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## COUNCIL AND MINOR CONTROVERSY.

The agenda of the Central Council meeting, which is published to-day for the benefit of associations and their representatives, reveals a very considerable programme for the meeting in London at Whitsuntide. Two of the most important things in the business are the revision of the Council's rules, with which we dealt last week, and another attempt to settle the controversy on the subject of peals of Minor and Doubles. There are two motions relating to this latter subject, which to some extent overlap, but that in the name of Mr. C. T. Coles goes further than the proposal by Mr. Stephen Wood. What the Council will have to decide is how far they are prepared to go in encouraging peals which do not conform to the old standard of seven separate and complete 720's. Both the resolutions now put forward make this long recognised rule the chief rock upon which to build, but they differ in the extent to which departure from it should be allowed. The Bankes James' Cambridge composition, which first established a new principle in Minor extents, has been widely accepted as conforming to the requirements of a peal, but it led to other divergencies from the old rule which, in the opinion of large numbers of ringers, were neither so good in theory nor so commendable in practice. The fact, however, remains that they have been rung, have been recognised by the Central Council by inclusion in the analysis, and accepted by associations who have included them in their records. Little can be done with regard to what is past, unless the associations are prepared to expunge all these peals from the records, but agreement in the Council would very considerably guide opinion and practice in the future, although we may always expect to find someone ready to kick over the traces, whatever restrictions may be laid down.

The fundamental principle lying behind Mr. Coles' motion is whether a peal of Minor is really one peal or seven peals, and it is this aspect which ringers will do well to consider carefully in trying to arrive at a conclusion. In the old days Minor 'performances' were almost invariably described as 'seven peals,' or 'fourteen peals,' when the length, as it was on a few occasions, was 10,080. On five, six and seven bells, unquestionably, our forefathers looked upon a peal as the extent of the changes upon these numbers. If that view is still accepted, then we moderns are wrong in describing seven 720's of Minor or 42 six-scores of Doubles as 'a peal.' But the Central Council themselves have laid it down that such a performance is 'a peal,' and they can hardly go back upon that definition. They can, however, say what in their opinion shall be the qualities that go to

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make up 'a peal,' whether it shall be seven separate 720's or, under certain safeguards, the 720 rows or changes rung seven times in any order. This, of course, opens up the wide question of 'truth' in certain forms of composition, but it may be that the long disputed question will be easier of solution—or, shall we say, there is better chance of agreement at this stage—if the Council will express an opinion as to whether they are prepared to accept the view that seven 720's are one peal or seven peals. If the latter then the composite parts must be seven separate extents, but if the former there seems to be no escape from accepting the whole of Mr. Coles' proposals. The subject is not merely one of interest to the pundits, but of practical importance to the associations, for it will affect the future of their records, and it will rest with them to encourage the acceptance of the Council's decision.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 6030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ...	7
ERNEST J. KING ... ..	3	JOHN MOULE ... ..	8
CHARLES A. HUGHES ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	9
HARRY GIBSON ... ..	5	JAMES G. A. PRYOR ...	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

First peal on ten bells as conductor and first attempt.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	6
KEITH HART ... ..	2	ROBERT J. DAWES ...	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	3	ALFRED J. TURNER ...	8
HERBERT RANN ... ..	4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	9
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	5	BENJAMIN HOBBS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal and in honour of the birth of his and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith's granddaughter, Susan.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JAMES WM. BAXENDALE ...	... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... ..	2	WILLIAM BARTON ...	7
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	3	GEORGE AMBLER ...	8
GEORGE WM. STEEL ...	4	JOHN AMBLER ...	9
FREDERICK SEAGER ...	5	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

\* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. T. W. Strangway.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. Treble	VERNON SYKES ... .. 5
JAMES LEES ... .. 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD ... .. 6
ELIJAH GEARY ... .. 3	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 7
GEORGE BARLOW ... .. 4	ALFRED WAITES ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

This is the first peal on the back eight bells in this tower.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Whitfield,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5276 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JAMES L. BUCKLEY ... .. Treble	BEN W. BRADLEY ... .. 5
FRED MARSDEN ... .. 2	JOSEPH BENTLEY ... .. 6
EGMONT MALKIN ... .. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
HERBERT BRADSHAW ... .. 4	LEONARD WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

\* First peal. Ring with the bells muffled as a last token of esteem and respect for Mr. Herbert W. Bradley, who had been a ringer at this church for many years.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the first anniversary of his wedding.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE AND ANN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
*ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. Also the first peal of Major on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REGINALD MORTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5
†FRANK WILLIAMS ... .. 2	†HOWARD N. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 3	NORMAN LEECH ... .. 7
DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 4	CYRIL N. WINWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by W. FISHER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, on Tuesday, March 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, on the back eight, in 55 mins.: A. Gorrings 1, T. W. Hammond 2, E. Counce 3, J. Brown (first in the method 'inside') 4, E. C. Birkett 5, T. Gilmour 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, H. Roberts 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHEELEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	†ERNEST MINGAY ... .. 5
*AMBROSE MASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
†CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise Major 'inside.' † First Surprise Major. ‡ First Surprise peal. The conductor's 700th peal. The monthly peal for the division.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A peal of welcome to Charles E. Lovett, on holiday from Jersey, Channel Islands, his fellow-ringers being pleased to ring again with this 'exile.' The tenth successive peal on these bells by George Mayers. This 47 course, one-part peal, with the tenors apart for 17 courses, is now rung for the first time.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
†ROBERT PALMER ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
†CHARLES USSHER ... .. 3	†ROBERT RAYFIELD ... .. 7
†TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	†THOMAS J. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 50th peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight. Credit is due to these local men, who rang well throughout. ‡ 50th peal together. The conductor has now called this peal twice 'round the circle' (non-conducted once). It was his 175th peal for the association.

OXFORD.—On Monday, April 4th, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,311 changes Stedman Cinques in 57 mins.: W. Simmonds 1, Miss M. E. Reynolds 2, Mrs. A. E. Leek 3, W. F. Judge (conductor) 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, F. E. May 6, W. G. Collett 7, F. E. Taylor 8, R. A. Post 9, V. J. Bennett 10, G. Candwell 11, F. A. Wilkins 12. Longest touch of Cinques by ringers of 3, 6, 7 and tenor.

