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THE RISK OF BELFRY ACCIDENTS.

Accidents in the belfry are, happily, few and far between. Just occasionally some mishap occurs, resulting in injury to a ringer, but it is very seldom that actual participation in ringing ends in even a minor casualty. To those who do not understand the handling of a bell, however, there may appear to be something risky in the flight of the ropes, but there is probably as little danger of personal damage to a ringer as there is of accident to the participants in any other physical pursuit that can be mentioned. It is surprising then to learn, as we have done within the last few days, that a Parochial Church Council in Oxfordshire has placed an embargo upon any youngster under fourteen years of age learning to ring at that particular church.

The tower contains a very light peal of bells, specially suitable for boys to learn and ring on, and the parish badly needs ringers. There are competent instructors available, and the decision of the Council has been a serious blow to the building up of a young band. We do not know what, precisely, influenced the church authorities in the matter, whether their decision was on the ground of the physical or legal risks involved, but we can only imagine that, whatever the ground, it must have been arrived at from misapprehension. Of bodily risk to the youngsters in this instance—the tenor is less than five cwt. and the bells have been recently rehung—there can be no more than is involved in the physical jerks which they go through at school; indeed, on such a ring the mild exercise should actually be beneficial in strengthening the frames and the muscles of the juveniles.

What is probably most disturbing to the Parochial Council is their risk of liability in case of accident; although we are unaware of any special virtue in the age of fourteen years. Unless there is culpable negligence on the part of the Council in the way the bells, the belfry and the furnishings are cared for, there is no legal liability upon them for voluntary ringers and, if ringers are paid, the obligations of the Council are met, as for every servant in any employment, by insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Indeed, there is a scheme under which any band of ringers, voluntary or otherwise, can be insured through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office for a small annual premium. Church authorities can in these days safeguard themselves very easily, and it would be a great pity if, through misapprehension, a band of young ringers, who are early in life becoming interested in church work, should have their enthusiasm and interest quenched.

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It is not the ringing of the bells that church authorities need be afraid of, but the risks for which they are more directly responsible—worn and dark stairways and inadequately lighted bell chambers. These are the things which may, and occasionally do, lead to serious accidents, but they are usually among the things which, in a church, are most generally neglected. They are a trap for old and young alike. Steps worn into hollows by the feet of generations of ringers, winding round in the darkness, with rail or handhold of any description; or precipitous ladders, fit only for monkeys to climb, leading to the bell loft; these are the things most likely to contribute to tower accidents, and there are literally hundreds of places up and down the country in which one or more of these defects ought to receive the attention of the responsible authorities.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

1 Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2 ... 1 Treble	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... 7
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	* J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	* LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6	Cecil W. PIPE ... 12 Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of New Cambridge Maximus.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2 ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
JAMES BENNETT ... 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 12 Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. H. McGowan, Vicar of Aston, as Archdeacon of Aston.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

DORIS E. BLENCOWE ... 2 ... Treble	MARIE E. CROSS ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 2	CHARLES W. PULLEN ... 8
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 10
RICHARD A. POST ... 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 11
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6	HARRY G. FOXELL ... 12 Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	*R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 6
*HENRY TOOKER ... 2	EDWIN R. GOATE ... 7
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3	A. J. CORRIGAN ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WILLIAM C. CLOVER ... 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... 5	HERBERT JERMY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... 6
ROBERT ALLRED ... 2	BENJAMIN THOMAS ALLRED ... 7
JOSEPH HALL ... 3	FRED GRUNDY ... 8
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 9
HUGH REYNOLDS ... 5	ROBERT JONES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 151). Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Caters.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 26 lb.

*GEORGE H. HURST ... Treble	*WALTER POOLE ... 6
FRED C. TARGETT ... 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... 7
*KENNETH G. FORD ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 8
*EDMUND BARRINGTON ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
*TREVOR MARKS ... 5	EDWARD J. ROWE ... Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 8 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY THOMPSON ... Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	THOMAS WILLIAMS ... 6
BERNARD LAWTON ... 3	BERNARD ASHFORD ... 7
PERCY RICHARDS ... 4	REGINALD ALLPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. A. E. Marsh, a prominent local townsman.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT PICKLES ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 2	*RONALD SQUIRES ... 6
*ARTHUR SKELTON ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 5
MISS KATH E. FLETCHER ... 2	*HARRY C. JONES ... 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
*WALTER LEE ... 4	PERCY NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 2	*JAMES KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... Treble	*CHARLES J. TURNER ... 5
*HORACE M. I. BUTT ... 2	JAMES E. LILLEY ... 6
THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... 3	*ALFRED LOVERING ... 7
*JOHN H. GODFREY ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID ELLIOTT ... Treble	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 5
*HAROLD HERBERT ... 2	*THOMAS CHINERY ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
*CHARLES CLARK ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	FREDERICK HOOPER ... 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
FRANK VERNON ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN PLATT.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

The above ringers are all bachelors.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
*NORMAN GOODMAN ... 4	*JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells since recasting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODWICH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble	ERNEST J. KING ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*FREDERICK W. ALLEWAY ... 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
EDWIN L. MILES ... 4	FRANK MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DOUGLAS WATSON ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
FRED HARTMAN ... 2	RICHARD LANGFORD ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. MAYES ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	†STANLEY H. GRAVESTOCK ... 6
WILLIAM A. COLLINS ... 3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... 7
*JOHN CHURCH ... 4	†EDWARD W. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
† First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor's parents.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT C. LYON ... Treble	HARRY CARTER ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD BOURNE ... Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 4
EDWARD STEELE ... 2	JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 5
ARTHUR W. HALL ... 3	THOMAS HURD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HURD.

* First peal and first attempt.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents of mixed Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, with 101 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	RALPH BIRD ... 5
ALEC M. GENERY ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDER.

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal of Mixed Treble Bob by all and on the bells, and believed to be the first (of Minor) for the association.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent.

