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THE COUNCIL AND ITS BUSINESS.

Very soon, now, thoughts will be turned once again to the activities of the Central Council, which will meet in London at Whitsun. It will be the first meeting held under the complete operation of the new rules, and for this reason there will be some change in the representation of the affiliated societies. There may be a few who will not be entitled to as many representatives as in the past, but where there are changes they will, for the most part, be in the direction of increased representation. Membership goes in the following proportion for territorial societies: One representative for a recognised society with over 75 and less than 150 members; two representatives for a membership between 150 and 300; three for a membership between 300 and 450; and four (the maximum number) for a membership of over 450. Membership for the purposes of representation is based upon resident ringing and hon. members; non-resident ringing members do not count for this purpose. Certain non-territorial organisations, like the College Youths and Cumberlands, are not affected by this "residential" qualification.

This new rule does not necessarily mean that societies will elect the full number of representatives to which they are entitled, although most of them will probably do so, but it does mean that they will be called upon to pay affiliation fees to the Council in proportion to their membership. Hitherto it has been possible for even a large society to have full advantage of the Council's activities, while electing only one member and paying accordingly. As the Council's resources are devoted to furthering the art in a number of practical ways—notably the publishing at cost price of numerous works connected with ringing—it is only fair that societies should furnish financial support to some extent commensurate with their strength.

In recent years the work of the Council has been growing, and every meeting has provided almost more business than can be compressed into the hour available. From past experience, and from what we have heard, it would seem that the next meeting, which, of course, brings with it the triennial appointment of officers, is likely to be a very lengthy one. It would seem as if the time is approaching when the Council will have to start its meeting at an earlier hour than eleven o'clock. On one or two occasions in recent years the final stages of the business have been completed with a thinning attendance, owing to the early departure that some members from long distances have to make. It would be better to begin a little earlier and have any time there might be

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to spare at the end of the business, if it could be arranged. One of the difficulties in the way is the present practice of holding a meeting of the Standing Committee before the Council meeting; but, seeing that this committee has, for the past few years, begun its meeting the previous evening, there would seem to be no insuperable difficulty in an alteration of the Council's meeting time, so that the business on the agenda can be got through in a full assembly. At any rate, if the congestion of the agenda increases, some change will be necessary if the business is to be adequately dealt with.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

TONY PRICE Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	HARRY WINGROVE 8
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 9
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Price.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*ALLAN S. WEATHERLEY ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
A. WILLIAM MYERS 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 7
G. HARRY MYERS 3	RAYMOND OVERY 8
H. FREDERICK MYERS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS 9
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS

* First attempt for a ten-bell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. S. Weatherley. All the ringers, except the conductor, are members of St. Andrew's band.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
RONALD GOODMAN 2	WILLIAM GREEN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	NORMAN G. LEACH 8
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	GILBERT T. GUEST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Green and Ben Gough, also to Miss M. E. Sheppard, younger daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 3	WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 4	CHARLES DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* 500th peal. Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. William Cooper, towerkeeper and Birmingham's oldest ringer. Also a compliment to Master Brian Rhodes on his third birthday, and to the daughter of Mr. G. T. Mitchison, the local Ringing Master.

STANDISH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BAGLEY Treble	STANLEY MAJOR 5
J. NORMAN BROWN 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 6
*THOMAS MAJOR 3	GEORGE T. JENKS 7
JAMES TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by J. NORMAN BROWN.

* First peal.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE LEDSHAM Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
JAMES MARTIN 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
†JOSEPH LOVETT 3	TOM PAGE 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	ERNEST STITCH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside' and 25th peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRYAN O'NEILL (aged 14) Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14) 2	THOMAS BEVAN 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
GEORGE H. LIMMER 4	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for Mr. T. Bevan, of Kentish Town, also rung to celebrate the jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD HAMER Treble	GEORGE STAFF 5
*CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY 6
ROSE BELL 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. Rung as a memorial peal to the late John Fittin, who was a ringer at the above church for over 60 years, and to John Mitton, who was connected with the Todmorden Unitarian Church company for over 60 years. Both were life members of the Lancashire Association.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
GEORGE JONES 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*LIONEL H. B. BURT Treble	GEORGE S. RADNEDGE 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER 6
ALFRED PEARCE 3	HENRY B. BURT 7
GILBERT PEARCE 4	JOHN LAMBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY B. BURT.

* First peal, aged 16. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	ALFRED FROST 5
*FRANK REYNOLDS 2	HAROLD JONES 6
SAMUEL HOLT 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
HUGH REYNOLDS 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Rector (the Rev. J. Bamford, M.A.). It is 20 years since the ringer of the 4th rang his last peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN Treble	*RICHARD V. FULLER 5
RONALD A. TUFFIN 2	*FRANK E. MITCHELL 6
*ALBERT J. ADAMS 3	ALBERT E. CHESMAN 7
JOHN HOBDEN 4	HAROLD N. PIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by H. N. PIRSTOW.

* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARV,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
JACK R. STEED 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWAR 5
*ALBERT RICHES 2	ROBERT RICHES 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Kent.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES TOPP 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALEC EGGINGTON Treble	LESTER L. GRAY 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	J. NORMAN BENSON 6
†ERIC GILBERT 3	FRANK VARTY 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect on the occasion of the anniversary of the passing away of the late Vicar of this parish.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*RONALD ALLSOP Treble	HENRY HOPKINSON 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON 2	*THOMAS DENT 6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
ALFRED H. BOWLER 4	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Treble, 7th and 8th ringers belong to Darley Dale, 3rd to Matlock, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th to Ashover.

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BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 120's each of St. Vedast Bob, New Bob, Union, St. Bartholomew Bob, Reading, St. Simon's Bob, Place Bob, Original, New Year's Eve, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

HENRY PAYNE Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
HENRY FAULKNER 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	KEDVERS BODDYE Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

First peal in 14 methods by all the band and by the association.

TONG, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	WALTER LAGO 4
JOSEPH L. STANIER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
JOHN W. TRANTER 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal on the bells.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD Treble	FRED WATKINSON 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	REGINALD PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Watkinson. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

HAYES, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... Treble	GORDON R. GOSS 4
PERCY J. SPICE 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
†MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal on six bells. Mr. A. S. Richards' 25th peal. This is the first peal on the bells for 10 years and the first peal for the association on the bells since 1896. First peal in four methods on the bells and quickest peal on the bells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS MARION CROSSLEY ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	ARTHUR WHITING Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal and rung at first attempt; first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. The ringers of treble, 5th and tenor are members of the local band.

HUISECHAMPTFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

*S. SHARLAND Treble	E. QUICK 4
A. TOUT 2	†C. TARR 5
H. PURCHASE 3	*W. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

CHARLES W. PARKER ... Treble	WALTER E. LAZELL ... 4
*OLIVER J. KIDBY ... 2	EDWIN E. SIMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	PERCY K. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. JOHN Treble	A. HANNINGTON ... 4
E. THOMAS 2	R. E. COLES 5
W. SAMUEL 3	*E. COLES Tenor

Conducted by R. E. COLES.

