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It is refreshing sometimes to have in the pulpit at a ringers' meeting a parson who is himself a ringer and understands the difficulties of ringers and their failings as well. Most of the reproaches which the clergy in general were, and some of them still are, wont to level at ringers have been removed. There is now no need to urge reverent behaviour in the belfry. The conduct of ringers in the tower is as seemly as that of the choir in the vestry. Neither is there the same ground that there used to be for chiding ringers upon their lack of church-going; although there are some preachers who have not yet realised that the old order of things has been greatly changed, and it is still common to hear this made the chief if not the whole point of the address at ringers' meetings. But if the causes for reproach have gone, there are still certain failings among ringers and certain directions in which they could do more than is sometimes done to foster the art and improve the standard of ringing, of which it is as well they should be reminded.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, a vice-president of the North Notts Association and its representative on the Central Council, did not hesitate to offer some frank but kindly criticism when preaching the other day at the association's annual meeting. He was referring more particularly to the position of affairs in his own association, but his words are true of many other parts of the country. The need of to-day is men who can teach others the art of ringing. He urged special meetings for the benefit of those who were willing to become instructors, and said there were many glorious peals of bells in England which were not rung or in danger of not being rung because there were not the men to ring the bells. What was needed was more enthusiasm for teaching among those who had the qualifications.

The Rector of Ordsall has good ground for all that he said, and he touched a further truth when he said that officials worked hard in carrying on the association, but they could not go into the towers and make good bands of ringers. This subject of instructors is no new one, but it is more pressing than ever. It seems to us that there is real need almost everywhere for new plans for extending the art. Tuition of ringers in the past has been much too casual to do any lasting good in other than exceptional cases. The system of instruction requires overhauling; it needs to be put on fresh footing; to every tower in which the ringers are unable to make progress on their own account, whether it is to break from rounds into change ringing or to advance from plain to higher methods, qualified instructors ought to be available so

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that proper tuition can be given. It needs organising and it might mean expense to the associations, but it would be money well spent. Essentially it demands that the instructors should be efficiently trained and the lines upon which this could best be done might well be a matter for consideration by the Central Council. At present there is no co-ordinated scheme in existence that we have heard of for training instructors. It seems to us that there is great scope here for useful work, which in time would give a ten-fold return. We would like to see the Council turn its serious attention to the subject.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 version.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON Treble	JOHN F. GALYER 6
*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE 2	FRANK E. DARBY 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	TONY PRICE 8
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First attempt for a peal of London, also of Surprise Royal as conductor. Miss Melville is the first lady to ring a peal of London Surprise Royal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY PRING Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 8
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
HARRY J. SANGER 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the composer to Miss Margaret Mary Lennon.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

*ERNEST THORPE Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	HAROLD WALKER 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOHN THORPE 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal on ten bells, and first of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
JACK HONEY 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
CHARLES PULLEN 5	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. HALEY.

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

Rung for the dedication festival, also for the 45th anniversary of the conductor's first peal in this tower, and as a birthday compliment to H. Humfrey, tower foreman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
HERBERT DEVENISH 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	FREDERICK FLODDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

Rung in memory of the late Rev. Hircel De Lisle, who lost his life in Africa a short time ago. It was at this church the Rev. De Lisle learnt to ring. He was also at one time an excellent handbell ringer. Messrs. G. Green and W. Lincoln rang with deceased over 40 years ago, and six of the above hand rang in deceased's last peal, one of Bob Major, at Widford, Essex, conducted by Mr. W. Lincoln.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL EBLEK Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JAMES BURDFIELD 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 3	JOHN COOK 7
RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	JOSEPH DYERS 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	GEORGE EVANS 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	AMBROSE MASON 7
BERTIE WEBB 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

The above band are all bachelors, and this is the first bachelors' peal in the North-Eastern Division of the county. Rung to commemorate St. George's Day.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (Transposed).

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ERNEST WILSON Treble	ARTHUR J. BARTON 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 6
DENNIS SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
RALPH SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung by the Claines Sunday service band, by the courtesy of the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew, this being the first peal on the bells, which were recast and augmented in August, 1932, by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	GEORGE HAYWARD 5
ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 2	ERNEST MINGAY 6
*JOHN SHYNN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK FLODDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HULFORD 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the association and on the bells.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	† JAMES W. BERRY 5
EDWARD T. SNELLER 2	WILLIAM E. SMITH 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
* WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	* MARK ROSIER Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Ernest Warwick, who was married earlier in the day; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN Treble	BEN JARMAN 5
* HENRY JARMAN 2	* GILBERT DEBENHAM 6
* THOMAS BLOW 3	* GEORGE DEBENHAM 7
THOMAS HULL 4	* HAROLD FROST Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. Ben Jarman has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jentyn.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church after Confirmation by Bishop Golding-Bird, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lee 1, A. Roberts 2, W. James 3, W. Faulkner 4, E. Matthews 5, W. Holden (conductor) 6. All are local service ringers.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
LEONARD HOLDEN 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
DENNIS HOLDEN 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK HOLDEN 4	JOHN W. FRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung for Easter Festival.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

HAROLD C. SKETCHLEY ... Treble	THOMAS C. CASTLE 5
LEONARD FIDLER 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 6
T. REGINALD DENNIS 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
DONALD C. MEARS 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JAMES WM. BAXENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
WALTER POPPLEWELL 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
CHARLES PRATT 3	J. ERNEST PROCTER 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE CURSON Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
HERBERT FULCHER 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	ROSELL RICHES 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 113th anniversary of a 6,400 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Redenhall on April 24th, 1820, in which the great-grandfather and the great-great-grandfather of the conductor took part.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY COPELAND Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
WILLIAM WATHEN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
SHERFORD SPARROW 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Souther, who for upwards of 40 years was captain at this tower, and was interred at Stowmarket on this date.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BELLOCK Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE TITTERINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES E. LAWSON 5
JOE BROADLEY 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells. Rung after meeting short for London. Arranged and rung on the 20th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Treble	LESLIE T. STAGRY 5
JOSEPH H. WICKS 2	WILLIAM J. BEER 6
JAMES CARROT 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal by an entirely local band on the bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
OLDER WAGHORN 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
RICHARD RELF 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
FRANK RELF 4	WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. M. Austen-Smith and Captain the Hon. G. Campbell. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES W. SONE 2	THOMAS SAUNDERS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