GEORGE LORD ... Treble	JOHN R. MATTOCK ... 4
ARTHUR GILL ... 2	DANIEL SMITH ... 5
ROLAND HILL ... 3	WILLIE GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MATTOCK.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in One Hour and Thirty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT M. ORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
*EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor in hand.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	REGINALD C. SHARPE ... 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Composed by B. H. SWINSON.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1938, in Two Hours,

At VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. SALTER	... 1-2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	... 4
*FRANK BRADLEY	... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First peal on handbells.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At 35, BERWICK ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*BERNARD H. HALL	... 1-2	*JOHN H. FOSTER...	... 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES	... 5-6		

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal on handbells in three Minor methods.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

SIDNEY BROWN	... 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5-6
ALBERT E. ADSTIN	... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD...	7-8

REGINALD C. SHARPE ... 9-10

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR, Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

BELLS CELEBRATE FAMILY EVENTS.

On Thursday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, for the golden wedding of Mr. C. Belsey, captain of the band, and Mrs. Belsey: *James Morris 1, *Miss Joan Naylor 2, Miss Cath. Cheil (first with a bob bell) 3, C. Belsey 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, F. Cheil 6, G. Naylor 7, C. Webb 8. * First quarter-peal.

Mr. Belsey was born at Little Mungeham, near Deal, and Mrs. Belsey at Chisle. They were married at Tonge in 1888 and moved to Rainham in 1896. Mr. Belsey at once joined the band there and has been captain for about 30 years. He has been a member of the Kent County Association for 40 years.

On April 2nd a peal of Bob Major was rung at Rainham in honour of the event. It was also a wedding anniversary peal for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Palmer, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, and a birthday compliment to their youngest daughter, Mrs. E. K. Parker, of Rainham, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Charley Belsey reside.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, in connection with the special Palm Sunday service at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Hopgood 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss B. Mills 3, A. J. W. Hughes (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 4, E. J. King 5, H. E. Taylor 6, T. H. Francis (first quarter-peal on ten) 7, F. G. Southgate (first quarter-peal on ten) 8, P. A. Corby (first quarter-peal on ten as conductor) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wicks on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday, April 10th, previous to Confirmation service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. J. Levett 1, A. S. May 2, W. J. Bradford 3, J. Pennells 4, N. H. Palmer 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett 7, A. J. Clift 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2, 4 and tenor.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 7.6.8 behind: A. Tremear 1, E. Lane 2, J. Boniface 3, H. Newnham 4, L. Tremear (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6, W. Wearing 7, G. Allen 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2, first 'inside' by 3, and first as conductor.

PEAL NOTES.

NOT 'SPICED' BUT—WHAT?

The decision of the Central Council to debar the description 'spiced' to peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, where the change of method is made in the interior of a lead, makes for complications. A peal in which the two methods were used in, all the seven extents of a 5,040 of Minor has been rung at Wormingford, Essex. What is the correct way to distinguish between this peal and a peal of separate extents of Oxford and Kent, without using the word 'spiced' somewhere in the description?

In the report sent to us the word 'spiced' is used. We have substituted the word 'mixed,' without asking anyone's consent. Perhaps the Council at their next meeting will give these peals a proper description. In this peal there were 101 changes of method—a good many more than in some peals which can claim to be 'spiced.'

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on April 8th, as a tribute to the late Mr. A. E. Marsh, a prominent townsman and benefactor. The funeral had taken place earlier in the day, and the bells were rung both before and after the service. The whole pull and stand was rung 60 times (the deceased gentleman's age) just before the cortege entered the church.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Broadclyst, Devon, on April 9th, was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild) and to Mr. C. H. Lilley, the conductor. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea by Mr. Godfrey. The peal was the first of Major on the bells.

The peal of New Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich was the first by Messrs. J. Frank Smallwood and Leslie W. G. Morris, who made journeys from Bath and Leeds respectively to take part. Mr. W. P. Garrett, who rang the treble, has the unique distinction of being the only ringer to take part in the first peal of all the different methods of Surprise Maximus yet rung.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to George Pipe, the young son of Mr. Cecil Pipe, who rang the tenor.

A band, which included ten visitors from various parts of the country, had the privilege of ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on Aston's new bells on Monday afternoon in honour of the appointment of Aston's popular Vicar (the Rev. H. McGowan) as Archdeacon of Aston. The new Archdeacon is one of the vice-presidents of St. Martin's Guild.

Some of those who rang have scored peals in an extraordinary number of twelve-bell towers. Messrs. G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles, for instance, have now rung peals on twelve bells in 49 towers, and Mr. E. P. Duffield in almost if not quite as many.

Aston provides one of the instances where, in the old days, a bell opening was, indeed, a bell opening. A board of considerable dimensions in the ringing room proclaims that it was 'erected by order of the churchwardens to record two peals rung by the underwritten persons at the opening of the ten bells in this church, on the 17th and 18th October, A.D. 1814.' The peals were Grandsire Ten in and Grandsire Caters, both conducted by Henry Cooper.

Another board in the tower records peals of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major rung by St. Martin's Society in 1776.

Mr. J. R. Mattock's first peal as conductor was rung at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when he called seven 720's of Minor in seven different methods from a working bell. That was a good 'kick-off.'

It was at Wath-on-Dearne, by the way, that 21 extents in 21 methods was rung as long ago as 1816.

Yeovil possesses one of the heaviest 'tens' in the country, the tenor being 40 cwt., and on Monday a peal of Stedman Caters was rung there.

Mr. Arthur Knights' composition of Grandsire Caters, No. 154, was rung for the first time on Saturday at Worsley, Lancs, where Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire 'completed the circle.'

A handbell peal in three Minor methods has been rung at Blackpool. We hope it is but the precursor of many more.

An interesting departure in the annals of Cheshire ringing was made at Bunbury on April 9th, when a peal of Spiced Double Norwich and Bob Major was rung, it being the first in these two methods spiced by all the band, in the county and by the Chester Diocesan Guild. It was a 20th birthday compliment to Douglas Watson, jun., who rang the treble.

A band of Norfolk bachelors scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Redenhall on April 9th.

Only 13 years of age, Leonard Bourne rang the treble to his first peal at the first attempt at Burslem on Saturday week. The peal—seven extents of Bob Minor—was a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Kenneth Thacker, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

(Continued from page 243.)

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 4th, 1937, page 373.)