* First peal and first attempt. All the ringers are regular service ringers at Bonvilston Church.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Burton, Capel, Sandel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	†STANLEY NOBLE ... 4
MISS MILLCENT FEATHERS ... 2	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 5
*THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from treble. First peal in seven methods for the branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 23 cwt.

H. PARKHOUSE Treble	*A. RANDALL 4
*W. PARKHOUSE 2	*A. TURNER 5
J. BAKER 3	*C. AISH Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKHOUSE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sellick, captain of the ringers, on his 80th birthday.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALEC A. GOODING ... Treble	JOHN M. GOODING ... 4
EVAN WESCOMBE 2	FREDERICK A. GOODING ... 5
LIONEL LAY 3	WILLIAM SCORELL ... Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL LAY.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WALTER W. WEST ... Treble	NOEL WILES ... 4
REGINALD WEST 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
MISS EVELYN STERL ... 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

80th peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William West on his 88th birthday.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY ... Treble	*GILBERT HARDING ... 4
*JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	*ALFRED BUCKLEY ... 5
†EDGAR T. SMITH 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor have now 'circled' this tower.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 4
*JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2	JACK BRAY 5
WALTER M. GODDARD ... 3	FRANK LORD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the Rev. W. E. Varah, Vicar of this parish, being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1936, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse, St. Clement's, Fulbeck and Double Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13½.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in five methods in hand by all.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8067 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8
EDITH K. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTBESLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Two Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of College, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse, St. Clement's, Fulbeck, Double and Plain Bob. Size 12 in F.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in seven methods 'in hand' by all and by the association.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 1-2 | EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | *CHRISTOPHER BARKER ... 7-8

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First attempt for a peal on handbells or on eight bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 1-2 | JOHN SPARROW ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STREER ... 7-8

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by the Guild. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith on the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | *ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | *CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' † 200th peal. Rung to celebrate Mr. J. Parker's 70th birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AN APPEAL FOR PUNCTUAL SERVICE RINGING.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, March 14th, many bellfries being represented from north of the Tyne to south of the Wear. Two ringers were also present from far off Kirkby Stephen. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Anchorage. A short meeting was held, over which Mr. F. Sheraton presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Stephenson.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the 'strangers,' and also the visitors, and hoped they would have a happy time.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Stephenson for the use of the bells. He went on to say that he always appreciated the way in which the Canon turned up at ringers' meetings, and particularly the annual meeting, and Canon Stephenson always gave them a hearty welcome. Mr. Anderson also reminded ringers that, being church bellringers, it was their duty to ring for Sunday services, and that it was really church law that bells should be rung before services. It was sad to think of some bellfries where ringers had often to wait for just one or two and then probably not get the bells going. It was up to each ringer to do his utmost to further the art.

Canon Stephenson, in reply, said it was always a pleasure for his bells to be rung, and he wished the meetings were more frequent. He appreciated the services of the ringers and hoped they would go away feeling that they had had a happy time at the meeting.

Mr. Pickering proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the bounteous tea, which he was sure that everyone present had enjoyed. —The verger replied on behalf of the ladies.

Mr. G. S. Taylor read a letter he had received from the Rector of Bishop Auckland asking the association to hold a meeting there. A special meeting was arranged for April 25th.

It was proposed that the next meeting be a joint one between the Eastern and Western Districts, and be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th.

Further ringing afterwards took place, and everyone was quite satisfied with the amount of ringing they obtained.

STILL RINGING AT 93.

RYDE VETERAN THE OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.

To-morrow Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, will celebrate his 93rd birthday, and ringers everywhere will join in congratulating him.

Mr. Coombes has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since the bells were installed in 1886. He continues, despite his great age, to ring regularly for divine service on Sundays, and seldom misses the weekly ringing practice. Not only is Mr. Coombes the oldest active ringing member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, but is believed to be the oldest active service ringer in the British Isles.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MAKING THE MOST OF DOUBLES.

Those ringers who confine their attention to ringing Doubles—and there are many—have a very limited scope for variety. Whereas on six bells the number of 'regular' methods available runs to over 200, if we include those which can be 'spliced' together to make up a true extent, the methods of pure Doubles can be counted on the fingers, while if we include all the methods which in these days would pass muster, it is only just over a score. But even with this limitation, the scope is not fully exploited by those who are compelled, or for other reasons are content, to confine their attention to five-bell methods.

We often wonder why this should be. It is a very monotonous thing always to ring just one method, especially when its extent can be disposed of in five minutes or less. It may be that many ringers have not the figures of the methods from which to learn. Let us, if we can, help you to something fresh.

To begin with, we will assume you can ring Grandsire Doubles, in which there is another bell besides the treble doing a plain hunt, and a third's place made (causing the two bells behind to dodge) when the treble has led.

Now, try and ring this method 'reversed' as it is called. You still have a bell in the hunt, but the 3rd's place is made when the treble has laid its whole pull behind. That causes the dodge to be made by the two bells in front—one dodging 1-2 (up) and the other 2-1 (down). In Grandsire 3rd's place is made by the bell that the treble takes off lead; in Reverse Grandsire it is made by the bell that the treble turns from behind.

The bell that dodges in 5-4 (down) in Grandsire passes the treble in 3-4 on its way up. In Reverse Grandsire the corresponding dodge is in 1-2 (up) and the treble is passed in 3-2 on the way down. In each case you strike over two other bells before meeting the treble. The other dodge, of course, is made after meeting the treble one place earlier; in Grandsire you pass the treble in 2-3 before dodging in 4-5 (up), and in Reverse Grandsire you pass the treble in 4-3 as you go down.

The bobs in Reverse Grandsire are made when the treble is behind. The bell that passed the treble in 4-3, instead of going down to the front to dodge, makes 3rd's and goes up again, turning the treble from behind and becoming the bell in the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt double dodges in 1-2 (up), and the bell that would have dodged in 1-2 (up) double dodges in 2-1 (down).

When a Single is made the bell the treble turns from behind (corresponding to the one the treble turns from the front in Grandsire) makes 4th's place and turns the treble from behind, being then in the hunt. The bell that would have gone into the hunt, had the call been a bob, makes an additional 3rd's place before going up behind again.

The conductor's task is quite a simple one. Reverse Grandsire is called exactly as Grandsire, except that the bobs and singles are called when the treble is in 3rd's place going up, instead of when it is in 3rd's place, going down. If you must have an observation bell, then for the calling that in Grandsire brings the 3rd or 5th each time into 4-5 up, call either the 4th or the 3rd into 2-1 (down).