* 200th peal. Rung with muffled clappers as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, who was laid to rest the same afternoon at Stone-in-Oxney. Mr. Player's last peal was rung in this tower on February 18th this year.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	* EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S SIX-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
J. CHARLES DICKEN 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains all the 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's at backstroke.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of deep respect to Charles W. Player, who was interred in Stone Churchyard the same day. The above ringers are all old ringing friends, and represent eight different towers.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. WILLIAM JACQUES Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
HERBERT ALLSOPP 2	* JOHN ROBINSON 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	* CHARLES CARR 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	* CLAUDE RANDALL Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First in the method.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
* JAMES WOODYATT 2	† THOMAS G. GREEN 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7
† WILLIAM R. POWELL 4	† REGINALD ROWE Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. All but the ringer of the sixth are Sunday service ringers at this church.

OROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Mothering Sunday, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Baileys (conductor) 1, W. A. Wood 2, J. H. Baileys 3, E. M. Watson 4, G. A. Charlton (first quarter-peal) 5, T. Fryer 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HURRELL Treble	GEORGE RAWLINGS 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
CHARLES ELLIOT 3	JIM HURRELL 7
JOHN E. LIDDIARD 4	CHARLES A. BINES Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHARLES A. BINES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Captain William E. Rivers, only son of the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Vicar of Eltham, and Miss Priscilla Margaret Couper, daughter of Sir John Couper, of Kaimend, North Berwick, Scotland. First peal as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
GEORGE R. PYB 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
* MISS MARGARET PACK 4	WILLIAM PYB Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYB.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Six Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,432 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JOHN COOK 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Longest peal of Treble Bob by the association, and longest peal by all the band with the exception of the treble ringer. This peal was originally arranged for February last for the 42nd anniversary of the 10,176 in the same method on these bells on February 2nd, 1891, but had to be postponed owing to illness. W. Charman rang the 7th in the former peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 4
* FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. 2	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 5
HARRY S. PARSONS 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Wilfred H. Hayward. First peal of Minor on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. HODGES Treble	T. HAYNES 4
V. G. COOKE 2	* J. HAYNES 5
V. G. PHILLIPS 3	F. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. Joseph Orchard, who has been church clerk for a number of years.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings.
Tenor 18 cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL Treble	GEORGE GILLING 4
JACK PARKER 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	JAMES GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Dare, who was sexton at this church for 18 years, and was interred the same day.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY PRACOCK Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
JACK BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	FRANK LORD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

LESLIE WARNER Treble	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER 4
REGINALD C. SHARPE 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT 5
BASIL D. BUTTRESS 3	SIDNEY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal on the bells since the tenor was added by Taylor and Co. in 1921, and believed to be the first ever rung at this church. This band represents six different parishes, and was the quarterly peal for the district.

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CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 35 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringhay Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., and Willesden Delight.
- (5) Grove, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Colloge Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal in 35 methods away from the treble for James Fernley, jun., and also the first in 35 methods for the remainder of the band. This is the quickest and also the first peal in 35 methods on the bells. The ringers of this peal would like the name of Mr. James Fernley, sen., to be associated with it, as they are indebted to him for his valuable advice previous to making a successful attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KESBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	GEORGE GREEN 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM KESBLE.

LUDLOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STREETON DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Original, four of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3-4
ARTHUR C. NASON 1-6	

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

Witness—Mrs. E. M. Beniams.

* First peal in three methods.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. AYRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 12 in F.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHARLES JEFFES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses—Mrs. W. Ayre and Mrs. F. Kirk.

Arranged as a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ayre, and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Jeffes, W. H. L. Buckingham and J. Malyan.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by Revd. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

(A number of reports of peals and meetings are unavoidably held over.)

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The attractiveness of Crich was again in evidence on Easter Monday, when approximately 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association. The ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), recast and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1927, were busily engaged during the afternoon and evening in various methods, and many of the visitors ascended the famous 'Crich Stand' to admire and enjoy the wonderful view, not only of Derbyshire, but also of the adjoining counties. A well-attended service was conducted in church by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Jones, whose address was enjoyed by the ringers, and a fair number of other visitors to this old village. It was pleasing to see both churchwardens (Dr. Rankin and Mr. J. B. Humphrey) present, and also to hear the Vicar's remarks on the spirit of brotherhood existing amongst ringers.

After service, the visitors were the guests of Dr. Rankin to a substantial tea, provided in the Church Schools.

At the business meeting the towers represented were Crich, Heath, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Melbourne and Heanor. After the balance sheet had been adopted, some discussion took place on the question of subscriptions, the view being expressed that many of the members were unable to pay their annual subscriptions owing to unemployment, which is very prevalent in the district, on account of the slackness and short time being worked in the coal mining industry.

Confidence in the officers was expressed by the re-election of the president, Mr. W. Dobbs; vice-president, Mr. W. Allin; treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson; secretary, Mr. J. W. England; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Clark; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and G. H. Jolland; and three members of the executive committee, Messrs. C. Rogers, E. Ashman and C. J. Partridge, a vacancy on the executive committee being filled by the election of Mr. A. Elliott.

Mr. T. Clark, in a report of the activities of the association, stressed the importance of the only ringing journal, 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to give their unstinted support.

Eight new members were elected, and it was arranged to hold meetings during the coming year at Ault Hucknall, Morton, Alfreton, Swanwick, Pentrick, South Wingfield, Shirland and South Normanton.

Mr. Hobbs complimented the officers on the manner in which the business of the association had been carried on, and votes of thanks to the Vicar, Doctor, organist and ladies then concluded the meeting.

The bells were lowered in peal in 8.45, and brought to a close a gathering enjoyed by everyone.

