentenary, and will be found in the peal columns.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are about to dismantle the ring of six at Balcombe Church, Sussex, preparatory to rehangings and adding two trebles to complete a ring of eight.

The names of some of the ringers in the peal of Double Norwich at Milton-next-Gravesend on April 15th were given in the wrong order in the report sent to us. They should have been Stanley Shellock 3, Harry Hoskins 4, James Bennett 5.

The ring of six bells of Southill Church, Beds, is to be tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, would like to thank all those who sent congratulatory letters and postcards to Mr. R. T. Hibbert on the broadcast Stedman Cinques on Sunday, April 26th. They assure their fellow-ringers that they always try to give their very best for service ringing.

The new ring of eight bells for Fairwarp, Sussex, are waiting for the completion of the tower. Visitors to the Croydon Foundry last Friday saw them, complete in their frame, in the erecting shop.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Worsley, the report of which was published in our last issue, was John Potter.

OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS.

Tom Benney, Stepney, January 21st, 1873.

J. M. Routh, Tilehurst, April 1st, 1873.

Henry Heuden, Orange, N.S.W., April 28th, 1867.

R. K. Knight, Leytonstone, September 24th, 1866.

During the Australian tour a very interesting letter was delivered to me at Sydney from Mr. Heuden, which I hope the Editor of 'The Ringing World' will find room to publish in the near future. His certificate as an old Collegian is numbered 2,594, and I believe he is still in the land of the living. Mr. Knight, at the time of his death, was probably the oldest member of any London society. After joining the Royal Cumberland Society in 1866, he also joined the St. James' Society on February 20th, 1867—a double record.

W. H. FUSSELL.

A NEW SPLICED PEAL.

FOUR METHODS IN SEVEN-LEAD COURSES.

A new spliced peal arrangement was rung at Old Windsor last week. It is made up of the four methods Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, and provides a peal with seven-lead courses, with a change of method at every lead except at the course end. It was arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, and has the advantage of being true to any peal of Superlative. The composition used on this occasion was Ernest Pye's 5,152. It involved 138 changes of method.

Mr. Alan Pink and his band will be congratulated upon their success, especially as the peal was rung without previous practice, and it was the first peal in four Surprise methods by six of the band.

The courses are rung: Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Painswick.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Really, Mr. James Hunt should be careful. He describes my resolutions on splicing as 'ridiculous,' and states that I condemned all peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob *except two*. It is news to me that the resolutions condemn any peals, but if they do, Mr. Hunt's amendment does not help. I am not aware that any peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, containing full courses of either method, have yet been rung, and, therefore, Mr. Hunt's amendment condemns them all, *without any exceptions*.

Mr. Hunt should try to realise what the effect of his own proposals would be, before he uses such words as 'ridiculous' about other people's. It may be of interest to him to know that when those resolutions were being framed, with the object of defining spliced peals, and not of making such peals an impossibility, I sought and obtained the assistance of several of the recognised best men in the Exercise, both on and off the Council. To describe the work of such men as ridiculous is, well—it is ridiculous!

C. T. COLES.

A 720 WANTED.

Sir,—I should be very pleased if Mr. C. T. Coles would kindly oblige me by publishing a 720 of Kent and Oxford Minor by changing method at the lead-end, as I am very anxious to call one and ring one.

'ONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday evening, April 20th, at Christ Church, Alsager, 1,512 of Grandsire Triples (portion of Reeves' variation of Holt's Ten-part) was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Samuel Jepson, vergier and sexton of the church: E. Peake 1, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 2, H. Dixon 3, E. Harper 4, T. Cartwright 5, B. Fernyhough 6, E. Moseley 7, R. Moseley 8.

At Burbage, Leicestershire, on Tuesday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. K. Measures (conductor) 1, J. E. Clough 2, W. J. Clough 3, A. Ballard 4, G. Dudley 5, W. A. Wood 6, W. Cope 7, E. Rivett 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rev. John Sinker, Provost of Blackburn Cathedral.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

MORE EXTRACTS FROM READERS' LETTERS.

Our readers who have supported 'The Ringing World' from its first number to the present day have so overwhelmed us with their kindly messages of congratulation and encouragement that it is impossible to publish from the many letters we have received all the extracts which we would have liked to print. We must, therefore, content ourselves with just a few.

'I have read every page of "The Ringing World" since the first of the first issue, but I do not consider I deserve any honour for doing so; rather the honour is his who has provided all these readable pages!' This is the kindly appreciation of our services which the Rev. H. Drake has sent us.

'I have read "The Ringing World" from the first issue and look forward to it every Friday morning with the same interest to-day as I did to the first number.' Thus that former famous Lancashire stalwart, Harry Chapman. 'I started taking "The Bell News" in 1884 and have never missed a ringing paper a week since. Without it I should feel lost,' he adds.

