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The opening of the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral is a reminder of two things; one the vast improvement that has been effected in the last three decades in the art of the bell founder; the other the great and crowning dignity which a noble peal of bells gives to a church of the grandeur of Winchester Cathedral, internally one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings of this country, and hallowed by centuries of Christian worship. There are few churches in England that can claim with positive documentary evidence the possession of bells in the eleventh century, before the coming of the Conqueror, but the authentic history of the bells at Winchester goes back at least as far as a gift of two by King Canute. Nine hundred years of bell history! And at intervals since that time generous benefactors have added to the number and dignity of the bells in the Cathedral of the ancient city which was the seat of government of King Alfred. These bells must have rung for the Coronation of most of the Sovereigns through these ages, and now, for the crowning of King George VI, a new peal of twelve bells of glorious quality will be heard over ancient Winchester. They take the place of a ring of twelve which had come at different times through the last two centuries from several different founders, and, for the first time for two hundred years, Winchester has a peal of bells all of one 'family.'

Those who remember the old ring, of mixed age and quality, will find in the new peal a revelation of the modern founder's art, something entirely satisfying in its tonal qualities and robustness. Founders to-day are able to produce bells of deeper note and finer qualities with less metal than their predecessors, thanks, of course, to the tuning methods which they now apply, by which the whole bell contributes to the purity and perfection of the tone. In these days, indeed, there is no need for peals of excessive weights to produce all that the critical ringer can desire. There are, perhaps, a few ringers, who like to think of tenors in tons of metal, who will disagree with us when we say that in these days peals up to forty hundredweight are sufficiently heavy for all practical purposes. We know that modern hanging can make much heavier bells pealable single-handed, by a handful of men of exceptional strength and skill, but with the present high state of craftsmanship in turning out perfect bells, peals of the size and weight of Winchester or thereabouts are amply satisfying both from the average ringer's and the public standpoint. Do not let it be thought that under any circumstances we deprecate the installation of heavier bells, but the circumstances need to be very exceptional to justify it;

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and when it comes to putting in a peal with a four ton tenor, as is contemplated in Liverpool Cathedral, we confess we can see little practical purpose if general use is to be made of the bells as a ringing peal. Bells considerably more than twice the weight of Winchester, tuned under modern conditions, will, we feel, prove something of a 'white elephant' from a ringers' point of view.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

TOM D. WHORTON Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 6
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	NORMAN G. LEECH 8
GILBERT GUEST 4	HENRY HUBBALL 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	*ERIC FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. W. Green, also the birthday of Mr. B. Gough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HENRY G. MILES 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was specially arranged for and rung on the conductor's 75th birthday, and at his native village.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 17, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	†CECIL ALDOUS 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

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HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
MISS N. CAWTHORNE 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
TOM BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
LESLIE HEYWOOD 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

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

SHEENSTONE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

* P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
HAROLD SMITH 2	ADREY M. PICKERING 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
† HOWARD HOWELL 4	ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † 50th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

LEONARD HOLDEN Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
DENNIS HOLDEN 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
DAVID HINGLEY 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK HOLDEN 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Messrs. J. Taylor, which give entire satisfaction. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Gough, of Coseley, and the composer.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

* FRANK MASON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
J. GEOFFREY GRARY 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL 3	FRANK R. MEASURES 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	ALFRED DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 82). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal of Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLEICHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HENRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDEFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Plain and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	EDWIN C. SIMPSON 4
CHARLES W. PARKER 2	PERCY K. PARKER 5
OLIVER J. KIDBY 3	JOHN R. CROOKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	* HAROLD JUDD 4
* FRED LACEY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Thelwall and Childwall Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (6) College Single Reverse; (7) Double Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	CECIL B. EBBERTSON 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
GEORGE MAVERS 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in more than one method on the bells. First peal for the association in eleven methods contained in seven true extents.

SHILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK Treble	JOHN CHURCH 3
FRANCIS BEAUMONT 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 4
	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal on the bells.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BUTTON Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
GEORGE E. JENNINGS 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
HARRY J. MILLAT 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

* MISS FRANCES SALES Treble	† GEORGE HEWITT 3
MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	* JAMES TAYLOR 4
	R. W. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by R. W. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung by St. John the Baptist Sunday service ringers. It is the first peal recorded on the bells.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of St. Dunstan's, Stedman and St. Simon's, and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 30 different callings.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE	1 table	GILBERT W. RENDALL	...	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	...	E. T. P. FIELD	...	4
* PETER N. G. RAINEY		...	Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in six methods. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rebung in a new frame, and are believed to be the heaviest 'five' in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Pring very hospitably entertained the band after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	...	1-2	JACK BRAY	...	5-6
FRANK LORD	...	3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN	...	7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by F. LORD.