FUNERAL OF SUFFOLK RINGER.

FORTY YEARS TOWERKEEPER AT STOWMARKET.

On Saturday, April 22nd, the funeral took place at Stowmarket of the late Mr. William Souter, who passed away after a very short illness at Swanley Junction, Kent, at the age of 86 years. Deceased left Stowmarket for Kent only about 12 months ago. He had been towerkeeper for upwards of 40 years at Stowmarket. He was a much respected member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild, and had rung about 30 peals.

Although not a great peal ringer, he was a regular Sunday service ringer, and always insisted on good striking.

After the choral funeral service at the Church of SS. Peter and Mary half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by H. Copeland 1, W. Tydeman (conductor) 2, H. D. Lister 3, S. Sparrow 4, W. Wathen 5, J. Wade 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, J. Dale 8. Later in the day a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung.

DEVON GUILD.

EAST DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday in splendid spring weather. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. L. Stallard, who gave an excellent address on bells and how they were rung in the historical 13th century church of Ottery St. Mary about 400 years ago.

Upwards of 80 members and friends sat down to tea, which was served in the Church Institute. Ringers were present from Plymouth, Paignton, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Bramford Speke, Kenn, Buckwell, Honiton, Luppitt, Taletton, Sidmouth, and the local band, also from Ilminster, Yeovil, Martock and Milverton, Somerset, and Lyme Regis, Dorset, etc.

At the business meeting which followed, the chairman of the branch (Rev. J. F. Prowse) presided, supported by the Rev. L. Stallard and the Rev. E. V. Cox.

The officers were re-elected, and it was decided to have the next annual meeting at Axminster on Easter Monday, 1934, and the autumn meeting at Taletton next September. Six certificates were presented by Mr. John H. Godfrey to Messrs. V. Pyne, H. Dyer, J. Hill, H. Butt, T. Ealton, and A. Wright. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells and Institute, also to the organist and to the ladies, the wives and daughters of the band of ringers, who attended so well to the tea arrangements. Afterwards ringing continued in Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A representative committee has been set up among the London ringing societies and those which border the Metropolis to arrange the social side of the Central Council gathering this year. The committee consists of Messrs. A. A. Hughes (College Youths), J. D. Matthews (Royal Cumberlands), T. H. Taffender (London County), E. A. Young (St. Clement's Youths), C. T. Coles (Middlesex), E. J. Butler (Essex), F. Mitchell (Kent) and C. H. Kippen (Surrey).

It is interesting to note in connection with the peal of Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster recorded this week, that the only previous occasion on which Beverley Minster tenor has been turned in to a peal was in 1904, when Mr. W. Pye rang it to Kent Treble Boh Royal. Incidentally that was the first peal on the new ring of ten. Mr. Ted Jenkins volunteered to ring it at the last minute last Saturday after it had been expected that the method would be Stedman Caters, and at the conclusion of the peal he received the hearty congratulations of the band on the magnificent way he accomplished his self-imposed task. Truly a great little man!

Two interesting commemorative peals are recorded this week. At Warnham, Sussex, a peal of 10,432 Kent Treble Boh Major was rung on Saturday to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of a 10,178 of the same method rung on February 2nd, 1891. Mr. Walter Charman, now a veteran among Sussex ringers, took part in both peals.

At Redenhall, Norfolk, a peal of Treble Boh was rung to commemorate a peal in this method rung in the same church in 1820. Between this peal and the one recorded this week, conducted by Mr. Ernest Whiting, is an interesting link. Mr. Whiting's great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather both took part in the peal of 1820.

As the result of a fall in High Street, Irthlingborough, Mrs. Annie Perkins, wife of the well-known Northamptonshire ringer, Mr. Walter Perkins, is now in hospital, suffering from a broken leg.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. EXTENSION OF THE TEWKESBURY BELL SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The special committee desire to thank the Central Council, all associations, guilds, ringers and friends for the generous response to the appeal for £250.

We also thank members of the Exercise for their suggestions and recommendations, that we should retune the existing peal of ten. We have adopted this scheme and propose recasting the present two trebles and retuning the back eight. With the two new trebles making twelve, this should be a peal worthy of the Abbey and a fitting memorial to Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

We need an additional £40 to £50, to carry out the complete memorial, and we appeal in confidence to members of the Exercise to help us. We believe that many friends of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will now subscribe, knowing that the existing ten is to be retuned.

As soon as the faculty is granted, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have been entrusted with the work, will commence retuning, recasting and augmentation.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please extend my congratulations to Mr. J. Hunt. If my challenge has had the effect of rousing the latent talent in him I am very pleased. In order to prove I am sincere I will endeavour to call his composition at the next opportunity.

Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION. RINGING CONTEST.

The annual ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was held at Egremont Parish Church on Easter Monday, when four bands representing Cockermouth, Egremont, Hensingham and Workington competed for the 'Rawnsley' shield and medals. The judge was Mr. A. Deas, of Gosforth-on-Tyne, who at a subsequent meeting gave his decision as follows: No. 1, Egremont, rang 560 Grandsire Triples with 64 faults, and being the home team had 20 more added, making 84 in all; No. 2, Cockermouth, rang 720 Kent Minor with 42 faults; No. 3, Workington, rang 720 New London Pleasure with 100 faults. Hensingham rang 720 Boh Minor with 53 faults. Cockermouth were therefore winners of the contest and entitled to hold the shield for the next twelve months and also medals.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Workington about the end of June.

Votes of thanks were given to the Rector of Egremont (Rev. J. Earnshaw) for presiding and for the use of room and bells, also to Mr. A. Deas for acting as judge. The tower of St. Mary's was afterwards visited, and various touches rung in the standard methods.

BOW TENOR RECAST.

FIFTH OF A FAMOUS LINE.

Acknowledged to be the most famous peals of bells in the world, the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, associated by tradition with Dick Whittington, are nearing complete restoration at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and on Wednesday of last week the tenor was recast in the presence of a distinguished company. For some years Bow Bells had been left unring, owing to the dilapidated condition of their fittings, and, while money was coming in for the restoration of the church and steeple, the repair of the bells themselves seemed to be doomed to long delay, until Mr. Gordon Selfridge made his generous offer to have the work done.