And writing of long continued support of ringing papers, Mr. T. E. Slater's letter is extremely interesting and his family's record can, we think, hardly be excelled. 'The late Samuel Slater,' he says, 'took the first copy, dated January 1st, 1871, of "Church Bells," and took that paper until "Bell News" started in 1881. There has been a paper devoted to change ringing coming to this house every week, therefore, since the first week in January, 1871, and even before that Samuel Slater took "Bell's Life," which was 4d. a week, I believe. I and my father have taken over a thousand copies each of two ringing papers, "Bell News" and "The Ringing World," and hope to be able to take another thousand copies.'

We are not sure that we ought to give away this little domestic sidelight, but perhaps we may be forgiven. Mr. J. Pagett, of Derby, says he has taken every copy of the papers issued appertaining to ringing since 1887. 'The Ringing World' reaches him direct through the post every Friday, and he adds, 'It is usually put before me with the following remark: "Here's your favourite paper. There'll be no shifting you now till you have waded through it."'

'I have taken every copy of the paper from the commencement, and although I have travelled in many foreign climes since the paper first appeared, I have never missed a number, even when I have been abroad months on end,' writes Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith, of Birmingham. 'I have taken many opportunities of congratulating you on your front page articles, which are such a wonderful feature and are alone easily worth the price of the paper. It is remarkable to think that except for a very brief period (and thank goodness it was brief), every one of these articles has come from your own pen, and I trust you will never again get so far away from your desk that this experience will have to be repeated.'

'"The Ringing World" is greatly looked forward to in our home. We all enjoy reading it,' writes Mr. Arthur Harding, of South Ealing, who has been a reader from the first copy.

Mr. Henry Ferguson, of Scarborough, has subscribed to the ringing papers since the early eighties, and so has Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton.

Here is a further list of others who have been supporters of 'The Ringing World' from the first number:—

Mr. J. Avis, Benhall, Suffolk.
Mr. A. T. Baker, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
Mr. F. G. Bradley, Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs.
Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Suffolk.
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Mr. W. C. Parker, Staines.
Mr. F. S. Price, Beeston, Notts.
Mr. G. Radley, Wormley, Herts.
Mr. W. G. Smith, Benhall, Suffolk.
Mr. T. H. Taffender, Streatham, London.
Mr. J. A. Trollope, Ealing, Middlesex.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Leek on Saturday, May 2nd, when 42 members and friends sat down to tea. They came from Biddulph, Burton-on-Trent, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Derby Cathedral, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter, Sheffield Cathedral, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Leek.

The Vicar of Leek (the Rev. K. W. Milward) was present, and extended a very warm welcome to all present. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for the excellent tea they prepared.

The bells were rung in various methods during the day, and it was interesting to see Mr. J. Pagett, of Derby, ring the treble and second to courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

BELLS CAST AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

The William Pye Memorial at Leytonstone Church will be dedicated on Saturday, May 30th, and it is expected that the ceremony, which will be performed by the Bishop of Barking, will be attended by a large and representative gathering of ringers, as the event takes place during the visit of the Central Council to London.

The memorial consists of the addition of two treble bells to the existing ring of six at St. John's Church, and a commemorative tablet to be erected in the church porch.

The bell work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the two memorial bells were cast at the Croydon Foundry last Friday in the presence of a small gathering of interested people, among them Mrs. William Pye, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pye and Mr. G. R. Pye, the hon. secretaries of the Memorial Fund (Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. J. Butler), Mrs. Coles, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association, of which Mr. Pye was Master for so many years), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer, North and East District of the Middlesex Association), Mr. J. E. Davis (London), Mr. F. W. Collins (Ruislip), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon), Mr. H. E. Newton (churchwarden of St. John's, Leytonstone), etc.

The visitors were received by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, by whom they were afterwards entertained to tea.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DUNDEE.

The Scottish Association began their proceedings at Dundee on the occasion of the annual meeting on April 25th by ringing for a bride as she left St. Paul's Cathedral after her wedding. The ringers were surprised, on coming down from the tower for the service in the Cathedral, to discover a large crowd gathered round the Cathedral waiting for the bride, who had left an hour previously! The misunderstanding was easy. People who had arrived in town late, hearing the bells and knowing of the wedding, had hurried to the Cathedral to see the couple leave. Of course, when the crowd, now disappointed, learned the truth, it soon disappeared.

The service was taken at very short notice by the Rev. D. Hemming, owing to the illness of the Provost. Mr. Hemming apologised for not having had time to prepare for the service. He welcomed the ringers to Dundee and said a few words regarding ringing as a church work which was heard by everybody over a large area.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers at the D.P.M. Cafe. A move was then made to the Old Steeple ringing room, where the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. B. Sampson, was held. As only routine business was on the agenda, this was soon disposed of, and the steeple bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major under the charge of Mr. W. Heathcote, who deputised for the Master, Mr. W. H. Pickett, who was unable to be present owing to pressure of business.

After the bells had been lowered, the chiming apparatus was hooked up and one of the young St. Mary's Cathedral ringers entertained the people in the vicinity to excerpts from grand opera.