BURNHAM, LUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ..Treble	†GORDON LIMMER ... .. 5
GEORGE LIMMER ... .. 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
*WALTER W. PHIPPS ... .. 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

H. BERNARD WELLS ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	TONY PRICE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Mr. T. Price has now rung every bell in this tower to a Surprise peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR W. LUFF ... ..Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 4	HAROLD E. SIMMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Thanks are due to Mr. E. W. Luff, who filled a gap at a moment's notice, also to Mr. Simms for obtaining permission to ring and for having everything in readiness.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SMITHSON ... ..Treble	*CHARLES H. BAKER ... .. 4
*MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER ... 2	†HARRY MORGAN... .. 5
*C. ALAN HEWITT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells. H. Morgan has now rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Hughes 1, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 2, G. Chappel 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE C. WILSON ... ..Treble	FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 4
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 5
EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lewis, of Trowell, mother of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, who passed away on March 29th at Sevenoaks, and was interred at Nottingham Cemetery on April 3rd.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Collogie Single, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES CLIFF... ..Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
RAYMOND THOMPSON ... .. 3	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN ...Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESMAN.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of the treble and 5th.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES BRANSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. 2	EDWARD FROSELL ... .. 5
*WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 3	REGINALD WEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to William West for his 85th birthday.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD ASHFORTH ...Treble	†HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	†ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	LEONARD PIERREFONT ...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREFONT.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Treble Bob methods 'inside.'

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 26th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. A. Palmer 1, A. J. Whittle 2, E. W. Smith 3, W. H. Adkins 4, H. T. E. Curtis 5, R. W. Rex 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Crocker 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday and also as a last quarter-peal on the bells as a ring of eight.



# ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX. INTERESTING AUGMENTATION AT WESTBOURNE.

In the south-west corner of Sussex, near Emsworth and Hayling Island, lies the picturesque village of Westbourne with its mediæval church and fine tower and spire.

The outer walls of the aisles date from 1380 to 1430, and extensive rebuilding and the reconstruction of the tower were carried out in 1545 to 1548 by the last Earl of Arundel, Henry Fitzalan.

In 1770 the lord of the manor, the Earl of Halifax, defrayed the cost of adding the present spire of pleasing proportions, and in consequence the tower at the belfry level has a massive structure of oak which rises inside the walls to support the tower.

Until recently an indifferent peal of six hung aloft in an old oak frame which had seen better days, and the parishioners decided to put their tower in order.

Under the supervision of the well-known architect, Mr. Philip Johnston, reinforced with the skilled advice of the president of the Central Council of Bellringers, Mr. E. H. Lewis, a complete transformation in the tower has been effected as a memorial to the late Prebendary Lloyd Batley Birkett, the much-loved Rector of Westbourne for over 50 years.

The tenor weighs 10½ cwt., and the six bells have been increased to eight, old numbers 1 and 5 have been recast and the ring rehung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron 'A' frame.

Owing to the structural design of the tower and spire the ringers are in the stage immediately beneath the bells, and the height of the ringing room is restricted. A special floor and packing, however, have reduced the sound to normal proportions, and visiting ringers at the opening found manipulation of the peal an easy matter.

The dedication service took place on Saturday at 2 p.m., when the Ven. B. G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester, officiated, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. V. Hodge) and clergy from neighbouring parishes. The hymns used were 'O praise ye the Lord' and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' The lessons were read by Gen. J. R. H. Oldfield (churchwarden), and others present were Vice-Admiral Gordon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Past Master of the Sussex Association). The ringing for the day was organised by Mr. A. D. Stone, the energetic hon. secretary of the Sussex Association, and amongst towers represented were those of St. Peter's, Brighton, Shoreham, Chichester Cathedral, Bosham, Heene, Worthing, Portsmouth, Edmonton, Crawley, etc. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector for all visiting ringers, and methods ranging from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise kept the bells going merrily for many hours after the service.

The whole of the work, including repairs and alterations to the clock, has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were congratulated on all sides for the successful completion of a first-class job.

The metal frame is as rigid as a rock, the new trebles sing out clearly and sweetly and the bells now form a musical ring of eight, ready for the veteran Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Chichester, to initiate a band of young ringers in the art of change ringing.

The original six bells at Westbourne were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1770.

## OLD CRANLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Cranleigh, Surrey, of an early member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild in the person of Mr. John Knight, who passed away at the age of 75 years. He and his father before him carried on the business of carriers between Cranleigh and Horsham and Guildford. The Knight family had had this business for 90 years, until it passed into the hands of a motor firm a few years ago.

Mr. John Knight joined the Winchester Guild in 1882 and was one of the band who started to practise Treble Bob at Cranleigh in 1890.

The funeral took place on April 3rd.

## THE LATE MR. EDWIN BARNETT.

### PROPOSED MEMORIAL AT CRAYFORD.

The committee of the Kent County Association has decided to open a fund for the purpose of erecting a memorial to the late Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, who died in August last.

Mr. Barnett was a member of the association for 44 years, served on the Central Committee for nearly 40 years and represented the association on the Central Council from 1902. He was a member of many other associations and societies and well known generally throughout the Exercise. At his death he was one of the oldest members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, to which he was elected more than 50 years ago.



THE LATE MR. E. BARNETT.

Mr. Barnett, during his long ringing career, had done an immense amount of spade work, having taught no end of beginners and piloted scores of them through their first peals. He was one of the type of retiring men of whom little was heard but whose services to ringing had been invaluable in a quiet and devoted manner, and a fitting memorial will be a well-deserved tribute to the lifelong work he did in furthering the art of ringing.

It is proposed that the memorial shall take the form of an oak screen in the belfry of Crayford Church, where the late Mr. Barnett served so faithfully as parish clerk and leader of the ringers for many years.

Donations to the fund will be gratefully received by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, and cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'Barnett Memorial,' and crossed 'Lloyds Bank, Gravesend.'

## A SOUTH AFRICAN RINGER.

### REV. H. F. DE LISLE LOSES HIS LIFE.

One of the few ringers in South Africa, the Rev. H. F. de Lisle, has recently lost his life. He was Rector of Paarl, in the diocese of Capetown. While camping with his family on the coast near Cape Point, he went out to fish from the rocks and did not return. A protracted search of the sea and coast yielded no result, and it is beyond doubt that he was washed off the rocks and drowned.

Mr. de Lisle was a graduate of Lincoln College, Oxford, and was ordained in 1896 to the curacy of Whitwell. He came to the Cape in 1905, and in addition to varied parish work had served with distinction as chaplain to the Forces, and as a reformatory and gaol chaplain. For ten years he was in charge of St. Mark's, in the worst of Cape Town's slums, and had for the last year been Rector of Paarl. His ringing in South Africa was done at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Capetown. He was in England on a visit a few years ago and took part in ringing in a number of towers.

