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## MEMORIAL TO A GREAT RINGER.

At one of the most representative gatherings of ringers seen at a bell opening since the Stedman tercentenary celebrations at Cambridge in 1931, the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye was dedicated at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, on Saturday. Ringers gathered from many parts of the country to do honour to one who is acknowledged to have been the greatest exponent of the art in his own or any preceding generation. No other ringer achieved the great feats which he accomplished, and very few, even with his opportunities, could ever have done so. William Pye had ambition as well as skill, and he combined them in a way that leaves him, as far as it is possible to judge, in a position unchallenged as the most outstanding figure of all time in the Exercise.

The provision of a suitable memorial to him was not altogether an easy task, and the joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations are to be congratulated upon the successful outcome of their efforts. The response to the appeal was, however, generous and widespread and a remarkable tribute to the universal honour in which William Pye was held. He was one of the most retiring of men; he never boasted of his achievements; and yet he impressed himself upon all those with whom he came into contact and upon the imagination of hundreds who never rang with him. Associations, towers and individuals throughout the British Isles subscribed, and when the memorial was dedicated the cost had been practically secured. The memorial is in the parish in which Mr. Pye lived for 30 years, and at the church where he constantly rendered assistance. It was a happy solution of the problem of site, inseparable from the fact that in his ringing career Mr. Pye's chief interest had been in the neighbouring county of Middlesex, where he had for more than a quarter of a century been Master of the Association, and taken a great part in building up the fortunes and prestige of the organisation, but where he had been associated with no individual tower.

There is something very fitting in perpetuating the memory of outstanding ringers, in the way that William Pye has now been honoured. Famous men in the past history of the Exercise have come upon the scene, taken their part in building up the art, and made their exits, and of many of them we do not even know their resting place. For their share in the development of ringing they, too, deserved a memorial, that succeeding generations might have been reminded of what they contributed to the art, but they often left behind them only a

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name. Fortunately in these days there is a greater desire to honour the memory of those who have given their time and talents to raising the status of the art and the Exercise, and the appreciation shown of the life work of William Pye is a well deserved tribute to a man of outstanding skill, genius and achievement.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 8
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First peal on 12 bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	FRANK E. DAREY ... 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
JOHN GRUNDY ... 4	*HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 9
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* 100th peal. Arranged for F. E. Darby.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE  
ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	*JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	*HORACE BELCHER ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. This peal contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former being rung to the Wrong and the latter from the Wrong to the Home. First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by the society and the first in two methods in London.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
JOHN G. NASH ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	*CYRIL E. LAXON ... 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	JAMES HUNT ... 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SR. ... 5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
FRANK B. JEAL ... 2	*ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 6
*RONALD A. TUFFIN ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
LIONEL PARKIN ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. TUCKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung for Empire Day. First peal as conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F.

*SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
†FREDERICK RIX ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 5
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	†HARRY KILBY ... 7
†JAMES H. RIDING ... 4	†THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method.

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OHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 2	WILLIAM J. BIDNELL ... 6
GORDON WEBB ... 3	CHARLES TURNER ... 7
CHARLES F. SWAN ... 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, also of the birthday of Kent's oldest bellringer, Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, who reached the age of 99 on that day.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

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

Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr. 27 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	ALAN R. PINE ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINE.

The first peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church SS. Mary and Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. FARR ... Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... 6
GEORGE W. MILLS ... 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
RICHARD SMITH ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

\* 100th peal. Sixty-seventh peal together by ringers of treble and tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 100th birthday.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

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

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
FREDERICK MORRIS ... 4	JAMES W. SPILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Thomas E. Sone's 250th peal.

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BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

T. HENRY WRIGHT ... .. Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 5
*WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. 2	*C. RICHARD BELTON ... .. 6
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. Specially rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Belton, parents of the 6th ringer.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. LOWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal on eight as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, a new ring by Taylor and Co., dedicated on Palm Sunday.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
*HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

\* First peal of London and hails from Ipswich.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN BOCKENHAM ... .. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS' ... .. 5
*ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOCKENHAM ... .. 6
†GEORGE W. JOHNSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

\* 160th peal. † First peal and first attempt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sunday, May 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and ten six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN A. ONER ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM HIGGINS ... .. 4
*CECIL C. WRIGHT ... .. 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 5
CYRIL S. WEST ... .. 3	*ALLAN W. BRITTSWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. The tenor ringer is a member of the local band and the first Hawkley ringer ever to accomplish a peal.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... Treble	GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... 4
†GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
GEORGE H. BAILEY ... .. 3	†GEORGE H. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMON.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Lightfoot; (2) Ipswich; (3) Netherseale; (4) Bourne; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT ... 4
HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal in nine Surprise methods by all the band and in the county.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sunday, May 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 3280 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's, nine 240's of Pitman's and eight of Morris'. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Treble	ERIC R. WEBB ... .. 4
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	†ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

\* First peal on the treble since June, 1914. † 25th peal for the Guild.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NOEL B. THURLEY ... Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 4
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, rung at first attempt. Believed to be the first in the method rung in the branch. First Surprise peal on the bells. None of the band, except the conductor, had previously rung a 720 in the method.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, May 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS ... Treble	*THOMAS F. KING ... .. 3
*MRS. A. EVANS ... .. 2	SAMUEL HECTOR ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. EVANS.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal on the bells.

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## DEAL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

## AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*LEWIS A. AMOS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. RYE ... .. 4
CHARLES TURNER ... .. 2	†EDWARD J. WALKER ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TERRY ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor with an 'inside' bell and first attempt for a 720 'inside.' Rung as a 99th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, the oldest bellringer in the world.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, second observation, three callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK ... .. Treble	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 4
JACK PARISH ... .. 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP ... .. 5
FRANCIS C. GLEAVES ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First attempt to ring Norwich by ringer of 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gleaves kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

## AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare.

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,956 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. This is the first peal in four Surprise methods rung on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

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## COURT BOB TRIPLES.

Another Triples method with two hunt bells, which ringers who are following this series should have little difficulty in ringing, is Court Bob Triples. It is somewhat similar in construction to Oxford Bob, but, except when a bob is made, it contains no 3rd's place or dodging in 4-5.