Only three association towers were represented at the meeting and some of the Steeple ringers also attended.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NINETEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT NORTHERN MEETING.

An enjoyable meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association took place at Felstead on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Felstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Halstead, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Pebmarsh, Maldon, Great Bentley, Sudbury, Braintree, Bocking, Wickham St. Paul's, Great Tey, Broomfield, Little Waltham, Ford End, Newmarket and Chelmsford. Service at the Parish Church was choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Pownell). After the service an excellent tea was partaken of in the British Legion Hall, the arrangements for this having been carried out by Mr. W. T. Farrow, who was assisted by several lady helpers. The Vicar presided and 42 sat down to tea.

A business meeting followed, the District Master, Mr. A. A. Saunders, being in the chair. Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. R. F. Wilson, Mr. S. Livermore (Felstead), Mr. R. Portway (Dunmow) and Miss Le Beau (Bocking) were elected members of the association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wethersfield on June 20th.

On the proposition of Mr. H. E. Hammond, hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and for presiding at the tea. Thanks were also accorded the choir, organist and other helpers.

The Vicar, in reply said it was their first meeting in the parish since he became Vicar, and it was a great pleasure to him. In four years' time the church would celebrate its 800th anniversary, and he hoped the ringers would visit them on that occasion.

Thanks were passed to Mr. Farrow for arranging the tea, to the lady helpers and to Capt. S. F. Mansfield for the use of the hall.

Handbell ringing was indulged in, the methods being Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters. The ringers subsequently returned to the tower and renewed ringing, the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. C. T. COLES' 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Ealing on Saturday, April 25th. Two of the Ealing towers were open for ringing as well as the ring of six at Brentford. It is rumoured that some of the visitors to the latter were lost in the football crowds and eventually found themselves in Griffin Park! It was no easy task getting clear, anyhow. The methods rung during the day covered a wide field, from the simplest to the most intricate—a familiar feature of Middlesex meetings.

Evening was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. Goodchild, curate, in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday. The president, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar and Rural Dean of Twickenham, assisted, while the lesson was read by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope. At the conclusion of the last hymn, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. G. Wilson 1-2, J. Thomas 3-4, E. C. S. Turner 5-6, and G. W. Fletcher 7-8, the ringers standing at the foot of the chancel steps.

The Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence's, Brentford, gave an excellent address. Basing his remarks on Psalm 18 v. 18, in the revised version, 'The Lord was my stay,' he referred to the functions of the stay familiar to ringers. How it was used when the bell was at rest. How, if it was broken, a noisy jangle followed. It helped to keep things right and so avoid chaos. The text as applied to Christian lives was singularly apposite in its meanings.

Continuing, the preacher referred to the difficulties of keeping up the strength of a band of ringers. He feared that bellringing called for sacrifices which many modern young men were not prepared to make. An instructor's task was a hard one. But he would say this: If the job was worth doing it was worth doing well. Difficulties sometimes existed in the relations between the Vicar and the ringers. In all church life there must exist a touch of Christian charity. A little love and friendliness between ringers and clergy would go a long way in keeping them together. He appealed to all his hearers to show the love of Christian brethren in their lives. When they reached the end of life they would find the Lord was their stay.

Tea was served in the Good Shepherd Hall, about 70 persons sitting down.

HON. SECRETARY THANKED.

The president took the chair at the subsequent meeting, supported by the principal officers of the association.

Mr. Trollope (vice-president) reminded the meeting that Mr. C. T. Coles, one of the two joint hon. secretaries, completed last autumn 25 years' faithful service in that office. On behalf of members, Mr. Trollope offered hearty congratulations and thanks to Mr. Coles in the following motion: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild offers its warmest congratulations and thanks to Charles Thomas Coles on completion of 25 years' service as hon. secretary, and expresses the hope that he may have before him many more years of success in ringing and usefulness to this association and to the whole Exercise.' Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), in seconding said he hoped members would make Mr. Coles' next 25 years easier than the last!

The motion was passed with much enthusiasm, and when Mr. Coles replied he was received with applause. He said 25 years was a long time to look forward, but on looking backward it did not appear so long. He referred to some of the problems that he had had to deal with during that period, and said he found ringers reasonable people to deal with generally. When he took office in 1910 there were 620 members. Now there were 876. In conclusion, Mr. Coles reminded members that the association did not exist solely for their pleasure. They must put something into it for it to progress.

Mr. Coles referred to the death of Robert K. Knight a few weeks ago. Born in 1844, Mr. Knight joined the association on its formation in 1897. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

The annual report, which was adopted, opened with a reference to the ringing for the Silver Jubilee of King George V. as the chief event of 1935, and to the part played again by the bells, in expressing the feelings of the people, when early this year they mourned the passing of the Sovereign. Proceeding, the report said:—

ADMIRATION OF A GREAT RINGER.