Mr. de Lisle was a skilled and courageous mountaineer, and, soon after his coming to Paarl, twice led a party to the rescue of a coloured boy who had fallen on to an all but inaccessible ledge, in face of cruel weather conditions, and at the hazard of the rescuers' lives; ascending the mountain a third time to read the burial office over the boy's companion, who had been lost in a deep ravine.

The Coadjutor-Bishop wrote of him in the 'Cape Times': 'From the battlefield, where he served with devotion, from the gaol where as chaplain he proved a true friend and comforter, from his city parish where he laboured with utmost patience among the poorest, will come countless testimonies to this large-minded, generous-hearted priest. Fearless, intrepid and utterly self-denying, Frederick de Lisle, not merely once or twice, but in many emergencies, proved himself of that calibre which renders a man able, as occasion demands, willingly and gladly to lay down his life for his friend. Among the poor there will be great mourning and deep sorrow for one who really loved them.'

## PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If we adopt the very old suggestion once again revived by the Rev. E. S. Powell, are we not on dangerous ground once more? Why stop at Grandsire Triples? How many variations are rung week after week under other people's names, which, after all, are only original compositions slightly varied. Surely the recent Stedman variation correspondence is quite enough to resolve that this old worn subject should remain buried for all time.

W. SHEPHERD.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

The first session of the fifteenth Council (41st annual meeting) will be held in the Skinner's Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C., on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1933, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m.

### AGENDA.

Report of the secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subscriptions.

1. Election of President, Hon. Librarian and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the years 1933-1936.

(Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. G. W. Fletcher retire, and are eligible for re-election.)

2. Election of honorary members.

(The following retire, and are eligible for re-election: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young.)

Vacancies are caused by the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde and the resignation of Mr. E. W. Elwell.

3. Presentation of new members to the President.

4. Apologies for absence.

5. Loss of members through death.

6. Minutes of the last meeting.

7. Report of the hon. librarian.

8. Statement of accounts.

9. Report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

(Trustees, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and E. Alex Young.)

10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

- (a) Standing Committee.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.)

Ex-officio: President, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and conveners of committees.

- (b) Peal Collection.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope.)

- (c) Methods.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope and Stephen H. Wood.)

- (d) Variations.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.)

- (e) Peal Analysis.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. Grover and (i. R. Pye.)

- (f) Towers and Belfries.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. A. Young.)

- (g) Stedman Commemoration. Final report.

- (h) Literature and Press.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard, A. Paddon Smith and W. Willson.)

- (i) Rules.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher and J. S. Goldsmith.)

- (j) Committee appointed to prepare pamphlet on good striking, etc. (members: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. J. T. Dyke.)

### MOTIONS.

11. That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges Church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

12. That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring their peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include, whenever possible, at least seven methods in their peals.

Proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. A. Tomlinson.

13. That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That compositions arranged on what is known as the 'Baukes James principle,' notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

Proposed by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

14. That a peal of Minor should consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however, a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins.

15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.

16. Other business, if any.

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## ENGLISH BELLS IN JERUSALEM.

### MISS NORA JOHNSTON OPENS NEW CARILLON.

The inauguration of a carillon of bells in Jerusalem in 1933 has a religious and historical significance.

Thousands of people from all parts of the world are voyaging this year on a pilgrimage to Palestine, in commemoration of the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of our Lord's death, and no more fitting season than this Easter could have been chosen for the opening in the Holy City of the new Y.M.C.A. building with its belfry. A contingent from New York includes Mr. E. W. Ramsey, international general secretary of the American Y.M.C.A., Miss Jarvie and other distinguished visitors.

The great edifice, an American gift, is a noble example of modern architecture, situated on a hill overlooking the plains of Lebanon and the River Jordan. Its unique and lofty tower rises in graceful lines to a height of 185ft., and is surmounted with a cupola in truly oriental manner.

In the tower now hangs a splendid carillon of 35 bells, the product of the Gillett and Johnston foundry at Croydon, and the first notes of the bells were sounded at dawn on Palm Sunday, when Miss Nora Johnston, who has travelled to Jerusalem to give a series of recitals, gave the inaugural concert—the occasion on which a carillon of bells has been heard in the Near East.

At the same time, a service was planned and a pilgrimage took place to Bethany and the Mount of Olives. Two more carillon concerts and a recital on the great organ in the new building—all on Palm Sunday—brought to a close the preliminary services.

All through Easter week, carillon recitals by Miss Johnston and Capt. van Geyseghem, lectures, sports events and receptions, form the ambitious programme of the organisers, whilst the actual dedication of the building takes place on April 18th, the Tuesday in Easter week, when Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby will be the chief speaker.

The American Y.M.C.A. authorities have paid a graceful tribute to their English friends, in arranging that Lord Allenby, who led the British troops into Jerusalem in the Great War, should be the central figure in the coming celebrations, and a miniature bell is to be presented to the Field-Marshal on the important day.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Mr. James Harris, a former ringer of the tower: R. H. Hall 1, E. Witlock 2, J. Mapley 3, H. C. Beard (conductor) 4, R. Abrams 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, R. Howson (first quarter-peal) 8.

## THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

About £55 is still required to complete the memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James. There are probably associations and guilds in the country, several of which are meeting in the course of the next few weeks, who would like to be associated with this national scheme, promoted by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Guild, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

**CLOCKS.**

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Ltd., of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, have just completed the erection of a new Westminster chiming clock at the Parish Church of St. Editha, Tamworth, Staffs. This clock shows time on the existing 6ft. diam. dial and chimes the hours and quarters on the ringing bells, which have a tenor of approximately 22½ cwt.

Other work on hand includes a large automatically wound striking clock with four 6ft. diam. illuminating dials for the Memorial Tower, Kingston Parish Church, Jamaica, and provision is to be made for the addition of quarter chimes at a later date. An eight-bell chiming clock with one specially designed skeleton dial for Denstone College, Staffs, a large hour striking clock for Long Whaddon Church, Loughborough, and many others are in course of manufacture by this well-known firm.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.****FUTURE ELECTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY VICAR.**

The annual meeting was held on March 23rd, when the Vicar, who is president, presided. There was a good attendance of members. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a substantial balance in hand. The president appointed the Rev. P. Jenkins chaplain, and Mr. F. A. Watkins was re-elected captain.

Mr. W. Mead, who was founder of the society, and has been hon. secretary and treasurer since its institution, said that owing to infirmity he was reluctantly compelled to resign the hon. secretaryship. The meeting, in recognition of the tremendous amount of work he had done for the church and ringing at Clun, unanimously decided he should be a vice-president.

Mr. F. Wolley was elected hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Mead was re-elected hon. treasurer. Probationers elected were the Rev. P. Jenkins, Messrs. E. Richards, V. Griffiths, J. Turner and S. Morris.