One bell makes 5th's place, leads and makes 5th's place again, as in Oxford, but with the dodging cut out. This breaks up the long dodge behind, and the ordinary work in 6-7 is just single dodging. The bell that comes up behind after the bell in the hunt, dodges down. The bells that dodges with it, dodges both up and down, and the third bell dodges up with this latter. It cannot dodge down because the treble comes up to prevent it. All the rest is plain hunting. We ought, perhaps, to point out that at the start all the bells begin to hunt, the 'odd' bells up and the 'even' bells down.

This is the order in which the cycle of work occurs:—

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 5th's and lead.

Pass the treble in 3-4, make 5th's and lead.

Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 7-6 (down).

Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 6-7 (up) 7-6 (down).

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge 6-7 (up).

The bob is a 'Grandsire' bob; that is to say, the bell in the hunt with the treble is changed, by the making of a 3rd's place by the bell passing the treble in 2-3, causing the hunt bell to dodge (but only a single dodge) in 5-4 (down). The dodge is made with the bell that would have done its second 5th's, but the dodge cuts out the place, and this bell, having dodged with the one coming out of the hunt, goes on to dodge in 6-7 (up).

For short touches you can call any bell In and Out at 2, three times, or before Before and Wrong three times; and you can make up different lengths by putting them together in much the same way as we showed, in a former article, that touches of Grandsire Triples can be made up by the use of courses with the observation bell called 'In and Out' and 'Before and Wrong.' But your courses will be of a different length. Grandsire courses thus called are of four leads each. Court Bob are of five leads each.

Here is a quarter-peal (taken from the Central Council's 'Collection of Triples Methods,' in which you will find not only a variety of methods, but also touches and peals of each): Call the 7th Before and Home; Before and twice Home; Wrong and three times Home (twice repeated).

The first recorded peal of Court Bob Triples was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in 1886.

## BARWELL RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On May 27th, 1886, at Peckleton, Leicestershire, the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Belton took place. This year, therefore, sees their golden wedding anniversary. Migrating to the nearby village of Barwell in 1890, Mr. Belton entered the service of the Rector, a position he has faithfully held ever since. He joined the Midland Counties Association over 44 years ago, and it was fitting that for this golden wedding anniversary the hon. secretary should conduct a special peal composed by a former president. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the 'bridegroom,' and both he and Mrs. Belton received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of each and every one.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katherine's Church, on Sunday evening, May 24th, an 'Empirical' quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor by the following: \*R. Andrews 1, C. Killick 2, \*G. Welch 3, H. B. Wells 4, A. Cheeseley 5, J. Batters (conductor) 6. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LARGE GATHERING AT SHIPBOURNE.**

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, May 9th, when 50 members came to this lovely spot in answer to the secretary's appeal, not to disappoint the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schreiber). They represented the following towers: Shipbourne, East Peckham, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Brasted, Hawk-hurst, Leigh, Tonbridge, Chiddingstone, Bromley Common, Rotherfield, Gravesend, Egerton, Godstone and Sturry. The gentleman who makes a hobby of measuring tenor bells was also present. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were almost as representative as the ringers, many ringing their first touch in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Little Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the district secretary, Mr. A. E. Richardson. The Vicar took for his text Micah, vii. 3, 'That they may do evil with both hands earnestly.' He said that the opposite applied to ringers, who did good with both hands earnestly.

With the Rev. F. L. Schreiber as host, the tea was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. W. Latter and the hon. secretary.

The Chairman expressed congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. V. F. Cazelet, of Shipbourne Grange, in their good fortune in being recently blessed with a son and heir. Mr. Cazelet, who is an honorary member of the association, came up to the tower to meet the ringers during the afternoon.

Mr. A. Battin said he could not let the meeting break up without some reference to the latest news in the district, that the Rev. F. L. Schreiber was thinking of getting married. On behalf of the members, he extended the best wishes of all for the future happiness of the Vicar and his bride-to-be. The attendance and enthusiasm of the members that day, added Mr. Battin, showed how much in esteem Mr. Schreiber was held by everyone who knew him.—Mr. W. Latter also spoke of the welcome the Vicar had always given the members and of the happy times they had spent at Shipbourne.

'For he's a jolly good fellow' was then sung with the utmost enthusiasm.

The Vicar, in replying, said how much he appreciated their thanks and good wishes. With regard to the forthcoming wedding, which was to take place at Sevenoaks in July, he said he had felt that for some time he had not sympathised with the married men enough, and thought it was time he had some experience, so that he might be able to do so (laughter and applause).

The members afterwards returned to the tower for more ringing.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****BELL RESTORATION FUND CREATED.**

The 62nd annual general meeting of the Devonshire Guild, held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, was a highly successful event, no less than 215 members, representing 31 bands in union with the Guild, being present. The usual Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), with an address by the Rev. Canon W. J. Elsley, locum tenens for the Vicar, who is away recuperating his health.

After dinner at Forte's Cafe, the president took the chair for the meeting, and the agenda was followed with keen interest. The annual report and financial statement were adopted, and all the officers re-elected with a tribute to their services.

For the meeting in 1937 two places were proposed, viz., Newton Abbot and Plymouth. Newton Abbot was chosen on a show of hands by a majority of 10.

A donation of one guinea to the William Pye Memorial Fund was approved.

On a proposal of the committee that a Bell Restoration Fund be opened, the suggestion met with approval, whereupon the Chairman announced that, in conjunction with the general secretary, a sum of £10 would be provided to start the fund, an announcement which was greeted with acclamation.

A further proposal that a retiring collection be made for this fund resulted in over £3 being taken at the door.

A proposition by Mr. J. W. Richards that some acknowledgment be made of the general secretary's services was heartily approved, and a gratuity of £5 voted, for which the secretary returned thanks.

Ringings at Sidmouth and Sidbury was carried on all the day.

**THE OLDEST RINGER.**

To celebrate the 99th birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, the veteran Aldington, Kent, ringer, who is the oldest bellringer in the world, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on May 25th at St. Nicholas' Church, Newington-next-Hythe: C. Swan 1, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 2, F. A. Slingsby 3, \*F. R. Harden 4, J. Bartter 5, \*J. Pearson 6. \* First quarter-peal and local ringers. The ringer of the 3rd is Mr. C. Slingsby's son.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. The handy little peal of bells was made good use of during afternoon and evening. Despite the distance and the weather, members attended from the farthest corner of the district, over sixty miles away. Members were present from Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Waltham, Grimsby and from the local tower, and also Mr. and Mrs. C. MacGuiness, of Lincoln. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D.). The Rector gave a very interesting address. A very good tea was served to the 19 members at the Regent Cafe. The president, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, presided over the business meeting.