'The year 1935 saw the passing of William Pye, the greatest ringer of his generation, perhaps the greatest of all time. After several months' illness, during which our hopes ebbed and flowed, he died on March 8th, at the age of 64. It was in December, 1898, that William Pye joined this association, and his great abilities quickly brought him to the front rank. Two years later he headed the list of peal conductors, a position which he occupied almost every succeeding year. In 1910 he was elected Master of the association, which office he held until his death. His influence on ringing, both in this association and elsewhere, cannot be estimated. Numbers of ringers owe to him their first peals, or their first peals in the higher methods, in the conducting of which he was an expert. Indeed, it has been said of William Pye that the harder the method, the easier he made it, and thus it was a pleasure to him to assist his weaker brethren in ringing the more difficult methods.'

We desire to place on record our admiration for this great ringer, who, with all his ability, was a fine example of modesty. Never a boast fell from his lips, and it was difficult even to get him to discuss his own great achievements. It is fitting that a permanent memorial to this man should be erected, and a movement is on foot to place two additional bells in the tower of St. John's Church, Leytonstone, to his memory. This project is receiving support from the Essex Association in particular, and from most of the other ringing organisations throughout the country, so that it can truly be described as a national memorial.'

Dealing with the work of the year, the report said that three honorary and 56 ringing members were elected. Nine members were lost by death, and a considerable number of lapses of membership have to be recorded. Our present total of members is 876, a few in excess of last year.

The peal list showed a very large decrease on the post-war record attained in 1934, only 45 peals, including one on handbells, having been rung last year. It was noticeable, however, that the towers in which peals were rung, 28 in number, were only two less than in 1934, and that nearly the whole of the decrease in peals was due to many fewer being rung at one tower alone.

An analysis of the peals showed that 152 members took part in them, and that 14 rang their first peals. The latter figure was most gratifying. There were 19 conductors, whilst 49 members rang their first peals in a new method, including three of London, four of Spliced Surprise in four methods, five of Spliced Surprise in six methods, two of Cambridge Royal and two of Stedman Cinques. The most notable performance of the year was the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, by a band whose ages averaged only 22 years. This peal was composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who later called the same composition to a peal in six methods at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon. A peal of Belvedere Surprise Major was rung for the first time at St. Mary's, Staines, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink. Peals rung entirely by local bands included Cambridge Surprise Major at Willesden; Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles at Sunbury; Superlative Surprise Major at Willesden; Kent Treble Bob Major at Heston; and Grandsire Triples at Edmonton.

DEVOTED LABOURS.

'In October,' continued the report, 'Mr. C. T. Coles completed 25 years' continuous service as hon. secretary of the North and East District and joint secretary of the association. It is hardly necessary to say how much we owe to his able and devoted labours—that is surely known to every one of our members—yet there is a danger that we may take his work too much for granted and perhaps some of us may only realise his worth when the time comes for him to hand his task over to another and younger man. May that day be long delayed! Mr. Coles has not only served our association, but he has taken an increasingly prominent and influential part in the life of the Exercise at large, and he is one of the most respected members of the Central Council. We have also to thank Mr. Fred Goodfellow, to whom the success and well-being of the South and West District is mainly due. Let us all resolve to show our gratitude by giving the secretaries our utmost support at meetings, and by the prompt payment of subscriptions.'

The financial statement revealed a balance of £23 12s. 7d. This meant a loss on the year of just over £2, chiefly due to the cost of a larger annual report.

Mr. F. Miller, of St. Mary's, Ealing, was elected a ringing member. All of the officers were re-elected. They are: President, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar and Rural Dean of Twickenham; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope; Master, Mr. A. W. Coles; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow. Mr. E. C. S. Turner was elected auditor. Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher and W. H. Hollier were re-elected Central Council representatives, while Mr. W. G. Wilson was elected to fill the vacant place caused by the retirement of Mr. Pickworth.

The William Pye memorial scheme was dealt with in detail by Mr. Coles. He gave the history of the scheme up to date, including the date of the casting of the bells, and said that they would be opened on May 30th. He thought the money would come in and added that over thirty associations and guilds had so far contributed. He appealed to all members to make an effort to get to Leytonstone on Whit Saturday to pay their respects to that great ringer whose memory they were endeavouring to perpetuate.

BELLS OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET.

Moved by Mr. W. G. Wilson, the following resolution was carried after a short discussion: 'That the association expresses the hope that in the event of the Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, City, being demolished, steps will be taken to retain as an entity the ring of ten bells at present in the tower and to install the bells in some other suitable tower, and that the hon. secretary be authorised to forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate authorities if and when the demolition of the church becomes imminent.'

