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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The publication this week of the agenda of the Central Council meeting, which is to be held at Shrewsbury on Whitsun Tuesday, once again focuses attention upon the work of the central organisation of ringers. The official minutes printed in our last issue are a reminder of the many activities of the Council and the business for the next meeting promises to cover just as wide a ground. It is important, however, that ringers should remember that the work of the Council is not confined to the one day in the year, when the annual meeting is held. Through the various committees the Exercise is being served by the Council throughout the year, and the Whitsuntide assembly of the Council is for the consideration of what the committees have done, as well as for providing the opportunity of discussing subjects for the well-being of the art and promoting the interests of ringers. Useful as is the purpose of these debates, the greatest service which the Council renders to the Exercise is through the agency of its committees, the work of which, probably, would never be done but for the influence and backing of such a body as the Council which alone is in a position to make the results available to the ringing community.

This year sees a parting of the ways and henceforward the Council will proceed under the new constitution which it adopted two years ago and which comes fully into operation with the election of a new Council, which will meet in London next year. Under the new rules the Council will directly represent the affiliated bodies instead of consisting simply of members elected by recognised ringing societies. The Council will have a direct responsibility to the affiliated organisations, and in that way will carry a greater authority when it speaks on behalf of the Exercise, as well as, we hope, commanding greater respect in its attempts to guide the efforts of ringers into those channels which are considered in the best interests of the art. The work of the Council is growing, and there is evidence that the time has arrived when it is desirable that the Council should be able to elect a greater number of honorary members. These members are elected because of the service which, in one direction or another, they can render to the Council. There is no place in their ranks for 'ornamental' membership, and in recent years very few indeed have been given complimentary seats. When the Council was founded it had 73 elected members and twelve honorary members. Through the years the number of elected members has slowly grown until it is more than double its original total, but the honorary membership has been

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increased only to 15 and every place is filled. It is never known when the services of some ringer, specially fitted for a particular task, may be required and therefore it is now proposed to make the maximum number of hon. members 20. When it is recollected that any election to one of the vacancies will be for the direct purpose of rendering service to the Exercise and that such appointments will be a definite gain to ringing, this extension of honorary membership should be welcomed, although it is certain to be used sparingly. With the application of the new rules, also, some of the associations will be able to elect additional members. Instead of electing, say, one or two representatives when entitled to a larger number, and paying affiliation fees only for the members actually elected, all affiliated societies will be responsible for paying affiliation fees for the full number of members to which they are entitled, and it follows, we hope, that the full quota of representatives will be elected to the Council. Every association benefits directly or indirectly from the work of the Council, and under the new rules all will take their full share of responsibility.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	ERNEST STONE ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
*ALFRED KING ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Mr. Thomas W. Chapman's ringing jubilee at the Parish Church.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
GEORGE IVES ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 5
*EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK WALKER ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
*JAMES F. BAYLEY ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
HARRY HOVERD ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's daughter.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY ... ..	... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5
FRANK LAWTON	2	IVAN KAY	6
STEPHEN PARRY	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
HARRY A. MELLOR	4	JOHN W. TRDELOVE	Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Garnett, also to celebrate the baptism of Allen George Dunkerley, son of Fred Dunkerley.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES ... ..	... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods in the county, by the Guild and by all the band. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 of Cambridge and Superlative. First attempt for the peal by the band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESS ... ..	... Treble	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	5
WALTER CHARMAN	2	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	JOHN COOK	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Double Norwich.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
RONALD BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILFRED EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, of New Zealand.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PAREER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... ..	... Treble	*GEORGE M. RASBROOK	5
*VICTOR A. KERRIDGE	2	*WILLIAM CHALK	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
*ALLAN R. ANDREWS	3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... ..	... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON	5
ALEC M. GERNERY	2	ALBERT WIFFEN	6
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	4	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. H. SMITH ... ..	... Treble	J. B. WARD	4
*D. WRIGHT	2	†J. F. HUBBARD	5
A. L. WARD	3	J. H. BLUFF	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles and ten each of St. Simon's, Union, and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... ..	... Treble	PERCY TOMPKINS	4
FRANCIS BEACMONT	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	WILLIAM BYGRAVE	Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY HARRISON ... ..	... Treble	†JOSEPH L. STANIER	4
*JACK TRANTER	2	*HENRY NEWBROOK	5
*HAROLD E. F. HARRISON	3	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on a working bell. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the eve of the Confirmation service; also as a farewell to the Rev. Charles Fletcher (curate), who is shortly leaving Madeley to take up the living of Cardington.

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ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS HOOKER Treble	FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 4
WALTER SHERWOOD 2	EDWARD S. RUCK 5
*CHARLES H. SACRE 3	PERCY PAGE Tenor

Conducted by P. PAGE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CHARLES E. BLACK ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HARRY GIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Henson, for many years sexton and ringer at this church, who was interred on Thursday, April 11th.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*LESLIE C. FINCH Treble	JOSEPH H. WICKS ... 4
†CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 5
LESLIE T. STACEY 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor by all. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Butcher, sister of the tenor ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

JOHN THOMAS 1-2	*FRED WIGMORE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ANOTHER GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN SHEPHERD, OF EXETER.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shepherd, of 14, Egerton Park Road, Exeter, who were married on Easter Monday, 1885, celebrated their golden wedding on April 6th.

Mr. Shepherd is one of the oldest members of the Devonshire Guild, and few, if any, have rendered it greater service. He was elected a member on June 6th, 1879, and his long and valued association with the Guild was recognised in 1932, when he was elected a vice-president. He has to his credit the highest number of peals rung by any local member of the Guild, namely, 116, of which he has conducted 48.

He has been a Sunday service ringer at St. Sidwell's Church for the long period of 57 years, and churchwarden there for eleven years—a lifetime of devoted service.

Mr. Shepherd has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for half a century.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

USEFUL WORK AT DALSTON MEETING.

North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and Loudon Diocesan Guild met at St. Mark's Church, Dalston, on Saturday last, when a very enjoyable and useful meeting was held. Divine service at five o'clock was followed by tea and the usual business meeting. Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer) occupied the chair. Seven new members were elected, and Harrow Weald selected for the next meeting of the district, on May 25th. The bells at this church have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) drew the attention of members to the Jubilee celebrations, and urged them to do their utmost to ring the bells for that memorable occasion. It should be possible to obtain permission to ring peals at quite a number of churches, but even if that were not possible, endeavour should be made to do some ringing in commemoration of the Jubilee.

The business meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, proposed by the chairman and carried with applause.