At the Consistory Court, when the application was made for the faculty, before the dismantling of the bells had taken place, the recasting of two, or possibly three bells, was all that was thought

le-Bow), and Mrs. Ponsonby, Ald. Sir Louis Newton, Bart. (chairman of the Appeal Committee), and Lady Newton, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Croydon and Mrs. Woods, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge (donor of the bell restoration), and Princess Wiasensky, Lt.-Col. G. K. M. Mason, D.S.O. (M.P. for North Croydon), Mr. H. G. Williams (M.P. for South Croydon) and Mrs. Williams, Lady Slade, Mr. John Place, M.I.Mech.E. (St. Mary-le-Bow), Sir James B. Slade, J.P. (St. Pancras), Lt.-Col. C. C. O. Whiteley, O.B.E. (St. Pancras), Mr. H. J. Collens (All Hallows', Honey Lane), Mr. F. P. Coates (St. John-the-Evangelist) (churchwardens), Mr. L. H. Tufnell (Master of the Worshipful Company of Grocers), Mr. R. D. Poland (Master of the Worshipful Company of Skinners) and Miss Poland, Mr. H. O. Serpell, D.L., J.P. (Master of the Worshipful Company of Barber Surgeons), and Miss Oliver, Mr. Bernard Kettle (Master of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers), the Master of the Worshipful Company of Felt-makers, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, Mr. H. Holton Sturges (Master of the Guild of Freeman) and Mrs. Sturges, Mr. A. W. Hersee (hon. treasurer to the Appeal Committee) and Mrs. Hersee, Mr. E. S. Underwood (architect to St. Mary-le-Bow), Mr. J. H. L. Trustram, B.A. (vestry clerk), Mr. A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths), Dr. J. Newnham (town clerk of Croydon) and Mrs. Newnham, Sir Herbert and Lady Brown, Mr. Deputy Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Deputy White and Mrs. White, Mr. J. E.



POURING THE METAL INTO THE MOULD AT THE RECASTING OF BOW TENOR.

necessary. After the bells reached the foundry, however, other bells, including the tenor, were found to be cracked, and five of them have now been recast for this reason. The three trebles have also been recast, and the whole peal corrected in tune. The old bells remaining are the 4th, 5th, 9th and 11th.

All the bells are being fitted with iron headstocks, ball bearings, specially designed clappers, etc., and while the old oak frame has been retained it has been immensely strengthened. A massive 'grillage' of girders and bracing, weighing 3½ tons, has been fixed immediately beneath the wood frame and securely anchored to the tower. The frame itself has been strengthened with corner brackets in all directions, and has been altered on one side so as to improve the circle of ropes.

The tenor bell, the last to go through the furnace, is the fifth in line of succession of 'great' bells of Bow. John Doune, a citizen, left two houses in 1472 for the maintenance of the great bell. William Copland, one of the churchwardens in 1515-16, presented a great bell to complete a ring of five. Dame Dyonis Williamson, of Norfolk, gave £2,000 towards rebuilding the church and furnishing it with bells after its destruction in the Great Fire of 1666. Eight bells were placed in the tower in 1667, and were cast by John and Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, Kent. In 1738 the tenor was found to be cracked, and was recast by Phelps and Leicester, and this is the bell that has now been replaced as part of the gift of Mr. Selfridge.

A large company gathered at the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to witness the historic casting. Among those who were present were his Worship the Mayor (Ald. Wm. Peet, J.P.) and the Mayoress of Croydon, Rev. S. G. Ponsonby, M.A. (Rector of St. Mary-

Humphreys (organist at Bow Church) and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. H. A. F. Crowdsom (clerk to the Musicians' Company) and Mrs. Crowdsom, Mr. Roger North, Mr. H. B. Walters, Mr. Martin Stewart (Wimborne) and the Misses Stewart, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild).

The guests were received by Mr. Cyril Johnston and were shown round the works, where they found a great deal of activity in progress, both in bell and clock work. There were several ringing peals in process of restoration, and new carillons for Secin Abbey, France (42 bells), St. Paul's School, Concord, U.S.A. (23 bells), the Church of our Lady of the Rosary, Saltley, Birmingham (23 bells), and chimes for Southampton Civic Centre (with 3 ton hour bell), Freemantle Park and East Ham. The clock department was particularly busy, and special interest was manifested in the electric clock installations and the Neon lighted dials.

Eventually the tour of the works brought the visitors to one of the tuning rooms, where eleven of the bells of Bow were standing. These were tapped round, and, although the crowning note was absent—its source was at that moment still in the furnace—the tonal quality of the new bells was strikingly apparent. The fact that four of the old bells have been retained has limited the scope of the bell foundry, but these eleven gave promise that Bow bells will be better than ever before.

Passing to the foundry for the event of the afternoon, the visitors watched with quite a thrill the tapping of the furnace and the flow of the golden metal into the gigantic ladle. Then, at the invitation

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING HONOURS OLD MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Worcester and Districts Association was held on Easter Monday at Worcester.

In the Cathedral Chapter House, the Dean of Worcester welcomed about 150 members who were present, and then spoke of the death of two most enthusiastic and respected members, Messrs. T. J. Salter and A. E. Parsons, whose presence would be sadly missed, and the meeting stood in silence in respect to their memory.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and it should be noted that this is his 25th year as such. Mr. Knowles wishing to resign his position of Master, Mr. W. Short was elected to this office and also as a vice-president, all the other officers being re-elected, the work of the clerical and lay secretaries being spoken of with warm appreciation.

It was decided to give a donation of £5 from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the cost of rehanging the bells at Dodderhill, where, although it is only a small parish, a great effort has been made, and the original peal of six have been rehung and augmented to eight.

The representatives on the Central Council were re-elected, and the secretary pointed out that under the suggested new rules the association would be entitled to four members.