Mr. Trollope referred to the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' He offered the Editor sincere congratulations and thanks. He recalled the short period when he was Editor in the absence of Mr. Goldsmith on the Australian tour. A great many people appeared to buy the

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'FATHER' OF THE TOWER.**MR. WILLIAM WILLSON'S LONG SERVICES COMMEMORATED.**

In the year 1902, a peal of eight bells to commemorate the reign of Queen Victoria was placed in the tower of the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, and Mr. William Willson took them to his heart. Since that date he has clambered and climbed about the girders with an oil can and has stood below and rung in many peals; he has taught many youngsters the art of ringing; in fact, he became 'father' to the belfry in every way. On the death of the donor of the bells, Mr. and Mrs. Willson added two trebles to the peal in his memory. This meant more girders to negotiate.

Now in 1936, 'Father,' realising that, although he really knew his way about, *anno domini* could not be entirely ignored, has decided that the time has come for someone more active to take charge of the climbing operations.

On Easter Sunday evening, the Vicar (Canon H. V. Williams), with the churchwardens, visited the belfry and expressed to Mr. Willson the appreciation everyone felt for the years spent in the care of the bells, belfry and the ringers. He then unveiled a clock, placed in the belfry by all members of the company, as a tribute to Mr. Willson's 34 years as Master and steeplekeeper. As 'Father' did not wish to take the belfry clock home, a framed photograph of it was presented to him for that purpose.

Of course, this does not by any means mean that 'Father' has finished, and everyone hopes to see him taking his rope with the rest for many years to come.

The inscription on the clock mounting reads:—

William Willson.
1902—1936.

This clock commemorates the completion of 34 years as
Master and Steeplekeeper.

Presented by St. John the Divine Society of Ringers.

Canon H. V. Williams, Vicar; A. E. Duckley, J. T. Inchley,
Churchwardens.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Leeds Parish Church was once again the venue of the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held on Saturday week. The bells were rung up as soon as the clock (after striking 3 p.m.) had finished chiming out the hymn tune set for the day. Good use was made of the bells until tea time, and also later, until the business meeting at 7 p.m., when members were present from Armley, Batley, Calverley, Drighlington, Burley, Felkirk, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Lindley, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Sutton, Wakefield and Leeds. Ringing friends attended from Rotherham, London and Cottingham.

No opposition to the officers nominated at the last meeting was forthcoming, and the following were, therefore, declared elected: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Davison; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report showed a total membership of 224, with only 14 members seriously in arrears with subscriptions. Eleven ringing meetings had been held during the year and the attendance had been good. The finances of the society were in a very healthy condition. The Pyc Memorial and the Ringers' Directory had been supported during the year.

The list of towers at which it is hoped to hold meetings during the coming two years was referred to the committee to draw up.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—Mr. F. Renton replied for the local ringers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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paper solely to see their name in it! There was nearly always half as much again material as there was room for. The obvious remedy was a larger paper, which the present circulation did not justify. He appealed for an increased circulation, not for the benefit of the owners, but for the good of the Exercise.

Mr. Fletcher referred to the motion respecting 'The Ringing World' on the Central Council agenda. There were some figures he would like to mention. The circulation of the paper was less than 4,000. There were over 870 members in this association alone. There were 51 associations, some with 2,000 members! There was very obviously room for improvement.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: 'This meeting of the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild sincerely regrets that the very fine peal of 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, 1923, has now been found to be false.'—Mr. Coles, in moving the resolution, said he had never heard better Stedman Cinques.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the various clergy who assisted at the service and permitted their bells to be rung, and to Mrs. Fulwell, Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Hunnisett and friends from Ealing and Hillingdon, who prepared and served a very excellent tea.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD TITLE.**ANNUAL MEETING DECIDES AGAINST CHANGE.**

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 25th, and was attended by about fifty members and friends. Towers represented included Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Rugby, Monks Kirby and Stoke, while several visitors were welcomed from neighbouring societies.

A variety of methods were rung on the light peal of eight during the afternoon. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, who also gave the address. The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'The strife is o'er' and 'The King of Love,' were sung.

After tea the business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, the Rev. Davies (president) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon J. L. White (a vice-president), Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master), Mr. Malcolm Melville (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. A. H. Beamish (hon. auditor). An apology for absence was received from Mr. F. W. Percens.

The statement of account, presented by the treasurer, was adopted. The year was begun with a balance in hand of £21 3s. 10d. Subscriptions amounted to £12 5s. 6d., while the expenses were £18 14s. 6d., leaving a balance of £14 14s. 10d.

The secretary's report for 1935 showed that the membership of the Guild had shown no change at all on the previous year. It stood at 281, made up of 130 resident and 151 non-resident members; twelve new members had joined during the year. Peals rung numbered only eight. The conducting was shared among six members, Mr. Jack Smith, of Bedworth, conducting his first peal. Nine members rang their first peal, eight of these belonging to the Bedworth band.

The president was re-elected, and the vice-presidents, with the addition of the Archdeacon-designate of Warwick, re-elected en bloc. The Ringing Master, the hon. general secretary and treasurer and the hon. auditor were all re-elected.

Two nominations were received for the position of Central Council representative for the next three years, and, after a show of hands, Mr. D. H. Argyle was appointed. Mr. Argyle's father was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council from 1912 until his death in 1931.