A great deal of good work was done in ringing practice during the afternoon and evening, the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) seeing that all present had as much opportunity to ring as they wished for. Some Surprise ringers, at any rate, can appreciate the fact that there are ringers who do not yet aspire to the highest degrees in ringing, and although it would have been possible at this meeting to ring almost any well-known Surprise method, most of the ringing done was in the more elementary methods.

During the evening a visit was made to the belfry by the Vicar (Rev. J. O. Vince), who had just returned from a visit to Scotland, and who welcomed the ringers present. He quickly noticed the absence of Mr. William Pye, and on being informed of the death of that great ringer expressed his sincere sympathy with members of the association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES AND SALISBURY BRANCHES.

A combined meeting of the Devizes and Salisbury Branches was held at Heytesbury on Saturday, April 6th. The bells, an excellent ring of six, with tenor 20 cwt. in E, were made good use of during afternoon and evening. The Guild service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson, with Mr. Targett accompanying. The Vicar delivered a short address, taking his text from the lesson, Ephesians iv. 7.

Tea was served in the Raymond Hall, to which 54 sat down. Amongst those present were the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Green (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. E. G. Caple and Mr. F. W. Romaines (chairman and secretary, Salisbury Branch), Mr. E. F. White and Mr. W. C. West (chairman and secretary, Devizes Branch), Mr. H. J. Ralph (secretary, North Dorset Branch), Mr. A. Taylor (secretary, Marlborough Branch), Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary, Swindon Branch, Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), Miss Hastie, Miss Foulk, Miss Boon, Mr. E. T. P. Field, Mr. T. B. Holloway, Mr. S. R. Roper, and others from various towers of the Salisbury and Devizes Branches.

The Master of the Guild presided at the short meeting held after the tea. He welcomed those who had made the journey from afar, and thanked all for attending and making the meeting such a success. He struck a sad note in mentioning the passing of Mr. J. Andrews, of Trowbridge tower, and Mr. W. Pye, who was a life member.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in a few words before leaving, stated that the forthcoming Jubilee was an excellent opportunity for ringers to join in the celebrations, and suggested that besides ringing on their own bells they should visit towers where there were three or more bells, which may be silent for want of regular ringers, and awaken interest in those parishes. Nothing but good could result from such an effort.

There being no business to transact, the Chairman voiced votes of thanks to all concerned, Mr. White seconding, and to this the Vicar replied, saying all ringers would find a welcome in his tower.

During the evening Sutton Vessy bells were available, and other friends from Mere and Slourton joined the party. Methods rung included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung at intervals for those who wished, ringing continuing until 8.30 at both towers.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA FOR THE SHREWSBURY MEETING.

The third session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber, Shrewsbury Castle, Shrewsbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 11th June, 1935, at 11 o'clock precisely.

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

AGENDA

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership, and payment of subscriptions.
2. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker.
3. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
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. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.)
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 alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable:
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals Analysis and Records.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
11. Alteration of Rules. Constitution of the Council.
To amend Section 2 of Rule 2 by deleting the word 'fifteen' and substituting the word 'twenty.' The rule to read: 'Of honorary members, not exceeding twenty in number elected by the Council.'
Proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

MOTIONS.

12. That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops, requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their Lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated, if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Tower and Belfries Committee.

Proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards; seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings.

13. That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term 'Spliced' shall be applied only to those peals in which not more than the length of a normal course in any method is rung in any part of the peal without a change to another method being made. Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called 'Combined' peals.

That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and single leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is produced by a special call, such as in peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be called 'Spliced' peals.

These decisions shall apply to peals on all number of bells.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles; seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

14. That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that a record should be made of old and valuable peal boards, and that a committee be appointed to prepare this record.

Proposed by Mr. W. H. Hollier; seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

15. That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the ringers and 'as conductor.'

Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

FURTHER PRESENTATION TO MR. ALBERT WALKER.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, April 6th, at the ancient Parish Church of Yardley, Birmingham. The tower contains a light peal of six bells, and these were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Yardley (Canon E. L. Cochrane) conducted the Guild's form of service and gave a most interesting address on the history of the church and bells. The first church was built about the tenth century, but most of this has gone, the old church being rebuilt and enlarged during the last century, but the bells are the original ones, some dating back to 1638 and bearing some interesting inscriptions.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided.

The Secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, referred to a letter he had received from the Vicar of Aston regarding the restoration of Aston Church bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had the work in hand, but a further £200 was still needed. St. Martin's Guild had very pleasant recollections of meetings at Aston Church for many years past, and no doubt when the bells were restored the same happy relations would be renewed. He therefore proposed that the sum of £5 5s. from the Guild's funds be sent as a donation to the restoration fund.—This was seconded by the Master, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) and carried unanimously.

Some further discussion took place, and it was resolved to make a collection at that meeting, which resulted in a further £7 10s. being raised.

The Master then made a further presentation to Mr. Albert Walker, the late Ringing Master. In addition to the grandmother clock presented to Mr. Walker, and the gold wristlet watch presented to Mrs. Walker at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner, there was still, he said, some money left over, and they had, therefore, decided to present Mr. Walker with a gold wristlet watch too. He had pleasure in presenting it to him, and expressed the hope that he would live long to wear it.—Mr. Walker expressed his surprise and pleasure at receiving this further gift, and again thanked his many friends who had contributed towards these valuable gifts. He also thanked the secretary for all the work he must have put in to make these gifts possible.

The Secretary also mentioned a further letter he had received from Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith, writing from Bulawayo, in which he sent kindly greetings to all friends, and stated he expected to be back in England about the middle of May.

Mr. W. A. Clark, of Moseley, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. G. Swann proposed, and Mr. W. C. Dowding seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, July 6th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, May 11th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his interesting address at the service, also to Mrs. Cochrane and her friends in serving tea, and to Mr. A. T. Scrivens for having the bells ready, concluded the business.

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16. That a record be prepared of past members of the Council giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.

Proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher; seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

17. Other business, if any.

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HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

A full programme of the arrangements will be published at an early date.

Hotel accommodation.—Members are requested to make their arrangements at once, as Shrewsbury is usually very busy at Whitsuntide. Terms have been obtained, and are shown below as follows: a Bed and breakfast, b from Monday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, c from Sunday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, d from Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast.

Crown Hotel (headquarters): a 10s., b £1 5s., c £2, d £2 15s.

Raven Hotel: a from 11s. 6d., b £1 10s. 6d., c £2 11s. 6d., d £3 12s. 6d.

Lion Hotel: Only accommodation available is four double rooms, four twin bedded rooms, and four rooms, each to take three persons: a double 18s. 6d., single sharing rooms 9s. 6d., c £1 15s., d £2 5s.

