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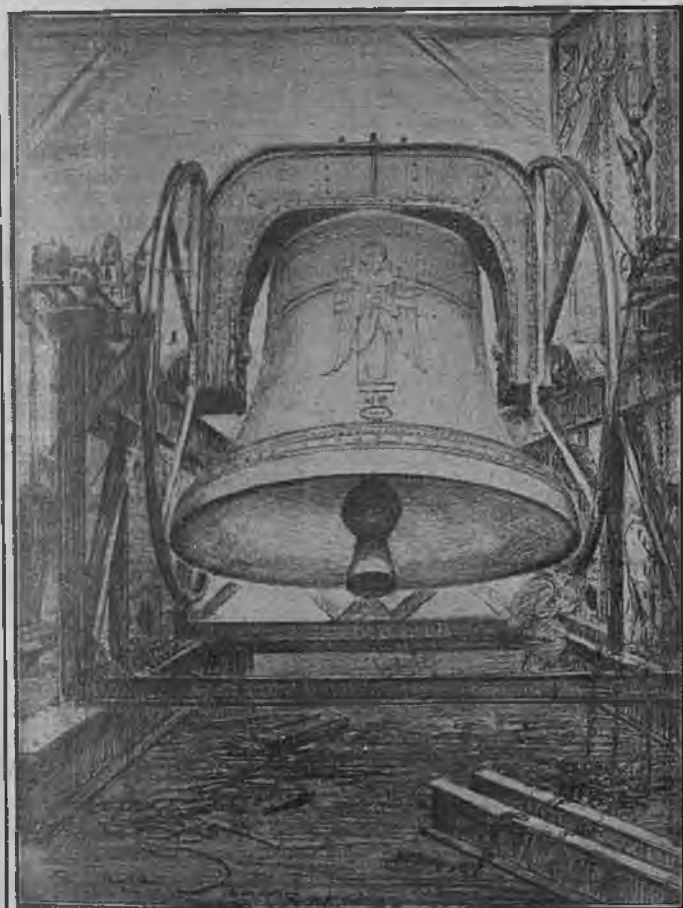
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THE LADIES' GUILD.

After a lapse of four years the Ladies' Guild has published another Report and it is satisfactory to learn that during this period the Guild has slowly but surely grown. One frequently hears the question asked, 'How many lady ringers are there in England?' The report does not, of course, completely answer the question because the Guild does not include all the lady ringers; but it claims a ringing membership of 215, as well as 58 honorary members, so that quite a fair proportion of the lady ringers must be on the roll. This represents no small measure of successful work, when the difficulties attending the organisation of such a widely scattered body are considered. There are few areas where lady ringers are to be found in anything like sufficient numbers even to meet frequently for practice, and even district meetings depend considerably for their success upon the assistance which men are able to give. This, of course, is not the fault of the Ladies' Guild. The same handicap prevents them from making peal attempts, except on rare occasions, and in the last four years ladies' bands have been able to accomplish only four peals.

The services rendered in the belfry by ladies, however, is not to be measured by their achievements as an organisation. The Guild binds them together in a sisterhood which forms a national link between them, but in their individual spheres the ladies, whose 'joining up' in the belfry was greatly stimulated by the war, when they responded to the call to replace the men, are a useful adjunct to many a band. The frequency with which their names appear in peals shows that numbers of them are as keen as the other sex, in proportion to their numbers, on achieving the highest ambitions of a ringer, but it is in the service ringing that the ladies have proved their usefulness and their reliability. The difficulties which the Guild finds in getting adequate support of the members for their district meetings can be realised when it is remembered that the whole country is covered by only six districts and that, for instance, the western and southern districts have to cover nearly all the southern half of England, with the exception of the London area, and that the northern district has to cater for the rest of the country with the exception of Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire, which have their own districts. Whether a district reorganisation with smaller areas would facilitate a larger membership and create a greater interest in the Guild is not easy to determine, but the disappearance of the Midland district has left a gap in the organisation which ought to be filled without undue delay. There must be quite a number of lady ringers in the area west of Northamptonshire and

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north of Bristol who are sufficiently keen to support the Guild, and we hope to see some effort soon made to re-establish the activities of the Guild in that quarter of England. Despite all drawbacks, however, the Guild has done well, and is officered by some enthusiastic women ringers, several of whom are outstanding figures in the Exercise. But most of all, the Guild owes its success to the labours of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who has been its hon. secretary and its inspiration since its foundation in 1912, when she conducted at Cubitt Town the first peal ever rung by a band of ladies.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... Treble	JOHN F. TILLET ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
WILLIAM TILLET ... 3	† LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
* JOHN W. WARD ... 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Maximus, and hails from Cambs. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus and 100th peal of Surprise; hails from Cretingham. This is the first peal of Surprise Maximus ever rung containing only 5,040 changes, the number being produced by bringing up the Wrong position at the first treble lead-end, and commencing the calling with a bob at Home.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MISS FREDA ORR ... Treble	ALFRED PYE ... 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD ... 7
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5	ALBERT DISERENS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.
Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Twelve.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* WILLIAM BROOKS ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN ... 5
* ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... 2	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
* First peal in the method.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	ARTHUR ROWLEY ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3	ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
THOMAS PITTHAM ... 4	A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT SMITH ... Treble	HARRY W. SMITH ... 5
JAMES ABERY ... 2	SAMUEL QUINTIN ... 6
REGINALD W. REX ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
ALBERT J. W. BIRD ... 4	*FREDERICK W. GRIMSHAW Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The splice and go leave nothing to be desired.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short, G. Popnell and R. G. Knowles. The conductor's 200th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	*THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 6
JOHN EVANS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
ARTHUR MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Guild by four men drawn from each county.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PALNSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS PRICE ... Treble	FRANK SIMMONDS ... 5
FRANK PONTING ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 6
GEORGE GOULDING ... 3	GEORGE ORCHARD ... 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4	REGINALD HERNE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	*WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 6
†ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3	WALTER BARRETT ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* Fiftieth peal for the association. † First Surprise peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD KENT ... Treble	EDWARD E. ROBBINS ... 5
THOMAS RILEY ... 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
JESSE J. MOSS ... 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... 7
STANLEY SLANEY ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... 5
*HARRY SMALE ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, from a serious illness.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR ... Treble	†FRED WALKER ... 5
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 2	FRANK WELHAM ... 6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3	ERNEST GARSIDE ... 7
*JOHN CLAYTON ... 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to an octave. Also a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. T. Wellard. This composition is now rung for the first time. Thanks are due to Mr. Wilson, the towerkeeper, for the arrangements and his hospitality.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble	CYRIL PEARCE 5
†CHARLES POOLE, 2	ERNEST W. SMITH 6
MISS ESTHER MATHEWS ... 3	HENRY W. CURTIS 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	EDWARD CROCKER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples on an inside bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of 3 and 4 are from Bucklebury tower, the remainder are local ringers. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), who was inducted to the living of Newbury on Wednesday, April 2nd, also to the curate, the Rev. J. M. Benufort. This was the first locally conducted peal on Newbury bells for 41 years.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BERTRAM LUCK 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (354). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford and first in the method on the bells. Specially arranged for Messrs. F. W. Richardson and G. Dawson, of Leytonstone, the latter being elected a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting for the peal. The conductor has now called 50 different compositions (by 26 composers), 30 of which have been different one-parts.