The report was presented by the president as convener of the committee, and its adoption was also moved by him. Various matters not referred to in the report on which the committee's advice had been sought were also reported. These included assistance in dealing with architects and diocesan authorities on bell restorations at the request of bellfounders and others; considering steps in conjunction with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings to preserve an old bell frame which was unfit for further use, and which eventually was lifted higher in the tower to enable a new frame to be built. The question of whether damage may be caused in certain towers as the result of lowering bells in peal was dealt with by the president. His final remarks were: 'I can conceive that bells when part of the way down would get in step with the tower, and if they were to continue to ring the bells at that height it was possible it would do some damage to the tower, but they would have to do so for some considerable time unless the tower was so weak that they ought not to ring at all.'

The president also dealt with the subject of welding of bells, and stated that in his opinion only in very exceptional cases should welding be tried.

The report was adopted and it was also agreed on the president's motion to send an appropriate letter to the Church authorities with regard to All Hallows', Lombard Street, which was to be demolished, asking that when the bells were moved they be moved as a whole peal to a proper tower and be hung for ringing; to purchase a set of Davis silencers to be loaned out to any responsible persons for trial purposes on payment of postage both ways; to send a donation of £1 ls. to the Anti-Noise League and to endeavour to keep in close contact with that organisation; to take steps through the secretaries of affiliated societies to ascertain which of the Diocesan Advisory Committees had a member who knew anything about bells and bell-hanging and which of them had not, with a view to considering what could be done to make this knowledge available to all the committees. The information obtained to be circulated to all members.

REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, pages 391-392.)

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the committee's report dealing with the various references to ringing which had been made in the London and Provincial Press during the year and the various broadcasts.

On his motion, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, page 392.)

The report was submitted by Mr. W. H. Hollier, and on his proposal, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, was adopted.

As to the committee's request for instructions with regard to the details required, it was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, and carried, that as many details as are obtainable be recorded.

It was agreed to add Mr. W. G. Wilson to the committee, on the proposal of Mr. W. H. Hollier, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, pages 392-3.)

The report was presented by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The committee suggested that in view of the great variety and style of the photographs received, a separate photographic album was necessary, this to be cross-indexed to the biographical volume, and requested permission to incur an initial expense up to three guineas for the purchase of these albums, and where necessary to copy photographs at a cost not exceeding 1s. 6d. each.

The Standing Committee recommended that the most satisfactory method would be to keep the photograph with the biography, and to enable this to be done, to obtain reproductions of the photographs in a uniform size.

The Standing Committee supported the committee's recommendation that biographical details and photographs of members of the present Council be obtained, and those of future members when they come to the Council. These to be filed and added to the album when the subjects cease to be members of the Council.

The recommendations were accepted by the committee, and on the proposal of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report and recommendations were adopted.

REPORT AS TO CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

('The Ringing World,' June 18th, 1937, page 409.)

In order that members may have further opportunity to send in suggestions for incorporation in the final report, only an interim report was presented, which, on the proposal of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe, was adopted.

REPORT AS TO MUFFLING OF BELLS.

('The Ringing World,' June 18th, 1937, page 409.)

The president submitted the report of the officers of the Council, the adoption of which was recommended by the Standing Committee. It was agreed to request all secretaries of affiliated associations to furnish particulars of local customs, and details of these if thought suitable to be included in the final report. The completed report to be considered

by the Standing Committee and after approval to be circulated to all members and finally to be submitted to the ecclesiastical authorities.

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

On the proposal of Canon G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, a vote of thanks was passed to all members for their work during the year.

MOTION.

It was proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, that so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in (a) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made. (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block. (c) Twelve scores known as Morris' and Pitman's. (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.

2. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell. The motion was carried, the voting being 33—11.

NOTE.—The following was deleted from the original motion on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the motion to delete being accepted by the proposers:—

'At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.'

PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, and carried, that the next meeting be held at Leeds.

OTHER BUSINESS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, it was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to the society on the occasion of their tercentenary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES' GUILD.

On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, it was resolved to convey congratulations to this Guild on the occasion of their silver jubilee.

RADIO BELLS.

The hon. secretary asked for members' views on broadcasts of bell records from churches by amplifiers and loud speakers and other imitations of actual ringing. Various views were expressed, but no formal motion was passed.

AS TO PUBLICATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

No action was taken on Mr. A. J. Harris' suggestion that notices of motions should be in the hon. secretary's hands by December 31st to enable earlier circulation to members.

AS TO RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

The president called attention to a resolution of the Council that bells should preferably be raised and lowered in peal, but if not it was desirable they should be raised or lowered singly and in order. He appealed to all members to follow the Council's recommendation themselves and also induce other ringers to do so.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

The hon. secretary invited all members to assist in the preparation of a booklet of the Council by sending full information regarding their societies and advising from time to time any changes in representation or addresses.

DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUNDS.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, the sum of £3 3s. was voted to the scheme for the alteration of the tower of St. George's, Bolton, as a memorial to the late Canon Elsee, and, on the president's motion, the sum of £3 3s. was voted in respect of the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, if the Ely Diocesan Guild promote a memorial fund.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury for the use of the Chapter House, to the Kent County Association for their kind hospitality, to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. Luck and Mr. T. E. Sone, and the committee of the Kent County Association for arrangements, to the various church authorities for the use of bells, and towerkeepers for their assistance, and to Mr. Morton Pierce for conducting members round the Cathedral.

On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for work during the year.

A vote of thanks to the president was passed on the proposal of Canon Coleridge.

The meeting terminated at about 5 o'clock.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): G. Prior 1, J. Irwin 2, J. Middlemas 3, C. R. Raine 4, H. White 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, T. Pryde 10.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.**NEW GUILD TO VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE.**

The 'ringing week' by clerical ringers, which has now become a well-established custom immediately after Easter, begins next Monday and centres round St. Albans. Last year, it will be remembered, the Guild of Clerical Ringers was formed while the 'week' was in progress, and this year the programme is being carried out under the auspices of the Guild, the annual business meeting having been arranged for Thursday. Headquarters are at the White Hart Hotel, St. Albans.

Among those who hope to be present for the whole or part of the week are the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Leeds), E. G. Benson (Burghill, Hereford), H. Benson (Quinton, Glos.), R. Copeman (Cambridge), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. V. Cox (Bramford Speke, Devon), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon, Oxon.), E. Bankes James (Fareham, Hants), F. S. H. Marle (Deane, Hants), E. S. Powell (Staverton, Daventry), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham, Bucks), W. H. R. Trehwella (Truro), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar, Bath), C. Elliot Wigg (Cheersley, Bucks), R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall, Notts).