George Hotel: a 8s. and 15s., b £1 10s., c £2 2s., d £2 10s.

Unicorn Hotel: a 8s. and 14s., b £1 5s., c £1 15s., d £2 5s.

Britannia Hotel: Dinner, bed and breakfast, single 10s. 6d., double 18s.; lunch 2s. 6d.

Please mention the Council when booking rooms.

A CELEBRATED SAXON TOWER.

BELLS OF EARLS BARTON.

Barron Trust Adds Two Trebles.

One of the most perfect specimens of a Saxon tower in this country is at Earls Barton, Northants. It was built in the first half of the eleventh century and still stands, four square to the winds of heaven. A fine example of strength and stability, which, as the Bishop of Peterborough pointed out in an address at the dedication of the restored and augmented bells, gives a sense of peace in an age of restlessness.

For eight hundred years this tower has stood and doubtless has contained bells throughout the whole of this time, for at the period when it was erected rings of bells were already known in our church towers, and the dimensions of this one are such that, in the opinion of archæologists, its original object was to contain bells.

There was a crowded congregation on Sunday evening, March 31st, when the service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the tower and peal of bells.

After the processional hymn shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. A. Ewart). During the singing of Hymn No. 166 the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Blagden), attended by the cross bearer, servers, the Vicar (Rev. L. A. Ewart), churchwardens, representatives of the Parish and Church Councils, representatives of the donors and bell founders (Messrs. John Taylor and Co.), proceeded to the tower, where prayers were offered and the Bishop dedicated the bells and frame. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by eight members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: W. Perkins 1, F. Wilford 2, A. Bigley 3, G. Basford 4, H. Chambers 5, J. Shatford 6, A. Plowman 7, J. Ward 8, during which the procession returned to the church.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said it was not necessary for him to recall to their minds the special reasons they had for that very solemn act of thanksgiving; they knew better than he could tell them. The complete restoration was not yet done, and they could be thankful that up to the moment the work had been carried out without any suffering being caused to the workers. Sometimes they forgot how dangerous the work of restoration was to those men who actually undertook it, and he sincerely hoped it would be finished without any pain or distress being caused to anyone.

Bellringing, he continued, was a special feature of English life, and the bells were connected with the aspects of their church life, the things which meant most to them. This noble art, in which English skill had reached the highest point, was closely connected with the work of the Church. Our church towers, he said, are the open witnesses of the Church, and their resounding message was, 'This is the House of God.' The responsibility of those who rang the bells was as great as the responsibility which rested on the shoulders of the priest. The ringers had an example to set. It would not be a greatly noble act for ringers to take part in the ringing and then not to participate in the service. A great responsibility also rested on those who heard the bells.

The Bishop went on to say that Earls Barton tower struck him for its most extraordinary genuineness. It is a solemn and kindly reminder that what it represents is the very thing we are needing in this changing, difficult world. It is strong, stately and simple, and gave one a sense of peace. One of the bells bore the inscription, 'Beati Pacifici' ('Blessed are the peacemakers'). That was, indeed, a motto for a Christian life.

After the service two courses of Stedman Triples were rung whilst the congregation were leaving the church. The bells were then open for about one hour, when most of the ringers present (about 24) enjoyed a pull on what is now a fine peal of eight, with tenor approximately 12 cwt.

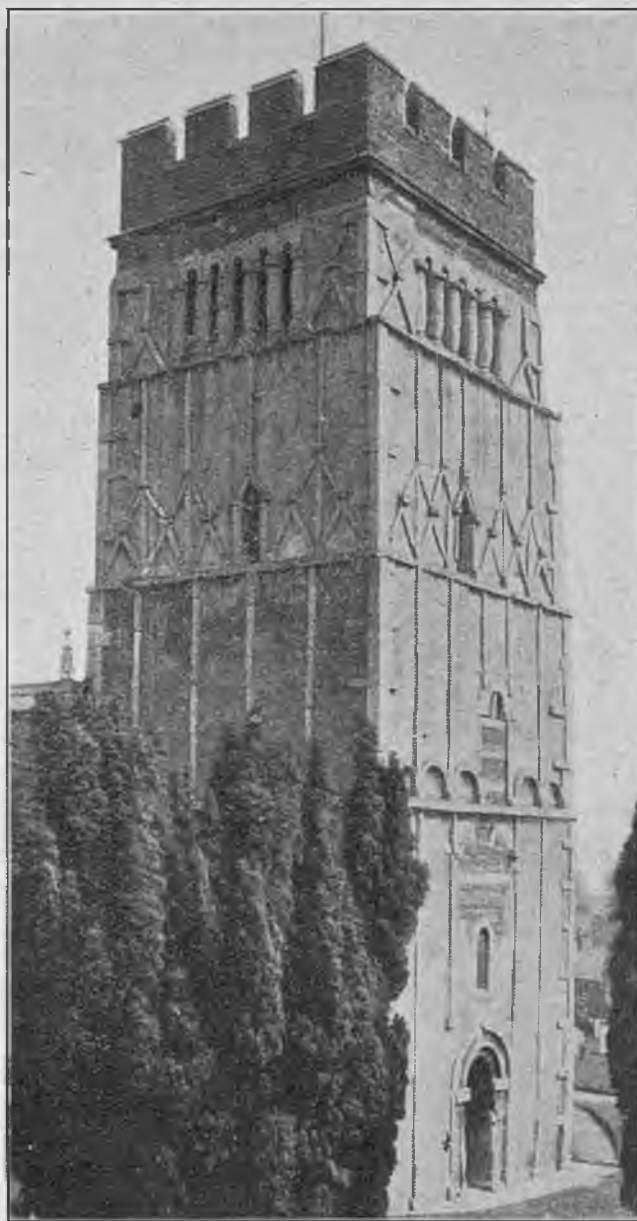
The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the gathering of ringers present included Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who turned up on his bicycle as usual. All the standard methods were rung, including Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge, and the ringers were unanimous that a really first-class job had been made. The sound of the bells is ideal both in the ringing chamber and outside, the belfry sound openings having been treated most successfully, with the result that in the village the bells sound beautifully soft, yet on the testimony of those who live two or three miles away the bells are heard much clearer at a distance.

According to North's 'Church Bells of Northamptonshire,' the following are the inscriptions on the original six bells:—

- 1.—Beati Pacifici. Robert Whitworth Senr. Benefr. 1720.
- 2.—Si Deus Pro Nobis Qvis Contra Nos 1720.
- 3.—Edward Arnold St. Neots Fecit 1775. John Smit & William Kemshead Churchwardens.