Mr. C. Dunn, of Scunthorpe, was re-elected a member.

The President proposed that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, who has recently suffered a bereavement in the death of his wife. Mr. Heyhoe has also left the district and is now residing with his son at Wickham, Hants. The president spoke of the work Mr. Heyhoe had done for the district. He was district secretary for several years and also secretary of the District Bell Fund. Mrs. Heyhoe had taken an active part in the work of St. James' parish for many years.

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his great welcome, for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address, to those who had made the arrangements, and to the caterers.—The Rector suitably responded. Mr. F. Barber, of Mablethorpe, also replied. A vote of thanks to the president for presiding brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD  
TALGARTH WIN COMPETITION.**

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild held their twelfth annual competition at Cadoxton, Neath, on Saturday, May 23rd. The entries were not up to the usual number, but the ringing, on the whole, was quite up to the standard of past years.

The Vicar of Cadoxton (the Rev. T. M. Hughes), Mrs. Hughes and her lady helpers kindly gave the luncheon and tea to the ringers, and after tea the presentations were made by Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, who has adjudicated at these competitions since their inauguration, awarded points as follows, the maximum being 240:—

Talgarth	...	230
*Cadoxton 'A'	...	229
Gorseinon	...	228
*Cadoxton 'B'	...	225
Cefn Coed	...	219
Brecon	...	186
* Handicapped 5 points.		

Mr. Fussell congratulated the Talgarth band upon their success. It had been a very close competition, and he thought Cadoxton would have won but for an unfortunate trip during the last few changes of the test.

The Rev. T. M. Hughes paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Fussell for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties that day, and also reminded the company of his wonderful record of service to bellringing. The Vicar remarked that if the ringers of the Guild had shown a fraction of Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm there would have been many more entries for the present competition.

The shield was presented to Mr. D. Bennett and certificates to Mr. J. E. Bloxham (Cadoxton) and Mr. Wallace Dobbins (Gorseinon).

The Rev. J. C. Hill proposed and Mr. L. T. Havard seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes and lady helpers for their generous hospitality throughout the day.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—Continued from page 374.****CANTERBURY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Council at Canterbury.

The president was authorised to send a letter of greeting and congratulation to the authorities and ringers at Hobart, Tasmania, on the occasion of the completion and dedication of the tower and ring of bells at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart.

A message of congratulation was passed to the Hertfordshire hand-bell band, who, on the previous Friday, had, for the first time, rung a 'double-handed' peal in four Spliced Surprise methods.

Thanks were accorded to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London for permitting the Council to meet in the Guildhall, to the Dean of St. Paul's for his welcome, and to the various other people who had contributed to the pleasures and comfort of the members.

The president was thanked for presiding, and he, in turn, paid a tribute to the great work done by the hon. secretary.

In the evening there was ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral and various churches, and later a social gathering was held at headquarters, Anderton's Hotel. This was attended by a gathering of over 200, and the chief features of the entertainment were Mr. Rupert Richardson's films of 'Famous Ringers,' and a demonstration of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's 'Ringing Machine,' which caused much amusement.

**THE PEAK DISTRICT.****RINGING 'NO MAN'S LAND.'**

On Saturday, May 23rd, a very enjoyable meeting of ringers gathered from the Peak District was held at the ancient Church of St. Helen, situated in the beautiful valley of Darley Dale, which in its spring garb is looking just now at its very best. In the churchyard stands the famous Darley yew tree, which is said to be 1,000 years old and is 11ft. in diameter. Darley Dale is noted for its lead mine and Stanciliffe stone, also its Druid remains, some dating from 1,000 B.C.

The local band are one of the few in the district who regularly practise change ringing. The Peak District is a very difficult one to organise owing to its scattered nature and the remoteness of some of its villages. It is a 'no man's land' to the ringing associations surrounding it. A few ringing meetings are, therefore, arranged during this year by ringers residing in the district to keep change ringing from dying out in this part of the country.

St. Helen's bells (8) were rung during the afternoon and evening to various standard methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. London was also attempted. Some 20 ringers sat down to tea in the British Legion Club, which is close by the church. A short meeting was held after tea, to arrange place and date of next meeting. The Rector of Darley welcomed the ringers during tea time, and altogether the meeting was a very successful one.

**GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS.**

At St. John's Parish Church, Berwick, on Tuesday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): W. Foot 1, F. Burt 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, R. Foot 4, W. Roberts 5, J. Keddie 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the treble ringer, Mr. W. Foot.

On Sunday, May 17th, at Throwley Church, Kent, prior to a service to commemorate the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the treble, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*Mrs. F. Tanner 1, Mrs. E. Spice 2, G. H. Spice 3, \*Miss K. M. Hooker 4, \*H. Manuel 5, J. W. Unwin 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, \*F. Tanner 8. \* First quarter-peal and first attempt.

On Monday, April 13th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung at Christchurch, Hants: W. Stone 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. Griffen 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs. Williams 5, S. White 6, G. Scragg 7, F. Sparshott 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10.

Mr. White is father of the ringer of the 6th, and an old member of the Winchester Guild. For many years he rang at Romsey Abbey.

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**CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT SHEFFIELD.**

The first course of Surprise Maximus by a purely local Sunday service company at Sheffield was rung at the Cathedral for evening service on Sunday, May 24th. The method was Cambridge: John Holman 1, Maurice E. Wilson 2, Haydn Thorpe 3, John Thorpe 4, Ralph S. Long 5, A. Percival Knights 6, Sidney F. Palmer 7, Leonard Charlesworth 8, Harold Naylor 9, Frank Ward 10, Charles A. Hewitt 11, Ernest Thorpe 12.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the order to rehang the ring of six bells at Goathurst, Somerset.

Spalding, Lincs, has the unique distinction of a centenarian churchwarden. Mr. George Jarvis, who is still in office, reached his one hundredth birthday on Friday, and a peal in his honour was rung at Spalding Parish Church. By a coincidence it was the one hundredth peal by Mr. A. J. Farr.