The president, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks), will, it is hoped, be present at the business meeting.

The party, it will be observed, includes quite a number of guild and association officials, and there should be much useful 'comparing of notes' and interchange of views during the week.

The main body will meet on Monday at Sandridge, where they will ring on the six bells, then go on to Wheathampstead for tea. They will ring at Wheathampstead (6), and, after dinner at headquarters, ring at St. Peter's, St. Albans (10).

On Tuesday they visit Benington (8) for a peal attempt in the morning, and subsequent ringing includes Ware (8), Broxbourne (8) and St. Albans Cathedral (12).

Two simultaneous peal attempts are to be made on Wednesday, at Northchurch (8) and Great Gaddesden (6). Afternoon and evening ringing will be at Berkhamstead (8), Hemel Hempstead (8), Harpenden (8) and St. Michael's, St. Albans (6).

Thursday's programme also includes two morning peal attempts, at North Mymms (8) and Essendon (6). The two towers of St. Andrew's (8) and All Saints', Hertford (10), will be visited in the afternoon, and in the evening there is the business meeting, dinner and ringing at St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6).

The reunion concludes on Friday with a peal attempt at Knebworth (8) in the morning, subsequent ringing at Baldock (6), Hitchin (8), St. Ippolyt's (6) and Great Wymondley (6), with a final gathering at headquarters.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS.**ICKLETON AND CLACTON.**

Below we print the figures of two Surprise Major methods which have been rung recently for the first time.

The first peal of Ickleton was rung on February 5th, 1938, at Ickleton, Cambs., conducted by H. G. Cashmore, who provided the method.

Clacton is another method from Mr. Lindoff's collection, and was rung for the first time at Helmingham, on February 16th, 1938, conducted by L. G. Brett.

Ickleton	Clacton
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12463857	12346857
21648375	21438675
26184357	24136857
62813475	42316587
26183457	24135678
62814375	42315768
26841357	24351786
62483175	23457168
26481357	32541786
62843175	35247168
26834715	53274618
62387451	52376481
63278415	25734618
36724851	27536481
63742581	72356841
36475218	73258614
34657281	37526841
43562718	35728614
34526178	53782164
43251687	57381246
34256178	75832164
43521687	78531246
34512678	87513264
43156287	78153624
34516278	87516342
43152687	78156432
41325678	71854623
14236587	17586432
41263857	71856342
14628375	17583624
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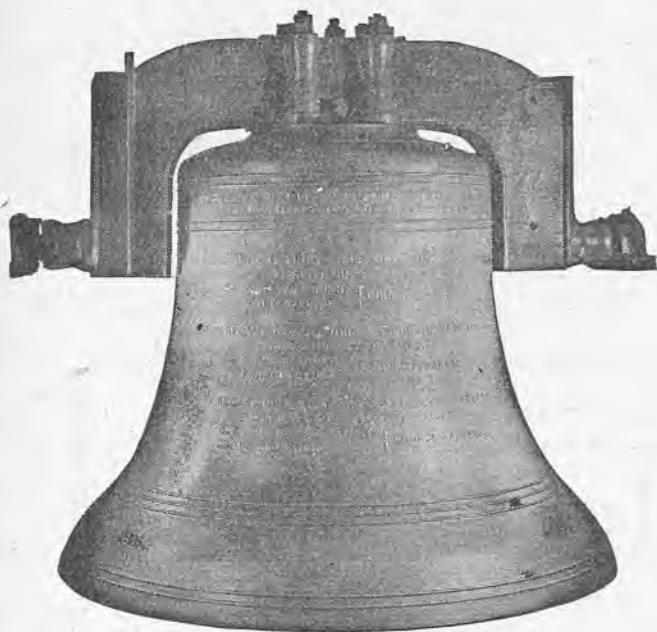
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two well-known Middlesex ringers are to be married to-morrow—Mr. Tom Lock, Ringing Master of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, and Miss Kathleen Bradford, of Twickenham.

Recent reference was made in these columns to the pre-Reformation ring of four bells at Thurlbeer, near Taunton, which were cast by Robert Norton about 1425. The tenor there is about 13½ cwt.

Robert Norton was also the founder of Nos. 4 and 5 bells at Mortehoe, Devon. According to the records of that church, the Chancellor of the period described Norton as having 'ontrew ymagynacion, coneyn and desseit.' It would seem that even 500 years ago Chancellors were not too kindly disposed towards bellfounders.

Some of the 'bachelors,' whose peal arrangements for Monday at Wimborne, Dorset, fell through, made a trip to Leicester to join the gathering at the Midland Counties Association's annual meeting. Another example of ringers' enthusiasm.

To-day is the sixteenth anniversary of the longest peal ever rung by one set of men, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, which occupied 12 hours 25 minutes.

On April 22nd, 1889, Mr. W. T. Pates called 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, a peal which was a record length of Caters at the time and is still the longest peal of Grandsire Caters that has been rung.

Seventy years ago next Wednesday, namely, on April 27th, 1868, the famous peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Bethnal Green by the College Youths. At that time it was the longest peal rung by one set of men.

This peal recalls a much earlier attempt for a 15,000 of Treble Bob, Oxford in this instance, which was made by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Edmonton and which ended somewhat disastrously.

The peal had been in progress over eight hours when George Gross, the composer and conductor, in making an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, got his leg entangled in the rope, was elevated to a considerable height, and, in falling, broke his collarbone.

This was recorded in 'The Annual Register' of April 28th, 1800, as having happened 'a short time since,' but Mr. Gross must have made a very quick recovery, for on the very day the paragraph appeared he called a 10,112 of Oxford Treble Bob in the same tower.

Thirty-nine meetings, in twenty-six associations and guilds, are advertised in our notice columns this week to take place on Saturday, April 30th.

INTENDED TO CLEAR MISAPPREHENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Bailey's letter indicates that he is not in possession of certain facts vital to the argument, it would be futile for me to attempt to prolong the discussion.