Now from Reverse Grandsire to Reading Doubles is an easy step. A plain lead of Reading is bobbed lead of Reverse Grandsire, and a plain course consists of only two leads. In Reading, however, the bob is made when the treble is in front. The bell that, on the way up, passes the treble in 2-3, makes 3rd's (as if it were a bob in Grandsire) and goes down to take the treble off. This causes the two bells behind to have a single dodge—there is no other 3rd's place made from the front as in Grandsire, and there is no bell in the hunt.

A single in Reading is made by the two bells behind 'lying still' instead of dodging. That is to say, the bell that would have dodged down makes 4th's place and lies another whole pull behind; while the bell which, had it been a bob, would have dodged in 4-5 (up), lies a whole pull behind; actually carrying on as if it were a plain lead.

A 120 can be got by calling Bob, Bob, Single at alternate leads and repeating. So that you may compare the methods, here are the figures. Note that in starting there is no 3rd's place made. The 3rd goes straight up and the 4th straight down:—

Reverse Grandsire.		Reading.	
Plain	Bobbed	Plain	Bobbed
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	24153	24153	24153
42513	42513	42513	42513
45231	45231	45231	45231
54321	54321	54321	54321
53124	53124	53124	53124
54132	54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423	51423
15243	15243	15243	15243
12534	12534	12534	12534
		15432	15432
21354	21354	51342	51342
23145	23145	53124	53124
32415	32415	53214	53214
34251	34251	53241	53241
43521	43521	53421	53421

WHITFIELD VETERANS HONOURED.**FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE AT ONE CHURCH.**

The three veterans at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, who, as already reported in 'The Ringing World,' have completed 50 years' service as ringers at the church, have been honoured by their friends. They are Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. J. Marsden and Mr. E. Garside, and a tablet has now been erected in the belfry recording their long and loyal attachment.

The trio and their wives were entertained at a social gathering, at which, among the many ringers and friends present, was Mr. J. Lawton, who started ringing with the other three, but who spent eight years as a member of the band at the nearby tower of Holy Trinity, Dinting.

After tea, a silence was observed in memory of the Whitfield ringers—twelve of them—who had passed away in the last 50 years, and then congratulatory speeches were made by the churchwardens and others and by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Cooke). The latter said the record of the ringers would be very hard to beat, and he had not heard of a better. He handed to the ringers the tablet worded as follows:—

St. James' Church, Whitfield.

To commemorate with gratitude and thankfulness their completion of 50 years' individual service as ringers in this belfry and church, February, 1886-February, 1936: Thomas Jackson, Joseph Marsden, Eli Garside.

The Vicar said the tablet was to be placed in the belfry, amongst other memorial tablets, and he did not think there could be a more fitting or hallowed place for it. He expressed deepest appreciation and thanks to the three ringers and hoped they would be spared to ring for many more years at Whitfield.

The veterans were reminiscent in their replies and had some interesting and amusing stories to tell of ringing and ringers in their early days. Speaking of the time before they took up change ringing, Mr. T. Jackson said that, when he and his colleagues started ringing in 1886, there were no cinema shows and very few other attractions, and they used to go practically every night and do a bit of ringing. Eventually, he said, they got to ringing 'single thirds,' and on one occasion rang 'single thirds' for three hours. An admiring friend treated them to half a gallon of small beer and cigars as a reward for their achievement (laughter). When they started change ringing on eight bells some of the old ringers left and the younger ones had to take their places. Mr. Jackson, in conclusion, said that during the 50 years he had been connected with ringing, of all the ringers they had had, he had never known one of them get into trouble (applause).

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LADY RINGER MARRIED.

Miss E. Dorice Turner, hon. secretary to the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was married on Saturday, March 14th, to Mr. H. Kelly at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield. Miss L. N. Cawthorne, late secretary of the Northern District, was bridesmaid, and Mr. H. Swallow was best man.

The bridegroom is a sergeant in the local section of the Church Lads' Brigade. The bride's capabilities as a ringer are well known.

After the ceremony, as the bridal couple left the church, the local company rang one or two touches of Kent and Plain Bob. The Church Lads' Brigade also formed a guard of honour outside the church.

The reception afterwards was attended by the Rector (Canon W. A. Baker), the local ringers and numerous other guests. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 'in hand' after the reception brought great applause from the guests.

The Handsworth ringers presented a Westminster chiming clock to the bride and bridegroom, whose future residence will be 171, Richmond Road, Handsworth.

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Mr. J. Marsden said he was glad to know there were young ringers to follow them. He did not think there were many places which, during the last 50 years, had had less trouble with the Vicars than had been the case at Whitfield (laughter). They had had no trouble with any of them during the whole of that time (laughter and applause). Ringing, he concluded, had been part of their lives and, he could certainly say, a very happy part.

Mr. Garside spoke of the very happy 50 years which he and his colleagues had spent, as far as ringing was concerned. They had grown up together and had stuck together, and during all those years he could safely say they had never had a wrong word with each other (applause). He hoped they would live for many years to continue service ringing. He did not think there was a finer set of ringers in England than at Whitfield, so far as their close association with the church and school was concerned. He hoped the young ringers they had now got would continue for the sake of the church, because he should never like the bells at Whitfield to be stopped.

Mr. J. Lawton made a few racy remarks, and the Vicar added appreciation of the wives of the three veterans. They must have had a certain amount of encouragement from their wives, he said, and thanks were due to the ladies in this respect (laughter and applause).

'Auld Lang Syne' brought a memorable and enjoyable gathering to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

John Taylor and Co.'s bellhangers are now busy hoisting the bells of Buckfast Abbey. It is expected that the peal of twelve, with the 2 ton tenor and the 7 ton Bourdon, will be rung for the first time on Easter Day.

The ring of eight bells of Staveley Parish Church, Derbyshire, are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co.

The Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild joint meeting and social will be held at Hillingdon on October 10th.

A quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Beenham, Berks, on March 14th, by the following members of the local band: E. Wallace, E. Richardson, F. Churchill, the Rev. R. Howes, G. Fowler, E. Tigwell (conductor). This was the first quarter of Minor by all except the conductor. As four of the band are gardeners by occupation, it helps to prove the contention which one of the ringers makes, that you cannot enter a belfry without finding at least one gardener there; and the recommendation which the same ringer gives to the clergy and others, that if they want to engage a gardener, always engage a ringer.

A first peal by all the band is always a noteworthy performance, and the ringers of the peal at Bathampton on March 14th are, therefore, heartily to be congratulated upon their achievement.

A peal tablet is to be unveiled to-morrow at St. George's Church, Bolton. One of the peals which it records is a peal of Stedman Triples rung in 1909 in which Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, took part. Three of the band who rang in the peal are dead, but it is hoped that some of the others remaining will join Canon Elsee at the ceremony.

BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

WORK NEARING COMPLETION.

In addition to the new ring of twelve bells, with a 40 cwt. tenor in G, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. are making a notable addition to the bells of Buckfast Abbey. This is to be a bourdon of 7½ tons, and is being given to the Abbey by Miss de Trafford, in memory of her sister, Lady Bellew. The name 'Hosanna' will be given to the bell and there will be cast on it a dedicatory inscription in Latin.