The election in the tower prior to a peal of Messrs. G. Martin, G. Lindoff, W. Henley, E. Barnett and J. H. Riding as life ringing members was ratified, but the President said that in future any names must be submitted to him before election.

Mr. Mead asked the society to accept an old bell from Bettws-y-Crwyn Church, which had been given to him.—The President, on behalf of the society, thanked Mr. Mead, but pointed out to him that such gifts should be made to the Church Council, and Mr. Mead agreed to do this.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Mead for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held at Warner Cottage.

**A SUGGESTION FOR 'FIRST PEALERS.'**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters which have appeared in the recent issues of 'The Ringing World' relating to 'Peal Grabbers,' etc., and whilst not attempting to express any opinion on these matters, I venture to suggest that out of this controversy there arises a unique opportunity for our associations to lead the way and at the same time reap some of the benefits. After all, it has many times been stated in 'The Ringing World' that a 'first peal' in a method is recognised as an achievement and a mark of progress, so why not encourage the ringing of 'first peals'? It is an old saying 'Take care of the pence and the pounds will look after themselves,' so why not 'Take care of the first peals and the hundreds will look after themselves'?

Briefly, my suggestion is as follows: Let the associations set aside, say, 10 minutes at every meeting for the acceptance of applications from their members who desire to have an opportunity of ringing first peals. A committee could be formed to deal with these and arrange the various attempts. It would, of course, be necessary to set a certain standard which must be reached before an application may be made, and as the committee will be fairly well acquainted with their own members, they will know, to a certain extent, each one's capabilities. Numerous other ways of dealing with these are apparent, but perhaps someone with more knowledge of these matters can improve on this rough idea. Every ringer who is a ringer at all is a member of one or more associations, and, as such, will have the future of ringing at heart. It is this fact which prompts me to send the above suggestion, in the hope that someone more gifted than I in these matters will enlarge upon the idea for the benefit of ringing generally.

'INTERESTED.'

Yorkshire.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. Matthew's Church, Bristol, on Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled at backstroke as a mark of sympathy with Mr. J. V. Parker, Vicar's churchwarden, whose only daughter passed away earlier in the day: Lionel Burt (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Harris 2, W. Brown 3, G. F. Hill 4, G. S. Radnedge 5, W. H. Parker 6, H. B. Burt (conductor) 7, C. E. Day 8. The ringer of the treble is aged 13 years, and was congratulated by the other ringers on the manner in which he handled his bell.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will those who ring peals on Easter Monday kindly post off their reports to 'The Ringing World' the same night—it will help to save congestion in our peal columns in the following weeks and disappointment at delayed publication.

There was to have been another endeavour at Painswick on Easter Monday for a record peal of Grandsire Cinques, but illness near the church has rendered it necessary to postpone the attempt. The contemplated length was 17,195 changes.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. William Willson, vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, has decided not to stand for re-election to that office, nor as a representative on the Central Council.

Bell founders do not always live a placid life. For example, between noon on Thursday and Saturday evening in last week, Mr. Cyril Johnston travelled 500 miles and attended three bell dedications—on Thursday in Somerset, on Friday in Kent and on Saturday in the south-west corner of Sussex.

We regret to announce the death, after a very brief illness from pneumonia, of Mr. E. E. Burgess, of Taunton, who for 19 years was general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. Burgess was laid to rest at his birthplace, Selworthy, near Minehead, on Monday.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association is to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and during the proceedings a handsome tablet, recording a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at the Cathedral on May 16th, 1931, conducted by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, will be unveiled in the ringing chamber. The tablet is the gift of Mr. Dawe, and it is hoped that as many as possible of the band who took part in the peal will be present.

## WRINGTON CHURCH TOWER.

Those who know this glorious tower set among the Somerset hills will appreciate this poem, written on Sunday, April 2nd, by an author who prefers to remain anonymous:—

The quiet grey tower  
Standing below the hills,  
The cottages and farms and mills  
Scattered all around,  
How many centuries thus  
Have you surveyed  
The lives of those who live  
Within the shadow of your walls.

The bells which cast their voices mellow  
Across the valley  
Ring out with joy,  
Or may be the muffled tone  
Of them is heard,  
Then on the clustering houses  
A quietness falls.

At night the darkening sky  
Becomes a background  
For the lonely, slender outline  
Of the tower.  
Those whose toil is done  
Lie peacefully at rest  
Below;  
The pinnacles above,  
The way to Heaven show.

## THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

**OLD HILL RINGER LEAVES £17,000.**

The late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, a prominent member of the Worcestershire Association, left estate valued at £17,353 (net £16,532).

He left £100 to William Priest (chauffeur) in recognition of his services, and the residue on trust for his wife for life, and then £250 to augment the income of the curate of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill; £250 to the dilapidations fund of that church; £500 each to the Scripture Gift Mission and the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the remainder as to 30 per cent. on trust for his sister, Kate Parsons, for life, then to Holy Trinity, Old Hill, for the dilapidations fund, 30 per cent. upon trust for Charlotte Boliver if still in the service of his wife at her death for life, and then to the Royal Orphanage, Wolverhampton; 15 per cent. on trust for his niece, Enid K. Parsons, for life, with remainder to augment the stipend of the curate of Holy Trinity, Old Hill; 15 per cent. on trust for his niece, Leonora R. Parsons, for life, with remainder to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the remaining 10 per cent. on trust for his sister, Miriam Parsons, for life, with remainder to the Scripture Gift Mission.

He directed that on the death of the survivor of his wife and sister Kate his residence and the bulk of his furniture be used as a residence for the curate of Holy Trinity, Old Hill, and that certain furniture be given to Charlotte Boliver.