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HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PERCY AMOS Treble	GEORGEY GEARY 4
ERNEST MARSH 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
FREDERICK WALLINGTON ... 3	ARTHUR C. MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR C. MANNING.

Thanks are due to Ernest Marsh for standing in at the last minute. It had been intended to ring Kent and Oxford. R. Russell's 50th peal on tower bells.

HILPERTON, NEAR TROWBRIDGE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

2,640 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.	Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.
MRS. W. C. WEST ... Treble	ROBERT H. LEGG 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
ARTHUR J. WEST 3	WALTER S. BORSIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. S. Burbidge, also to enable him to score a peal at his native village. Both he and Mr. J. Francis served in this church as choirboys.

WONERSH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	*C. ERNEST SMITH 4
*GEORGE E. CLODE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
GEORGE WILSON 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on six bells.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED A. SHARPE ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FREDERICK SUMMERTON ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	*ERIC CRUMP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
PETER LAPLIN 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells in the county and by the Guild. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

CANON COLERIDGE'S ILLNESS.

We are delighted to state that Canon Coleridge is making very satisfactory progress. He is now allowed to sit up, although he has not yet left his room.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, April 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At ADVERSANE, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Collins complains of discourteous treatment when he visited Newark recently. In contrast, I would like to give my experience when I visited this tower about two years ago. I was treated with every courtesy and kindness, and was asked to call a touch of Stedman. I think it is only fair to our Newark friends to state this. Probably the fact that Mr. Collins arrived in the belfry after the ringing had commenced had something to do with his failure to obtain a pull. Moral—be early!—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Allenton, Derby.

A CORDIAL WELCOME.

Dear Sir,—I was amazed to see a letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. Frederick E. Collins under 'A disappointing experience.' Who for? Mr. Collins or the Newark ringers?

I was living at Brigg, Lincs, for 12 months, and often used to go over to Newark at week-ends, and my experience at Newark Parish Church was totally opposite to that of Mr. Collins. I had a most cordial welcome from the first Sunday I visited the belfry, but I took my usual precaution (which surely Mr. Collins with 14 years' experience should take) of finding out what time Sunday service ringing started. Surely no ringer who values Sunday service ringing should expect to go into a strange belfry where service ringing is only for approximately 20 minutes and expect bells to be stopped, and started again just for him. I feel certain that had Mr. Collins arrived early he would have no cause for complaint.

I have rung both morning and evening (ringers should note that morning service ringing at Newark begins at 9 o'clock), and was often told if I was in Newark on a practice night, to be sure and go, and I am far from what a good ringer and striker should be. The Newark conductor on my first visit asked me to call a touch, but I told him I was only a learner and had not progressed so far. I remember one Sunday evening when there were five visitors in the belfry, and the local ringers most willingly gave way to them. They all came from different parts of the country, but they were all there early. Two of us only had rung at Newark before. The other three were on their first visit. I just point this out, as Mr. Collins might think it was because he was a stranger and was not known. Sometimes in life we are refused because we are known, sometimes because we are not known. But this does not apply to Newark or any other belfry, either in England or Ireland, where I have been. Providing ringers do not expect to do away with local customs, a feeling of fellowship and comradeship has always been my experience of 25 years, during which time I have had the pleasure of ringing in over 360 towers. I believe the Newark people (not the ringers) as soon as they hear the bells stop all make for church, and I expect the Newark ringers would sooner risk disappointing Mr. Collins than fooling the people of Newark. I hope ringers will not take Mr. Collins' advice and keep away from Newark, but go when they can and as often as they can, but go early and they will be happy.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY E. WILLS.

17, Midhurst Avenue, Croydon.

VISITING RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—We was very sorry down in Eresfuthshire to see as 'ow that there mon Collins, from Lundun town, didna get a pull on them bells at Newark-on-Trent, but I 'ave been thinking as 'ow maybe it was his own fault.