The new peal, which will consist of 14 bells, is to be hung some 20ft. higher than the old ring, in the now nearly completed tower, and will be carried on a massive iron and steel frame designed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. to strengthen the structure.

The work of hoisting them into the tower is now in progress.

The old peal had a 28 cwt. tenor and was hung in a wood frame. The ringing was done from a stone gallery in the centre of the transepts, with an awesome drop of something like 60ft. to the floor of the church below. Only one peal was rung under these conditions—a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by William Pye.

In future the ringing chamber will be on the floor where the old bells stood.

We understand it is hoped to have the bells erected about Easter, but the tower itself, which will complete the final stage of the great building, the whole of which has been carried out by the monks themselves, will not be finished until towards the end of the year.

DEATH OF MR. R. K. KNIGHT.

A VETERAN CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Robert K. Knight, late of Gloucester and Walthamstow, which occurred on Saturday last at his residence, 105, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, at the age of 91 years.

Mr. Knight, who was born at Gloucester, learned to ring in that town. He came to London in 1866, to take up a position in H.M. Customs at the docks. One of his first actions was to join the Royal Cumberland Society, which he did in August, 1866. He became a member of the St. James' Society in February, 1867. Later he joined the Essex Association, when he became a member of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band, in 1892. He joined the Middlesex Association in 1897.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, he rang the tenor to a peal of Grand-sire Caters on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and nearly four years later he rang in a muffled peal at the same church to record the passing of that Sovereign. This peal was called by the late William Pye, whom Mr. Knight always greatly admired.

In 1892, on one of his annual visits to his birthplace, he joined the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and well remembered ringing with the late Rev. H. Law James and his brother, the Rev. E. Bankes James, when they were very young men; and also with many other well-known Gloucester ringers, all of whose names he recollected.

For the last 15 years Mr. Knight had been confined to his bed with an incurable leg trouble, but his interest in ringing never waned. He was gifted with a wonderful memory, and, with a wide store of reminiscences, was most entertaining to listen to. He was keenly interested in the William Pye memorial, and up to the time of his death had collected quite a considerable sum of money for that object. He was never so happy as when a ringing friend went to see him, and one of his greatest days was when he received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson on the day after their return from Australia, which gave him something to talk about for months afterwards.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at Ilford Cemetery.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REORGANISATION OF FINANCE.

Seventy-Five Per Cent. for Central Fund.

At the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Southwark on Saturday, a change was made in the rules, by which 75 per cent. of the district receipts will be contributed to the central fund, instead of sixpence per member and a levy to meet the cost of the annual report.

The meeting was attended by nearly 100 ringers, representative of a large number of towers in the county, and many visitors. After enjoying ringing on the noble peal of twelve bells at the Cathedral, where on the first Sunday in every month the association supplies a hand to ring for the morning service, the members attended the beautifully sung evensong. Afterwards an address was given by the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, of St. John's, Croydon, where he is learning to ring. His subject was the brotherhood of service, and he spoke of the place of the ringer in the service of the Church. There were many people, he said, who remained outside the walls of the Church, and it was a wonderful privilege which bellringers had of sending out to them the message of the Gospel. It was more than just sentiment which touched people when they heard the sound of the bells. It was something of the appeal of that voice which had gone out into all lands and its sound unto the ends of the earth. They could not dissociate the bells of the Church and the message of the Church. They were one and the same thing. The bells rang out the message of the love of God. If that was true, it was important that those who rang the bells should keep that message before them. There had been correspondence lately in the ringers' paper about the worthiness, or unworthiness, of bellringers. He remembered when he was first ordained and went to a London parish, he went into the belfry and found that one of the great secrets of that place was its friendliness.

'When I told the Vicar what a nice lot of ringers he had got,' said the preacher, 'he replied, "They are no good at all. They ring the bells and that is all you see of them." I said, "Are you sure that is all you see of them?" I had to point out to him that two of them were members of the choir, three others were members of the C.E.M.S., ready to do anything they could, irrespective of their ringing, and that I had often seen one or two others of them with their wives at the Sunday evening services. You see,' added the preacher, 'he didn't know. It may not be always the case, but I believe that often those men who Sunday by Sunday go into the belfries and perform that extraordinary magic of the bells have been looked upon as just outside the Church. There may be a fear that ringers may think only of their ringing, as some organists and choirs may think only of their music and singing, and I want to appeal to you to-day to bring to your bell-ringing not only the skill God has given you, but all the Christian forces of your life.'

Tea in the Chapter House was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. J. C. Kinnear presided.

The treasurer's balance sheet, which was adopted, showed that the balance in the general fund had increased from £5 18s. 11d. to £12 3s. 4d.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The committee's report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) stated that the year had been a very successful one. In the North-Western District twelve meetings were held. Five were district meetings, which had an average attendance of 37, two were joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Rammore and East Molesey, and five were mid-week meetings with the Ladies' Guild. All the joint meetings were well supported by members of the district. The Southern District reported a new tower to be affiliated to the association, viz., Lingfield, the bells of which had been restored and augmented to a peal of eight. Four district meetings were held with an average attendance of 30. Membership in both districts had increased, and the total number of annual subscribing members was 297 (North-Western District 198 and Southern District 99), an increase of 23 on the previous year. Ringing had taken place at Southwark Cathedral on the first Sunday morning in each month by members of the association, and excepting during the holiday months the twelve bells were rung for service. A rota system had been established and 23 members at present were responsible for the ringing. The committee tendered its thanks to those members, and would welcome any further volunteers to assist in ringing the bells of the Cathedral Church of the diocese.

The association still flourished financially. The balance in hand in the general and district funds at 31st December, 1935, was £39 8s. 1d., as against £34 5s. 5d. at the beginning of the year, being an increase of £4 17s. 4d. upon the year's working.

The committee regretted to report the death of Mr. H. Goodwin, of St. John's, Redhill, and Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of St. Mary's, Beddington. Both were regular service ringers at their respective towers. Mr. Trappitt had been a member for 42 years and had rung 168 peals for the association. He was district secretary for nine years. His death was a great loss to Beddington tower and to the association as a whole. During the year 21 peals were rung, 89 members taking part in the following methods: Superlative Surprise Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 3, London Surprise Minor 1, Bob Minor 1, and

Minor in four methods 3. The conductors were as follows: C. H. Kippin, 7; O. Sippetts, E. Hancox and L. A. Tidy, 2 each; W. Claydon, R. V. Fuller, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. Harman, E. Morris, C. Potchecary, W. C. Smith and H. R. Thorpe, 1 each. Ten members rang their first peal, four their first on a working bell, 17 their first in the method and five their first on different numbers. Statistics for the past five years showed that although peal ringing was gradually decreasing, through the difficulty of obtaining towers for peal attempts, individual interest was still being maintained. In 1932 51 peals were rung by 100 members. In 1935 the 21 peals were rung by 89 members.