- 4.—I.H.S. Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei 1720.
- 5.—Vera Judicet Ecclesia Fixus Adversu Sperno 1720. John James: Henry Wine Church-wardens: Henry Penn Founder.
- 6.—To the Church the Liveing I do call & to the Grave I summon all. Jno. Warren & John Smith C-Ws 1761. Thos. Eayre. Vincent Barker Benefactor.

There was a tradition that Vincent Barker, who was a farmer at Earls Barton, did not give the sixth bell, but was instrumental in getting it recast, and put his name on as a benefactor. This gave



THE FINE OLD SAXON TOWER OF EARLS BARTON CHURCH.

offence to others, who insisted on the name being erased. The founder, however, declared that to be impossible, without danger of cracking or spoiling the bell. So it remained.

On the new treble bells are the inscriptions:—

'The gift of the Barron Bell Trust in the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, 1935. Louis A. Ewart, Vicar.'

'To the glory of God the two bells were added, completing the peal in the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, 1935.'

Formerly the Curfew was rung at this church daily at 8 p.m., the Pancake bell on Shrove Tuesday, and the gleaming bell at 8 a.m. during harvest. Another old custom was that, when there was a funeral, the tenor bell was tolled for a few minutes about an hour before the interment to summon the bearers.

RINGERS' MEETING.

By kind permission of the Vicar, a special meeting of the Peterborough Guild was held at Earls Barton on Saturday, April 6th, arranged by the Wellingborough District. About 60 ringers from a wide area took the opportunity of ringing and hearing the now very fine peal of bells.

The Guild form of service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an interesting address, taking as his text Exodus xxviii. 23. The lesson was read by the branch president, Rev. Bagshaw, R.D., Vicar of Finedon.

A collection amounting to £1 0s. 4d. was taken towards the tower fund.

Mr. J. S. Line, an Ecton ringer, officiated at the organ.

After the service an excellent tea was enjoyed. It had been prepared by the local ringers, their wives, and lady friends, and was served in the Church Hall.

There was no routine business, but mention was made of the recent death of Mr. W. Pye and Mr. W. Farey, the former a well-known non-resident member and the latter one of the old Northampton ringers.—The members stood a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

A vote of thanks to all responsible for the success of the meeting, especially to the Vicar for the permission to ring and for his interesting address, was proposed by the Rev. Bagshaw.—The Branch Secretary, in seconding, said at Earls Barton they had now a peal of bells to be proud of, and he hoped they would persevere and strike them well, so that they would be heard to the best advantage. He wished the ringers success and happiness in their work for the Church.

The Rev. L. A. Ewart, replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Earls Barton. With reference to the work of restoration, he remarked that a lot of hard work was needed to undertake so great a task, but he was glad to say that they were getting along happily towards the completion. A letter of praise and appreciation with reference to the dedication service was read, which the Vicar had received from the late secretary of the district, Mr. F. Barber.

Mr. J. P. Fidler replied on behalf of the bell founders.

On returning to the belfry further ringing was done. It ranged during the day from rounds to a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Ringers were present from Loughborough, Luton, Rothwell, Desborough, Wellingborough, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Bedford, Ecton, Northampton, Wollaston, Warkton, Over, Keystone, and the local ringers, and included the hon. general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Taunton, for service on Sunday, March 3rd, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Floyd 1, H. H. Walker 2, A. A. Walker 3, A. H. Reed 4, W. H. Poole 5, W. G. Gigg 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Bungay 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 1 and 2.

At St. Martin's Church, Desford, Leicestershire, on Sunday, March 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Preston 1, G. Dale 2, C. Archer (conductor) 3, S. Smith 4, S. Munton 5, H. Archer 6. This was the first quarter-peal for the ringers of treble and 2nd. With the exception of the ringer of the 5th, all are members of the local band.

At Newport, Monmouthshire, on Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Edgar Howlett (first quarter-peal, aged 13 years) 1, C. Greedy 2, F. Crabbe 3, J. Bullen 4, T. Butler 5, F. Greedy 6, F. Rowsell (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 7, W. Phillips 8, F. Atwell 9, A. Thomas 10.

At St. Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hampshire, on March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. L. Wright 1, R. A. Reed (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, A. J. Garrett 3, C. S. West 4, C. E. Bassett 5, R. C. H. Connolly (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, R. A. Budd 8.

At Eythorne, Kent, on Thursday, March 21st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Eliender 1, C. Turner 2, L. Leach 3, E. J. Walker 4, F. A. Rye (conductor) 5. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to the Devonshire regiment, and has just returned from India. He is now stationed at Dover. It was his first quarter-peal, also first quarter-peal as conductor by F. A. Rye, of Walmer.

At Whitchurch Canonycorum, Dorset, on Saturday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Glyde (first quarter-peal) 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, G. H. Whitmore 3, E. F. Brooks 4, T. Gunning 5, A. Winter 6, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 7, C. W. H. Powell 8. Specially arranged for a combined band from Beaminster and Lyme Regis towers, the ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 belonging to Beaminster.

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The work which has just been carried out consists of the addition of two trebles, the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, to increase the old peal of six to the full octave. The former 5th (the present 7th) has been recast and increased in weight; the old frame has been replaced by a strong and massive frame of English oak, on a double set of English oak foundation beams; two new floors have been constructed and louveres to protect the bells and frame from bad weather have been placed in the window openings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The rings of eight of Crawley, Sussex, and Margate, Kent, are being rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the ring of six of Buriton, Hants, is now at Loughborough for retuning and rehanging in a new frame.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have also just completed the rehanging in the old oak frame of the heavy ring of eight of Crediton Parish Church, Devon. Ball bearings have been fitted throughout, and the ringers report the 'go' of the bells is now excellent.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the order to recast the six bells at Penarth, near Cardiff, and add two more to complete the octave.

The peal at Rushmere, Suffolk, recorded last week, was the first peal in seven methods on the bells. The peal at Great Bardfield was rung on Thursday, March 28th, and not Saturday, March 30th, as mentioned in the report.

Of handbells at inns, we learn of another example, in addition to those mentioned last week. There is a set at the George, Wraysbury, Bucks, which have hung in the saloon bar 'as long as anyone can remember.' The proprietor of the George is a son of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. Ringers passing that way will doubtless be interested to call and inspect the handbells.

The peal at Beaconsfield on March 30th was Miss Dorothy Fletcher's fiftieth.

The Premier of N.S.W. and his wife visited the church the same afternoon, and several members of the peal band had the privilege of a brief chat with them before the former went on to the Shakespeare country.