A new class of membership of the association was decided on last year, which the president most aptly named 'freemen of the association.' Messrs. W. Short and J. H. Hemming, who has been the secretary of the Southern Branch since its formation, and who has recently been made an alderman of Evesham, were the first to be elected.

As the jubilee dinner was so much enjoyed, a sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for a similar one at Worcester in the autumn.

At the service in the Cathedral it was a very great pleasure to listen to an address by the Bishop of the diocese, for it is many years since any of his predecessors had been able to come to any of these meetings. The Bishop also came to tea afterwards.

The various rings of bells in the city were available with one exception, that of the eight at St. Helen's, and at the meeting a hope was expressed that these would be put in order by next year, for it is a great pity that the oldest ring of eight in the city, and such a good one, should be silent.

Worcester has seen many of these meetings on Easter Mondays, but with good weather and a good attendance this was quite as successful and enjoyable as any of the previous ones.

A CATHEDRAL PEAL TABLET.

A very handsome tablet has been placed in the ringing chamber at Worcester Cathedral, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on May 16th, 1931. The lettering is in gold, relieved with cardinal red and emerald green, on a black glass background, hermetically sealed with glass front and mounted in an oak frame. It is the gift of Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, the composer and conductor of the peal. Mr. Dawe has rung peals in nearly all the cathedrals in England which contain a ring of bells, and the peal at Worcester was one which he specially appreciates, as it was something like 40 years between his first attempt and his final success. The tablet was dedicated on Easter Monday in the presence of a large gathering of Worcestershire ringers, assembled for their annual meeting, by Bishop Duppy, one of the Canons Residentiary, and immediately afterwards a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, in which several members of the peal band took part.

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of Mr. Johnston, a number of representative people threw silver coins into the molten mass. Those who shared in this little ceremony were the Rector and churchwardens of Bow, the chairman of the Appeal Committee, Mr. Gordon Selfridge, the Masters of the City Livery Companies, the Mayor of Croydon and Mr. A. B. Peck, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At this stage the Bishop of Croydon offered a prayer of dedication: 'Accept this offering, bless and hallow this bell that through this generation and through the generations to come it may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy Name.'

Then came the climax of the day—the pouring of the metal into the mould, which was half sunk into the earth. This took some minutes, and was watched with eager interest, which held to the end, when Mr. Johnston smilingly announced, 'Ladies and gentlemen, Bow bell is cast.' Afterwards the visitors were entertained to tea.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. THE HEYWOOD MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday at Nottingham, and from an early hour visitors began to arrive from all centres of the association's area, as well as from neighbouring associations. The bells of St. Peter's (10) and St. Mary's (10) were set going to various standard and Surprise methods with varying degrees of 'striking,' and some of the visitors went to Daybrook (8) to try their hand there. The committee met in the afternoon in the Co-operative Hall, and carried through their usual routine business.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a very poor response indeed from his recent appeal in 'The Ringing World' for subscriptions towards erecting a bell at Duffield to the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, and suggested that a collection might be taken at the general meeting following. This was subsequently done and yielded £2 0s. 3d.

It was agreed that the local district secretaries appeal to the various towers in their districts to subscribe to this fund.

A small committee was formed to revise and bring up to date the rules of the association.

At the tea which followed some 107 ringers and friends sat down, and the association was well represented by members from each of the eight districts: Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Peak and Hincley, and friends from as far afield as Bushey, Herts, London, Sheffield, Northampton, Coventry and Devon were also welcomed.

The general meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by Mr. William Willson (vice-president), Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary), Rev. Alan Chaplin (Rector of Colgrave, Notts), and Rev. R. P. Farrow (Rector of Stoney Stanton).

The President said how pleased he was to see such a good company present, and trusted all had enjoyed their visit to Nottingham. He reviewed the work of the past quarter, and noted that 24 peals had been rung, which, although less than usual in number, covered a variety of methods from Doubles to Royal. They had lost four members by death—W. H. Mundy, of Leicester, and E. Robbins, of Bolsover, both resident members, and W. Walsley, of Macclesfield, and J. A. Gorton, of Whitley Bay, life members. He referred to the recent articles in the ringing Press on 'Striking,' and suggested that the public would appreciate their efforts more if this branch of the art was thoroughly attended to.

Mr. Colin Harrison proposed that the balance sheet, as appearing in the jubilee report, be passed, and stated that, in auditing, he had found all correct and the books kept in an excellent condition and style by the hon. treasurer.—Mr. J. H. Dean, the joint auditor, supported these remarks, and the accounts were passed 'nem con.'

The hon. secretary read over the list of new members nominated since the last meeting, viz., two rejoining, 22 ringing, four honorary, and one life.—Their election was duly ratified.

At this juncture the company were honoured by the arrival of the Right Rev. Bishop Talbot (late of Pretoria), who has recently been inducted Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham. The president welcomed him on behalf of all members present, and the Bishop suitably replied, apologising for his late arrival. Although he had missed the tea, he was very glad, he said, he had not missed the opportunity of meeting the assembled company of ringers. He had only been inducted to Nottingham, St. Mary's, on Palm Sunday, but had made a point of ascending the tower and seeing his ringers (applause). He found everything here in England so very different from South Africa. Here, all around, things spoke of antiquity and tradition; there, all was new, and nothing akin to the surroundings one found in the old country. There were no peals of bells out in the Transvaal, and in all his old diocese (a district as big as Great Britain) they had very few bells to give the countryside a 'tone.' He had, however, learned something of bells and bellringers from his colleague, Rev. Canon Riddout, who was a very keen 'campanologist.' The Bishop added that he hoped to come into contact with the Midlands organisations now, and to see more of the ringers of the churches around. He wished the association 'all good things in the Name of the Lord.'

The general officers were proposed as before, viz.: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. Wm. Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. Wm. E. White; hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S.; and these were duly elected. Five names were submitted for Central Council representatives, and as four only were required, a ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. E. C. Gobey.

After discussion and voting, the three following places were selected for next quarterly meetings: Creswell (June), Quorn (September), and Earl Shilton (January).