My first letter was written with sincerity and was intended to clear the misapprehension which I felt that Mr. Bailey's speech was likely to create. I think it was necessary and I am glad it has been published.

I am not sufficiently acquainted with Mr. Bailey to criticise him, as opposed to criticising his speech, and would consider it a breach of good taste to do so in any case.

A hearty welcome awaits all, and Mr. Bailey in particular, at the next and all subsequent meetings of the Southern District of the London County Association.

P. A. CORBY.

Herne Hill.

THE LATE DR. W. H. FRERE, D.D.

FORMER BISHOP OF TRURO.

The Church of England has lost one of its greatest scholars and historians by the death of the Right Rev. W. H. Frere, D.D., Bishop of Truro from 1923 to 1935, at Mirfield on Saturday, April 2nd. He was 74 years of age and had been in failing health for about a year. From 1902 to 1913 and from 1916 to 1922 he was superior of the Monastic Community of the Resurrection, and even at the Bishop's Palace he continued to live as a father of the order, attended by two brethren. His resignation in 1935 was the result of medical advice.

His body was laid to rest at Mirfield, and memorial services were held at Truro Cathedral and at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, London.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Truro Cathedral on Tuesday, April 5th, in 55 minutes, by Miss M. Penrose 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 4, W. E. Minors 5, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. Treloar 8.

FORMER LLANDAFF BISHOP'S DEATH.

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Bishop Hughes (a former Bishop of Llandaff), whose funeral took place earlier in the day. The ringers were J. Lovett 1, G. Wines 2, W. Page 3, T. J. Hamlin 4, T. Page 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—15.**THOMAS E. SONE.**

Few ringers can have called a greater proportion of different compositions than Mr. Thomas E. Sone, who is one of Kent's most active conductors. Apart from having called Holt's Original four times 'round the circle,' which accounts for 32 out of the 197 peals he has conducted, he has called 146 different compositions (of which 98 have been different one-parts) by 41 composers.

Mr. Sone, who was born at Northbourne, Kent, on July 14th, 1895, is the son of a well-known Kent ringer, Mr. Chas. W. Sone, who, although now over 70 years of age, is still as keen as ever. Mr. Tom Sone began ringing at S. Michael and All Angels' Church, Marden, in August, 1909, and rang his first peal in the same tower in January, 1911, under his father's conductorship. His first peal as conductor was his fourth peal, Kent Treble Bob, at Headcorn, in November, 1919, but he did not take any real interest in peal ringing until 1925. Since that time he has carried his total to 283, two-thirds of which he has conducted.

He has made a hobby of calling a fresh composition as often as possible, and the fertile brain of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Cheshierfield, has provided him with a great deal of material.

Mr. Sone has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, and his peals have been rung in 74 towers, with 293 ringers, his father having rung in 191 of them. Among his interesting performances have been a peal of Bob Major and Canterbury Pleasure spliced at every lead. This was rung at Hadlow, Kent, in May, 1929. His one hundredth peal, rung in April, 1930, at Harrietsham, was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which all the band rang their first peal in the method. In 1931 Mr. Sone called the first peals of

**MR. T. E. SONE.**

Grandsire Cinques (at Quex Park) and Erin Caters (at Maidstone) for the Kent Association. The former was the first peal of Cinques for all the band and the first peal on twelve bells for nine of them. The peal at Maidstone was the first of Erin by all the band and was rung at the first attempt. In addition to calling Holt's Original from every bell four times, Mr. Sone has also taken part in the peal non-conducted. He has rung every bell to a peal in no fewer than eight eight-bell towers and one ten-bell tower, and in six of the eight-bell towers he has called a peal from every bell.

Although there are no ringable bells in the village of Paddock Wood where he lives, Mr. Sone does his full share of service ringing. He has been attached to the band at All Saints', Staplehurst, since 1922, and lends a hand in service ringing and practice at his old tower of Marden and his father's tower at Linton. The towers in which most of his peal ringing is done are scattered, and no one appreciates more than Mr. Sone the efforts of the ringers in Mid-Kent, who have worked with him to 'keep the flag flying.'

Mr. Sone has been one of the Kent County Association's representatives on the Central Council since 1933.

Next Week: Mr. Arthur Knights.**THE LATE MR. C. DRAPER'S PEALS.**

Mr. Charles Draper, of Duffield, whose death at the age of 73 years we recently recorded, rang, in all, 427 peals, of which 408 were credited to the Midland Counties Association. Of the rest 14 were for the Warwickshire Guild, one for the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society and four non-society. The total was made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples 68, Stedman Triples 216, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 6, Oxford Bob Triples 3, Court Bob Triples 1, Canterbury Bob Triples 3, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Plain Bob Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 21, Forward Major 3, Duffield Major 6, Kent and Oxford Spliced 1, Superlative 4, Grandsire Major 1, Grandsire Caters 7, Stedman Caters 26, Plain Bob Royal 1, Kent Royal 4, Doubles and Minor 11, handbells 12.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**DECISION TO INCREASE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Monday, when Mr. R. S. Cook, of King's Langley, was unanimously elected president.

The retiring president (Mr. G. Radley) welcomed among the visitors Mr. P. E. Haynes (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council).

The Hon. Secretary, in the 53rd annual report, said it was a pleasure to record that from observation and information received from the district secretaries, the association continued to flourish throughout the county. Also there appeared to be a greater urge, not only in Hertfordshire, but in similarly constituted bodies throughout the land, to make Sunday service ringing the pivot of true membership. As an aid to this, the personnel of a band was of the greatest importance, and it was incumbent upon the leader in each tower that no haphazard choice should be made in the selection of recruits for the belfry, who, quite naturally, should be confirmed members of the Church of England. That was where the parson, presumably conversant with the frailties of human nature in his parishioners, and possessed of a humour in which he 'could wink the other eye' when necessary, could become a real asset to his band and ringers in general. The Hertford County Association had been most fortunate in having an excellent backing from the clergy.

On the social side, district meetings had been arranged throughout the county (where possible with a service), and this method was still considered by ringers in general (in spite of changing conditions), the best means, not only of fostering and extending their art, but also in cementing that unique brotherhood that existed amongst ringers.

THE YEAR'S PEALS.