The first peal on Beaconsfield bells was rung 50 years ago. The only survivor of that band is the 'evergreen' veteran, Mr. W. H. Fussell, who rang the 4th in the peal the other day.

The ring of ten, 2 ton tenor, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, is shortly to be removed to the Loughborough Foundry, where the bells are to be equipped with new fittings throughout, including iron headstocks, etc.

Mr. J. L. Murray, the veteran Melbourne ringer, who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques during the English tourists' visit, has had a rather serious illness, but, according to latest advices, is recovering. Mr. J. W. Spencer, who also took part in the peal, as well as in the peal of Bob Royal, has been hors de combat, suffering from a broken wrist. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

The Sussex County Association, which celebrates its jubilee this year, having been established in 1885, will hold a commemorative gathering in Brighton, in conjunction with the annual meeting, on Saturday, May 25th. There are to be a reception, dinner and concert in the evening.

Peals of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 42 different six-scores, with all the bells in turn acting as the 'whole hunt,' were rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Suckley, Worcs, on March 12th, 1932, conducted by S. T. Holt, and at Hanley Castle, Worcs, on December 27th, 1934, conducted by C. Gamm.

Stedman, St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast, Reading, and Place Bob Doubles were rung at Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, Church, by members of the Salisbury Guild, including Mr. Bert Cox, of the local band, on March 30th, to celebrate the installation of electric light in the church, the gift of a parishioner, Mrs. Vale.

At the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association, on Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent, the bells of Barton-under-Needwood will be available from 12 o'clock until 3.30 (not later). Buses leave Burton at 11.35, and 12.35 and frequently during the day.

SURPRISE RINGERS NOT TO BLAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue we get another letter from Mr. P. Amos, in which, as indeed in all his letters, he has a grouse about the 'selfish' Surprise ringer. Now I know several excellent Surprise ringers in his district who, I am sure, are not of the type he would have us believe them to be, but if a man is not capable of getting beyond the Plain Bob stage that is his misfortune, and the rest cannot be expected to refrain from Surprise ringing to please just one individual. Any one of our Surprise band will be willing to stand in a peal of Plain Bob for a first pealer, and I am sure the Northampton and district ringers would do the same.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

RINGERS' SERVICES.

We have received a lengthy letter from A. T. Milton in reply to correspondence on the above subject, but regret we cannot publish it, as the columns of 'The Ringing World' are not open to a theological discussion.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

PART III.

WELLINGTON'S BELLS UNRUNG.

St. Peter's Church, Wellington, which we had time to look at during our day there, is erected entirely of timber framing and wooden sheathing. It stands on elevated ground in Willis Street, a prominent thoroughfare, and its tall spire can be seen on leaving the harbour. The Vicar is the Ven. Archibald Bullock, A.K.C., from Derbyshire, and he has a difficult task to keep the church and vicarage free of debt. In a recent appeal he stated that practically £1 a day was needed to meet the rates, insurance and interest charges, and 'we cannot escape them.'

At our visit we were gladly shown over the church and the belfry by the vergier, Mr. F. W. Moss, and were privileged to chime the bells round with the apparatus. The church has recently received a visit by Dr. Nicholson, late organist of Westminster Abbey, who was making a tour of the Empire on behalf of the School of English Church Music. He passed on to the Wellington war memorial, where a recital was given to welcome him. It will be remembered that Dr. Nicholson tested these bells, before they left England, on behalf of the New Zealand Carillon Society.

Richards was born in 1833 and died in 1901. For 22 years he was parish clerk and bellringer here, and held the rank of sergeant in the local volunteer corps. Before leaving England he had rung one peal at Bethnal Green with the College Youths in 1871. Messrs. Haley, Wood, etc., were in the team, and a peal card from his friend Hayworth and his own portrait are in the tower. His son, Mr. A. Richards, was churchwarden during the war. One of the most interesting documents in the parish is an ancient framed list of the original subscribers—old settlers of 1848—and the sums they gave, 'To the building fund of a new church' on 'Te Arowa Platz.'

TOURISTS ARRIVE AT SOUTH ISLAND.

Again it was a most pleasant passage on board the 'Rangatira' from Wellington to Littleton Harbour. After a glorious sunset, the new crescent moon went down beyond the North Island as we sailed down the South Island towards Littleton.

Early morning approach revealed a splendid range of rocky mountainous scenery, surrounding three parts of the bay and its town, and on the boat deck and train platform one wondered how we were ever going to leave the place. A mile or two of tunnelling carried us out on to the Canterbury plains, and we arrived at Christchurch Station on Tuesday, December 11th, somewhat resembling a soccer football eleven. Pressmen were answered as politely as possible, and the



AN ANGLO-NEW ZEALAND GROUP AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Photograph taken at Christchurch railway station on the arrival of the English party. Left to right: Messrs. W. H. Fussell, Roberts, W. Linter, J. S. Wilde, G. Martin, S. H. Barnett, C. Charge, R. Maude, J. Hardcastle, Shaw and G. Claydon.

St. Peter's Church was consecrated on December 11th, 1879. The bells, by Warner and Son, London, are hung in an oak frame and all fittings, complete for ringing proper. The total cost was £700, of which £400 was raised by parochial subscriptions. The tenor weighs 35 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F, and the total weight of the octave 65 cwt. 2 qr.

On the belfry door we found a time-worn notice which seemed out of place when the vergier told us they had not been rung for five years: 'Do not touch the ropes, as the bells are set.' It appears that a well-intentioned attempt was made to strengthen the tower by spending £20 on the foundations to the main beams that support it, and when the bells were raised for ringing afterwards the whole people swayed too much to let the men continue. A good set of Warner handbells are here, once used by the fine old tune-playing band, of whom Mr. T. Richards was Ringing Master, and their photograph hangs in the belfry, but they were all disbanded long ago.

photographer given an amiable smile before we harked away in a bevy of motor-cars to our respective lodgings, under the care of Mr. S. H. Barnett. Later in the morning there was a meeting at the Cathedral, and the tourists were given a hearty reception and a copy of the secretary's full programme of the week's 'doings.'

The Cathedral and its precincts form one side of a large square, the other sides having bold public buildings and offices, and here, too, all tramcars pass round in going to and from all quarters of the city. We made this a regular place for morning assembly to suit the separate billets of the party, and daily meal times were agreed on at 8, 12 and 6 o'clock, our recent seafaring hours.

Tower ringing began at 7 p.m., when the Anglo-New Zealand fraternity assembled in force, some 20 ringers responding. We were heartily welcomed by Dean Julius, who kindly gave us the usual belfry prayer. The 'feelers' consisted of touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and a few courses of Grandsire Caters. Mr. George

Claydon had done all he could to have the bells in good order, but we found one or two of them heavy going, and the noise in the ringing room too much for comfortable ringing or conducting.