Towards the cost of the new peal of bells at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, a garden party and sale of work is to be held in the Rectory Gardens on Saturday, June 13th. Ringers are invited to come and ring on the new peal of bells, which will be at their disposal in the afternoon and evening.

Few ringers have the pleasure of ringing a peal for their father's 99th birthday. This has happened to Mr. Frank Slingsby, who took part in the Cheriton peal on May 26th. Everyone is hoping for another Kent century.

Sandringham Surprise Major, the first peal of which was rung at Warfield last week by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is the late Arthur Craven's Rugby Surprise, with 2nd's and 7th's added. The composition was one of a peal of Ipswich Surprise.

In connection with the recent Spliced Surprise peal, in which Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge were rung, it should be pointed out that this plan can only be used when the tenors are kept together, and the bells in 5-6 must not be reversed. 'Befores' can be used and the short courses are then rung Painswick, Yorkshire, Yorkshire, Painswick.

The peal of six at Bonvilston, Glam., are being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by members of the London County Association at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday. The tenor of 54 cwt. was rung by Jack A. Waugh and the 11th by James G. A. Prior.

Mr. Waugh at the age of 24 is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring a bell of this weight to a peal. Mr. Prior is only 23 and great credit is due to these young ringers for the fine way they rang these heavy bells.

While the 'golden wedding peal' rung at Barwell on Saturday last was being rung, Mr. and Mrs. Belton read the announcement in the local Press that the peal *had been* rung in their honour! Aren't some reporters optimistic!

Owing to building alterations, all ringing at Portsmouth Cathedral is cancelled for approximately two months.

At the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Monday, Mr. E. P. Duffield retired from the Mastership, and Dr. Spencer Phillips was elected to the office.

## SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO CANON ELSEE.

### A LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL.

On Saturday last, the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at St. Paul's Church, Walkden. At 3 p.m. the bells were going, and, with the exception of a short break for tea and business, were kept going in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise until a late hour. The bells, a new peal, with a tenor just under a ton, are considered to be exceptionally good, and the ringing at the meeting was of a first-class order, especially in the higher methods. There was a crowded tower and some good work was done, some members getting their first touch and others their first in a higher method.

At the business meeting six new members were elected, including the Rev. Arthur Scott, the lecturer at the Parish Church, Bolton. He was also nominated for the presidency of the association in place of the late Canon Elsee.

Mr. Thomas B. Worsley was elected bell adviser for the branch.

The question of a memorial to the late president was discussed, and it was suggested that if a peal of ten or twelve were put in Bolton Parish Church it would be a suitable one. Canon Elsee was Rural Dean of Bolton, and he had often said that the fine lofty tower ought to possess a larger peal. There is no doubt the public of Bolton would support such a project.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the tea, and the local ringers for preparing and supporting such a successful meeting.

## JUBILEE PEAL BOARD AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

To commemorate the silver jubilee peal of Grand sire Caters rung by members of the Herts County Association at Waltham Abbey, a suitable board has been unveiled in the belfry. The Vicar, the Rev. A. V. G. Cleall, M.A., performed the ceremony, and all the ringers who took part in the peal were present.

After the unveiling the Vicar thanked the ringers for their services and Mrs. Berry for the especial care of the belfry.

Mr. George Debenham (conductor of the peal), on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the peal to be rung, adding that they little thought a year ago that their beloved King would be taken so soon.

It is interesting to note that the Abbey celebrated the 876th anniversary of its consecration on May 3rd.



# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

### Record Attendance.

The newly-elected Central Council met in London on Tuesday, in the Council Chamber at the historic Guildhall, with a record attendance of 114 members. The morning session began at 11 a.m., when the members received an official welcome from the Dean of St. Paul's.

There were present the following representatives:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. W. T. Cockerill and Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. H. W. Brown, Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild—Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. J. W. Milner and Mr. H. Parker.

Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.

Dudley and District Guild—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. W. J. Davidson.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association—Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. J. K. Armstrong, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

Guildford Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazleden and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association—Mr. J. H. Oheesman, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. T. B. Worsley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. Chester, Ven. Archdeacon Parry and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. C. H. Parry.

London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. J. A. Waugh.

Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Hollier and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman and Mr. F. Nolan Golden.

North Staffs and District Association—Mr. A. Thompson.

Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock and Mr. R. H. Pest.

Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.

Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild—Mr. H. Baxter, Mr. R. G. Black and the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.

St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. Gilbert, Mr. J. Parker and Mr. G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton and Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. Stedman H. Symonds.

Surrey Association—Mr. D. Cooper and Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild—Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild—Mr. C. Lanson.

Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. H. Barton, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association—Mr. S. T. Holt and Mr. C. H. Woodberry.

Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Herdcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members—Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. M. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett (hon. member), Mr. C. E. Borrett (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hereford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Mr. J. D. Johnson (Worcester and Districts), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barn-

ley and District), Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), Mr. F. Wilford (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. C. W. Roberts (hon. member), Mr. A. King (Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association).

The Dean of St. Paul's offered a hearty welcome to the City of London, not only on his own behalf, but also on behalf of the Lord Mayor, the Corporation and citizens of London.

The Dean was thanked by the president, and the Council, after prayers, then proceeded to the business of the day.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary's report as to membership showed that the number of societies affiliated to the Council was 49. The territorial and diocesan associations number 43 and non-territorial associations six. In the 43 associations are 41 with an aggregate membership of 21,860. The other two have no annual subscribing members. The 49 affiliated associations are entitled to elect 134 members, and have up to the present elected 127.

### MESSAGE TO THE KING.

On the motion of the President, the Council unanimously resolved to send a message of loyal congratulation to H.M. the King. It was in the following terms:—

The Central Council of Church Bellringers, assembled in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, London, for their 44th annual meeting, take this, the first opportunity in your Majesty's reign, humbly to express to your Majesty the loyalty of the 20,000 change ringers they represent, and pray that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, President.

The reply received by the president from His Majesty was as follows: Please convey to the Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, the King's sincere thanks for their kind and loyal message of good wishes.—Private Secretary.

### ELECTIONS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

To the vacant office of hon. librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was elected.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes were re-elected hon. auditors. The following hon. members were re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young. The Earl of Shaftesbury was elected an hon. member in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Griffin.

A large number of new members were presented to the president, who afterwards referred to the losses of members and past members by death.

### THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The report on library and publications was submitted by the hon. secretary, who said: The report this year must of necessity be somewhat incomplete, for with the tragic death of the honorary librarian, and the removal of the books from Walsoken, the work, in so far as the library was concerned, came to a standstill.

The sales department, however, was able to carry on, and the thanks of the Council are due to Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, in the midst of their great sorrow, despatched a consignment of publications to the hon. secretary within a very few days of Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake's death.

The thanks of the Council are also due to Mr. R. Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Guild, for his great assistance in removing and storing the library and publications.

From the papers which have been examined, the purchases of books for the library amounted to £4 4s., and include 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends of the Bells,' both by E. Morris, 'Tintinnalogia, 1698,' by J. White, and 'Campanologia, 1854.'

Gifts of books were received from Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. J. H. Benstead, Mr. G. P. Elphick, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. J. A. Trollope. Grateful thanks are due to these and to any others whose names are not recorded.

From the correspondence it would seem that applications to borrow books continue to increase, and it is possible that this will be more apparent when the library lists have been distributed.

Members are again invited to assist in the disposal of the fairly extensive stock of publications. A further supply of 'Hints to Instructors,' has been purchased during the year, and 'Variation and Transposition,' by J. A. Trollope, reprinted by courtesy of 'The Ringing World,' is now on sale. 'Laws' are out of print, and a revision of this book is being made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett. Several orders for this valuable book are awaiting execution.

Inquiries have been received from Australia and America, and, whilst these were addressed correctly, some orders from persons in this country are still sent to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at Caversham.

I wish to thank Mr. Peter Tyrwhitt-Drake for his assistance in preparing the library accounts, and those who have, in response to my advertisement, sent particulars of sale or return stocks. The failure of others to send these particulars is to be regretted, as it has caused

a considerable amount of work. I trust the information will soon be forthcoming.

I tender my apologies for any delays which have occurred in the past few months in executing orders.

The number of sales effected was: Glossary 21, Rules and Decisions 8, Collections of Peals 27, Plain Major and Caters Methods 24, Triples Methods 80, Doubles and Minor Methods 54, Corrigenda leaflets 5, Model Rules for a Local Company 29, Report of Conference with S.P.A.B. 10, Card of Instructions 26, Preservation of Bells 28, Law Affecting Church Bells 25, Method Sheets 90, Hints for Instructors 383; total 790, of the total value of £21 6s. 5d.

The statement of accounts on sale of publications show receipts by the librarian £21 6s. 5d.; from agents holding stocks on sale or return, £1 14s. 1d.; total £23 0s. 6d. Advertising, postages, stationery and discounts amounted to £10 18s., leaving a balance on the year of £12 2s. 6d.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The balance in the general account at Whitsun, 1935, was £58 15s. 2d. During the year, affiliation fees for 1935-36 amounted to £33, and arrears for 1934-35 to 15s.; interest on investments was £5, and the balance on sale of publications was £12 2s. 6d., making a total of £111 10s. 2d.

The cost of publications was £14 17s. 1d. and of volumes for the library £4 4s. The other expenditure included a fee of 10s. 6d. in connection with the Carter Ringing Machine; £5 1s. the expenses of the Shrewsbury meeting; £1 13s. 9d., less donation of 5s. from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the cost of entertaining the Australian tourists at Shrewsbury; advertisements, £2 10s.; stationery and printing, £6 14s. 11d.; wreaths, £3 10s. 6d.; gratuities, 17s. 6d.; postage, etc., £2 19s. 8d.—a total expenditure of £42 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £68 16s. 3d. to carry forward.

The Council's investments stand at the book value of £100, the market value being £149 1s. 10d.

The accounts were adopted.

A report was received from the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes), who also recommended the appointment of Mr. A. G. Driver as a demonstrator of the machine.

#### COMMITTEES.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee, whose work in preparing a collection of compositions is still in progress, was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff, and the committee, with the exception of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who resigned, was re-elected with the addition of Mr. T. B. Worsley.

The report of the Methods Committee stated that the new edition of the Collection of Minor and Doubles Methods had been prepared, and the Collection of Surprise Methods was in the hands of the hon. secretary.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, but the Council decided to defer for the present the publication of the Collection of Surprise Methods, in view of other commitments to reprint certain volumes now almost out of print.

On the Analysis Committee's report, which has already been printed in our columns, it was decided to delete the peal rung at Wistaston, Cheshire, on July 13th, 1935, and which contained three 480's of Little Bob, on the ground that it did not conform to the Council's requirements for a peal. It was also resolved to instruct the committee not in future to include doubtful peals in the statistical tables, but to report them to the Council for decision.

The Committee was re-elected.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report presented by the Towers and Belfries Committee was as follows:—

During the past year the members of the committee have not held any meetings. The members, however, have carried out a number of inspections in response to individual requests to do so. Any recommendations made have been in accordance with general principles already agreed.

In one case a request was made in general terms that the committee should take action to get a tower reopened after the architect responsible had stopped all ringing. The matter is being followed up, but there is nothing definite to report as yet.

At the last Council meeting a request was made for information about silencing bells for practice purposes. Some such information is now available, and it is hoped that the committee will be able to meet at Whitsuntide and agree upon a recommendation.

The committee have lost a very good friend through the recent death of Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Mr. Powys was most helpful at the time of the meeting with his society, and since that meeting he had always been ready to discuss in a frank and fair-minded way any difficulties between architects and ringing interests.

The committee recommended that where there were bells which were said to be a nuisance to the public, the Davis Silencer should be used as a means of modifying the sound.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected.

A lengthy report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was presented, and an interesting discussion ensued as to the

best manner of securing that when bell broadcasts were given the ringing should be of the best possible character.

The committee was re-elected.

The Peal Boards and Biographies Committees also reported and were re-elected.

#### BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

In their report the Biographies Committee stated:—

The work of gathering biographical information concerning past members of the Council has been proceeding during the year, but will apparently take a considerable time to complete.

The number of past members up to last year was 325, and forms asking for information and photographs have been sent out in respect of each.

Up to the time of this report, 115 forms and 42 photographs have been returned. The committee hope that other forms and photographs will be sent in with as little further delay as possible.

With the formation of a new Council there are now further 'past members,' whose biographies have to be collected, and the committee propose to include this with the work that has been begun.