## PORTSEA'S NEW BELLS.

### MUNIFICENT GIFT OF BARRON BELL FUND TRUST.

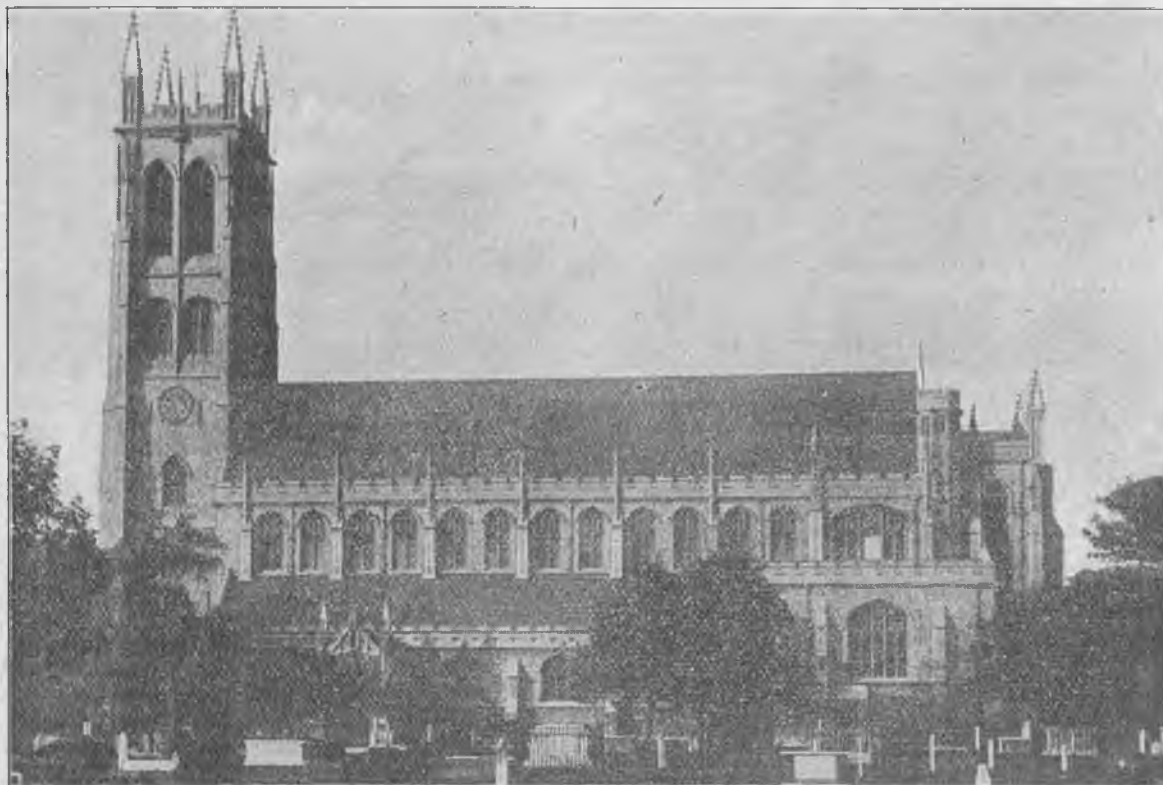
On Saturday, an ideal spring day, a large gathering of ringers was attracted to the dedication and opening of the recast and rehung ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Portsea. The church is one of the largest and most beautiful parish churches in England and has always been considered the 'nursery of future bishops.' The present Archbishop of Canterbury (Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, D.D.) was its former Vicar (1896-1901), and he was preceded by the Rev. Canon Edgar Jacob, who was afterwards Bishop of Newcastle and then Bishop of St. Albans. It was whilst he was Vicar of Portsea that the present magnificent structure was erected, the present Archbishop of Canterbury being a curate under him. Yet still another bishop comes from this huge parish; he is the present Bishop of Winchester (Rt. Rev. C. F. Garbett), who was Vicar of Portsea from

other trustees to help to restore the bells. The result was astounding and the offer to completely recast and rehang the bells as a gift was accepted with complete gratitude. The work was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and has been carried out with their usual complete thoroughness. The new bells have been hung in a new iron frame some 25ft. lower in the tower than the old ring, and are surrounded by a complete soundproof arrangement in the windows. All the sound of the bells has now to go up some 30ft. before reaching the louvres, and the bells thus make less noise in the immediate neighbourhood. All those present at the opening were unanimous in the opinion that the 'go' and tone of the new bells (tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in F) is nothing short of excellent.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follows:—

Treble, 5th, 7th and tenor: 1889. Recast 1933.

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th: 1764. Recast 1933.



PARISH CHURCH OF

ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

1909-1919). He was first appointed to the Bishopric of Southwark in 1919 and succeeded to the See of Winchester in 1932. The church was always considered to be the future Cathedral of the Diocese of Portsmouth, but it fell to the lot of the ancient Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket to fill this role when the diocese was formed in 1926.

The former ring of eight bells, which did duty from 1889 till 1932, were of a mixed variety. They were taken from the old church and were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1764 as a peal of six. When the present building was completed, a new treble and tenor were added and the old 4th and tenor were recast to complete the octave. So that of the ring of eight the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th were 1764 bells and the remainder 1889. It was during the early summer of last year that it became evident that these bells, which were hung in an oak frame some 70ft. above the ringing chamber, would be unsafe to carry out the duties required of them. The tower was consequently closed for further ringing until such times as financial opportunities presented themselves to restore them. The parish is a very large one, comprising 40,000 souls, and also a very poor one, and it was reluctantly felt that the bells, owing to this, must perforce remain silent for, perhaps, some considerable time. As this tower was considered the home of Surprise ringing in that area of Hampshire (the first peals of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild having been rung here), this was a severe blow to the ringers concerned.

However, things did not work out as expected, and when it was brought to the notice of Mr. F. Hopkins (senior trustee of the Barron Bell Fund Trust), he promised to do his best towards getting the

In addition on the tenor is the inscription:—

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DEDICATION.

The dedication was performed on Saturday by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers), and was attended by ringers from Christchurch, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Brighton, Hughton, Crawley, Worthing, Ryde, Ventnor, Godshill, Fareham, Hambledon, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Petersfield, etc. Mr. F. Hopkins (senior trustee of the Barron Bell Fund Trust) was present with his wife, and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) represented the bellfounders. A large congregation attended the service, and, following the hymn, 'Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,' the Archdeacon addressed the gathering.

He spoke of the uplifting power of church bells upon the inhabitants of city, towns and villages, their sound being used as a universal expression both of joy and sorrow, as well as many other national feelings. They also played a tremendous part in church life as a reminder, and sometimes as a reproach, to worshippers. St. Mary's was a great church situated in a great city, and its tower, dominating the homes of the city, was, he thought, symbolical in a way of the Church's position. They had assembled that day to dedicate to the

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## FORTY YEARS ON.