By the kindness of many incumbents permission has been most generously given for peal ringing, with the result that 46 peals had been rung upon tower bells, which, together with eight rung upon handbells, made a total of 54 for the year. Twenty-four tower peals had been rung on eight bells, five on ten bells and 17 on six bells. No twelve-bell peal had been recorded during the year. The time taken in ringing was 151 hours 3 minutes, and the total number of changes rung was 272,860. Sixteen of the peals rung on tower bells were Surprise methods, Knebworth, Langley, Ealing and Eastbury being rung without previous practice, all remarkable performances. The first handbell peals, consisting of five and six Spliced Surprise Major methods, had also been rung, being the first in history. Mr. Maurice Hibbert has called Swinson's variation of Carter's Odd Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, the first time rung. The more difficult the composition the happier Maurice seemed to be. The Apsley band, with the assistance of Francis Kirk, of St. Albans, had scored three first for the association on six bells, in Surprise methods, viz., one peal in seven, one in eight, and one in eleven, under the conductorship of Mr. Walter Ayre. Eight ringers had rung their first peal and one his first as conductor.

After mentioning the losses by death, the Hon. Secretary went on to say that much restoration of bells and frames has been carried out, including augmentation of four new bells making a ring of six at Welwyn. At Wheathampstead, a battle, steel frame versus wooden frame, was fought between the Chancellor of the Diocese and others, and ended in a victory for wood. Hertingfordbury bells have been overhauled, and the Rector was anxious that his young band should be taught the elements of change ringing. John Briant's peal at Hatfield were also having a spring clean at the Loughborough Foundry and after being quarter turned and cleaned would be greatly improved in tone. Their Majesties the King and Queen visited St. Paul's, Walden Bury, in November last, where the Queen was born, and the event was celebrated by the first peal upon the bells. A new treble was to be added, making a ring of six. The bell was to be named Elizabeth, in honour of the Queen, and their Majesties have sent a handsome donation.

CLOSER AFFILIATION WITH BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On October 22nd a joint meeting of the Beds and Herts Associations was held at Leighton Buzzard. This was the first result of the committee's resolution that they would welcome closer affiliation with the Beds Association by means of district meetings, etc.

Mr. W. Nash, it was regretted, resigned the office of district secretary for the St. Albans Division, which position he had held since Easter, 1918. He had given the association excellent service, and at the last meeting of the committee a resolution of thanks was passed, and had since been conveyed to him. 'Bill' Nash had given up his job, but before doing so he made sure of a successor in the person of Mr. H. V. Frost, to whom a hearty welcome was given.

Mr. C. H. Horton has arranged seven meetings in his district, in which he secured a combined attendance of 229. Two members of the district had been honoured by the conferring of the King's Coronation Medal.

Mr. D. Mears, Northern Division, reported the holding of six district meetings, the majority of which have been well attended, and that some good work had been done amongst towers which hitherto had no knowledge of scientific ringing.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR.

Increasingly Sound Financial Position.

On Monday, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association celebrated its diamond jubilee, the annual meeting being held at Bristol. The Master (Mr. S. E. Romans), in his report, gave a brief resume of the 60 years' work of the association. Referring to the formation of the branches, now established in 13 centres, he said they were the backbone of the association, and the district secretaries were to be congratulated upon their success. It was pleasing to note the progress made in ringing for Sunday services throughout the dioceses, but he pointed out there were still many peals of bells which were not rung owing to lack of ringers. He appealed to the clergy to help in this matter by introducing young men connected with the Church who were willing to be taught ringing. Tower affiliation had not received the support that had been hoped for, and he appealed to leaders of bands to bring the matter to the notice of their respective church councils.

HON. SECRETARY'S SERVICES.

The Master went on to extend hearty congratulations and thanks to the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, for his valued services to the association. This year he completed 20 years in office. He had filled a difficult post with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. In addition to the ordinary business of the association, he and the committee had organised and brought to a successful issue the following schemes: A national memorial to their Past Master, the late Rev. H. A. Cockey—a reredos at Bitton Church; a war memorial to fallen members—additional bells at Berkeley Church; and the national memorial to their founder and Past Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which consisted of the addition of two trebles and tuning and rehanging the other ten bells, and the furnishing of a Ringers' Chapel, at Tewkesbury Abbey.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said work had been steadily maintained throughout the 13 branches, but there were still some difficulties with regard to peal ringing qualifications and peal booking fees. There had, however, been a reduction in the number of members in arrears. During the year 27 peals had been rung by the association, in which six members had rung their first peal, and there was one new conductor. Special mention was made of Albert Tyler, who rang his first peal before he was 14 years of age, and his performance was the more remarkable, as it was a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Hon. Secretary said it had been urged that the affiliation fee scheme should be made an important feature, and he hoped with the collaboration of the Master and treasurer to put this matter in hand during the next few months. It would afford a greater measure of success if the members would consider the suggestion that the income from this source should be placed in the Belfry Repair Fund, to enable the officers to make more and larger grants when necessary.

The hon. treasurer's report on the finances was very encouraging. For two years in succession he had been able to report an increase of nearly £20 in the funds, by a combination of increased income and less expenditure. He was surprised to find that the association was worked so well at so small a cost.

The receipts during the year were £78 10s. 4d. and the expenditure £36 10s. 4d. on the general account and £20 15s. 8d. in the branches, leaving a balance of £118 15s. 9d., compared with £97 16s. 5d. last year.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

When the annual meeting was held at Bristol on Monday, many of the rings of bells in the city (6, 8, 10 and 12) were available. Owing probably to the fine weather, there was only a fair attendance, including members from Gloucester, Stroud, Fairford, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Swindon and Cirencester, whilst others attending were from Wootton Bassett, London, Bath, Wrington and Chew Magna.

Dinner at the Prince's Cafe, High Street, was followed by the business meeting, held at St. Thomas' Church Room. The reports from the Officers and Management Committee were adopted, as was also the balance sheet.

A resolution to invest £25 in a Building Society was passed.

The following officials were elected or re-elected: Vice-presidents, the Rev. N. E. Hope, the Rev. E. J. Phillips, Mr. S. Romans, Mr. W. Hale, Mr. F. J. Lewis, Mr. C. H. Gordon, Mr. J. Gould, the Rev. L. G. Cornwell; Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope (Chedworth); hon. treasurer, Mr. P. C. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Guise; hon. peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; members upon Management Committee, the Rev. E. J. Staley, Mr. J. Austin, Mr. W. Dyer, Mr. C. W. Martin, the Rev. M. Paterson and Mr. J. K. Armstrong; advisers on bell restoration, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. C. W. Martin and Mr. J. H. Shepherd.