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	5-6
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	...	JOHN THOMAS	...	7-8
THOMAS W. LEWIS		...	9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME TO BISHOP'S CLEEVE.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing took place from 3 o'clock onwards on this fine peal of six bells. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson), who also gave a very interesting address. By the kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Jesson, the ringers were their guests at tea in the spacious hall of the Rectory.

A short meeting afterwards took place, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham being in the chair, supported by the Rev. T. Jesson, Mr. J. K. Armstrong and upwards of 40 members from most of the towers in the district.

Reference was made to the sad loss of Canon Edgar Male, who for long had been a valued member of the association, and those present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several new members were elected and it was decided to hold the annual outing on June 19th, the route chosen being Warwick, Banbury, etc.

The place and date of the next meeting were left in the hands of the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Walter Rose proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Jesson, Mr. G. Tolley (tower captain) and all at Cleeve who had helped to make the meeting so successful, also to Archdeacon Sear for taking the chair. The Rector, responding, said how pleased he was to see so many present, and added that he would be pleased to welcome the ringers at any time.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Cold Higham on Saturday, March 13th, when about 30 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — Carpenter), who gave an interesting address. Having travelled a great deal, he has seen the Great Bell of Moscow, a monument of the founder's work, but as a bell of no use at all. He also referred to the bell on the Mount of Olives, which could be heard for miles.

At the tea which followed, the Master (the Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell were present, and the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all who helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.

There are many ringers who are fond of ringing Stedman Triples, but never trouble themselves about the calling of it, yet Stedman Triples is a very interesting method to conduct. It is a method that keeps the conductor specially alert by reason of the constantly changing coursing order of the bells.

In this method, as in any other, the young conductor should aim at a certain amount of proficiency in keeping the bells right, and he can obtain it by study and practice. There are some ringers who can follow the working of the bells 'in the slow,' wherever they may be themselves, and while that is the ideal standard to which every Stedman conductor should try to attain, there is no reason for a ringer to be discouraged if he finds his abilities do not reach as far as that. He can content himself with much less and still have a good working knowledge of his job, if he will really study the subject on paper as well as in the tower.

It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to tell the budding Stedman conductor that a bob in the method can be made at any 'six.' The bob change is the first change of the 'six,' and, therefore, has actually to be called before the end of the previous 'six'—usually at the handstroke change before the 'six-end.'

Usually touches and peals are composed with the 7th as the 'observation' bell, and, except sometimes at singles, it is not usually disturbed. In order to do this, bobs have to be made when the 7th is below 5th's place, which means that they must come when the 7th is in 5-4 down, in the slow, or when it is a quick bell.

There are six sixes when a bob may be called while the 7th is a 'slow' bell and two in which a call may be made while it is 'quick,' without disturbing its course. The bob places are known by the number of the 'six' in the course.

A bob at 3 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5-4 (down) before going in 'Slow.'

A bob at 4 at the first handstroke of the first whole-turn.

A bob at 5 at the handstroke of the 3rd's place before the first half-turn.

A bob at 6 at the handstroke before the last half-turn.

A bob at 7 at the first handstroke of the last whole-turn.

A bob at 8 at the handstroke in 3rd's place before going out of the Slow.

A bob at 12 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5-4 (down) before going in 'Quick.'

A bob at 13 at the handstroke in 2nd's on the way out.

Usually bobs come in pairs in Stedman; that is, a bob at 3 is followed by one at 4; a bob at 5 by one at 6; a bob at 7 by one at 8; and a bob at 12 by one at 13.

A pair of bobs at 3-4 is sometimes indicated by the letter S (meaning 'Slow'); at 5-6 by H (meaning half-turn); at 7-8 by L (meaning Last whole-turn); and at 12-13 by Q (meaning 'Quick'). The calling of your touch or peal may be written either way. For instance, here is a touch of 252:—

2314567	5-6	12-13	2314567	H	Q
3452617	—	—	3452617	—	—
4263157	—	—	4263157	—	—
2314567	—	—	2314567	—	—

At any time you want two courses, or 168, you can get it by calling any one of the pairs of bobs in each course; thus 3-4 twice, or 5-6 twice, etc. Three courses are produced by calling any one pair twice followed by another later pair twice as 3-4, 3-4, 12-13, 12-13; but, remember, the two middle pairs are in the same course.