You see, Sur, there be all sorts of ringing blokes as gets about. Sometimes there is a mon wot cums and sort of ses: 'That was some poor striking of yours; yo ought to cut yourn backstrokes down; your bells are a poor lot, and ought to be melted down,' etsetra. 'I am a big mon, and likes good striking. I have rung a lot of peels. I am sekretary of Flapdoodle, and I have been to the Sentral Kowncel meetings for years and years.' Well, after he have flapt his wings like this, and put his thumbs into his waistik holes, and blowd his chest out, them there ringers do weigh him up, and with a scale and waits of their own, and when he do have a tuch with them, he do sort of upset the kumpus of the ringing, and when he be gone, what they do say about that mon would fill a good big pamphlet.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday last, when 34 members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Feering, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Great Bentley, Kelvedon, Maldon, Trumpington and Witham, including Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master of the North-Eastern Division, and six lady ringers. After two hours' ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Hall) and Rev. D. G. Douglas (Vicar of Great Baddow), the lesson being read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association. Rev. A. E. Hall gave a most helpful address.

An excellent tea was served at the Queen's Head, presided over by the Rev. D. G. Douglas, supported by Rev. A. E. Hall and Mr. C. H. Howard. The District Master took the chair at the business meeting, at which it was arranged to hold the meeting at Southminster, Burnham-on-Crouch and Tillingham on Saturday, June 28th, instead of June 21st; and also to hold a meeting at Writtle on Saturday, September 6th.

One new ringing member was elected.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers, and was always willing to help the association.—Hand-bell ringing followed, while other members returned to the tower, the bells being kept going until 9 p.m. in Plain and Surprise methods.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT MALDON.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, paid a visit on Saturday week to St. Mary's Church, Maldon. There was a company of 18 ringers in the belfry and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several touches were rung, including 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): A. H. Stebbings 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, S. Bignmore 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. C. Ringrose 1, J. H. Walcock 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, F. P. Lewis 4, H. S. Barker 5, H. Stebbings 6; and a very fine touch of Cambridge by a Maldon and Goldhanger band.

Through 'The Ringing World' the Burnham band would like to tender their heartiest thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. H. Walcock, Mr. Chalk, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. J. D. Buckingham, Mr. Lewis and all the other ringers who attended and gave them such a warm welcome.

A 12-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY J. J. PARKER.

231456	S	H	L	11	Q	632415	S	H	L	9	Q
561432	—	—	—	S	—	356412	—	—	—	S	—
341652	—	—	—	—	—	512463	—	—	—	—	—
261345	—	—	—	—	—	342516	—	—	—	—	—
531264	—	—	—	—	—	416523	—	—	—	—	—
421536	—	—	—	—	—	123564	—	—	—	—	—

The first course in the five following parts must be called H, L, Q, with an extra Q in the 12th and 27th courses.

The first course in the last five parts must be called S, H, omitting H in the 45th and 60th courses.

(Continued from previous column.)

And sometimes a mon do come and inquire of church folks or the clerk mon about the ringing, and he do cum upstairs and ask for the kapten, and do say as 'ow the ringing was very good, and as tha was a nice peal of bells, and 'ow as he would like some pulling on 'em. And the fellas do all take to that bloke, and tha do all want to stand out for him, and what a job our forman have got to get enough to stand in to ring a tuch. And when this mon goes, they all do cross arms and tread toes in their eksitement, saying good-bye to him.

And in sum towns and cities so many visitors do go up the towers for vews and to see the ringers pulling, that, wen a shy and scared bloke dunna say as 'ow he be cum for a pull, he sorts of gets missed by not 'nowing he was a ringing mon. You see, Sur, when Stedman is about you must not always be in the Slow, but must be in the Hasty a bit sumtimes.

And we did have a bloke at our place once who did sit down while we was ringing sum armonious chaynges, and most all the time did clap his hands, and holla out, 'Good boys,' 'Well done, boys,' 'Go it, boys,' and when we had finished he did say as 'ow it were a drop of good ringing, and where was the nearest pub, and would all the boys come and have a drink?

No, he wunna a ringer mon, and we didna go to the pub with him. This 'ere sort of a visitor mon be very rare.

Well, Mr. Hediter, we be very busy getting the ground ready for the wurzels, so 'oping this will find you all well, as it leaves us at preasant, I be goin' to stop.—Yours respektfully,

KUNTRYMON.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

FORMATION AT CANTERBURY IN 1880.

The Kent County Association, which celebrates its jubilee on Monday, was formed at a meeting held in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral on Whit Tuesday, 1880, and made an auspicious start, there being over a hundred ringers present from various parts of the county.

The first hon. secretary was the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, of Mersham, Ashford, and the Committee subsequently admitted about a dozen bands to the Society.

By the time the first district meeting was held, five months later at Maidstone, there had been marked progress, there being 159 practising and no fewer than 100 honorary members.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has always been president, and during the history of the association there have been few secretarial changes, for the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was elected to the office in 1891, continued to discharge the duties until 1929—a period of 38 years, equalled, we believe, by no other ringing association secretary.

The first peal by the association was rung at St. Mary's, Frittenden, a peal of Bob Major on October 31st, 1881, the conductor being Thomas Daynes. Progress in method ringing was not as fast in those days as now. It was not until 1889 that the association's first peal of Stedman Triples was rung and not until 1893 that the first Surprise Peal was achieved. Since that time a great variety of 'firsts' for the association have been rung and some well known names appear among the conductors of these 'pioneer' performances, among them F. G. Newman, Gabriel Lindoff, William Pye, John H. Cheesman, Frank Bennett and, last, but by no means least, Edwin Barnett, sen., whose name as conductor of first peals for the Association appears nearly 30 times between the years 1890 and the present time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at next Monday's festival service in the Cathedral, and afterwards preside at the luncheon and business meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at the pretty Peakland village of Great Longstone on Saturday. Ringers were present from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Great Longstone and Hope, and the bells, a nice ring of six, were kept going in the various standard methods from 3.30 p.m. onwards.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the afternoon, Mr. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) presiding, in the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright.