Mr. J. Preston, of Birmingham, was elected a life member, and all the branch and belfry elections for 1937 were ratified.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Stroud on Easter Monday, April 10th, 1939.

Under 'any other business,' the Rev. M. Paterson said he had been asked to perform a very pleasant ceremony and that was to present Mr. E. Guise with some recognition of his 20 years' service as hon.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, April 9th, and was attended by over 50 ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Cottingham, Drighlington, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sutton-on-Hull, York Minster and the local company. Mr. R. Philpott, of St. Mary's, Portsea, Hants, was also present.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Poole, M.A.) gave an address at the service.

Tea was most generously provided by the local company, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the president of the association, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, presided. Three new members were elected, Messrs. George Atkinson, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, John Howell, of Hull, and T. J. T. Wild, of Goole.

Market Weighton was selected as the next place of meeting in June.

The hon. district secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, was re-elected, and Messrs. F. W. Dale and R. B. Smith were re-elected on the District Committee, together with Mr. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, who was elected in place of Mr. G. T. Miller, of Hull, who has resigned. Mr. Dale was also elected to a seat on the General Committee for three years. A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. Vigor, and the Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the association to Sherburn.

A vote of thanks to the local company for providing the tea and to the ladies for serving it was proposed by Mr. H. S. Morley and seconded by Mr. West, and, after the chairman and the Vicar had spoken of the splendid work done by Mr. E. H. Vigor during his three years at Sherburn, Mr. Vigor replied. He said he would shortly be leaving Sherburn for Northern Ireland. He wished he could have stayed a few years longer, and he asked the members to try and attend a practice meeting it was proposed to hold in May at Beverley Minster, and notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World,' as this would probably be one of his last meetings in Yorkshire before he left the district.

A collection was made in response to an appeal from Mr. P. Amos, on behalf of the fund for augmenting the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and realised 12s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Further ringing on tower and handbells, including some 'four-in-hand' by Messrs. A. E. West and A. J. Hopper, concluded a very successful meeting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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The subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £2 12s., raising the total to £23 1s. 8d., while £1 10s. 9d. had been added to the voluntary bell fund, which now amounted to £1 10s. 9d.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean and clergy of Hertfordshire, also to the district secretaries 'for all their labours most unselfishly given, and most thankfully received by all, although sometimes that expression may be given in an odd way.'

The report was adopted.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham) and also adopted. It showed a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2d., as against £7 9s. 11d. at the beginning of the year.

In spite of a certain amount of opposition, it was agreed to increase the annual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. as from January 1st, 1939. The proposition was moved by Mr. C. H. Horton, with the support of the committee.

Mr. J. Watson, of the St. Peter's band, St. Albans, was elected a ringing member.

In addition to the president, the officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Debenham; hon. librarian, Mr. H. V. Frost; and hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer.

Preceding tea and the annual meeting, the members attended evening song at St. Albans Abbey, at which an address was given by the Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Rector of Hatfield.

Thanking Mr. Leonard for his address, Mr. Cartmel mentioned that he had heard every sermon preached to the association since 1885.

The Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. C. C. Thicknesse) and others were thanked for allowing the use of the bells.

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secretary. He asked Mr. Guise to accept on behalf of Mrs. Guise a gold wristlet watch and a cheque for himself.

He (the Rev. Paterson) stated that the good work of Mr. Guise was well shown by the appreciative response that had been received from the members towards the presentation.

Mr. E. Guise thanked the members on behalf of Mrs. Guise and himself, and stated that he had always felt proud as general secretary that he always had the confidence and respect of the members of the association, and he was particularly grateful for the genial companionship of his fellow officials.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.

'FATHER' OF LAVENHAM RINGERS.

Passing of a Much Loved Personality.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, who passed away on Wednesday of last week at the age of 80 years. Over a long period Mr. Symonds has been the mainstay of ringing at his little town, and has rendered invaluable service to the art in East Anglia. He was looked upon as the 'father' of the ringers in Lavenham; indeed, several members of his own family are ringers there. He had been a regular ringer at his tower for over 60 years.

AN APPRECIATION.

By 'ONE OF HIS BOYS.'

It was with very deep regret that we heard the sad news of the passing of Mr. Arthur Symonds, who to his many friends was more familiarly known as just 'Arthur' and to his own local company of ringers as 'the Old Chap.'

I wish my pen was able to pay better tribute to such a man. It has been my privilege to know him for several years, and surely the term 'one of Nature's gentlemen' never could have been more fitted to anyone than it was to him. In all the years I have known him, never once did I see or hear of him losing his temper. He was always just the quiet, dear old fellow, loved by everyone with whom he came in contact.

Arthur received his first lessons in ringing as far back as 1864 when he was only six years old, and rang for the first time in what was to become his beloved Lavenham tower in 1877 for Queen Victoria's birthday.

He rang his first peal on the Lavenham bells in 1888, and from then, until 1932, rang in every peal on the bells, some 112 in all, but he was never one who was keen to make records. He was far more happy when he could get hold of some young lad to instruct and teach him to become a ringer, and undoubtedly if all the ringers that owe their first instruction to Arthur could be numbered, it would certainly be a record that all would be proud of. It is needless for me to say that this part of his work will be very greatly missed, not only by the local company, but by many others in the surrounding district.

Until his health failed him just over two years ago, Arthur Symonds was a regular churchman. Very seldom did he miss a service on a Sunday; for many years he served as a sidesman and a member of the Church Council. When there has been a special service held on a Sunday afternoon, I have known him to go straight up the tower after the morning service and stay there until it was time to begin ringing again for the afternoon one. Such was his keenness that going without his Sunday dinner was a small matter to him so long as his bells were ready for service ringing. No one can ever know the number of hours (or perhaps it would be nearer the truth if I said weeks or even years) he has spent in his steeple. In fact, if ever I wanted to see him and he was not at home, there was only one other place to look for him, in his home from home, the tower.