A couple of hours' decent work was done, the handbells sampled and the momentous question of a 'peal attempt' agreed on before closing the practice.

The city of Christchurch is well laid out, with broad rectangular thoroughfares, some of which have a stream of water constantly flowing along the channels, like the streets of Wells, Somerset. The city stands upon a tableland, some miles in extent, lying between the sea coast and the mountain ranges. It is divided by the river Avon, with its banks of lawn and numerous weeping willow trees that form a graceful feature not to be equalled anywhere. The general appearance of the whole town is very English, and we were not long in making ourselves, generally speaking, 'at home.'

The day following our arrival was devoted to sight-seeing, correspondence, etc. On the north side of the square we made a 'ringers' den' on the ground floor of the principal hotel, and discovered an older 'den' in the basement, once fitted up with a bar, where the early members of the New Zealand Ringing Society used to gather together 40 to 50 years ago. It is no longer in use. I may mention that all licensed houses close at 6 p.m. 'down under,' but this regulation did not affect us. Papanui, the home of Mr. Barnett, was our venue for the afternoon, and Opawa, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Minson, at their private residence in Vincent Place, for the evening. Mr. Minson's two sons are Cathedral ringers, and, with about 16 guests present, a most enjoyable time was spent for four hours. Handbells in tunes and changes brought out local talent in the latter direction. After supper the music room developed more local talent in song and harmony, with Mr. Claydon at the piano, and the last tramcar for the city was boarded at 11.30 p.m. Here we were introduced to Mrs. Tom Biddle, who graciously made a present of her late husband's peal book to the Christchurch Society. His photograph hangs in the belfry now, with a good one of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

PAPANUI.

Throughout our tour in Australia and New Zealand we found a difficulty everywhere in obtaining picture postcards of the various churches we visited. There is scope for the S.P.G., or some other society, to encourage correspondence between churchpeople throughout the commonwealth by means of this popular card. Business will be restricted, however, if the present prices in Australia are charged, viz., 3d. per card and 1ld. each for postage.

St. Paul's Church, Papanui, was erected in 1876. It is a wooden construction, surrounded by a broad churchyard with well-laid-out walks and planted with fine trees, typical of the village graveyards of England. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Orwell, L.Th.) and the vergers, Mr. O. J. McKay, met us at the tower on the afternoon of December 12th.

The bells, a light ring of five, cast by Warner and Son, London, 1880, are musical, and, like most of the rings of bells in the old Colonies, have had a chequered career. The original peal of five were lost at sea with the ship that carried them in a terrific storm off the west coast of Africa. Her cargo having been insured by the shipping company, another set of bells was provided, which are those now in use. The next parochial difficulty was the tower. It was not strong or large enough for bellringing, but the parishioners, eager to have their bells properly used, pulled it down in 1912. A new tower and spire were built on a heavy concrete base, without greatly improving conditions, and we found in ringing our Doubles a strong lateral movement of the whole framework to pull against, somewhat resembling a farm wagon crossing a rut in the road.

The Ven. Archdeacon Julius, now Dean of Christchurch and a good friend of the Cathedral Society and greatly interested in the art of change ringing, was Vicar when the bells were put up. The ringing room is small and reached by a step ladder and trapdoor, which the Archdeacon, being a well-built and heavy man, had difficulty in pushing through. The warden was present, and, possibly doubting the complaints of the ringers, jokingly observed, 'There is nothing in this ringing,' and pulled off the third bell. Light as it was, the rope caught him upwards and laid him flat on his back on the floor, where he remained a few moments recovering his breath. There is a set of 25 handbells, by Warners, in the belfry. They were purchased by the former Vicar, the Rev. O'Brien Hore, who was a practical ringer. When he went away the Papanui men collected £10 in the parish to keep them for the use of the church.

When the new tower and bells were opened in 1912 the Christchurch Society, with T. Biddle as conductor, opened them with method ringing. Mr. Biddle died the following year.

At the adjoining Vicarage, Mrs. Orwell and the Vicar gave us a couple of hours' entertainment, with tea, smoke and general conversation. The old handbells were brought from the tower and used in tunes and changes before we left for Christchurch and after thanks for the kind hospitality. It may not be out of place if I here repeat the inscription on the tenor bell at Papanui: 'We sing the Lord's song in a strange land.'

On Thursday, December 13th, we made a round tour in the morning, with a visit to Broadcasting House. The afternoon was spent at

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THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR STORY OF THE 'ADVENTURE' IN BOOK FORM?

Subscribers Invited.

Many representations have been made to us that the story of the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour—the greatest 'adventure' in bell ringing that has ever been undertaken and which aroused remarkable interest among ringers in this country—should be printed in book form.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' is prepared to do this if there is a guarantee of sufficient sale to cover the cost.

The book would consist of the articles which have appeared in our columns, supplemented by further material and pictures and would be about 100 pages, Demy 8vo. size, with stiff cover. If a sufficient number of copies are taken up by subscribers the book will be put on sale at 2s. post free.

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Fendalton. From 7 to 8 p.m. touches were rung at the Cathedral for the evening service, and all members were happy to receive a few words of encouragement in their work from the Lord Bishop of Canterbury, the Rev. Campbell West-Watson, D.D., and from the Dean of Christchurch, who had specially climbed to the belfry to welcome the English ringers. The Dean kindly said the ringers' office before ringing began, and gave the assembly his blessing on departure.

The belfry is a spacious one, well fitted, with a large centre table, chairs, mats, hat and cloak pegs, and a number of interesting pictures and two peal tablets on its walls. Everyone will remember the 'hour and the day,' when the bellringers and the Lord Bishop made the room a modern sanctuary. Our touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters ended at 8 o'clock, we attended an hour's organ recital by Dr. Bradshaw, when the pealing of the organ was a welcome relief to the 'loud speakers' of the ringing room, and, heard along the nave, was soothing to one's ears.

On Friday morning a visit was paid to Addington. Three private cars assembled after lunch to take all our people out sight-seeing. Mr. White's introductory note was responded to by the Christchurch representatives of the A.M.P., as happened at Auckland. We did not get back until six o'clock, after tea at Sumner Bay with our friends. The New Brighton coast and many suburban beauty spots were visited, and the Cashmere Hills for a panoramic view of the sea coast. Many of the houses built on the sides of the rocky hills had forecourts or retaining walls covered with masses of flowers, resembling, in the distance, brightly coloured mats or carpets hung out for domestic treatment.