Thanks were accorded to all the committees for their work.

#### THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

It was decided that in future the auditors and past presidents and secretaries of the Council (being members) should be ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. This left a number of vacancies. Six retiring members were re-elected en bloc, viz., Ald. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. D. Taylor. For the remaining six places, twelve names were proposed, and the ballot resulted in the election of the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Major J. H. B. Hease, Messrs. R. Richardson, J. T. Dyke, S. H. Wood and A. Walker.

#### 'SPLICED' PEALS.

On the agenda was a series of motions relating to the definition of a 'Spliced' peal. One was in the name of Mr. C. T. Coles, with an amendment by Mr. J. Hunt, the other was in the name of Mr. S. H. Wood. When this matter was reached, Mr. Hunt withdrew his amendment, and, with the consent of the Council, Mr. Coles and Mr. Wood also withdrew theirs and substituted the following, which Mr. Wood proposed and Mr. Coles seconded:—

'That compositions which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that the methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the "Leads" in the case of Treble-dominated methods, the "Sixes" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods, etc.) remain intact.

'That reports of all Spliced peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal.'

An amendment by Mr. G. Grover, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins, to omit all the words in the first paragraph beginning with 'provided that,' was defeated by a large majority and the proposition was carried.

#### OTHER MOTIONS.

A debate took place on a motion submitted by Mr. F. E. Dawe 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World" and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.

Mr. E. A. Young seconded the motion and several members offered suggestions.

Eventually, on the suggestion of the hon. secretary, Mr. Dawe accepted and the Council approved of the following motion: 'The Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," these suggestions to be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and a report circulated to all members.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval and laid before the Council at the next meeting.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher seconded.

An amendment was carried on the motion of Mr. E. P. Duffield, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, that the recommendation should be first submitted to the Council, and with that alteration the motion was carried.

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed and Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded that 'In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of the Council meetings should, where possible, commence at 10 a.m.

There was a strong feeling against changing the present hour of 11, and, after an amendment to make the hour 10.30 a.m. had failed to elicit any support, the motion was defeated by a large majority.

The following motion was carried on the motion of the President, seconded by the Hon. Secretary: 'That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.'

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# THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

## BELLS DEDICATED AT LEYTONSTONE.

### National Tribute to a Great Ringer.

A fitting and permanent memorial to one who has been described as 'the greatest ringer of all time'—the late Mr. William Pye—was dedicated at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, on Saturday. Mr. Pye died on March 8th, 1935, after a ringing career that made him famous throughout his generation, his great abilities and his prodigious performances placing him among the men whose names will live in the Exercise for all time. The memorial which has now been set up to him has been subscribed to by ringers in every part of the British Isles, and it is gratifying that the culmination of the scheme should have been reached at a time when those who came to honour his memory could include representatives of ringing organisations in many parts of the country.



ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH, LEYTONSTONE,  
Where the Memorial has been Installed.

As is already well known, the memorial consists mainly of two treble bells to augment to eight the existing six at St. John's Church. In addition a memorial tablet has been placed in the church entrance porch. The scheme thus to honour Mr. Pye's memory was inaugurated by the Middlesex County Association, of which he was so long Master, and the Essex Association, in whose area he lived and for which he did so much. The appeal for funds was widely responded to by ringers and associations throughout the country, and in the space of less than twelve months the scheme was conceived and carried to a successful conclusion.

The original bells at Leytonstone were cast by Thomas Mears and put into the tower in 1833. The new trebles have been made a perfect splice, and the whole peal immensely improved by the tuning of two of the old bells, so that Leytonstone not only has a handy ring with a tenor of 13 cwt., but one which affords the ringers great pleasure to ring. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, in co-operation with Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), who advised the committee, overcame a somewhat difficult problem in putting all the bells on one level. To do this a clock case had to be moved to a corner of the tower, one side of the old wood frame had to be replaced by metal

and part of the new frame built into the former angle doorway. It has been a tight fit, but very successfully carried out. An excellent circle of ropes has been provided in the ringing chamber, where the bells are perfectly heard.

The memorial tablet, of white marble, with lead letters, was executed by Mr. C. Mee, of Sproughton, Ipswich. The inscription is:

WILLIAM PYE,  
Church Bellringer.

Born August 14th, 1870. Died March 8th, 1935.

The two smallest bells in the tower of this church were given by the Ringing Exercise in memory of one of the greatest men in the history of change ringing.

W. T. Brown, R.D., Vicar.

H. S. Watts,

H. E. Newton, Churchwardens.

May, 1936.

### THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation of parishioners, in addition to about two hundred ringers, were present at the dedication service. Among those who attended were Mrs. Pye (widow of the late Mr. W. Pye), Mr. E. W. Pye (son), Miss S. Pye (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pye (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. G. R. Pye (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pye (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. William Pye (nephew and niece), Miss Newman (sister-in-law). The Middlesex and Essex Associations were represented by their officials and members from a large number of towers, the president and hon. secretary represented the Central Council, and Mr. C. F. Johnston represented the founders.

The service, which began with the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Brown), and the music was finely led by the choir. The lesson, from Ecclesiastes xiv. 1-16, was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association), and during the singing of the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells' (from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam'), the Bishop of Barking, accompanied by the clergy, the churchwardens (Messrs. H. S. Watts and H. E. Newton) and the choir, with Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Council), Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. J. Butler (who had acted as hon. secretaries of the scheme), proceeded to the tower.

Here Mr. Lewis requested the Bishop to 'bless these bells now presented to the glory of God, for use in the service of this church, in memory of our departed brother, William Pye.' The formal dedication and prayers followed, and the bells were then heard as a ring of eight for the first time, as they were rung in rounds by the local ringers.

Descending to the porch, the procession halted at the tablet, and Mr. C. T. Coles performed the unveiling ceremony with the words, 'To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Pye, I unveil this tablet, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.' The Bishop then dedicated the tablet and the procession returned to the church to the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England.'