One new member, Mr. G. Buggins, the local schoolmaster, was elected and was welcomed into the fold.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and it was decided, if possible, to have the next meeting at Youlgreave on May 10th. This is another beautiful Peakland village, and with its fine church and heavy peal of eight (tenor about 27 cwt.), should be an attraction to ringers outside the district. A good meeting, therefore, is expected.

An adjournment to the White Lion and a substantial tea was followed by more ringing till well on in the evening.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Anstey on Saturday last. Tea was held at a house near to the church, at which a party of 18 (including the Rector) were present. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kibworth (8) on Saturday, May 17th, and the next quarterly meeting at Hallaton (6) on Saturday, June 21st.

It was hoped that, subject to their approval, a combined meeting with the Hinckley District would be held at South Wigston and Wigston Magna during the latter part of July.

During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and London Surprise Major, a full course of this method being successfully accomplished.

RINGERS' EFFORT AT TOTTERNHOE.

NEW TREBLE GIVEN TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

The bells of St. Giles' Church, Totternhoe, a small village, at the foot of the Chilterns, two miles west of Dunstable, have just been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The dedication took place on Wednesday, April 9th, and was performed by Bishop Lander in the presence of a large congregation. At the same time Bishop Lander dedicated new lighting and heating arrangements, electric light having been installed in place of the old oil lamps. The new bell has been given to the parish entirely through the ringers, and is a striking example of what can be done by persistent effort in even a small parish. The whole sum (£94 12s.) has been collected in 15 months.

The old bells were rehung and quarter turned in 1924 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and shortly afterward a young band was formed, who soon made good progress under the tutelage of Mr. G. Heley, of the Prior Church band, Dunstable. The need for another bell was quickly felt, and Wednesday night's service was the sequel.

The new bell is a perfect splice, and the bells are now a very fine ring of six, as follows:—

Treble.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Erected by the ringers, 1930.

Mears and Stainbank, founders.

2.—Chandler made me, 1655.

3.—Recast by Warner and Sons, 1855.

4.—Chandler made me, 1654.

5.—Chandler made me, 1654.

Tenor.—Chandler made me, 1654. Recast by Warner 1892.

The weight of the tenor is approximately 10½ cwt.

The ringers are to be congratulated upon what they have done, and with the wider scope will soon have a flourishing band.

Ringing took place after the dedication, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung, local men standing in each of the touches, assisted by visitors from Luton, Dunstable and Linslade.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED ANNUAL DINNER.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH TAKES FIRST STEP.

An important quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Kewstoke on Saturday. The Vicar (the Rev. Doorbar) was at the church to extend a hearty welcome to everyone as they arrived. The bells were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, when choral service was conducted by the Vicar. The main responsibility of the secretary (Mr. L. G. Tanner) in arranging tea was relieved by the lady church-workers, whose efforts could in no way have been improved upon. Unfortunately, the president (the Rev. Powys David, of Bleadon) lost his way, but arrived in time for tea, and presided at the business meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, showed that the branch had a balance of £13 16s. 2d. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shipham on Saturday, June 28th.

Mr. Tanner then launched a scheme for an annual dinner, remarking that if one association could hold successful annual dinners, why could not the Bath and Wells Association do so? (applause). Though some had tried to damp his enterprise, he was going to push it and, furthermore, make it a success. Some members had remarked that they saw no object in it as an aid to the art of change ringing, but he, as secretary, differed from that view.

Mr. Coles, jun., of Taunton, congratulated the secretary on his enterprise, and said he fully appreciated it would be a keen end to a later established wedge, and might be turned from an Axbridge Deanery dinner to a Bath and Wells Association dinner, and he would promise his support (applause).

The Chairman then asked for replies to the letters Mr. Tanner had written to each tower. This resulted in over 70 promises to attend. With such a prospect, a committee was formed, consisting of Rev. Powys David, Mr. L. G. Tanner (secretary, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare), Mr. C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) and Mr. F. Hey (Hunts-pill). The date fixed for the first dinner and concert was November 15th, 1930, and it was decided that it be held at Weston-super-Mare, the committee being given power to choose place. The Rev. Doorbar, who had previously been chosen as one of the committee, said he must 'put the bar up' to that, whereon Mr. Tanner retorted, amid laughter, 'Well, gentlemen, that's decided; the Rev. Doorbar will look after the bar.'

Mr. Tanner asked that it be made clear that any friends, ladies or gentlemen, in or outside of the association, might be asked to attend.

The Rev. Doorbar remarked that he thought the idea was great, and though, no doubt, they would find a few who saw no object in such a gathering, he had not the slightest doubt that on the night itself even those would come along and go home wondering why they had ever opposed the idea.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, who had been the means of giving everyone such an enjoyable time; and to the president, who, since taking office, had shown a keen interest in furthering the art of campanology. The suitable responses of these gentlemen terminated the meeting, and the ringers again enjoyed touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Oxford till the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

LATE NOTICES

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, April 22nd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—Daffodil Sunday.—The grounds of Newnham Paddocks will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Tea provided in the grounds at moderate charges. The proceeds will go to local hospitals. The fine peal of bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening. Buses from all parts.—F. Harrison, Ringing Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aldford on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Members requiring tea are requested to notify me at least three days beforehand.—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

(Late Notices continued on page 255.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SLIGHT DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP.**

In his annual report to the members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Master (Mr. F. Wilford) says the Guild is making progress in a small way, as far as knowledge of the art goes, and also in repairs and additions to bells, but with the making of members progress is very slow. Restoration work has been completed at Kislbury, Braden and Thornby, and work is either in hand or reports are being made out at Spratton, Irchester, Hazlebeach and Bugbrooke.