Meeting places for the next three meetings were decided upon as follows: May, Brinklow; June, Old Bilston; and July, Southam.

The following new members were elected: Mrs. Pittham, G. Gaskin, S. Baylis, L. Clarke, A. Abbott, all of Monks Kirby, and W. Betley.

'DIOCESAN' PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

'That the name of the Guild be changed to the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers' was proposed by the hon. secretary. He pointed out the overlapping which now existed between the Guild's territory and that of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, which also covered a large part of the county of Warwickshire. He also pleaded for a closer co-operation between ringing organisations in general and church authorities, and suggested that the best way of assuring continued prosperity in the future, when large bodies might clamour for the silencing of church bells, would be by labelling themselves with an ecclesiastical rather than with a secular title.

Mr. Pervin seconded the proposition, and suggested that there was something magical in the word 'diocesan,' and that it would make the parson and people in general 'sit up' when they saw it incorporated in a title.

Canon J. L. White said that the word portrayed far less than one would imagine. It is true, he said, we want the church authorities to back us up more than they are doing at present, but he did not think that any change in name would assure this backing automatically.

Eventually, after a lively debate, a counter proposition, that the name of the Guild stay as it is, was carried by a large majority.

Under the title of any other business, Mr. Pervin asked whether it would be possible to arrange a few combined week-night practices, as it seemed difficult at present to arrange worthwhile practices with members of one tower only. This suggestion met with the general approval of the meeting, and the secretary was instructed to proceed with the arrangement of a few such practices.

Further ringing in the majority of the standard and Surprise methods took place after the meeting until 9 p.m.

THE LATE MR. T. BENNEY.**FIVE PAST MASTERS OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AT FUNERAL.**

The funeral of the old College Youth, Mr. Tom Benney, of Stepney, took place on Thursday of last week at Nunhead Cemetery. Fifteen ringers attended, including five past Masters of the society, Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and W. J. Norton represented St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung over the grave by W. Roughton, H. Langdon, H. Pasmore and A. B. Peck. In the evening the bells of St. Andrew's were half-muffled in his memory, the 'whole pull and stand' being rung.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Mills 1, G. W. Tout 2, G. Locke 3, W. A. J. Knight (Milverton) (conductor) 4, F. Locke 5, L. M. Clarke (first 720) 6.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HELPFUL POINTS IN CALLING THURSTANS' PEAL.

Usually a conductor's first effort in calling a peal of Stedman Triples is 'Thurstans' famous 'Four-part,' or some transposition or variation of it. There is no need here to go into the historical side of this composition, although it would be interesting and instructive, but, as the peal is the one generally used, it may be of assistance to young conductors if we indicate some of its characteristics from the bob caller's standpoint.

The description of 'Four-Part' has been given to the peal because it consists of four quarter-peals joined together in pairs, one pair by additional bobs, the other pair by omitted bobs, while the two half-peals thus formed are united by singles.

Let us look at the quarter-peal. This is in five parts, each of three courses, and each of these five parts called thus:—

3-4	7-8			S.	H.	L.	Q.
3-4-5-6	12-13	or		x	x	x	
5-6				x	x	x	

The five part ends of this quarter-peal are as follows (6 and 7 are omitted because they 'come home' at the end of each part):—

23145
34251
45312
51423
12534
23145

Begin your study of the peal by memorising the 'standard calling' given above, and these five part ends, observing the transposition by which the latter are produced, and noticing particularly that the cycle of places into which the bells fall is 3rd's, 5th's, 4th's, 2nd's, treble's place, or Out quick, 4-5 (up), 5-4 (down), first half turn, last whole turn.

It is not difficult to learn the position of the 6th at every call in the part, and this should certainly be one of the first things the conductor should memorise, because the sixth, as we have mentioned, 'comes home,' like the 7th, at every part end. For instance, at the four-bob set in the second course of each part the 6th is dodging in 6-7 up, with the 5th's place bell. At the 3-4 in the first course and the 5-6 in the last course the 6th is called out quick and to make the bob. At the other two pairs of bobs the 6th is in the slow; at the 7-8 in the first course it is in the equivalent position of 5-6, and at the 12-13 in the second course at the equivalent position of 6-7. To memorise these facts should be easy.

Here is another interesting feature about the bob making bells. There are, as you will have seen, five sets of bobs in a part. Beginning with the 12-13 in the second course, the bell that makes the first bob of this pair also makes the first bob of the pair at the succeeding calls at 5-6 and 3-4 and the first and last of the bobs in the 3-4-5-6 set. When it has made this last bob it dodges with the bell that is going to take its place when the next 12-13 comes along, and when it does, the bell that had made the first bob in all these previous sets now makes the second bob—that at 13.