Go-as-you-please was planned for the evening, but a rallying message was sent out for united practice at the Cathedral, and a belfry full of Anglo-New Zealand method ringers resulted. Some interested visitors came up to see us, including Mr. and Mrs. Sladen, who had travelled with us on the 'Barrabool' from London, and taught some of us how to play New Zealand dominoes, a game requiring more 'brains' than appears at first sight.

It was hoped that our ranks would be increased by the arrival for the week-end of Messrs. De Lambert and Lighthand and Miss Jutson. Their official duties, however, kept them up country, much to our regret. Mr. Wright, of Huddersfield, was met during the day, and he regretted his inability to follow up the work of the belfry as he used to do. Messrs. Rashbrooke, of Colchester, and the brothers Hollobon, of Eastbourne, may be heard of in future ringing news from New Zealand.

Shopping and sight-seeing occupied our morning on Saturday, with a rest after lunch. The following men made at 5 p.m. an excellent attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which was lost by the 5th bell 'setting' after it had cast its rope in 1 hour and 5 minutes. The ringers were Messrs. Barnett, Fussell, Linter, Wilde, Chargo, Claydon, Shaw and Martin. Afterwards, some went to the cinema, others for a long chat about the old ringing days of Christchurch, and thus ended a fairly hot day of bright sunshine.

W. H. F.

NUNEATON RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. T. W. CHAPMAN'S LONG SERVICE TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

Mr. T. W. Chapman, who has just completed 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Nuneaton Parish Church, was on Saturday, April 6th, presented with a 5-valve wireless set and an eight-day clock at an enjoyable gathering held in the Parish Hall. Prior to the presentation there was ringing on the bells of the Parish Church from 3.30 to 5.30, following which about 60 members of the Warwickshire Guild and friends were entertained to tea.

The Vicar (Canon J. L. White, M.A.) presided, supported by Rev. J. Bastin (curate) and Messrs. W. E. Lester and G. Hardy (churchwardens), and heartily welcomed the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who unfortunately had to leave early, but not before saying a few words regarding the significance of the occasion.

A concert followed the tea, and in an interval between the items the presentation was made. Mr. James George, as Mr. Chapman's

oldest friend, spoke of the time when, anxious to learn change ringing, he journeyed from Rugby to Nuneaton, where he found Mr. Chapman and the late Mr. Argyle very willing to instruct him. After many journeys and much practice, he rang in a peal with Mr. Chapman as conductor on October 29th, 1891. His last peal at Nuneaton was rung on Thursday, April 4th, 1935, also with Mr. Chapman to celebrate the latter's ringing jubilee. Mr. Chapman was one of the nicest men he knew, always ready and willing to impart information, and he wished Mr. and Mrs. Chapman many years of happiness (applause).

In presenting the gifts, Canon White congratulated Mr. Chapman on his remarkable achievement on behalf of the Parish Church, the Warwickshire Guild and supporters of bellringing all over the country. It was

a wonderful record. The presentation was made in order to put into concrete form their tribute for a very great service—service to Nuneaton Parish Church. Not only did they make the presentation to Mr. Chapman for his ringing, but also in appreciation of a good man. Not every good ringer was a good churchman. Some forgot there were other parts of the church besides the belfry. For a number of years Mr. Chapman had been a sidesman—a sidesman who, he thought, had put in one of the greatest lengths of service. There was a certain freemasonry among ringers, the Vicar added. Messrs. D. H. Argyle and E. Stone, who had been instrumental in arranging that gathering, said they had received letters from ringers all over England proving that Mr. Chapman had not confined his ringing abilities to Nuneaton alone.

The presentation was made with the best wishes that Mr. Chapman's ringing career was nowhere near ended, and that he would go on for many years to come. The Vicar also paid a tribute to Mrs. Chapman, to whom her husband would be the first to express indebtedness for the way in which she had helped him in all the church work he had done.

Musical honours were then accorded to Mr. Chapman. A bouquet of pink tulips and mauve irises was presented to Mrs. Chapman by little Miss Olive Brassington, daughter of Mr. F. Brassington, who had been a colleague of Mr. Chapman's at Nuneaton belfry before moving to Coventry.

Replying, Mr. Chapman said that his ringing was a labour of love, and he did not desire anything in return. For over 40 years Nuneaton Parish Church had had a good reputation in the Midlands regarding its ringers. It was now up to the younger men to see that it was maintained. New recruits would be required to fill up the gaps. It was rather a difficult matter to get young men to take up bellringing, as only about 20 per cent. made good ringers who stuck it for 20 or 30 years. It had been better of late years, thanks to the Vicar, who seldom refused the use of the bells. It was nice to see so many old friends there. Mrs. Chapman and himself were delighted with the gifts, which had been prompted by the kind thoughts of so many of his ringing friends.

Mrs. Chapman also thanked the gathering.

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the gathering possible. Mr. Chapman had shown much patience and perseverance to stay in Nuneaton for 50 years. He urged young ringers to emulate him. Nowhere in the Ringing Isle did ringers receive a warmer welcome than in Nuneaton.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENT OF RINGING MASTER JUSTIFIED.

The meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place at South Anston on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. During the afternoon a variety of methods was rung, including London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Kingston Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Treble Bob, Bristol, and London Surprise. The ordered manner in which the bells were kept going fully justified the appointment of a Ringing Master at the annual meeting. It was undoubtedly a great improvement to have the ringing officially controlled.

Over 30 members, including the Vicar (Rev. R. Hodgson), sat down to a splendid tea, provided in the schoolroom. The Vicar presided at the business meeting and gave the society a hearty welcome to South Anston. Mr. C. Haynes (president) and Mr. Geo. Lewis (Ringing Master) suitably replied to the Vicar's welcome.

Owing to illness near the church, the ringing terminated at 7.30 p.m. Usually at South Anston ringing goes on until everybody has had enough.

FAREWELL TO A LEWISHAM RINGER.

A 720 of Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung on Sunday, March 31st, by the St. Mary's, Lewisham, company, as a farewell to a popular member, Mr. John Foskett, before his departure to South America for three years. It was rung by: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, sen., 3, J. Dafters 4, W. F. Tyler 5, J. Foskett (conductor) 6, H. Goodwin 8. This was Mr. Foskett's first attempt as conductor in the method.