The hon. secretary's report records that 50 peals were rung during the year, an increase of seven. Four peals were rung on ten bells, 23 on eight bells, 15 on six bells and eight on five bells. These were rung in 32 different churches, under 24 different conductors, four of whom called their first peal. One hundred and twenty-six ringers took part in these peals, eleven members ringing their first peal and being awarded certificates. Fifty branch meetings were held, and in most branches the attendance was up to the average, but in others an increase in this respect would be appreciated by those responsible for arranging them. There are now 97 towers in union with the Guild—a decrease of one; 81 hon. members, an increase of nine; 595 ringing members (of whom 15 are free life members), a decrease of 29; and 169 non-resident life members, an increase of 7. These together make a grand total of 845, a decrease of 13 on the year, although 62 new members were elected. This, the report adds, is far from satisfactory, and is the first time in the Guild's history that a decreased membership had been recorded. Ten members had been lost by death.

The collections at services for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £18 4s. 3d., including £1 1s. 2d. forwarded from the Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild. The balance in this fund is £110 4s. 4d.; an increase on the year of £8 18s. 11d. On the general account the receipts were £43 8s. 6d., and the expenses £41 19s. 7d., leaving a credit balance for the year of £1 8s. 11d.

A LOST LONG PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 11th inst., and column Belfry Gossip, respecting the longest peal attempt that had been lost, I would point out that it was not at Romford on March 26th, 1894, after eight hours 18 min. ringing, that a rope broke. This took place at Brentwood on that particular date. The peal was afterwards rung at Romford on April 18th, 1894.—Yours truly,

E. BUTLER.

[We thank Mr. Butler for his letter. The facts were known to us, and in our paragraph 'Romford' was a slip of the pen.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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**PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will conductors of peals rung on Monday kindly post their reports the same night?

In addition to the bells at the Abbey and various churches in St. Albans, the ring of ten at Hatfield will be open during the morning on Easter Monday in connection with the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association.

A tablet commemorating the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus is to be unveiled at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Day, after evensong. The whole of the band who took part in that memorable performance hope to be present, and on the following day will attempt peals at Oldham and Macclesfield.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Heptonstall, Yorks, in 1927. Three of the band took part in the long peal of Cambridge Maximus.

The greatest number of changes and the longest time ever rung in a peal by one set of men was in the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton. This was on April 22nd, 1922, and occupied 12 hrs. 25 mins. Only one other peal has lasted the clock round (if we exclude the 40,320 at Leeds, Kent, rung by 14 men), and that was the one at Loughborough referred to last week.

On St. George's Day, 1778, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts. On April 24th, 1896, a 10,400 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Shipley, Yorks.

The cheap tickets which will be issued by the railway companies from any station to London, in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun will be available between Saturday and Wednesday on any day.

The balance sheet of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild reveals that in the branch 3 life members, 15 hon. members, and 213 ringing members paid their subscription for 1929, and in addition 23 ringing members paid also for 1928. The balance in hand has been increased from £14 8s. 7½d. to £14 19s. 11d., but on the expenditure side is £11 2s. (half subscriptions) remitted to the general treasurer.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of Double Norwich at Milnrow, Lancs, on March 29th, was George Staff, and not Walter, as erroneously sent in the report.

Here is a new query for the experts to argue over. A peal of 'New Cambridge Surprise Maximus' was rung at Ipswich on Saturday, the length being 5,040 changes, instead of the customary 5,280, and it was produced by bringing up the 'Wrong' at the first lead-out. If, as we surmise, this was done by omitting 2nd's place, was it all New Cambridge, or was there a lead of 'New Primrose' spliced in?

The question might well be asked, 'Where are our youngsters?' for in a party that met at Thatcham, Berks, last Saturday (and they are not men who are peal ringing every week) it was found that these were the ages of the band: 27, 43, 59, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69, and right well did they accomplish their task. 'Mine host,' the treble man, very kindly entertained the band to tea at his home after the peal. It will only be fair to say that out of a rough old six bells at this tower, which have been tuned and two trebles added, and hung in a steel frame, the firm of Taylor and Co. have again brought credit to their name.

THE LIGHTEST RING OF TWELVE.

QUEX PARK TOWER AND BELLS.

The lightest ring of twelve bells in England, the tenor being only 15½ cwt., is to be found in the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent, and these bells have the further distinction of being the only peal of this number hung for ringing in a private building—the twelve at Christ Church, Oxford,



WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
showing the elegant skeleton spire.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

are hung in an unconsecrated tower, but they are associated with the College of the Cathedral.

The tower at Quex Park is set among sylvan surroundings and was built by Mr. John P. Powell, the owner of the extensive demesne. According to report, he had the bells cast and hung by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, in order that he might use them for his own amusement. In any

case he must have been very much interested in bells, for the 'public opening' was made a great event in 1819, and both the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands were invited to take part.

The two peals rung there recently are a reminder that from time to time the bells are still an attraction to ringers, and are available for peal ringing. There is no record, as far as we are aware, of all the peals that have been rung on them, but details of the first performance have been preserved.

The following is the report of the 'Grand Opening of a New Peal of Twelve Bells, at Quex House, Thanet, Kent: the seat of John P. Powell, Esq.' :—

'Wednesday, the 4 inst. (August, 1819), was the day announced for the Public Opening of the Bells, which were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, London, and as might be fairly expected from the novelty of the ring, attracted a considerable concourse of fashionables (it being in the vicinity of Margate) and the interest of the scene was considerably enhanced by its having no parallel, that of a gentlemen erecting in his park a tower, with spire, in front of his noble mansion, and placing therein a peal of twelve bells solely for his amusement and to attain the art of change-ringing, having an eminent tutor for the purpose, who, in patronizing this manly art, has evinced a considerable ability in this very abstruse science.

'Two Societies of twelve bell ringers of London (the Cumberland and College Youths) were invited to this festive scene, where booths were erected and the park and pleasure grounds were opened to the assembled auditors.