This is how you can work out touches for yourself:—

For 2 courses, call either S.L., S.Q., or L.Q. and repeat.

For 3 courses, in addition to those mentioned above, you can call either S.H.L. or H.Q. three times.

For 5 courses either S.H., S.H.Q., H.L. or H.L.Q. five times.

You can join some of the touches together to lengthen them, as long as in doing so you do not ring more than a plain course without a bob. You may run the risk, in some instances, of ringing a false touch (by a repetition of changes), but that is not a serious matter when you are practising calling. For instance, if you have rung two courses produced by calling S.L. twice, you cannot get a true touch by tacking on Q. twice, because S.L.Q. is a touch which produces rounds, and would, therefore, bring you back to changes which you have already rung.

Evidence that composition is not as simple as it looks is provided by the figures of the quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by H. J. Trim, which we published in the Beginners' article last week. Examination shows them to be false. In the first the leads of the plain course are repeated; in the second two leads in each part repeat with two leads in a previous part.

BIRTHDAYS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on March 14th, for evening service and the birthdays of F. Marchant and H. Noakes and the 'coming of age' of S. Beck; H. J. Hunt 1, F. Parr (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, S. Beck 4, H. Noakes 5, Edwin Hunt 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

Minutes of the first Session of the Sixteenth Council (44th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, in the City of London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1936, at 11 o'clock.

The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Matthews, offered a hearty welcome on behalf of the Church and the Lord Mayor and Corporation. Dr. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer and the president took the chair.

Present:

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. Eye 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. Routh.
 Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.
 Kent County Association—Mr. J. H. Cheesman, 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. Perry.
 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. Post.
 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. Stearn.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton and Mr. H. Knight.
 Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. S. Sedman E. 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. Lanxon.
 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. Hardcastle, 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. H. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary called attention to the new rules, and reported on those governing affiliation as follows:—

The operation of the rule governing affiliation divides the associations into two groups: (1) Territorial associations and (2) non-territorial associations.

In Group 1 there are three sections: (a) Associations with annual subscribing members; (b) associations whose members pay one life

subscription only; (c) associations made up of affiliated towers with no individual subscriptions.

In this Council we have 43 associations in Group 1, of which 41 are in section (a). The aggregate membership of this section is returned as 21,860, made up of 19,445 annual subscribing ringing members, 1,674 annual subscribing honorary members, 438 resident life ringing members and 303 resident life honorary members.

Two associations previously associated with the Council are no longer included. The Sherwood Youths have advised me that they could no longer show a minimum membership of 75, and the Sussex County Association are considering the matter at their meeting on June 20th. The North Wales Association have rejoined.

The representation of this section is 116, but only 111 members have been elected—vacancies being left in Bath and Wells, Lancashire, North Notts, North Wales, Swansea and Brecon, and Worcester and Districts Associations.

The London County Association falls into section (b). No particulars as to numbers of its members are available, but efforts are being made to obtain them. The secretary has estimated that the numbers justify three representatives.

The Truro Diocesan Guild has 88 towers affiliated with a fee of 5s. per tower. They have elected one representative only.

In Group 2 are the following associations: Ancient Society of College Youths, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Cambridge University Guild, Oxford University Society, Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild. The Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild are the only two associations in this group to furnish actual figures of membership. Approximate figures have been supplied by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The group is represented by 14 representatives.

An affiliation fee of 5s. has been received from the St. Clement Youths, but no particulars of membership are available, and no member has been elected.

Excluding the St. Clement Youths, the total membership of the Council is as follows:—

Associations affiliated	...	49
Total members to which entitled	...	134
Total members elected	...	127

All these associations have given an undertaking to loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

The total number of honorary members is 15.

With the exception of two associations, the North Notts and the Swansea and Brecon, who, whilst entitled to elect two representatives each, have only paid the fee for one member, all affiliation fees due to the Council have been paid.

ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

On the motion of the president, it was resolved to send the following message of loyal congratulation:—

'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.—E. H. Lewis, President.'

During the day a reply was received 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.

President.—The hon. secretary reported that Mr. Lewis had been nominated for re-election by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. The resolution was put to the meeting by Canon Coleridge and carried unanimously.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—On the motion of the President, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected.

Hon. Librarian.—The Standing Committee recommended the election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and, on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the recommendation was adopted.

Hon. Auditors.—On the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes were re-elected.

Hon. Members.—It was reported that Mr. F. Griffin had tendered his resignation, which it was agreed to accept with thanks for past work.