INCREASED CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

The following officers were re-elected: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; hon. auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere. Mr. E. G. Talbot was elected assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby retiring. Mr. Kippin thanked Mr. Darby for his valued services. His work, he said, had been carried on behind the scenes and the hon. secretary got the credit for it.

As the membership was now 313, under the rules of the Central Council the association was entitled to elect three representatives; and the following who had been nominated were elected: Messrs. D. Cooper, W. Claydon and C. H. Kippin.

Leatherhead, Croydon and Kingston were proposed for the next annual meeting. Croydon was withdrawn, and, on a vote being taken, Leatherhead was selected by a large majority.

On the recommendation of the committee, a grant of £1 ls. was voted to the William Pye Memorial Fund, an amendment to increase the amount to £2 2s. being defeated.

The committee recommended an alteration to rule 17, increasing the district contribution to the general fund from sixpence to 1s. 6d. in respect of each member whose subscription shall have been paid.

The hon. secretary explained that the districts had hitherto contributed 6d. per member, and had paid, in proportion to their membership, for the cost of printing the annual report.

After discussion on points raised as to the amount to be contributed from 'shilling' members (those who join at the end of a year) and hon. members, the motion was adopted with the substitution of '75 per cent.' for '1s. 6d.'

The following alterations to rules, also recommended by the committee, were also adopted:—

Rule 4, paragraph 1, substitute the following: 'All nominations for general officers and representatives upon the Central Council should be made either at the previous annual district meetings, or in writing to the general secretary, providing such nominations are in his hands at least 14 days before the annual general meeting.'

Addition to rule 16: 'All nominations for district officers and committee representatives should be made either at the previous district meeting or in writing to the district secretary, providing such nominations are in his hands at least 14 days before the annual district meeting. Any contested election must take place by ballot.'

The hon. secretary explained that hitherto the nominations had to be made in writing, but during the ten years he had been in office, no nominations had ever been received, and the committee had had to make the nominations. Under the proposed amendments they would ensure that nominations were made at district meetings, when the business would be on the agenda. At the same time, there would be nothing to prevent nominations being sent in in writing.

It was resolved that the annual dinner should be held again this year, the place being left to the committee to decide.

THE FORTHCOMING CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

On behalf of the committee the hon. secretary moved that the expenses of the Central Council representatives should be divided between the general fund and the districts.

After some discussion, it was decided to allow the question to stand over until the next annual meeting, as on this occasion, with the meeting held in London, the expense would be comparatively small.

Mr. M. Northover said he thought the members were entitled to a written report on the Council meeting, which could be read at the district meetings.

The hon. secretary said he made a verbal report last year at a meeting of the Southern District, but Mr. Northover was not present.

Mr. Northover said a written report would be available to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. F. W. Housden said the difficulty raised by Mr. Northover would be removed if everybody supported 'The Ringing World' (hear, hear).

The Chairman said he would recommend that, too. He found a great deal of interest in the paper and he hoped there would be a good response to the appeal made recently by the Editor for a larger circulation.

The hon. secretary said when the Central Council met in London three years ago, the Surrey Association was invited to join with other associations in arranging the social side of the proceedings. The association then guaranteed two guineas towards the expenses, but were only called upon for £1 7s. 4d. He believed the association would be invited to join in a similar arrangement this year, and proposed that, if that be so, the association should contribute a sum up to two guineas.—This was agreed to.

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DEATH OF AN OLD ASTON RINGER.**MR. JAMES HOPKIN'S WORK IN THE BELFRY.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Hopkin, an old Aston ringer, who passed away on March 5th at his residence in Church Lane, only a few yards from the church he loved so well. He was 76 years of age.

He went to Aston about 35 years ago and soon joined the Sunday band of ringers.

He learned to ring at Ashby-de-la-Zouch and was at one time a pupil of Mr. J. Jaggard. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major.

Mr. Hopkin was a delightful man and his presence in the belfry was always for the good of the company. He was regular service ringer and church attendant.

His memory will always be retained in Aston belfry on account of the beautiful illuminated tablets of peal records that hang on the walls. His writing of these is admired by all who see them.

He waited a long time for Aston bells to be restored and was very delighted when he heard them again last summer. But the years had left their mark on 'Old Jim,' and he found the climb up the steps too much for him. He had a few rounds on the new bells on two occasions, but that was all he could manage. He had nothing but praise for the new peal.

He was buried at Aston on Monday, March 9th. The Vicar (the Rev. H. McGowan) officiated, and in his remarks paid tribute to the deceased as a man who did things quietly and effectively. Deceased leaves a widow and son and daughter to mourn their loss.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by D. Matkin, J. Jaggard, A. Walker and H. Withers. Several Aston ringers and other ringers took part in half-muffled ringing on the tower bells immediately after the burial service.

The service was attended by about a hundred members of the 'Sons of Rest' from Aston Park, of which section the late Mr. Hopkin was secretary.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. A. WRIGHT.**TABLET DEDICATED AT PAINSWICK.**

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Albert Wright, of Pitchcombe, was dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Painswick, on Saturday afternoon, February 29th. The tablet, which is on an oak base, is in the belfry of the church, and has been erected by the ringers of Painswick as a mark of appreciation of the late Mr. Wright's service to them in the promotion of ringing. From 1912 until 1930 Mr. Wright was Master of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths and was always interested in bellringing anywhere. He had also composed and conducted a good number of peals at Painswick, including the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, which took 8 hours and 45 minutes to ring.

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Hiram Craven (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Paton (curate), whilst others at the service were Mrs. Wright and members of the family, Mr. J. Russell and Mr. G. A. Carse (churchwardens) and members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

The Vicar paid a very warm tribute to Mr. Wright's devoted work for his church. The tablet is inscribed as follows:—

'Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. To the memory of the late Mr. Albert E. Wright, Master from 1912-30, from his fellow ringers.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

About 40 members, representing 14 towers, attended the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Hazelbury Bryan on March 14th. The Guild office was conducted by the Rev. William Uphill (Rector of Stour Provost), assisted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) and the Rev. J. L. Rhys (Rector of Hazelbury), who welcomed the members, and in a short, homely address described interesting features of the history of his church and parish. Tea was served in the Rectory, followed by a short business meeting, the Rev. F. L. Edwards presiding.

Douglas Woolridge and Sidney Hunt (both of Fontwell Magna) were elected ringing members.

It was agreed to hold an evening practice at Silton on May 9th, and a joint practice with the Wimborne Branch at Blanford on May 23rd. The chairman pleaded for a greater support for 'The Ringing World,' which journal was that week celebrating its silver jubilee—25 years' work of inestimable value to the Exercise. Complimentary copies of the jubilee number were distributed in the hope of increasing the circulation.

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The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rector of Southwark, and to Mr. Mash who had arranged the tea; also to the general officers for their work during the year.