There is only one pair of bobs in the part, therefore, where the bell which we are now considering does not make the first bob and that is at the 7-8 in the first course, but when these bobs are called this bell is dodging in 6-7 up, as, later, he will dodge in 5-4 (down) after the four-bob set, with the bell which, when the 12-13 is reached, will succeed him as the maker of the first of the pair. There is one other place where these two bells may be observed together, and that is at the part end itself. The bell that is actually making the first of the pairs of bobs is then in treble's place (doing the last whole turn) and the other bell is in 2nd's place (doing the first half turn), so that as the ropes fall for the part end you will see these two bells in front at back stroke.

The relative positions of the part-end 5th's and 3rd's place bells are also interesting and useful to note. Quite early on you can see if they are working up correctly for these positions, for the bell which is going to be 5th's place bell at the next part end should make the second bob at the four-bob set and the bell that is going to be 3rd's place bell at the part end should make the last of these four bobs, and this last one, as you will have observed earlier, is the one that up to that time had for three courses been making the first bob of all but one of the sets.

Then, after the part end, these 5th and 3rd's place bells dodge behind together, with the 5 going down and 3 going up, at the 3-4 in the first course, at the 12-13 in the second course, and come together again in the same way in 4-5 at the next course end. The 5th's place bell is also a guide to the calling of the 7-8 in the first course. Just in the same way as the 3-4 comes with the 6th 'out quick and making the bob,' so the 7-8 is called with the 5th's place bell 'out quick and make the bob.' And again the 5th is a help in marking our position, for it is the bell dodging in 6-7 with the 6th at the four-bob set and is again dodging down at the 12-13. Moreover, its place at all the course ends of the part may be easily observed, for, in addition to being in 5th's at the part end (afterwards going up behind to the 7th), it is in 5th's again at the first course end of the part, in 4th's, that is, dodging in 5-4 (down), at the second course-end and also at the part-end—and the bell in 4th's at a course-end will always go in slow.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE POSTPONED COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON.

The postponed commemoration luncheon of the Cambridge University Guild took place on Tuesday, April 28th, in the Old Combination Room in Trinity College, when a party of 19 sat down under the chairmanship of the vice-president of the society, the Rev. A. C. Blyth. Several members were prevented from attending by duty or sickness, amongst them being the Rev. M. O. Potter, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Bishop H. McE. Price, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, Mr. C. W. Woolley and the Master (Mr. R. D. St. G. Smith), all of whom had written sending their best wishes and regretting their inability to be present.

As guests there were the Rev. H. F. Stewart, D.D. (Dean of Trinity), Mr. R. S. Jones (Keeble, Oxford), representing the University Society, of which he is Master, and Mr. W. C. Smith, representing the Cambridge Youths. Amongst others present were the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, the Rev. R. Copeman, Mr. E. M. Atkins, the Rev. E. Bankes James, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Suffolk Guild), Dr. F. S. Poole, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Prof. L. W. Taylor and eight undergraduate members.

After the loyal toast by the vice-president, Mr. Blyth proposed 'The Guild.' He referred to the absence through illness of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey; to the kindness and generosity of Dr. H. F. Stewart, who lends his rooms for meetings each week; and to the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who first suggested this luncheon. The vice-president also referred to the work of the secretary (Mr. A. N. P. Woodard), to whose activity the prosperity of the Guild was almost entirely due, and he combined his name with that of the Guild in the toast.

Mr. A. N. P. Woodard, after thanking the vice-president for his kind words, next proposed 'The Guests.' He spoke to the work of the Oxford Society, and expressed pleasure at having a representative with them, considering how tiring and uninteresting is the journey from the one university to the other. He also thanked the town representative for his co-operation in allowing various members to join the ringers in their practices at Great St. Mary's.

Letters were read from those members who found it impossible to attend, and the secretary also expressed the Guild's pleasure at having so many with them on that occasion.

Mr. R. S. Jones (Oxford) replied, speaking of his society's achievements and urging the necessity of combining ringing with one's religion, and not enjoying it apart from it.

After lunch a move was made to St. Benet's Church, where both Cambridge and Stedman were rung, and also, during the day, Bob Major on handbells. Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake kindly entertained eleven members to tea, and a few were able to spend the early part of the evening with the handbells in the secretary's rooms.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.

SERVICE RINGING AND PRACTICE TO BE RESUMED.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held at St. George's Church, Southwark, on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells were set going shortly after 3.30 p.m., the usual variety of methods being rung. After tea the meeting was held in the vestry, the Rector (the Rev. Ernest Cook) occupying the chair.

During the routine business of the meeting the Rector voiced his great appreciation to the Barron Trust for the work they had carried out in restoring the bells, and said he wished to place on record his personal thanks to them, and to the Guild Master, Chief Inspector William Bottrill, for all he had done in being able to get the valuable help of the trust.

At one point in the proceedings the Rector said that he almost expected that a fair number of applications would be received by him for the use of the bells for various purposes, peals, meetings, etc., and he had made up his mind that it would be the best thing if he submitted all applications received by him to Chief Inspector Bottrill for his consideration also. By this he hoped he would not be considered to be adopting a 'dog in the manger' attitude, but he felt that the Master had a much greater knowledge of bells and ringers than he had, and would, therefore, be able to give a much better opinion in such matters.