### AN INTERESTING COMMEMORATIVE PEAL.

There are often interesting anniversaries in the lives of ringers which they would like to celebrate, but it is given to few to commemorate the 40th anniversary of their first peal surrounded by ringing friends of 40 years standing. The Editor of this paper (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) has, however, just enjoyed that privilege. His first peal was rung on Saturday, April 8th, 1893, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, Lewes, where he learnt to ring and where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him had been ringers. On Saturday, April 8th, 1933, he rang a peal of Stedman Caters at the same church with a band, all of whom, with one exception, he had rung peals with in the year 1893, and including three other members of the 'first peal' band. These were Messrs. H. Rann, of Brighton (who conducted the first peal—Holt's Ten-Part), E. C. Merritt, of Brighton, and R. J. Dawe, of Lewes. Of the rest of that company of eight, two, Messrs. R. W. Hoather and T. H. Beams, have passed on, and two, Messrs. G. Bleach and A. E. Nye, have long since given up peal ringing. It was, however, not a little remarkable that a band could be made up for a ten-bell peal with others who rang peals together in those far off days, and the only 'fly in the ointment' of an otherwise perfect day was that last-minute indisposition prevented Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, being in the party: albeit he sent a very capable proxy in the person of Mr. S. E. Armstrong. But the Editor was delighted to have with him eight friends of 40 years ago, who had willingly joined him to celebrate the occasion. Mr. George Williams, to whom the boy, then in his 'teens', owed so much of his practical instruction, came from Eastleigh, Mr. James George, who in 1893 went to Lewes on the first stages of the road to fame, made the long journey from Birmingham, while Messrs. Keith Hart (Brighton), B. Hobbs (Eastbourne) and A. J. Turner (Lewes) completed the band. It was the last named who gave the then 14-year-old boy his first lessons in handling a bell and explained to him the rudiments of change ringing, who took him to neighbouring towers and generally planted the seed of interest which has flourished ever since and has grown to-day into a pretty sturdy plant.

Nothing less than a peal attempt would, of course, have been adequate to the celebration of such an occasion, and this, a peal of Stedman Caters, was duly accomplished. In 1893 there were only eight bells in the tower at Southover, but by ringing the third and fourth respectively, Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Rann rang the same bells as on that distant occasion.

Afterwards at the King's Head, so well known to many visiting ringers to Lewes, the party were the guests of Mr. Goldsmith, and were joined by the Rector (the Rev. Douglas C. Matthews).

The host expressed his intense pleasure at having so many old friends round him for the occasion, and voiced their regret at the absence of Mr. Bennett. He read the report of the proceedings of 40 years ago, as recorded in 'The Bell News.' In addition to the ordinary report of the peal, the following paragraph appeared:—

'On Saturday, April 8th, eight members of the Sussex County Association met at Lewes for the purpose of ringing a peal in honour of the marriage of Miss Hoather, of Lewes, to Mr. George Nye, station-master of Ashurst, which was successful, it being brought round in 3 hours and 8 minutes.' That sentence, said Mr. Goldsmith, always amused him when he read it, as it was not clear whether it was the wedding or the peal which was successfully brought round in 3 hours 8 minutes.

The report continued: 'It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Nye (ringer of the 5th), of Eastbourne, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Some time was lost at the commencement owing to the tenor being thrown over and breaking the slide-bar, but, thanks to Mr. H. Lusted, things were soon mended and a start was made again and finished up well. A note must also be made of the ringer of the treble of the peal (he being only 15 years of age and it was his first attempt for a peal). A very pleasant hour or two was afterwards spent at Ye King's Head, the time going much too quick for the breaking up of the merry party. Messrs. Rann, Bleach, Hoather and Merritt came from Brighton, Nye and Dawe from Eastbourne, Beams from Seaford and J. S. Goldsmith from Lewes.'

Mr. Goldsmith also referred to his next peal at Seaford called by Mr. George Williams, with whom he afterwards rang over a hundred peals; to a peal by eight bachelors, all of whom afterwards married and several of whom were now grandfathers (no fewer than six of that band were present that evening), and to the first peal which he rang with Mr. George, who in those days 'hailed from Rugby.' Time, said Mr. Goldsmith, had passed lightly over them. In the four peals which he rang in that first year, 18 ringers took part, and after a lapse of 40 years all but five were still alive. He thanked those who had been able to join him on that auspicious and memorable occasion, wished them continued good health and hoped it would be possible for them to meet ten years hence, even if some of them had, by that time, got past the stage of peal ringing.

He drank to their good health, and Mr. George, the oldest member of the band (he will be 80 next November) thanked Mr. Goldsmith for his hospitality.

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## A NEW EXTENSION OF CAMBRIDGE.

### A METHOD BY THE LATE MR. A. CRAVEN.

What the late Mr. Arthur Craven described as 'an arranged extension of Cambridge Surprise Minor, whereby the method is retained true and perfect on all number of bells,' is given below. The extension, it will be noticed, is on the front, and not behind as is customary. The adjoining places made in 1-2 in the Minor become 3-4 places in the Major, and are omitted in the Royal and Maximus because they are unnecessary.

The Major has only one false course, 24365; while the Royal and Maximus have a clear proof with the tenors together.

		MAXIMUS.	
		123456	7890ET
		214365	8709TE
		124638	507r9E
		216483	057rE9
		261438	507r9E
		624183	057rE9
		261480	3r5E79
		624108	r3E597
		264018	3r5E79
		620481	r3E597
		264018	re3957
		620481	ET9375
		ROYAL.	
		1234	567890
		2143	658709
		1246	385079
		2164	830597
		2614	385079
		6241	830597
		2614	803957
		6241	089375
		MAJOR.	
		12	345678
		21	436587
		12	463857
		21	648375
		26	143857
		62	418375
		26	148735
		62	417853
		26	471835
		62	748153
		26	741835
		62	478153
		26	487513
		62	845731
		68	254713
		86	527431
		68	254731
		86	527413
		85	672431
		58	764213
		85	746123
		58	471632
		85	476123
		58	741632
		85	714823
		58	176432
		85	716342
		58	173624
		51	876342
		15	783624
		51	738264
		15	372846
		—	5197
		15	738264
		—	5179
		—	5173
		—	1537
		1573	920486
		9571	806342
		5917	083624
		9571	038264
		5917	302846
		5197	038264
		1579	302846
		5173	920486
		1537	294063
		9571	806342
		597r1E	083624
		957rE1	038264
		597r1E	302846
		5197rE	038264
		5917rE	302846
		9571rE	r20486
		5917rE	2r4068
		5197rE	r20486
		1579rE	2r4068
		517392	r4r608
		153729	4r6r80
		157392	r4r608

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The Rector, in a kindly speech, spoke of the interest of the occasion, and joined in the wish that they might all meet in ten years' time. If he was spared, he said, and there was a commemorative gathering, he would certainly join them. He concluded by proposing the health of the host, which was cordially drunk.

Another informal toast was to the health of the baby granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, in whose honour, also, the peal was rung. The remainder of the evening passed quickly in the exchange of reminiscences and the sealing anew of the friendships begun 40 years ago.

## FIRST FOR TWENTY YEARS.

At St. Mary's Church, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Thursday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Green 1, Mrs. A. Putland 2, E. Fisk 3, S. Cooter 4, A. Putland (conductor) 5, F. Pamphlett 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 6, and first 'inside' by ringer of 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of 6. It is believed to be over 20 years since a quarter-peal was rung at this church by an entirely local band.