Ringers were present from many towers in the county, including Reddington, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Mitcham (Christ Church and Parish Church), Reigate, Lingfield, Limpsfield, Chart, Wimbledon, Woking, Leatherhead, Ewell, Epsom, Benlinton, Putney, Banstead, Camberwell, Merton, Streatham, Southwark (St. George's), Redhill, Ashted and visitors from Little Mundon, Chislehurst, Dartford, Chelsea, Westminster (St. Margaret's), Bishopsgate, Beckenham, Swanscombe, Westerham, Northfleet, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Coventry, Kingsbury, Highgate, Holloway, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION CONGRATULATES 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, and was attended by a representative gathering, upwards of 40 members being present from Barnsley, Doncaster, Wath, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Rammoor, Wortley, Rotherham, Eastwood, Rawmarsh, Norton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Treeton and the local company. A good variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, were sampled, and there was some excellent striking, especially in the higher methods.

The usual first-class tea provided by the local company was very much appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of Handsworth (the Rev. Canon W. A. Baker) presided. Previous to the business, the secretary referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. T. O'Hara, of St. Marie's Company, Sheffield, and the members stood in silence as a last mark of respect to an old and valued member of the association.

Two new members were elected, viz., T. Nicholls, of Wath, and F. Gates, of St. Marie's.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, it was decided that if the bells at Barnsley, which are at present at the Croydon Foundry, are available, to hold the annual joint meeting there in June, failing which, Penistone was selected.

The retiring officers, Messrs. G. Lewis (vice-president) and G. Clark, F. C. Wilson and W. Wooler (committee), were re-elected and thanked for their services during the past three years.

The hearty congratulations of the members were extended to Mr. Panther, of Wath, on reaching the total of 100 peals for the association.

The secretary was instructed to convey to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' the very best wishes of the members on the occasion of the journal's jubilee, and the meeting agreed to do whatever was possible to increase the circulation of the paper, for it was felt that if ringers had no paper it would be a calamity and almost impossible for the various associations to carry on.

The Chairman, having to leave, was heartily thanked for his presence and services and for the welcome which he always extends when Handsworth is visited, and which makes such a difference to a meeting, however small it may be.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the ladies were accorded and replied to by Mr. F. Watkinson on their behalf.

WESTERN DIVISION AT LIVERSEDEGE.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, March 14th, at Liversedge, when that delightful peal of bells was kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. Upwards of fifty members were present and a large variety of methods was rung. Tea was served in the schools followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. P. J. Johnson presided, supported by the association's president (the Rev. Canon Marshall) and the Rev. E. H. Fernie.

The Chairman, in a characteristic speech, appealed to all members to give their fullest support to 'The Ringing World,' which that week was celebrating its silver jubilee. He said this paper was not receiving the support which it merited, and he urged all present to do whatever they could to increase its circulation.

Five new members were admitted to the association, viz., Messrs. N. Greaves (Bramley), W. E. Ramsden (Drighlington), William Hargreaves and John Turner (Lindley) and George Ward (Rothwell).

The members showed their confidence in the retiring officers by re-electing their vice-president and the three committee members for a further period of three years.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for so kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the association, Canon Marshall said how pleased he was to see his old friend, the Rev. E. H. Fernie, who had recently returned from Australia.—This motion was seconded by Mr. W. S. Green.

The Rev. E. H. Fernie, in replying, assured the members that the welcome was indeed sincere, and he hoped he would have the pleasure of receiving the association again in the near future. He also referred humorously to the time when he tried very hard to learn ringing, but his efforts nearly ended in disaster.

The Chairman, in voicing the association's gratitude to the local company for their splendid arrangements, reminded the members of that wonderful band of ringers whose peal boards and records in the belfry pay tribute to their skill. He also congratulated the ladies for the very efficient way in which they had served the tea, mentioning that although some of them had very little experience of catering, they certainly knew how to look after ringers. Their arrangements were a credit to them.—Mr. W. Idle seconded this proposition, and Mr. Fred Hodgson replied for the local company.

The members then made their way to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

The June meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bingley, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. C. Vadden. Full particulars will be advertised later.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING DISCUSSES MUFFLING.**

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held at Finchley on Saturday week, was attended by some 36 ringers, giving a denial to the oft repeated assertion that the six-bell meetings are not well supported. Amongst those present were many well-known 'Surprise' ringers, who were not backward in ringing Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of several youngsters.

A bright service was held at 5 o'clock, with a helpful sermon by the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), who afterwards joined the party at tea.

At the subsequent business meeting four new members were admitted, and the election of Mr. George Williams, provisionally made on February 15th prior to the '1,000 pealers' peal, was confirmed.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association was arranged to be held at Ealing on April 25th, and Pinner was chosen for the next district meeting on May 2nd or 16th.

Specimen copies of 'The Ringing World' silver jubilee number were distributed, and the hon. secretary strongly urged any members not already subscribers to become regular readers. The Exercise in general, and associations in particular, owed a lot to 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. Coles, and without that journal the lot of secretaries would be much worsened.

BELLS OR CLAPPERS?

Comment was made on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of the muffling of bells, and the chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), who is hon. secretary of the Central Council, said that the matter would come up for discussion at the next meeting.

The hon. secretary referred to the remarks made at the Birmingham dinner by a speaker who said he thought it silly to say the clappers were muffled. Mr. Coles said it appeared to him just as silly to say that the bells were muffled, and in any case the muffle was put round the clapper and not round the bell. Actually it was the note of the bell that was muffled, and it would seem to be quite in order for a footnote to read 'Rung half-muffled (or muffled), etc.' without any reference to the clapper or bell.

Mr. Fred A. Barker welcomed the members present to Finchley, and expressed the pleasure of the local ringers at seeing so many at a six-bell meeting.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, and for allowing the meeting to take place; to Mr. F. Cherrett for arranging the meeting; to the organist; and to Mrs. Barker and friends for preparing tea. He also acknowledged Mr. Barker's words of welcome.—The vote of thanks was carried with applause.

Whilst some members amused themselves with the handbells, others returned to the tower, where the new District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, looked after the requirements of all, with Grandsire Doubles up to London Surprise Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN EXPERIMENT IN WEST DORSET.**

The first of a series of combined practices for the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradpole tower on Saturday week. Members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Chideock, Ever-shot and Lyme Regis with the intention of gaining some insight into Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Every opportunity was given to those who had not taken a working bell in these methods before, and encouraging results were obtained as the fruit of keen paper study in preparation for this meeting. Ere the afternoon was over some quite good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung as well as courses of Stedman Triples and touches of Bob Major, all of which undoubtedly stirred the interest of those who had never taken a rope in these methods before, or had never had the chance to get beyond Doubles—besides helping to instil the hope among the others that the practice of fresh methods will be introduced into a wider range of towers in the branch.

The Rector, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombain, most kindly provided tea for all, and was warmly thanked for his welcome and encouragement.

This was felt to be a really useful gathering, during which every moment of the time was well employed, everyone being most sympathetic to instruction; and it is hoped that such practices may become a regular quarterly feature in the future programme of the branch.