The Bishop based his address on Philippians iv. 4, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' He pointed out that bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible, and, therefore, it was rather difficult to find a text exactly suitable to that occasion. The Bishop traced the early history of bells in the Christian Church, and said that the church in which they were gathered that afternoon had been erected for over one hundred years, and there had been six bells in the tower during the whole of that time. The parish had waited long and patiently for the peal to be made up to the full number, and now it had been achieved by the generosity of ringers in all parts of the country. It meant more than many realised, said the Bishop, to secure an adequate number and quality of bells in our churches in the present day, because it became more and more difficult to find money in their growing parishes to provide churches. A church tower, even, was a luxury and a full peal of bells a greater luxury still. Some few centuries ago a peal of bells was considered part of the equipment of almost every church, and they were the delight of the parishioners and the care of the members of the team of ringers.

### 'AN EMINENT AND DISTINGUISHED RINGER.'

Continuing, the Bishop paid testimony to the value of the work rendered week by week by the ringers in the church belfries—services which he was afraid were not always appreciated, but which were missed when the bells were silent. The Bishop spoke of the messages of the bells, both of joy and sorrow. He could not close, he said, without referring to the eminent and distinguished ringer in whose honour and in whose memory they had met that day. Those belonging to that church were proud to think he was connected with it and proud that his friends should have given those two new bells and erected that simple and beautifully inscribed tablet to the memory of William Pye. It was not for him (the Bishop) to recount the distinguished feats in ringing which he accomplished. He had rung peals in 500 or 600 towers and was the only man who, single-handed, had rung the heavy tenor bell at Exeter Cathedral to a peal. One



wondered whether his great exertions might possibly have shortened his life, but whether they did or not, they did bear testimony to the love of a devoted ringer for his art. He set a wonderful example to the younger generation. He (the Bishop) sometimes thought their young men to-day did not take so kindly to the art of ringing as they might do, but they could find no better outlet for their energies. Bellringing called alike for skill and perseverance, for strength and patience. A ringer had to be ready to respond to the call of duty, and ringing was an art which called for considerable self-sacrifice on the part of those who practised it. It seemed to him that it offered a wonderful sense of satisfaction and happiness to those who were its votaries. There was a wonderful spirit of freemasonry among ringers, and an occasion like that was just an expression of that spirit which drew ringers together. He trusted that the example of this great and wonderful man, of whom it was said he would go down in history as the greatest ringer of his own or any previous generation, might be turned to account and bear much fruit. They met in a spirit of thanksgiving and admiration, and they would re-echo that spirit in the sound of the bells—'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.'

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Hark on high the joyful music.'

As the congregation left the church, an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band: E. P. Duffield (Master of the Essex Association and Ancient Society of College Youths) 1, A. W. Coles (Master of the Middlesex Association), conductor 2, Gabriel Lindoff (Irish Association) 3, J. Austin (Gloucester and Bristol Association) 4, A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) 5, E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council) 6, Rupert Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 7, W. H. Shaker (Lancashire Association) 8.

#### THE MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Visiting ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, and afterwards Mr. C. T. Coles reviewed the memorial scheme.

To-day, he said, sees the completion of the scheme, first brought to the notice of the Exercise just a year ago, to erect a permanent and suitable memorial to that great ringer, William Pye. It is not necessary, at this gathering, to go into details of Mr. Pye's ringing career; the many great things he did in ringing are well known to us all. But an outstanding man such as he was deserved a real memorial, something that would always be with us to remind us of him, although it is certain that those of us who had the privilege of associating with him will need no reminder of his sterling qualities as a ringer and as a man. The first mention of a memorial was made public at the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury, and at the beginning of October last an appeal was made by a joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations. In the short space of eight months the whole scheme has been brought to a successful issue. Over £200 has been raised, subscribed by the ringers of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and from one or two places overseas. Some 36 of the societies affiliated to the Council have sent donations, including all the societies operating in and around London. About 50 ringing bands have sent collective donations, and some 200 individual subscriptions have also been received. It is, therefore, not too much to say that this is a truly national memorial (applause).

We are greatly indebted, continued Mr. Coles, to Canon Brown and the churchwardens of St. John's, Leytonstone, for the assistance they have so willingly given (applause). Nothing has been too much trouble for them, and I have no hesitation in saying that but for their co-operation the opening would not have taken place on this most convenient day, if at all. The idea of erecting bells as a memorial to a ringer is, of course, not a new one, but it is no doubt the most suitable memorial, and the one that, had Mr. Pye at any time been asked, he would have chosen. He was a resident in this parish for over 30 years, and a very frequent ringer at this church. We feel, therefore, that we have made the wisest choice. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the work they have put in, in a very short space of time, to get the work done by to-day, and for the satisfactory splices they have made (applause). You all have, on the service paper, particulars of the memorial bells and of the tablet which has been placed in the porch—which, by the way, was made by a ringer, Mr. Charles Mee, of Ipswich. I would like to add that, when we have received one or two more definitely promised donations, we should be in a position to meet the whole cost of the bells, the tablet and all incidental charges. There has been work done in the tower, necessary in this case, over and above providing the two new bells. A clock weight case had to be moved, extra strengthening provided to the existing frame, and two of the old bells retained, which add to the usual cost of such a scheme as this, but all of this will be met. This, I feel sure you will all agree, is a great credit to the ringing Exercise (applause). In due course a balance sheet will be published in 'The Ringing World.' In the meantime I would like to thank most sincerely all the associations, guilds, ringing bands and individual ringers for their generous donations, which have made this scheme possible. We are very grateful.

Mr. Coles concluded by expressing thanks for the assistance the committee had at the beginning of their work from Mr. Lewis, the president of the Council, who made an exhaustive examination of the tower and frame, and gave them most valuable information and

advice. His assurance at the beginning that it was possible to add the two bells enabled them to go forward with confidence that the scheme was possible, and they were grateful to him for his advice (applause).

Ringers, Mr. Coles added, had come that day from all parts of the country, north, south, east and west, even from as far away as Dublin, Newcastle and Manchester. He apologised for the absence of the president of the Middlesex Association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Shene), who was detained by pressure of duties, Mr. James George, who was still incapacitated as the result of an accident, and Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry).

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

The president of the Central Council proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Barking for coming to dedicate the bells on a day, probably inconvenient to himself, but very convenient for ringers, enabling them to have a representative gathering in view of their 'Parliament,' which met on Tuesday.

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis said he felt very happy that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had been able to carry out the scheme in the way he suggested at the start. He knew it would be a very tight fit to keep all the bells on one level, but he thought the result was very satisfactory and a very nice splice had been made.