Regarding the Minor and Doubles controversy, the representatives to the Central Council were instructed to vote only for 'truth and correctness,' and an amendment to the proposals appearing in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th will be submitted in due course to the proper quarter.

This concluded the business, when the members dispersed to the four towers open for ringing, and to spend the evening in 'convivings' till train time called 'That's all!'

E. M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF NAME.

The 36th annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell. The proceedings started punctually at 3 p.m., from which hour until the time of the service the bells were heard to great advantage. A large number of ringers attended at St. Giles', Cripplegate, where from 3 to 4.30 some very creditable Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, as well as some rounds, were rung. The service at Clerkenwell was attended by about 100 ringers. It was jointly conducted by the Revs. Thear and Royds, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (president of the association). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and the Bishop of Kensington (formerly the Rector of Stepney) was the preacher.

The Bishop preached from the text, 'They were of the same craft.' He referred to the association of Aboliah and Bezaleel in the construction of the tabernacle—men of outstanding ability at their craft, whose names in the Old Testament never occurred separately. Of all the links in life that of sharing the same job was, said the Bishop, one of the oldest. In modern life brotherhoods of the same occupation were created through the trade unions. They had precisely the same thing within the Church. The Church was one great brotherhood, which had certain craft brotherhoods as well. The ringers were a brotherhood within this bigger brotherhood, brothers of the same craft within the Church itself. There was a religious comradeship; they were brothers of the same craft. He wondered how many of their finest friendships had been made within the circle of that craft? He would like them to pay tribute to it that afternoon, as to the friendships it had given them in the course of their life. The Bishop went on to refer to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, whom he had known as chaplain of his daughter's school, and had met at ringers' gatherings in London. He spoke of his admiration of the skill which ringers exercised in their craft, in which every person contributed his proper share. There were certain jobs, he said, where it did not matter if people asserted themselves, but there were certain things in which any self-assertion just ruined the whole job. It was true more or less of a choir; it was truer still in the case of ringing. Was that not what life absolutely called for? Everyone paying his proper contribution to the best of his ability? Would it not be marvellous if the whole world became nationally and internationally a sort of ringing team? The world cried aloud for team spirit. Let them always, as ringers, remember their main objective. They were a brotherhood of advertisers of the Church. Let them try to do it in simple sound from the tower, but there was nothing like influence and personality and character and help to bring the people back.

After the sermon the hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was sung, having been specially chosen in remembrance of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The service concluded with an organ recital given by Mr. Basil Rideaux, which was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, under the church, and an excellent meal, which had been prepared by Miss G. Bailey and friends, was enjoyed. The Bishop, who was unable to stay after the service, had previously addressed a few words of good wishes to the ringers present.

After tea, the business meeting was held. The president took the chair, being supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope (vice-presidents), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Pye (Master), Messrs. A. W. Coles and E. C. S. Turner (District Masters), Mr. W. H. Oram (district treasurer), and other association officers, whilst among those present were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. R. Sanders, etc. The president referred to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who, he said, had died whilst actually at his work as Ringing Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had been a member of the Middlesex Association for some twelve years. He was an outstanding figure in the Exercise, and they would all regret his death. The president asked members to show their sympathy with Mrs. Jenkyn in the loss of her husband, and with the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the loss of their Master, by standing in silence for a few moments. This was accordingly done.

THE REPORT.

The annual report referred to the district meetings, and said that in these days of depression, when money was scarce, it was not to be wondered at that attendances were below the usual standard, but members were urged to do their utmost to be present at meetings, to give encouragement to the few who habitually attend, and to the secretaries and Masters who arrange them. The ringers of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were welcomed to membership, as well as those at Norwood Green, who had rejoined after a short period outside the association.

Including the ringers at these towers, two honorary and fifty-nine ringing members were elected, of which number the South and West District can claim a slight majority, and the total membership of 868 shows a small increase on last year. The number of lapses owing to non-payment of subscriptions was again to be regretted, and in addition to drawing the attention of members to the suggestions made last

year, it was also suggested that only by continuous recruiting could local Guilds be kept up to full strength. At least one new ringer annually should be the aim of each band; it would be found much easier to keep the strength up by this means than by waiting for the time to come when it would be necessary to recruit in a wholesale fashion.

Compared with 1931 there was an increase of seven in the number of peals rung. Out of a total of 83, four were rung on handbells, and the churches at which peals were rung numbered 33. Twelve members rang their first peals. Members who took part in the peals numbered 168, an increase of 23 over the previous year. The increasing popularity of Spliced Surprise ringing was shown by nine members ringing their first peals in four methods. Members who rang their first peals in the more advanced methods included two London, two Bristol, and six Cambridge Royal. One member rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques, and one Maximus. 'In all,' added the report, 'some 126 members rang their first peals in something new, which, we venture to say, is a sure sign of progress. There were 24 conductors, and Mr. R. T. Newman is to be congratulated on conducting a peal for the first time. Amongst the seven peals of Spliced Surprise Major was one in four methods at Bishopsgate on February 22nd, which Mr. C. W. Roberts conducted from a non-observation bell! The first peals ever rung in seven and eight Surprise methods were accomplished at Willesden on April 19th and June 21st respectively, both conducted by Mr. W. Pye, and the first peal of Belgrave Surprise Major by the association was rung at Bishopsgate on October 3rd, conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts.'

After referring to the various bell restorations in the association's area, the report went on to say that the venture of the South and West District in holding a supper and social at Heston on January 14th of the present year met with success, some 75 members and friends attending. It was confidently hoped that this function would be the first of many such gatherings.