'The onset commenced by each company giving a specimen in a touch of 900 Cinqs, after which the Cumberland Society rang a fine peal comprising 5,213 Grandsire Cinqs, in three hours and 19 minutes, this was the opening peal. The other Society did not attempt a peal, but contributed alternately to give touches of about an hour's performance on that and the following day, which closed the never-to-be-forgotten treat to the amateurs of the manly art of ringing.

The following persons were the performers and their stations in the peal :—

Mr. George Gross ... <i>Treble</i>	Mr. Thomas Freeth... 7
„ James Nash ... 2	„ Thomas Ovenden 8
„ Wm. Shipway ... 3	„ James Stitchbury 9
„ John Hints ... 4	„ Joseph Riley ... 10
„ Peter Jones ... 5	„ Thomas Grainger 11
„ James Blacklock 6	„ Francis Mathew <i>Tenor</i>

Mr. George Gross, conductor.'

It would be extremely interesting if we could have had some further particulars of this 'never-to-be-forgotten treat,' to have learned who formed the company of College Youths: how they journeyed from London—and returned; and how they were feasted and feted, for on such an occasion we may be sure they were royally feasted and feted.

The eminent tutor referred to, who assisted Squire Powell to attain the art of change ringing, was, we believe, no less a person than the great William Shipway himself, who three years earlier had completed and published his 'Campanologia.'

The present owner of the estate and the tower is Major Powell-Cotton, one of the world's most renowned big game hunters, whose museum of trophies of the hunt forms one of the largest and finest private collections in the world. It stands in the grounds of Quex Park and many ringing visitors have had the privilege of inspecting it,

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S INNOVATION.

There was an interesting innovation at the meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Mersham, on Saturday, when a 'talk' on conducting was given. About 30 ringers were present from Burstow, Buckland, Charlwood, Croydon, Godstone, Horley, Kingswood, Mersham, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate and Woking, in the county, and visitors from Crawley, Shoreham and Turner's Hill. St. Katherine's Church stands in a picturesque setting on a hillside, with a churchyard that slopes steeply away from the walls. The tower, capped by a spire, contains a mixed peal of six bells, the number having been increased from five in 1901. The oldest bell is the 3rd, which dates from pre-Reformation times, and is inscribed in block letter, 'Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis.' The founder of this bell is unknown, but Stahlschmidt, in his 'Church Bells of Surrey,' connects it with a group whose founder was not impossibly William Burford, of London, 1371-1392.

The fourth bell was cast by Robert Mot in 1597. Two other bells came from the Chertsey Foundry, the tenor in 1640, and the second in 1657. The former bears the inscription, 'Bryan Eldridge made mee,' and the latter, 'Bryanns Eldridge me fecit.' The possibility is that the second was cast by the son of the founder of the tenor, for Bryan the elder died in 1640. The fifth was recast in 1774 by Pack and Chapman.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Bishop Eyre Chatterton), who gave an address on the words, 'Labourers together with God.' He spoke of the service which ringers rendered to the Church, and emphasised the importance of faithfulness to the duties which they undertook. Tea was served in the Parish Room, the ringers being the guests of the Master. The Bishop was present, together with the Master (Mr. Kenneth Birt), Capt. H. Manley, R.N., and Capt. J. D. Manley, of Turner's Hill, and Mr. A. J. Bull, the district secretary.

After tea, the Master explained that he and the secretary had invited Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' to come that day and give them a talk on 'conducting.' They felt that talks of that kind would be a useful innovation, and would be interesting and instructive to the members.

A TALK ON CONDUCTING.

Mr. Goldsmith devoted about ten minutes to explaining some of the elementary points which would enable the 'bob caller' eventually to become a 'conductor.' There were no insuperable difficulties, he said, and he emphasised the importance of study at home, with practical application in the belfry; the advisability of not attempting too much at a time, which only led to confusion of mind in actual ringing; and the necessity of being able to follow the coursing order of the bells. It was not necessary, he said, to be able to memorise long strings of course ends, which only occurred at intervals, and were not always of practical use to the beginner, except for checking the accuracy of what had been done. Coursing order, on the other hand, helped them all the time. He recommended the beginner to take one method at a time; analyse its coursing order, and then go into the tower and watch the coursing order in operation while ringing was in progress. There were also many simple points which could be picked up by the study of a method, and by gradually storing them in the mind they would eventually become observations that were almost second nature to the conductor. Even if a ringer was not doing the conducting, a knowledge of conducting should make him a better ringer, and enable him to become of assistance when mistakes were made in ringing. A trip by one ringer often became a trap for others, and it was, therefore, necessary to correct a miss before it became a mess. It was the conductor's job to keep the bells right, as well as call the bobs, but many a peal had been saved by a timely word from one of the other ringers.

The Master thanked Mr. Goldsmith for his address, which he was sure would be an encouragement to many of them to go more into the sphere of conducting.

AN APPEAL.

The business meeting of the district followed, the Master presiding.

The Master asked the members to stand in silence for a few moments to mark their regret at the death of the Rev. R. Hoare, of Godstone, who had presided at the last meeting of the district.—Mr. J. Cripps (Shoreham) was elected a non-resident life member, and Capt. J. D. Manley and Capt. H. Manley ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Horley in June, and to attempt the quarterly peal either at Horley or Redhill, the method to be Grandsire Triples, and the conductor Mr. Clayton.

The Hon. Secretary reported that three peals had been rung since the last quarterly meeting, and the Assistant Secretary said that during the same period 17 720's and three quarter-peals had been rung.

The Master said he had received a letter from Mr. C. F. Johnston stating that information had reached him that Mrs. Ewens (widow of the late Mr. Ewens, the first secretary of the district) and her daughter were in very straitened circumstances, and asking if anything could be done to assist them.