What his loss to the local company will mean only time will show, and I am sure that even his son will agree with me when I say that no one can ever hope to take his place as leader at Lavenham, at least not in the hearts of the older members of the company. Some proof of this is shown by one small fact. I had often noticed, as all visitors to the Lavenham tower will remember, that Arthur had his favourite chair in the clock corner, and although it is over two years now since he last used it, that chair is still in its same place, but nobody ever occupies it, for, of course, it is looked on as his chair. But even if the chair was empty, we all knew Arthur's thoughts were with us and that he would be listening to his bells. That fact alone was enough to make the company try to give of its best when ringing.

I could write much more, but even then I should not have said all that one could wish to say about the dear old fellow. So, with this small tribute to a great innings well and truly played, I will close, not signing my name, but proud of the honour to be able to sign myself as just

'ONE OF HIS BOYS.'

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.—On Friday, April 1st, a 720 of Spiced Treble Bob Minor in five methods, viz., Oxford, Sandel, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure: C. Lawson (first attempt for a 720) 1, J. Worth (conductor) 2, T. Taylor 3, Miss M. Fethers 4, S. Nobles 5, J. Whittaker 6.

APARTMENTS.

LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.—Superior Board-Residence or Bed and Breakfast; 2 minutes sea, tennis courts, bowling green and park.—Mrs. Brown, Avonholm, 24, Queen's Road. Telephone 6965.

RHYL.—Apartments or Bed and Breakfast; one minute sea and pavilion.—Bailey, Astora, Crescent Road.

SCARBOROUGH.—The Jedburgh private hotel, Givendale Road, North Bay. Terms moderate; every convenience; and close to the sea.—Write for tariff to residential proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean.

NOTICES.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells of the Cathedral available 3.30 to 4.15, S. Nicolas' Church (10) and Shalford (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Quarry Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at S. Nicolas' and Shalford.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Ipswich. The bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), St. Matthew (6) and St. Lawrence (5) will be available. Committee meeting in vestry of St. Mary-le-Tower 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon G. H. Round-Turner. Tea and meeting 5.15 at Co-op Hall.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6), 2.30 to 9. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratfieldsaye on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Basingham. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Crewkerne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Slough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head. Stoke Poges bells (8) available after business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea at State Cafe at 1s. 6d., followed by the business meeting. Please attend and make the meeting a success. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Quatt on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Please notify me those requiring tea.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughbough District.—Protracted negotiations with Castle Donington having been unsuccessful, please let us have a full parade at Diseworth on April 23rd to discuss situation. Excuse short notice.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

WELWYN, HERTS.—The Northern District of the Herts County Association will hold the first meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Welwyn. The bells, which have been augmented to six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be available at 3 p.m. (by kind permission of the Rector—the Rev. H. R. Bate). Tea will be served at the Wellington Hotel, opposite the church. Nearest station, Welwyn North, 1½ miles, but Green Line and Birch buses pass the door. P.S.—They will stop if requested!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

ALDENHAM, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, Social Club, 5.30. Usual meeting. Bells available till 8.30. Nearest Stations: Bushey and Radlett. Excellent bus service to church. Cycles can be stored at club.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornecombe on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. A good attendance is requested.—C. H. Lathey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at King's Head at 5.30. Ringing after tea.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, April 30th. Service at St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at a charge of 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, not later than April 27th. The business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Baptist's, 10 bells, 3 to 4.45; St. Andrew's, 8 bells, 3.15 to 4.15; and at both towers after the meeting. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 8 bells, 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, April 30th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Barker Gate Institute, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by April 27th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome, but please remember to send a postcard to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, April 27th, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Trains leave Norwich at 1.4 p.m. and 2.20 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 27th?—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 27th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Visitors requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, April 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Pugh at the Rectory. Will all those expecting to be present please notify me by the 27th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, Cheltenham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 25th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PLYMTREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 30th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Leverington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, April 27th.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Please note! The guild has decided to extend its area, and will in future be known as the Hawkhurst and District Guild. A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Short service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Roll up and give the new venture your support. A card from those requiring tea would oblige.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next meeting will be held at Talgarth on Sat., April 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify the district secretary, Mr. J. P. Hyett, Hay, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Charminster on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and short business meeting to follow. Dorchester bells (8) available from 7 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Nice peal of 6. Service at 4.30. Please send cards early for tea.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6), recently recast, available only from 3.30 to 4.30. Short service and tea. Sandridge bells (6) are available for the evening. Good bus services. Please let me know if you intend to be present.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 30th. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Milton Keynes, Saturday, April 30th. 2.30, Ring up. 4 p.m., Service. 4.45, Tea. Business.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) open from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. T. Gifford, Branch Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Eynsham on Saturday, April 30th, next. Service 3.30 p.m. Visitors must please let me know by Thursday morning *first* post so that sufficient tea may be provided. Address: W. Evetts, Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells, recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Parish Room. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, 27th. C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Gibson, Church House, Hungerford, Berks, by Wednesday, April 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. E. Garside, 57, Stamford Street, Mossley, near Manchester.—Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Barnby Don. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if sufficient let me know of their intention to be present by Wednesday, the 27th. Everyone can be catered for, so turn up in your dozens and don't forget tea cards.—E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements. Service at 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Plowden Arms at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please let me know by April 27th, how many for tea. — E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Northbrook Hall, at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wraxall, instead of Blackwell, as previously proposed. The peal of 8 will be available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Kirby Moorside, on Saturday, April 30th. The peal of six bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. John Anderson, Avondale, Vivers Place, Kirby Moorside, not later than Wednesday, April 27th. Please try to be present. All ringers welcome. — Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6), Steeple Aston (6) open after tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at

Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Free to those who send in names by Wednesday, May 4th, to J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

STAVERTON, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 7th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Church Institute, and will those who require same please advise J. A. Brown by May 5th? All ringers and friends welcome and a good attendance is requested. — F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, and J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Hon. Joint Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, May 7th. Full particulars next week. — G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Thursday previous. — E. J. P. Davies and H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the historical castle will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle at 5 p.m., followed by tea and a short business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Edwards, Elliotts House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst, by Wednesday, May 4th? — Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, assistant ringing master of the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District) is now 35, Devon Way, Heston.

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