Mr. W. Webb, of the St. Mary's, Finchley, band, had completed 57 years as a ringer at that church, and Mr. F. Pratt had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Hendon, for 54 years. Both these gentlemen appeared in the first report of the old Middlesex Association, dated 1890, and had had an unbroken line of membership. Mr. Pratt had recently had to give up ringing owing to ill-health, but it was hoped this would be of a temporary nature, and that both he and Mr. Webb would enjoy their bellringing for many years to come. The Central Council at its last meeting passed a resolution urging greater support for 'The Ringing World.' The Editor of that journal promised a larger paper if sufficient new readers were forthcoming, but apart from that, it was thought that ringers should, in their own interests and those of the association, support it to the limit of their ability to do so. The difficulties of running an association without a convenient means of communication with members would be so great as to be almost insuperable. It would be a bad day for the Exercise if 'The Ringing World' ceased to appear, and members generally were urged to support it.

THE ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

The balance sheet, submitted by the treasurer, and showing a credit balance of £33 5s., was adopted. Five new members were elected, including the Misses G. and M. Pack, Mrs. P. Humphrey, of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, Mr. W. T. Elson, and Miss M. Albon, of Clerkenwell.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who nominated Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope as vice-presidents; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth were appointed Central Council representatives for the next triennial session.

A suggestion that an alteration be made in the name of the association, so as to bring the diocesan part of the title into greater prominence, was referred to by Mr. Trollope, who asked members seriously to consider the advisability of making some change. The president referred to the advantages of using the term 'Diocesan,' whilst Mr. C. T. Coles urged caution in view of a future breaking-up of the diocese. The matter was left over for discussion by the districts.

A recommendation from the Central Committee that the sum of £2 2s. be given to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund was endorsed.

Ealing was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Kensington for his excellent sermon, which they had all so much enjoyed; to the incumbents of Clerkenwell, Cripplegate and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to the clergy who had conducted the service; to Mr. Rideaux, the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings; and to Miss Bailey and friends for an excellently served tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Subsequently some good practice was obtained in most of the standard methods, both at St. James', Clerkenwell, where Mr. Pye catered for all ringing tastes, and at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where Mr. A. W. Coles was in charge. Thus ended a meeting which for enthusiasm and good-fellowship will long be remembered.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, when about 120 members attended. The committee met earlier in the day, and, among other business transacted, five guineas was voted from the Belfry Repairs Fund to Throwley Church, where the present peal of six are to be rehung and two trebles added as a memorial to the late Lord Harris, who was a foundation member of this association.

The service of the association was held in the Church of St. Nicholas at noon, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. O. Hardman, who in his address said that every time they heard the bells, whether mournful or joyful, they were ringing out the Christian message. A collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund amounted to £14s. 1d.

The luncheon followed in the Village Hall, presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, supported by the Rector and the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley, and the officers of the association. Among the many apologies for absence was one from the late hon. secretary, Canon F. J. O. Helmore, and the secretary was asked to convey the best wishes and kindly affection of the members to Canon Helmore.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, Mr. F. White submitted 'The Archbishop and Clergy.' He said it was one which it was always a delight to honour as churchmen and women and as bellringers, because from the clergy they did get such wonderful help, both from the way in which they were allowed the use of the bells for their meetings and practices and from the services when visiting the churches. He thanked the incumbents of the various towers who had allowed their towers to be opened that day, and coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. Dr. O. Hardman.

Dr. Hardman, in replying, welcomed the association to Chislehurst, and assured them that the clergy in the county were not only glad to welcome them to the towers for ringing the bells, but looked upon them as most valuable assistants in the ministry of the Church by the service which they rendered. Bells were a part of the whole tradition of Church life in the Church of England.

Mr. F. Mitchell, hon. secretary and treasurer, presented the annual report and balance sheet, which showed the association to be in a distinctly flourishing condition.

OVER £900 IN HAND.

The report showed that in spite of the conditions prevailing in the country the association was steadily carrying on its work and maintaining its efficiency, as was evidenced by its growth of members and financial resources. The meetings, 32 of which had been held in various parts of the county during the past year, were well attended, and it was distinctly encouraging to see that younger members were taking up the art, and a keener interest in the affairs of the association. They had 112 towers in union, an increase of two over the previous year, and the membership had increased from 1,371 to 1,411. Peals of 5,040 and over had totalled 147, and had been rung in 61 towers. Grants from the Belfry Fund had been made to the extent of £11 to Sandhurst, Little Chart and Woolwich. Three grants of £5 each had been voted from the Benevolent Funds to aged and deserving members during the year. Losses by death had robbed them of two valuable members, Messrs. E. Barnett and E. Buesden, among many others. Mr. Barnett had been a member for 44 years, a member of the committee for 40 years, and represented the association on the Central Council since 1902. The vacancy on the Benevolent Committee caused by his death had been filled by the election to the committee of Mr. W. J. Jeffries. Mr. Buesden was at one time secretary of the Canterbury District and leader of the ringers at Canterbury Cathedral. To the bereaved of all who had been called to higher service they offered their sympathy.

The financial report and balance sheets were submitted. The balance in the General Fund was £39 13s. 7d., a slight decrease on the previous year. The balance in the Belfry Repair Fund was £129 16s. 11d., an increase of £9 11s. 6d., and the Benevolent Fund showed an increased balance of £23 8s. 11d., being £195 15s. 11d. With the invested funds the total in hand now amounted to £912 12s. 1d., an increase of £30 over the previous year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (chairman) said the report and balances were distinctly satisfactory, and congratulated Mr. Mitchell on the result of the year's work. He also took the opportunity of congratulating him on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

On the proposition of Mr. Steddy (Edenbridge) the report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted.

THE EDWIN BARNETT MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. Lewis, referring to the memorial to the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, said the matter was discussed at a meeting of the sub-committee at Crayford Church, and it was decided to collect funds for a memorial to take the form of a screen to replace the curtain between the tower and the church in the tower arch. The screen would cost about £80, but if it was not possible to raise that amount they might get the design modified to meet the amount collected. He appealed to all to support the fund.

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DEATH OF MR. C. W. PLAYER. LOSS TO KENT RINGING.

The Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild has lost a stalwart by the death of Mr. Charles William Player, of Stone-in-Oxney, who died on April 22nd, at the age of 55 after only four days' illness from pneumonia. He was a member of the Central Council and one of the pioneers of the Romney Marsh Guild, which does so much good work in a scattered district in Kent. He carried on business as a builder, the firm having been established by his great-grandfather. A widow, three sons and a daughter are left in bereavement.