FATHER AND SON.**ANOTHER RECORD.**

The association of a father and son in the art of change ringing at the same parish church may be held to constitute a record. The father was Mr. Thomas Roberts, who began on the 'dinner bell' at Ringstead, Northamptonshire, at the early age of 14, and, from that time, continued as a change ringer until his death just before the beginning of the Great War, accomplishing a service of over 60 years.

His son, George Henry, was initiated into the art at about the age of 20, and has now completed a service of 51 years in Ringstead and the neighbourhood. Father and son have thus accomplished in length of service an aggregate of 111 years, and they rang together for a period of 30 years, as one might say, side by side.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION AT LITTLE WALTHAM.**

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Little Waltham on February 28th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, 46 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening to try the bells, which were rehung and a new treble added to make six last year after being out of ringing order for about 40 years.

A very pleasing feature of the gathering was the number of young ringers who attended, especially those who belong to the local band. They are very keen and visit other towers in the neighbourhood for additional practice.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. C. Gayford, who gave a very interesting address. The lesson was read by the District Master (Dr. Spencer Phillips) and the singing accompanied by the organist.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall, served by Mrs. Gayford and several lady helpers, and presided over by the Rector.

At the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, seven new ringing members were elected, viz., A. Boyce, J. M. Gayford, L. M. Hedges and T. J. Matthams, Great Waltham; A. Everett and A. M. Joslin, Boreham; and F. P. Lewis, Maldon.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Galleywood on May 2nd.

The District Master, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, and congratulated him on the success of the restoration of the bells. He also thanked the organist and Mrs. Gayford and her helpers.

The Rector, in reply, gave the association a hearty welcome and hoped that they would come again as soon as they could. He thanked the association for their help in the restoration of the bells.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower and at 9.15 the bells were lowered, thus bringing another enjoyable meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham and Little Waltham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and tea was held at St. Nicholas' Home.

Rev. Canon H. J. Enraght, Rector of Lowestoft, who is also vice-president of the association, presided at the business meeting.

Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected president and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood was re-elected secretary.

The committee elected was Messrs. R. W. Barber, J. Taylor, R. T. Woodley, C. Parnell and A. J. Moy.

Messrs. R. J. Davey and A. G. King were nominated for the General Committee of the association.

Three new members were elected, and the following dates were arranged for meetings: June 13th, Ade; September 6th, Great Yarmouth.

Twenty-two members attended from Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Wymondham, Gorleston and Kessingland. Ringing took place in the evening, the methods rung being Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

A fine meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also for arranging with the matron of the Home for a fine tea, which was much appreciated.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

THEDDINGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): C. Wright 1, D. Allsopp 2, T. Miller 3, G. Hollick (conductor) 4, A. Millward 5. First quarter by ringers of 1 and 3. Ringers of treble and tenor are of the local band, and this is believed to be the longest length on the bells in which any local member has taken part.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. F. Cockell 1, W. C. West 2, J. Jefferson 3, R. H. Legg 4, S. R. Cockell (first attempt as conductor) 5, A. J. West 6, W. S. Burbridge 7, J. J. Cockell 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Thursday, March 12th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. E. Milton 1, W. J. Jeffries 2, A. Kilner 3, J. J. Lamb 4, C. A. Bines (conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, H. Wood 7, R. Peach (first quarter-peal) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—For evensong, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Maxim 2, Miss G. Church 3, *W. Newnham 4, *E. Newnham 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House 7, G. Thurgood 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, W. Perry 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a token of appreciation of the Rev. W. Platt, who was leaving Eastwood parish to take up duties at Leicester Cathedral: K. Makin (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Casswell (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Stamp 3, L. Parkin 4, N. Chadcock (conductor) 5, S. Briggs 6, C. Poultney 7, P. Mangham 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ELLOE DEANERIES SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING JUBILEE.**

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held recently at Spalding, the Rev. E. C. Gee, Vicar of Pinchbeck, was elected president of the branch, to succeed the Rev. G. H. Clark, of Surfleet, who resigned after occupying the office for twelve years. The meeting followed service in the Parish Church, at which Canon G. B. Nicholas (Vicar) officiated, and the address was given by Canon W. F. Hodge (Vicar of Bennington).

The retiring president presided over the annual meeting, when the following clergy were present: Canon Nicholas, Canon Walter Hicks (Metheringham), the Rev. E. C. Gee, the Rev. G. A. Elson (Donington) and the Rev. J. E. Callister (St. Paul's, Spalding), and ringers from Bicker, Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Whaplode, Holbeach, Long Sutton, Tydd St. Mary, Gedney Hill, Market Deeping, Cambridge and Peterborough, in all over 60.

Before the business a vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Walsoken, wife of the late Rector, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was to have addressed the meeting that afternoon.

At the last annual meeting the secretary (Mr. George Ladd, Pinchbeck) gave notice of his intention to resign this year, but, on being pressed to continue in this capacity, he consented, tribute being paid to his past work.

The Rev. G. H. Clark was also warmly thanked for his work on behalf of the Guild.

The vice-presidents, Canon Nicholas, the Rev. T. G. Devitt (Fleet) and the Rev. Callister, were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. G. H. Clark.

Other officers re-elected were Mr. R. Smith (treasurer), Messrs. J. T. Brown and R. Richardson, Surfleet (auditors), Mr. J. T. Brown (branch representative on the Diocesan Guild Committee).

The treasurer presented his balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory and adopted. It showed a balance of £27 in hand.

The following were elected as ringing members: Messrs. H. Smith (Moulton), J. W. Everitt, J. W. Gray, J. R. Gray, G. W. Johnson and E. N. Sellars (all of Fulney), J. R. Holmes (Spalding), S. C. Lawes and D. Lawes (Gedney Hill), A. W. Townsend (Long Sutton), and H. Taylor (Deeping St. Nicholas).

Meetings were arranged for the coming year at Gadney Hill (May 9th), Pinchbeck (June 13th), Moulton (September 12th) and Fulney (November 28th).

The meeting at Pinchbeck will coincide with the completion of 50 years' membership of the branch by the hon. secretary.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Nicholas, Mr. Chester and Canon Hodge, and the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing in various methods.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A good gathering of ladies attended the North District meeting at Ossett, although the weather was terrible. At the business meeting, held in the church, four new members were elected.

After joining the gentlemen in the belfry, several mixed touches were rung on the fine peal of ten bells. Later a service was enjoyed by all, and several remarked on the brilliant sermon.

Good use was made of a lady's car to take ringers to the tearoom. After the tea Miss Thompson thanked the Mayor for his kindness and generosity, and Mr. Bennett and others who had made the meeting such a success.

The Mayor replied that although he was a very busy man—he had travelled half-way across England and through snowdrifts and floods to get to this meeting—when they woke him up at 4.30 to say it was time to be getting along, he didn't mind! He had heard from somewhere that a certain band of young men had shut themselves safely up (away from 'Kate') in a tower nearby and were ringing a bachelors' peal. He thought that the fearless gentlemen who had attended the meeting were having the best time of it.

Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association) gave a few words of welcome, and remarked that he was real glad to see again the old-fashioned ringers' spread (a knife and fork tea) that he had seen this afternoon. He was pleased that he was one of the fearless ones, as he was very much enjoying himself.

**PARISHIONERS IN THE BELFRY.
RECRUITS AFTER VISIT TO RINGERS.**

Parishioners of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, were invited by the local Guild of ringers to an interesting evening in the belfry on Monday of last week. A good number attended. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow gave an historical review of change ringing and of the bells in the tower. Six bells were placed in the tower when it was rebuilt in 1629. In 1731 they were recast into eight, and it is interesting to note that one of the earliest recorded peals of Grandsire Triples was rung there in 1733. In 1911 the bells were increased to ten, various recastings having taken place in the intervening years.

Practical demonstrations of ringing were given to the visitors, who also inspected the bells and found much to interest them. The Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) thanked the ringers and explained that the object of the demonstration was to attract recruits to the Guild.

As a result of the interest created, half a dozen parishioners have volunteered for belfry work.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.**

Attention is drawn to Rules 7 and 10, i.e., "All nominations (president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and hon. auditors), and all resolutions to be proposed, shall be sent to the hon. secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting."

Will all persons holding a stock of publications on "sale or return" kindly send me particulars, and return any unsold "Laws affecting Church Bells"?—G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

On Sunday evening, March 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, T. Langdon 4, U. Wildney 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, F. G. Cole (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Messrs. C. F. Winney and S. Clift.

At Barking, Essex, on Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. G. Moore 1, O. E. Faulkner 2, R. Fenn 3, F. G. Newman 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, S. J. Holgate 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Rung on the birthday of R. Fenn.

On Tuesday, March 10th, to mark the occasion of the 81st birthday of Mr. Frank L. Bumpstead, and who has been steeplekeeper for 40 years at St. Peter's, Colchester, various touches were rung of Double Norwich, Superlative, Stedman, also 488 of London Surprise, in which Mr. F. L. Bumpstead rang the treble. On Sunday evening, March 15th, 832 Superlative was rung by H. T. Pye, R. Codamy (longest touch in method), G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, G. Townes, W. Dent, V. Kerridge and E. P. Duffield (conductor), in honour of the birthdays of G. N. Rashbrook and V. Kerridge.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, on February 2nd, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Nonkes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens 7, F. Farr 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MOLD, NORTH WALES.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Jones 1, E. Evans 2, J. Metcalf 3, F. Roberts 4, J. Roberts 5, F. Hartman (conductor) 6. First 720 for all except conductor.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, H. Hoskins 2, J. Bennett 3, Miss N. Hardcastle 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. Madgwick 6, J. Euston 7, J. Marks 8, H. Folkhard 9, W. Partiss 10. Arranged and rung for the tenorman, who is the towerkeeper.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Durrant 1, E. E. Davey 2, W. Rouse 3, H. Cuthbert 4, H. A. Wright 5, E. B. Smith 6, A. J. Clarke 7, M. J. Ling (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

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PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The ring of eight has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Sturry on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ringing for all. Rounds to London. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by invitation of Sturry ringers and friends. Please send card to Mr. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry. Please help to make this meeting a success.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service in church at 5.45 p.m., followed by unveiling of an interesting peal tablet in the belfry, recording two peals, one rung in 1900. Please make a special effort to attend and send names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The adjourned Redbourne meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Usual arrangements. Let us have a big meeting, but send a card to say you are coming. Important business.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield (6 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Club Room, High Street. All ringers welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th. This fine peal of bells will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church House after, with business meeting to follow. All will be welcomed. A postcard, if possible, will greatly assist in making arrangements for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Roll along. All are welcome.—J. H. Clifton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 174, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, March 28th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Collingbourne-Kingston on March 28th. Six bells.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, March 28th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Six bells.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10), available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, St. Magnus' on April 2nd, 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley on April 4th. Entries to contest and applications for tea at 1s. 6d. to be in my hands for March 28th.—T. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) **AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th. Other particulars as already announced. Please notify me early.—Frank Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) from 3.45 and after tea. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Railway Hotel. Isleworth meeting on May 9th. All welcome to both meetings.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall, Notts, on April 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, for those notifying me by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from Western Boulevard.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Carpenter. Tea and meeting to follow in the School. Subscriptions now due. For tea, 9d. per head, please notify Mr. J. Fisher, 15, Park Road, Coppull. All ringers welcome. These bells are worth a visit.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this association will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at Norton. Six beautiful bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea in Church Institute at 5 p.m., which will be free to those only who notify Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Others will pay.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Horsham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea Wednesday previous to meeting, please. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Padworth on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 6d. a head. Number for tea to be sent to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral 10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than April 9th. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —A meeting will be held at Ewell on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 6 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, not later than Saturday, April 11th.—F. W. Housden, Hon. Sec., 134, Park Lane, Carshalton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Owing to limited accommodation, application for tickets, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by last post Wednesday, April 8th, after which no application can be entertained. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Sundridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 and after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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DEATH.

KNIGHT.—At 105, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, on March 21st, Robert Kelham Knight, aged 91 years; 70 years a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

A meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, March 7th, when 38 ringers were present from Alsager, Burslem, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall, Uttoxeter and Wistaston.

Service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Watkins (Rector of Newcastle), who gave a very interesting address. The choir were also in attendance, with Mr. C. Pomfret at the organ, and were afterwards entertained to tea by the Newcastle ringers.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the usual votes of thanks were passed.

Immediately after tea the company were honoured by the presence of Alderman S. Myott (Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme), who was afterwards elected an honorary member of the association.

A roll of the company present was called over by the Mayor, who, in turn, welcomed representatives of each tower to the ancient borough.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT YATELEY.

RINGERS SHARE IN FESTIVITIES.

On Thursday, February 27th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Manor House Farm, Yateley, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. Their grandson, C. Butler, rang the treble, this being his first quarter-peal. Their son, G. Butler, was conductor and their son-in-law, F. Watts, rang the third, this being his first quarter-peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

After the ringing the ringers were asked to sit down, and more of the band rang a 504 as a further compliment. Mr. G. Butler then led the party to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts, son-in-law and daughter.

Here the band were warmly welcomed by Farmer Butler and his good wife, together with his daughters and grandchildren, and invited to take part then in a real golden wedding feast. The bridegroom cut the splendid three-tier cake, with bells all round; wine was brought and the president of the band proposed the health of the farmer and wife. Bells were rung in changes and tunes. Songs were sung by the son and daughter, and a real good evening passed quickly away. Such is the spirit of comradeship in the Yateley band of ringers, who considered themselves highly honoured, as a band, to have an invitation and to be the chief guests on this great occasion for the family.

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