## JOY BELLS AT ELKSTONE.

## RESTORATION OF AN ANCIENT RING.

Sunday, April 2nd, was a happy day at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elkstone, when Bishop Palmer came to dedicate the recast third bell, and gave an inspiring address from the words of the inscription, "All hail."

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson), assisted by the Rev. W. C. Curtis, who acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the Rev. H. H. Twcedy, Rector of Miserden.

The large congregation included a representative gathering of ringers from Painswick, Prestbury, Swindon, Minchinhampton, Leckhampton, Badgeworth and Charlton Kings, who were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. F. Blowing and the local band of ringers.

The original appeal was for £103, to thoroughly strengthen the frame and rehanging the bells on ball bearings, but when they came to take down the bells, one of them, which had been recast by Rudhall in 1719, was found to be cracked in the crown. This necessitated recasting.

Elkstone, though, is fortunate in possessing a church of exceptional archaeological interest, being the finest specimen of Norman architecture on the Cotswolds, with a tower built in the 14th century and, moreover, two ancient bells of special interest, they having been originally cast by Rudhall in 1657, during the time of the Interregnum.

This being so, generous support was elicited from many members of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society.

The work of restoration has been carried out with characteristic thoroughness and to entire satisfaction by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the well-known Whitechapel firm.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

## SEELY OAK REVISITED AFTER 20 YEARS.

After a lapse of more than 20 years, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham visited St. Mary's Church, Seely Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st, for their quarterly meeting. The cause of the long absence was that the bells were not ringable. This reproach has now been removed, for last year the bells were recast and rehanged. The church and ringers are to be congratulated on now possessing a nice musical peal of eight. The ringers, too, are to be commended for the improvements they themselves have made in the ringing chamber. Everything is now nice and clean, and it was particularly pleasing to the older members of the Guild to again visit the tower and note the improvements.

The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and kept going in various methods, ranging from Grandioso Triples to London Surprise Major, until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea, at which the curate (the Rev. R. Cooling) presided in the absence of the Vicar, who had another engagement.

A short business meeting followed, the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) in the chair. He thanked the members for again electing him Master, and said he would continue to do all he could in the interests of the Guild. He was unable to attend the last annual meeting owing to his engagements at Lincoln.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Castle Bromwich on Saturday, July 1st.

Mr. A. Padden Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for making the local arrangements and to the ladies who served tea. Mr. Cartwright, in responding, said it was a real pleasure to do what he could to make the visit enjoyable.

Owing to a special service in the church, ringing had to cease at 7 p.m., so the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. One party of four joined in a game of snooker, the Ringing Master and secretary being on opposite sides. The game was a fairly even one, the result depending on potting the black.

## PORTSEA'S NEW BELLS—Continued from page 233.

glory of God a gift of great treasure and responsibility, and he hoped that the bells would, as he was sure would be the case, be rung with skill and devotion to God's praise and service. Their own Diocesan Guild of Bellringers was a part of the Church's strength, and he wished it all prosperity in its unique and highly skilful work.

The lesson, taken from Ephesians, was read by the Rev. T. B. Randolph, M.A., and, following the hymn, 'Christ is made the sure Foundation,' the dedication ceremony took place. It was conducted by the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C.), the churchwardens, clergy, choir and bellringers. Immediately after the ceremony the ringers ascended to the ringing chamber and rang a short touch. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

After the service the visiting ringers adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, being the guests of the St. Mary's ringers. At the conclusion the Vicar welcomed the visitors and invited them to try the new bells. He asked them to regard Portsea belfry as being always available to ringers to further strengthen and foster the comradeship of the art. The ringers then visited the tower and rang touches in all the standard methods as well as Superlative, London and Bristol and Spiced Surprise in four methods.

Will all ringers make a note that the tower will be open again for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th,

## RINGING BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## ADVANTAGES ENJOYED IN MANCHESTER.

Few public libraries have anything like an extensive collection of books concerning church bells and bellringing, but Manchester is fortunate in the possession of quite a large number of works on the subject. They are housed in the Henry Watson Music Library, but can be borrowed through any branch of the Manchester Public Libraries. Readers not resident in Manchester or Salford can make use of the books by providing a guarantor who is on the register of local government electors of Manchester or Salford or whose name appears in the current Manchester Directory.