It was stated that Mrs. Ewens had been an invalid for many years, and that the daughter had remained at home to look after her. It was resolved that the committee should investigate the matter and see how best the association could help.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

About fifty members of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association held their annual meeting at Cuckfield on April 5th. The visitors included Mr. J. Thoruton Rickman (Master and hon. treasurer of the association), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary of the association and of the Central Division) and several ladies. The towers represented were Balcombe, Bolney, Burgess Hill, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, Ditchling, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Heene, Henfield and Lindfield.

The tower of the Parish Church was opened during the afternoon, and touches of various methods, from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon C. W. G. Wilson (Vicar), who gave a helpful address from the text, 'Do all to the glory of God' (1 Cor. x. 31). The special lesson was read by the Rev. R. Clough, and Mrs. Arman (an honorary member of the association) was at the organ. The hymns sung were, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' 'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' and 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

Tea was served in the Parish Room, where Canon Wilson presided, supported by the Rev. H. J. Scott (Ardingly), Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. A. D. Stone and Mr. G. Apps (captain of the local band).

The annual meeting was opened by the chairman extending a hearty welcome to the members of the association. The Vicar said that the last time he welcomed them to Cuckfield was in 1926, and it was a real pleasure to him personally, and to Mr. F. R. Hounsell, the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Apps, the captain, and other members of the local band to see so many present that day. It was a great regret to him that he had never been able to ring, but he did try once in the tower of Hurst Church, and he bore the marks on his fingers for many days (laughter). Nevertheless he appreciated ringing very much, and he realised that ringers played a very useful part in the life of the community and church life. For that reason he was pleased to give them a hearty welcome to Cuckfield (applause).

New members were elected from Burgess Hill (two), the Good Shepherd, Brighton (two), Henfield, Lindfield and Twineham (one each), and Canon H. D. Burton, O.B.E. (Vicar of Burgess Hill), was elected an honorary member of the association. The meeting also confirmed the election of three non-resident members.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

On the motion of Mr. G. Walder (Bolney), seconded by Mr. J. Q. Edwards (the Good Shepherd, Brighton), Mr. A. D. Stone was unanimously re-elected divisional hon. secretary. Messrs. James A. Hart (Uckfield), J. Wren (East Grinstead) and G. Apps (Cuckfield) were reappointed representatives on the committee of the association, and Messrs. Keith Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton), F. Bennett (St. Nicholas', Brighton) and C. Tyler (Henfield) were re-elected the Hon. Committee of Advice.

The question as to whether the October quarterly meeting should be held on a Wednesday was discussed, and the meeting decided in favour. The remaining three quarterly meetings during the ensuing year will be held on Saturdays at Lower Beeding in July by invitation, at Lindfield in January and at Lewes in April, the last mentioned being the annual meeting.

Mr. A. D. Stone, in giving details of the finance during the past year, said the income reached its highest point, a sum of £30 15s. 4d. having been received. The expenditure had been heavy owing to extra railway fares, but after all expenses had been met a sum of £22 10s. 8d. was handed to the treasurer of the association (applause). Mr. Stone called attention to the annual meeting of the association, which would be held in Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd. The towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd would be open for ringing, and the service would be held at St. Nicholas' Church, and it was almost certain that the Bishop of Lewes would give the address. Tea would be served at the Pavilion Creamery.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Wilson for allowing the members the use of the bells, for arranging the service and for his helpful address.

The Vicar, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to do what little he could to make the day one the visitors would not regret and one they could look back on with pleasant memories. It had also given pleasure to his daughter, Mrs. Arman, to play the organ, as although she was not now an active ringer she was during the war, when she filled a gap caused by the absence of men in the Forces. The Chairman concluded by thanking Mr. Rickman for his kind remarks.

The company were then entertained to a course of Grandsire Caters, rung on the handbells by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hairs, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. F. N. Smeaton (St. Nicholas', Brighton) and Mr. Keith Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton). Several further touches were rung on the Parish Church bells.

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On the motion of the hon. secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his kind hospitality, and to Miss Birt, who was responsible for the tea.

This concluded the business and the members then returned to the tower, where, during the day, the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address to his general secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the new comer—if he needs it.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 15, Coronation Road, Wath, Rotherham.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockermouth, Cumberland.

Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

Doncaster and District Society: Mr. P. Gledstone, 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. H. G. Fretwell, 14, High Street, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

Elv Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockerling Gardens, Woking.

Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.

Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

Mandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

London County Association: Mr. S. C. Moore, 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

Metropolitan Police Guild: P.C. F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Horner Street, W.1.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Street, W.4.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

North Notts Association: Mr. R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 20, Ifordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. A. J. Batten, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

Sheffield District Society: Mr. H. Thorpe, 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnett, Salop.

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THE DEVON GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Decay' is right, and I will give you a few facts. During the past five years we have lost eleven bands, namely: Alphington, Whitestone, Aylesbeare, Woodbury, Exminster, Bradninch, Dartmouth, Littlehempstone, Holberton, Tavistock, Lifton. One writer says: 'Progress, if slowly.' (I doubt it.) In addition, the Exeter District has lost 13 hon. members.

Quarterly meetings were held at country towers in order to get them to join, but this last two years it is made a practice ground for Minor methods, and the banging and clashing is a disgrace to the Guild. Hence no towers join up, and the village is disgusted with the noise.

With regard to the Cathedral, something ought to be done to improve matters. It is true the ringing is of a very low order and not becoming to a city like Exeter.

As to diocesan work, the sec. of Exeter district sent a circular to all incumbents of churches with bells inviting bands to join. I do not think any returns have been made up to now.

The burning question of to-day seems to be, Is the Devon Guild to remain as it is, a churchman's Guild, with no competitions, or is it to be a sporting Guild with competitions on bells dedicated to the glory of God? I, as a churchman, cannot see any instruments in the church used in competition; true, I am only one. I must say, however, that I do not agree with it. Let all the members take the advice of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, given at the Cathedral at our jubilee meeting, 'Handle your rope properly, and strike your bell.'