It was decided to put into operation the proposed rule that the bells be rung for services by the Guild on the second Sunday morning and the fourth Sunday evening in each month, and the Master expressed his earnest hope that all members would do all in their power to fulfil this plan.

All the present officers were re-elected, viz.: Master, Chief Inspector Bottrill; hon. secretary, P.C. Norman S. Bagworth; hon. treasurer, P.S. Schleuter. P.S. Willmington was elected vice-president in place of P.S. Bannister, who was elected to serve on the committee in place of P.S. Miller, and P.C. Gwilliam was elected on the committee in place of P.C. Mead.

Considerable discussion then took place on the subject of practice nights, and after somewhat lengthy deliberation it was decided to revert to Wednesdays, except during Lent and certain weeks in Advent, when mid-week services are likely to be held.

A move was afterwards made to the tower, where the bells were made good use of to standard methods until about 9 p.m., when an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Shipbourne.—One of the prettiest spots in Kent. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber. Please do not disappoint him. Important announcement at business meeting. Don't forget, the K.C.A. rely on you. —Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at the Victoria.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available: Townstal (6) from 2.30 p.m., St. Petrock's (6) from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service at Townstal at 4.15. Tea and meeting at Dawe's Café, The Quay, at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Isleworth. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, South Street, at 5.30. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. Postcards re tea and subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gedney Hill on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 9th. Ringing at the Cathedral (12 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Marie's 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Numerous cafés close at hand for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Chicheley, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please send notice for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colsterworth (bells 6) on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available for ringing during afternoon and evening.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Stow (6 bells) on Saturday, May 9th. Service, followed by tea, at Cross Keys.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 9th. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on May 9th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Tea 6.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Froome, Mordiford, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at St. Luke's, Great Crosby. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 6d. each. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The South Norfolk Branch meets at Diss on Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. — Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Café. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than May 14th. *Please notify.*—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m., and will all who require tea please inform Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, by May 14th? General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, May 16th. Good peal of six (tenor 20 cwt.). Please advise for tea if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel (Blackwater). All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, May 13th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. Saxton, The Bungalow, Moor Lane, Bolsover, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, May 13th. Subscriptions for 1935-36 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th. Service in co-operation with the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 8d.) for those who notify Mr. Geo. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Cathedral bells (12) available from 2 to service time, St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3.30. After the meeting the towers will be open for ringing until 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 14th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on May 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea. Names for tea by May 13th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from top of Charles Street (near new Police Station). A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. John-at-Hackney (Mare Street). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, etc. Trams and buses pass the church. Hackney Station (L.M.S.) nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Will all who can please attend this meeting to elect the district committee?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements being made for tea. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Bells, a nice peal of six, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambridge.

LANDULPH, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). Please notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 21st. See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MAY 23rd, at Aldenham, Herts. Tower open from 3.30. Meat tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station, Radlett or Bushey. Bus to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, kindly let me know by May 18th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. Wootton, Northfields, Witley, before May 20th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance will be given later.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Details next week.—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

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FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, April 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by A. Bradley, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by E. Stich. The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, E. Stich, C. Harrington, H. Wright, J. Stich, G. Camp, L. Camp.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, 1,248 changes Superlative Surprise Major: F. E. Walker 1, J. E. Bailey 2, R. Summerhayes 3, J. Wheadon 4, J. H. Cheesman 5, G. Butcher 6, H. Audsley 7, H. Hovord (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Margaret, on Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Bob: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, F. Nicholls 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. After evensong, 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

SEVENOAKS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Turley 1, Miss D. Colegate 2, S. Comber 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, H. J. Ford 5, W. Turley 6, E. L. Taylor 7, H. Comber 8.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,312 changes): Miss M. I. Burrow 1, R. March 2, L. E. Rudd 3, W. Hector 4, J. C. Chester 5, W. Wallington 6, F. Wallington 7, C. A. Manning (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in this method by an entirely local band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Saturday, April 18th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of St. Clement's Bob Major (1,360 changes): C. E. Towner 1, Mrs. F. K. Fletcher 2, H. J. Ford 3, F. W. Budgen 4, C. Barker 5, J. O. Weller 6, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 7, G. W. Fletcher 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of treble, 4 and 5. First in the method by all except the conductor.

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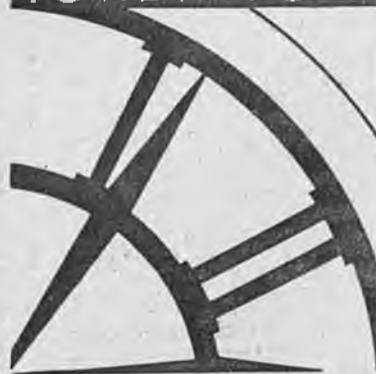
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