## LIST OF BOOKS.

- Andrew W. (Ed.), Curious church customs. 789.5 A1.  
 Andrews H. C., John Briant, bell-founder and clockmaker. 1749-1829. 927.8 BV4.  
 Beaumont William, Chapter on bells. 789.5 B1.  
 Cheetham F. H., Church bells of Lancashire. 2 Vol. 789.5 C12.  
 Church Bells, uses, romance and history. Q789.5 C1.  
 Church and Carillon Bell Co., Ltd., System, testimonials and price list. 789.5 CN8.  
 Cocks A. H., Church bells of Buckinghamshire. Q789.5 C6.  
 Colchester W. E., Hampshire church bells: founders and inscriptions. 789.5 HD5.  
 Deedes C. and Walters H. B., Church bells of Essex. Q789.5 D1.  
 Denison E. B. (R.), Great Bell of Westminster. R789.5 D6.  
 Ellacombe H. T., Church bells of Gloucestershire. Q789.5 E1.  
 Ellacombe H. T., Belfries and ringers. 3rd Ed. 789.5 E5.  
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 Ellacombe H. T. (R.), Bells of the church: a sermon. R789.5 E11.  
 Fidler J. P., Method 'Splicing': hints on splicing and ringing Minor methods. 789.5 FJ51.  
 Fletcher C. W., Handbell ringing. 789.5 F1.  
 Gatty A. (R.), The bell. R789.5 G6.  
 Goslin S. B., A.B.C. of musical handbell ringing. 789.5 G1.  
 Heywood, Sir A. P. and others, Bell towers and bell hanging. 789.5 H1.  
 Heywood, Sir A. P., Treatise on 'Duffield.' 789.5 H2.  
 Jones William and others, Key to the art of ringing. 789.5 J1.  
 L'Estrange J., Church bells of Norfolk. Q789.5 L9.  
 Lomax B., Bells and bellringers. 789.5 L21.  
 Lukis W. C. (R.), Account of church bells. R789.5 L15.  
 Lynam C., Church bells of Staffordshire. F789.5 L1.  
 Madge S., Moulton Church and its bells. 789.5 M1.  
 Morris E., History and art of change ringing.  
 Nicholls J. R., Bells through the ages: founders' craft and ringers' art.  
 North T., Church bells of Lincolnshire. 789.5 N1.  
 North T., Church bells of Rutland. 789.5 N2.  
 North T., Church bells of Bedfordshire. 789.5 N3.  
 North T., Church bells of Leicestershire. 789.5 N4.  
 North T., Church bells of Northants. 789.5 N5.  
 North T., English bells and bell lore. 789.5 N6.  
 North T. and Stahlshmidt J. C. L., Church bells of Hertfordshire. 789.5 N7.  
 Owen T. M. N., Church bells of Huntingdonshire. Q789.5 O1.  
 Raven J. J., Bells of England. 789.5 R1.  
 Raven J. J. (R.), Church bells of Cambridgeshire. R789.5 R2.  
 Raven J. J., Church bells of Suffolk. Q789.5 R3.  
 Rice W. G., Carillons of Belgium and Holland. 789.5 R12.  
 Rice W. G., Carillon music and singing towers of the old world and the new.  
 Rice W. G., Some account of Eldridge, etc. 789.5 R13.  
 Robinson F. E., Among the bells. 789.5 R21.  
 Stahlshmidt J. C. L., Surrey bells and London bell-founders. 789.5 S1.  
 Stahlshmidt J. C. L., Church bells of Kent. 789.5 S2.  
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 Whitehead A. (R.), Chimes of Gloucester Cathedral. R789.5 W15.  
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 Wigram W., Change ringing disentangled. 789.5 W5.  
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 'Bell News.' 1836-1892. 6 Vols.  
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**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, March 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): L. Houghton 1, H. W. Else 2, C. A. Symonds 3, J. Hare 4, C. V. Hare 5, T. Castle 6, D. Mears 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8. Rung for Confirmation service, which was held at the Parish Church in the evening.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m., \*The Coffee Pot on the 18th (8 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10) open from 10.30 a.m. Daybrook (8), 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Basford (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at ST. ALBANS on EASTER MONDAY, April 17th. Abbey bells from 12 noon, St. Peter's bells open at 2 p.m. Those desiring to ring at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's Churches must notify me not later than April 15th, first post. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. H. O. Cavalier, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 5.30, price 1s. 6d., followed by annual business meeting. To enable satisfactory arrangements to be made for tea, please notify me not later than April 15th. Notice of motion, Mr. C. H. Horton to move: 'That the association year ends on December 31st, instead of Easter Monday.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—Newbury tower will be open for ringing on Easter Monday, April 17th, from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1s. Now ringers is your chance to come and have a ring on Newbury ten. You will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Newbury, Berks.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—W. Piggin, Crich, Matlock.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, by the Bishop in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin (6). 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.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (10, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Abbs Cafe, Khyber Pass, at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, M.A., Vicar of Knapton with Paston. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., and St. Peter De Merton (6) later. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, not later than Saturday, April 15th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 17th. Service 2.30 p.m., St. Mary-le-Crypt. Business meeting, 3.15 p.m., Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea, 1s. per head, to follow. For bells available and times, see notice Spread Eagle Hotel. Cathedral bells are not available.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.



**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th, at Ottery St. Mary. Bells (8) available 11 a.m., also Honiton (6). Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of meeting the present Vicar, and in honour of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, founded in 1883. Bells will be available at 2 o'clock, and the service will be at 4, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 22nd. Towers open all day: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), and St. Margaret's (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30. Committee in St. Matthew's Vestry at 4 p.m. Service in St. Matthew's Church 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., with organ recital. Preacher, the Bishop of Kensington. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8) from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at St. James, Clerkenwell (8), from 3 to 5 p.m., and after meeting. Please advise either of undersigned for tea by April 19th without fail. A charge of one shilling will be made.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E4; F. W. Goodfellow, 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.**—A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Northowram (near Halifax). Draw 3 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on April 22nd. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley, Glos.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 19th.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending please notify me not later than the 20th inst.?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton, by April 18th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 17th? Oakford (8), Morebath (6), and Huntsham (8) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lewes on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting, Tuesday, April 25th, commence 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, at The Shrubbery House at 5 p.m. Will all those who hope to be present kindly notify me, without fail by Thursday, April 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (six bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service and unveiling of tablet in memory of Walter T. Wilson, late treasurer of the Guild, at 4.15. A representative attendance from all branches is hoped for. Please let me know by Tuesday previous if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church available during afternoon and evening. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Reports will be ready for distribution.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Swanmore on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by April 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (eight bells) on April 22nd. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 19th inst?—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Owing to the present branch secretary shortly removing from Gloucester, a special meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. Mary-de-Lode. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Pritchard. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow to elect new branch secretary. All ringers welcome. Will those attending and requiring tea kindly notify me by the 19th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 19th please. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Those who require tea must notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. All welcome. Good meeting requested.—H. Revill, and Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 9d. per head. Will members please send me a card not later than Tuesday, 25th? Half-rail fares will be allowed according to rule.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Monday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, for tea. Everybody welcome.—F. Robson and H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 26th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.**—A tablet erected by the society in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Parish Church to the memory of the late Mr. J. Thomas Salter will be unveiled on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, followed by a short service in the church with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Ringers and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be provided for all who notify the undersigned by Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available afterwards.—K. Salter, Sec., The Berwyns, Marpool Lane, Kidderminster.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please notify intention of attending not later than Tuesday, 25th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sandford St. Martin, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Great Tew bells (8) available afterwards. For tea please notify by Tuesday, April 25th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me early. Note: This meeting is being held at Linton as Lenham bells are not available. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringers and friends in search of an enjoyable half-day are invited to attend the branch annual meeting at Slough, on Saturday, April 29th. Efforts have been made to make it an outstanding success, and those who like a good tea will be specially welcomed. Full details will appear next week.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upper Pyne, on April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by April 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speidhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby. Nominations for general officers and Central Council representatives to be sent to me by April 22nd. Please let me know by Tuesday, May 2nd, numbers for tea without fail.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/3 to all who notify Mr. W. Bolton, Croftlands, Silverdale, via Carnforth, not later than Wed., May 3rd.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

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#### **BIRTHS.**

**GOODFELLOW.**—On April 8th, at Colwyn Nursing Home, Hayes End Road, Hayes, to Grace (nee Baker), wife of F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, a daughter.

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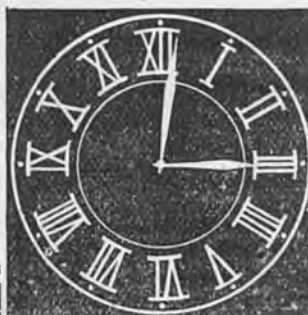
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