He agreed with all that had been said about Mr. William Pye being the greatest ringer and having accomplished the greatest achievements ever known. If there was one man who came near him he thought it would be a man of his (Mr. Lewis') adopted county of Kent, James Barham, who, considering the circumstances of his time—the end of the 18th century—did some very fine achievements. Barham was the only man he could think of who approached William Pye in this respect.

The Bishop of Barking, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it had been a great pleasure to take part in the ceremony. He felt he must say how gratified they were locally at the wonderful way in which ringers had come from all parts of the country to share in the service. He found that there were two young ringers who had 'push-biked' all the way from North Stoncham, in Hampshire. If he had known that before, he did not think he would have said what he did in his address about the slackness of the younger generation in responding to the call of the belfry. It gave one great encouragement to find some of their younger brothers so tremendously keen (applause).

#### LEYTONSTONE HONOURED.

Mr. E. P. Duffield voiced the gratitude of those present to Canon Brown, the churchwardens, Miss Miller and those who had been assisting her, for having made that gathering possible and giving them such a pleasant afternoon. He also had to welcome, in the name of the ringers of Essex, the large company who had come there to honour William Pye. Although they recognised that this great man was primarily known as Master of the Middlesex Association and that his first interest in the realms of ringing was to that association, they in Essex were mindful of the tremendous amount they, as a county, owed to him. They were proud of the fact that he was born in the county and lived the whole of his life in it. He did a tremendous lot for ringing in Essex, and he, possibly more than any other man, raised the standard of ringing in Essex. Mr. Duffield concluded by giving a warm welcome to the visitors and thanking Canon Brown for his splendid help from the beginning of the memorial scheme and the churchwardens for their ready assistance in enabling them to honour and perpetuate the memory of a great man.

Canon Brown acknowledged the vote and said it had been a work of great pleasure to them in Leytonstone to co-operate with the ringers in this scheme. From start to finish everything had gone smoothly. They at St. John's felt honoured that of all the towers at their command, St. John's should have been chosen for the memorial to Mr. Pye (applause).

For the rest of the evening, under the direction of Mr. A. W. Coles, the bells were kept going by a succession of bands, who enjoyed the pleasure of ringing on this very handy ring.

The new bells, which bear the name of the founders and the date 1936, also are inscribed:—

Treble:

William Pye, 1870-1935.

The two trebles of this peal were given by the Ringing Exercise in memory of a great ringer.

Second:

All these were honoured in their generations,  
And were the glory of their times.

The treble, in nota G, weighs 5 cwt. 18 lb., and the second, F sharp, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

The other bells are inscribed, each with the name of the founder and the date 1833, as follows: 3rd 'Agnes'; 4th 'Phoebe'; 5th 'Sarah'; 6th 'Eliza'; 7th 'Dorothy Anne.'

Tenor (12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.): 'This bell with five more to form a peal was presented to the new chapel of Leytonstone by William Davis, Esquire, A.D. 1833.'

Mrs. William Pye desires to convey her most sincere thanks to all who recently did such great honour to her late husband. She is deeply conscious of the feelings of the Exercise towards his memory.



**NOTICES.**

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Brabourne. —Owing to unavoidable circumstances the meeting held here annually in June will not be held this year.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. A meeting will be held at Wallington (near Baldock) on Saturday, June 6th. The peal of six will be available from 3 p.m. Learners will be welcomed, and every assistance given to them. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District. —Kings Langley, Saturday, June 6th. The usual arrangements for service and tea. Members are asked to give this meeting full support as the District Committee, etc., will be elected.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Wargrave, Berks, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 6th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send names to Mr. W. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Liverpool.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walesby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley to-morrow, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please send along in good time? All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 4, followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Wynne, Hermit Lodge, Stockbridge. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 6th. Six beautiful bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—Short Notice. A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Wymswold, on Saturday next, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A very good bus service from Loughborough. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sunday service ringing June 7th, 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand; June 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.; June 28th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, June 8th and 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, June 30th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at Ewell, Surrey. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5, tea 6. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, June 8th.—E. K. Fletcher, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. The Tropical Gardens will be open.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by June 10th?—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Palgrave, (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30, free for all sending word before June 9th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid. Please notify me of your intention to be present by June 10th, in order that tea arrangements may be made.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Business meeting follows tea. Half-rail fares to members. Tea provided for those who advise me Wednesday prior to meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Helen, Sefton, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. Please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunk Lane, Sefton.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, not later than Thursday, June 11th. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, and J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Hon. Joint Dis. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Business meeting to follow. Important.—Arrangements for tea will only be made for those who notify the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, by Wednesday, June 10th.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunburnholme on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5

o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please advise Mr. F. Wilkinson, Manor House Farm, Nunburnholme, York, by June 10th. Bus leaving Market Weighton Church 2.30 p.m. Market Weighton bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 9th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, June 13th. As it is also the local field day it will be well worth a visit, also to see the new ringing chamber. Tea can be obtained cheap in the school. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT.**—A meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in the Church House at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday 10th. All are welcome. Don't forget the shield contest (open to all members), to be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Entries close on June 13th. Tower closed for practice after June 27th. Rules may be had from A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, near Rotherham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I. of W. District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. (Methods, Double Norwich and Bob Major Reversed.) Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by June 10th to Hy. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I. of W.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Lower Peover on June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—H. Parker, A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this historic tower.—E. Swain, 29, Beccham Street, Morecambe.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Linden Cottage.—All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Meare, Zeals, Bourton and Silton bells also available. All welcome. For tea, please send postcard by June 9th to J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington (6 bells) available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bourn on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all please help to make this meeting a great success?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hethersett.—The memorial peal tablet to the late G. H. Moore, will be unveiled on Sunday, June 14th. Ringing 2.30—3.0. Service at 3. Further ringing from 3.40—4.30. All members heartily welcome. It is hoped a large number will attend the service.—N. Golden, Norwich.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—Harry S. Brockebank, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 20th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service at St. Nicholas' Church 4.15; address by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.A., M.C. Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. each, members 1s. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Secretaries should notify the undersigned the number to be expected from their towers not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Assist. Hon. Gen. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Thursday, the 18th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting. Please write for tea to Mr. H. H. Foreman, West Street, Hunton, before Wednesday, the 17th.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, June 15th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me by Monday, June 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Please advise me by 17th inst. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, the 17th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

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