Mr. Player began his ringing career at Margate, but moved to Stone about 30 years ago. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Faversham on December 23rd, 1901, and his last attempt was at the same tower on April 1st, when a peal of Superlative Surprise unfortunately came to grief about half-way. Altogether Mr. Player had rung 293 peals, of which he had conducted 37.

There was a large gathering at the funeral which took place at Stone on Wednesday week, among those assembled to pay a last tribute of respect being no fewer than 63 ringers from 22 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Newman, assisted by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury Cathedral, formerly hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, Rev. G. Wright (Appledore), Rev. W. E. Watson (Wittersham), and the Vicar of Lympne (Rev. A. L. Brine). The family mourners were Mr. P. Player (brother), Messrs. George, Harold and Thomas Player (sons), and Miss Margaret Player (daughter).

The bellringers present included Mr. C. W. Everett (Master) and Mr. P. Page (secretary), Romney Marsh Guild; Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary of the Guild; Messrs. S. Finn (Brabourne), C. Tribe and R. Edwards (Tenterden), A. Battin (late of Tenterden), Slingsby (Sturry), Saxby (Margate), Harrison-Smith (Wickhambreau), E. S. Ruck (Willesborough), C. Franklin (Kingsnorth), Parkes (Canterbury), Bignall (Hythe), F. Bennett (Brighton) and others.

The coffin was of polished oak with brass furniture made in the workshops of his firm, and the bearers were selected from the oldest employes.

After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. C. Tribe, H. S. Humphrey, F. Bennett and H. Parkes.

The family wreaths were inscribed: 'In loving memory of my dear Charlie and our dear Dad, Clara, the boys and Margaret; 'In loving memory of my dear brother,' from Henry and his family.

There were over 50 wreaths, among them being flowers from the Romney Marsh and District Guild; the Stone ringers; Tenterden ringers; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone (Padlock Wood); F. White (Crabbrook); W. Wenban (Staplehurst); 'His Margate ringing pals, 1900-1933'; Mr. and Mrs. R. Edwards and family (Tenterden); E. H. Stuteley (Rye); Mr. and Mrs. Pitman; Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey and Bert (New Romney); Mr. and Mrs. G. Harvey and family (Wittersham); etc.

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Seven candidates had been nominated for representatives on the Central Council, and the voting resulted in the election of Messrs. F. M. Mitchell, T. Groombridge, sen., J. H. Cheesman and T. E. Sone.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mr. F. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary. He said no one realised the amount of work the position entailed. In Mr. Mitchell they had one who was adequately carrying on the work of Canon Helmore, and he wished him good health and long life to carry out the duties as their hon. secretary.

In replying, Mr. Mitchell said when elected he would do his best, and so long as his best was appreciated by the members he would be happy to carry on as their hon. secretary. He had excellent district secretaries, and thanked them for their work during the past year. He thanked Mr. Lewis for his kind remarks on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a position of which he was justly proud.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting. In addition to St. Nicholas' tower, other towers open during the day were SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, St. Luke's, Bromley, St. George's, Beckenham, St. John's, Eltham, and St. Mary Cray.

NOTICE.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Gervis' Cafe. St. James' bells (8) also available. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.

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. Bells of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, Southwark (8) are also available from 3.4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby.—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 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. —The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn after service, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clist on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—M. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Clist St. George, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hanier, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. —A joint meeting will take place at Handsworth (8 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. Handsworth cars from City. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. For tea please notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield. Norton meeting cancelled.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired. The local team have lately had instructions in change ringing. Please come and give them encouragement. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee (8), on Saturday, May 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Tea (invitation) 4.30, followed by business meeting. The Old Steeple (8) will also be open for ringing. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before meeting. All welcome. — Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District. —A special meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30, at which the Lord Bishop of Leicester will be present. Will every member in the district make an effort to attend? Other ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Ambrosden (8) on Saturday, May 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Oxon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. All welcome. — H. Mingay, Grimsby, and H. Morgan, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, May 10th, the ringing anniversary, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, the ringers' home from home. Anyone welcome.

Come and pay a visit to this old-world village. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts; G. Dent, Harlow Common, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas arranged for those who notify Mr. John Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, by the 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mills, Feering, not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business. Usual terms for tea, please advise me by May 10th. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Wednesday, May 10th. All welcome. Come and try this fine peal.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rocester on Saturday, May 13th. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. J. Bullock, 3, West View, Rocester, Staffs.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, May 13th. 3.30 p.m., service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott (Wootton). 4.30 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Cassington, Kidlington (8), Bladon (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 11th, first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The recently recast and rebung bells of St. Mary's, Portsmouth (8), by Taylor and Co., will be available for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Bells available again after tea. All ringers will be welcomed and tea will be provided for those who inform me by Thursday, 11th.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—The 34th annual meeting will be held at Nasington, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 9th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Deerhurst, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringers attending please notify secretary by Wednesday, May 10th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome. Those wanting tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 9th. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Blakesley on Saturday, May 13th. Service 3 p.m. Notify for tea before May 10th.—Rev. R. Howes, Hon. Sec., Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 9th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Wednesday. A cordial reception given to all. Visitors are very welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Holt's Café. A good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 16th. Guild service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Luncheon (1/6) in Corn Exchange at 1.15. Annual meeting to follow. Towers open: St Peter's, Dorchester; Cattistock, Wyke Regis (8); Abbotsbury; Bere Regis; Buckland Newton; Fordington; Frampton; Maiden Newton; Puddletown; Upwey; West Lulworth; Wool (6); Bradford Peverell; Stratton; Sydling (5). Those requiring luncheon please inform the Secretary by May 8th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by May 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beasley Green, Worsley, not later than Wednesday, May 17th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, May 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 10d. per head to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (13) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. All ringers are heartily welcome. — Miss K. Eastes and D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Secs.

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