—Yours faithfully,
EDWIN SHEPHERD.

14, Edgerton Park Road, Exeter.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Stanmore on Saturday, March 29th. About 14 members attended, and with the help of the gentlemen visitors methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major were rung, as well as rounds for the beginners. The short service was conducted by the Rector, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Stanmore. After a substantial tea in the Parish Hall, the meeting was held, with Mrs. R. F. Deal, the district vice-president, in the chair. Six new members were elected from Harrow, Weald, Hendon and Stanmore. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in June, as well as a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Enfield in May.

Mr. G. A. Hughes, of Stanmore, made all arrangements for the meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to both the Rector and Mr. Hughes for their kindness.

WEDDING BELLS AT SUNDERLAND.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, on Saturday last, when Miss Madge Parker, youngest daughter of that well-known ringer, Mr. J. W. Parker, was married to Mr. Fred Smith, director of physical culture, Manchester.

Mr. Parker's fellow-ringers attempted a peal of Double Norwich to celebrate the event, but unfortunately a hitch occurred after 2 hrs. 50 mins. ringing, and 'rounds' had to be called.

The ringers were afterwards entertained at Mr. Parker's residence, when the health of 'The bride and bridegroom' was proposed by Mr. R. L. Patterson, and received with enthusiasm, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, at Chichester Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Tugwell, who was for many years a member of the Cathedral Society: F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, T. H. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, C. Smithers 8.

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Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Sparrow, 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Road, Wolverhampton.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Mr. F. Blood, 71, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington.

Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

Warwickshire Guild: Miss D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth (pro. tem.).

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Wores.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, *the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th (not 12th). Bells of St. Michael's available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Will ringers please drop that postcard to Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Colliery Row, Fencehouses, to help him arrange tea, which is at 5 p.m.? Don't 'dodge,' go 'straight in' to St. Michael's, and make the meeting a success. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held North Collingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells (6) have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The tea will be served at 4 p.m., price 1s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, North Collingham, Newark. All ringers welcome. Cheap railway tickets will be issued from all stations. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of All Saints' (10) will be available from 11 a.m. Linslade St. Barnabas' (8) will also be available. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Names for luncheon to Mr. J. Nicholls, 20, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, a few days before, please.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Various towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. Hatfield (10 bells) will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service in Choir of Cathedral, with short address for ringers by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, 4.30. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, at the bottom of Holywell Hill, followed by the annual business meeting, 5.30. The pleasure of your company is greatly desired at both the service and meeting. If able to attend the latter, notification of acceptance would be helpful in making seating arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' will be at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine Service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Reverend the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, when the address will be given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The luncheon will take place at The Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. The President, The Archdeacon of Norwich, in the chair. Tickets, 2/6 per head. The annual business meeting for the election of officers, committee, representatives to the Central Council, and new members, will follow immediately after the luncheon. Committee meeting will be held in the choir vestry in St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 11.30 a.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. & Treas., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Service at St. Andrew's the Great at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. J. Duffell, Vicar of Bourn. Meeting 4.30. Ringing at the following towers: Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Old Chesterton (6), and in morning and early afternoon R.C. Church (8). Tea and business meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the Corner House Cafe, Petty Cury.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The forty-third annual festival will be held at Northwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. A service will be held in the Parish Church at noon, followed by lunch at 1 p.m. (2/6 per head) and meeting at 2 p.m. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec., 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral bells (10) and St. Mary's (8) available all day in alternate hours. 3.30: Service in Cathedral. 4.0: Tea at the Abbey House, free to all sending word. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winshill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope,

to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Rotherham and Eastwood. Bells available from 10.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6); please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham. Visitors heartily welcome.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (8). Subscriptions should be paid and Reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know not later than April 23rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd as this is most important.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by April 19th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than the 24th. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsshore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Tea at 5.45 in the Parish Hall, at a charge of 1s. each member. The usual business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: Fulham (10) from 3 p.m., Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., Hammersmith (8) from 7 to 9 p.m., All Saints', Wandsworth, 3 to 4.30. Trams 26, 28, 30, to all churches. All day ticket 1s. All who require tea must advise Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, joint Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and make the meeting a success.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the quarterly meeting at Evercreech on April 26th are: bells 2.30, evensong 4, tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 26th. Will all those requiring tea notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats Norton? Let us have a good meeting to welcome the new Rector.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, April 26th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 22nd?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 6, tea and meeting after. Ringers intending to be present please let the Hon. Sec. know: Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 3. Tea 5.15. Please note altered time of service. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Turner, 69, Park Lane, Poynton, nr. Stockport, by April 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) ready early. For tea please write, H. Cooper, The Bank, Fishlake, nr. Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, the 23rd. Will members make a special effort for this meeting? Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec. 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1/-. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, nr. Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1/9 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2. All who require tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 23rd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea please notify by 23rd inst.—Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, Llanelli, Breconshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Sat., April 26th, at Farnham Royal. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at 1/- per head to all those who notify me not later than April 22nd. Business meeting 6.15.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, April 26th. Service 4.15 p.m., Preacher, Rev. A. H. Adey, Vicar of Brigstock. Tea 5, meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford St., Thrapston.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6). Those intending to be present should notify the General Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sherfield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINDSOR.—The Parish Church bells have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and will be reopened for ringing on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30, address by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea (4.30) will be provided to a limited number who apply before Monday, April 28th.—L. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., 40, Frances Road, Windsor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Newton St. Loe on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by April 30th.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Warmley. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Short meeting to follow. All ringing visitors welcome. Kindly notify me by 22nd inst. for tea.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Brunswick Road, Brislington.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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