5,216 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

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65432	—	—	—	24536	—	—*
34256	—	—	—	43652	—	2
52643	—	—	—	35426	2	2
32465	—	2	—	26354	2	—
43265	—	—	—	53462	*	—
46532	2	—	—	64235	—	—
35264	—	—	—	32546	—	—*
56423	—	2	—	24653	—	2
62534	2	2	—	45236	2	2
34625	2	—	—	36452	2	—
26543	—	—	—	54263	*	—
45362	—	—	—	62345	—	—
56234	—	2	—	43526	—	—*
63542	2	2	—	32654	—	2
42635	2	—	—	25346	2	2
36524	—	—	—	46253	2	—
25463	—	—	—	52364	*	—
56342	—	2	—	65324	—	—
64523	2	2	—	23456	—	—
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54632	—	—	—			
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65243	2	—	—			
42356	—	—	—			
53624	—	—	—			
63425	—	—	—			

Each course is called London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted where more than one bob is called at M or W in the same course.

This peal was first rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, March 23rd, 1935, conducted by the composer. It consists of 2,880 London, 896 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge and/or Superlative. A variation can be obtained by omitting to call the bobs marked *. The peal can then be reduced by omitting the three consecutive bobs at W towards the end.

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Included in the vote of thanks were the churchwardens, who had made the gathering possible in the hall, the Nuneaton ringers for providing the tea, and the lady helpers for arranging it. Mr. Perrens asked the assembly to make up by hearty clapping what he had failed to say.

Mr. G. Hardy, one of the wardens, who replied on behalf of the church officials, said the splendid work done in the belfry was much appreciated.

Those who took part in the entertainment were Messrs. F. Mann (pianoforte solos), G. Wykes and C. Barnett (songs), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (tunes on the handbells), and Messrs. D. H. Argyle, F. W. Perrens, J. H. W. White, E. R. Whitehead and J. George, who rang a good course of Stedman Caters.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a very happy gathering to a close. D. E. B.

RESTORATION OF WATH CHURCH BELLS.**DEDICATION OF AUGMENTED YORKSHIRE RING.**

Five of the bells of All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, have been recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and rehung in steel frame with three new bells added, making a fine peal of eight, with a new tenor approximately 13 cwt. The octave was completed through the kind generosity of Mr. T. Wade, who gave the new tenor, and an anonymous donor who presented the treble and second bells.

The original date for opening was fixed for Sunday, April 28th, but owing to the work being completed earlier than was expected the Bishop of Sheffield kindly consented to dedicate the bells on Saturday, April 13th, at 7.30 p.m. This did not leave much time for ringing after the service, but, considering the late hour, there was a fairly good attendance of ringers from Arksey, Barnsley, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Sheffield, Darfield and the local company. There was a numerous congregation of parishioners. When the service started there was scarcely a seat vacant, which showed the great interest taken in the new bells, which have been needed badly for several years. Great credit is due to the Vicar (Rev. L. E. Meredith) and the Parochial Church Council for the way they set about the work in January last to raise the necessary funds, enabling the scheme to be carried out in such a short time.

The Bishop of Sheffield performed the dedication, and the clergy who assisted in the service were the Vicar, the curate (Rev. R. H. Atkins), and the Vicar of Brampton (Rev. E. Suggitt). In his address the Bishop contrasted the conditions of the past with those of the present time, which showed a great improvement both in the use of the bells and in the art of ringing them.

After the service there was a keen desire to test the quality and 'go' of the bells, and visiting ringers spoke well of both the tone and the able manner in which the bells had been hung.

The Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. A. T. Thomson) ascended the tower to congratulate the ringers on the touch rung directly after the service, and also extended a hearty welcome to all who cared to come on some future date and spend a little more time in ringing.

LATE NOTICES.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. the Bishop of Willesden will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee week-end arrangements are being made for ringing, and a social gathering in the City of London on Saturday, May 4th. All members are invited to bring wives and sweethearts. See next week's issue for further particulars. Visitors from the country desirous of week-end ringing should communicate with T. Wilfred Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, or Hon. Gen. Sec., Chas. O. Moore, 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak, London.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavel's on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) open at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church School 5 p.m. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Peter's (City). Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know not later than 24th inst. how many for tea. Please make a special effort to attend and support the new Guild of St. Peter's.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

NOTICES.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, April 20th. Re-opening of the ring of ten bells after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Preacher: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken. The bells will be rung afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter meeting will be held at Richmond on Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available: St. Paul's (10), from 10.30; Winshill (6), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30, 6.30 to 7.30; Rolleston (8), 12 to 4. Committee meet 3 p.m. Short service at St. Paul's 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Institute 4.45.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and R.C. and at Chesterton and Trumpington. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea at King's Parade Café 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Paul (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., St. Peter (6) later. Lunch at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. Annual meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m. —J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's open for ringing about 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhamstead. Tea at Abbey Institute after service, followed by business meeting. High tea 1s. 9d. each. Please let me know if you are taking tea, by first post Saturday, April 20th, to prevent disappointment. This is important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12) 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. J. E. H. Williams, M.A., Rector of Acle. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam) on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 23rd, to Mr. E. Jarrold, Close Lodge, Odiham.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 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 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. —T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. R. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 22nd?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Barton, 9, Jodrell Street, Newtown, New Mills.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on April 27th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 24th inst.? — Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A good attendance at this meeting is requested. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, April 27th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, April 27th, a meeting will be held at Royston. The bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Vicar invites all members, who notify him, to tea in the Church House. Postcards for tea to Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, April 27th. Heavy peal of six. Usual arrangements. Tea at Vicar's invitation. Please advise W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business, to elect a new divisional secretary. No rail fares. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. G. Apps, 1, Hawthorn, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, by Wednesday, April 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Crook, Shockendon, Yattendon, near Newbury, by Wednesday, April 24th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, April 27th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Reading Room at 4.30. Recently restored peal of 6 bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. Noice and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Archdeacon) 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, April 25th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. St. Leonard's, Malton (8) may be available during evening. Tea at 5.15 at Schofields, Yorkersgate, Malton. Service at Norton 4.30. Business meeting at Norton Church Hall after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holingarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton, before Thursday, April 25th. A hearty welcome to all.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Meugan Church, Llanveigan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Business meeting to follow. Printed reports for the years 1933-34 will be distributed at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. George's, Southwark, on Wednesday, May 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Numbers for tea to me, please, by April 30th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Further details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, May 4th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.0, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Number for tea not later than April 30th, to either secretary. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3. Service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. Armstrong). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 30th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street Wolverhampton.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935).—Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

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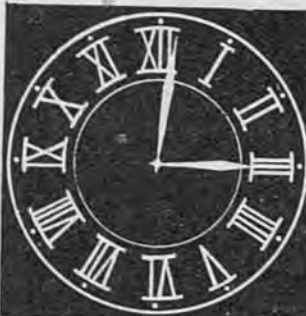
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