On the motion of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the following retiring 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.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings, supported by the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. E. Alex. Young, it was agreed that, subject to his lordship's consent, the Earl of Shaftesbury be elected a member.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following were presented to the president in accordance with Rule 11: Messrs. J. W. Milner, H. Parker (Chester), C. W. Cook, F. Warrington (Ely), E. P. Duffield, L. W. Wiffen (Essex), J. K. Armstrong, W. B. Kynaston (Gloucester and Bristol), A. Harman (Guildford), H. E. C. Goodenough, the Rev. R. F. Routh (Hertford), T. B.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OFFICIAL MINUTES.

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Worsley (Lancashire), J. Bray (Lincoln), C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth), J. A. Waugh (London County), W. G. Wilson (Middlesex), A. J. Harris, W. H. J. Hooton (Midland Counties), A. Thompson (North Staffs), A. D. Barker, E. H. Post (Oxford Diocesan), G. Gilbert, G. W. Steere (Cumberland Youths), B. Horton (Stafford), Stedman H. Symonds (Suffolk), C. Lanxon (Truro), D. H. Angyle (Warwickshire), S. T. Holt, C. H. Woodberry (Worcester).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. P. Hyett, J. D. Johnson, A. King, J. W. Parker, C. D. Potter, C. W. Roberts, C. J. Sedgely, F. Wilford and C. W. Woolley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported by the president:—

Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (1891-1935); Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1919-1935), hon. librarian of the Council; Rev. C. A. Clements (1895-1902, 1927-1935); Rev. E. C. S. Lock (1927-1935); Mr. R. A. Daniell (1900-1911); Mr. E. E. Richards (1891-1896); Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (1903-1905, 1909-1911).

The president also referred to the death of Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The Council expressed their sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

On the proposal of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on April 10th, 1936, were approved and taken as read.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards reported that action was taken on the motion passed last year, urging the provision of peals of bells in new housing estates, and a letter was addressed to all Bishops and Archbishops. Of 24 replies received, 17 were favourable, and these included the replies from four Archbishops.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations, and have been published in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Council's records and are available for inspection.

REPORT ON LIBRARY AND PUBLICATIONS.

Owing to the death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the report was presented by the hon. secretary and was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th, 1936.

The president stated that Alderman J. S. Pritchett had now completed the revision of the pamphlet, 'The Law Affecting Church Bells,' and had considered the question of insurance of ringers.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. E. J. Butler, the report was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The annual accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer and published in 'The Ringing World,' June 5th, 1936.

The accounts had been audited, and on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. G. T. Coles, were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report was presented by Mr. E. Alex. Young and published in 'The Ringing World' on June 19th, 1936.

The trustees recommended the appointment of Mr. A. G. Driver as an additional demonstrator.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A formal report was presented by the hon. secretary, stating that the agenda has been considered and recommendations would be placed before the Council.

In moving the adoption, the president drew attention to the fact that the Standing Committee did not try to rule the Council, but that, by its previous consideration of the agenda, it endeavoured to assist the conduct of the business.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

(Note.—In 1933 the Council agreed that the Standing Committee should consist of (1) the president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and conveners of committees ex-officio; (2) twelve elected members.)

It was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor and carried, that the two auditors, Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes, should also be ex-officio members of the committee, together with the ex-president, Canon Coleridge, and ex-secretary, Mr. E. Alex. Young, who are still members of the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and carried, that the following six members be re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. A. Cave, W. T. Cockerill, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. Denison Taylor.

For the remaining six vacancies, twelve names were proposed and seconded, and after ballot the following were declared elected: Archdeacon Parry, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. Richardson, A. Walker and S. H. Wood.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on May 29th, 1936, was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff, who also moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton and carried.

Election of Committee.—On the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, the following members were re-elected: Rev. E. S. Powell, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope, with the addition of Mr. T. B. Worsley in place of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, resigned.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. Lindoff was appointed convener.

REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope and published in 'The Ringing World' on May 29th, 1936.

The Standing Committee reported the receipt of the book on Surprise Major Methods and recommended that printing be deferred in view of the estimated cost, to enable some opinion to be formed as to possible demand. The officers of the Council to consider the matter and if necessary to obtain permission from the Standing Committee to print, otherwise to report again next year.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

Election of Committee.—On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the following were re-elected: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood, and on the proposal of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. Trollope was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report published in 'The Ringing World' on May 22nd, 1936, was moved by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded that the peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 15th, 1935, be deleted from the Council's records, as it did not conform to any decision of the Council regarding a peal of Minor. (Note: The peal was stated to contain three 480's of Little Bob.)

The amendment was accepted by the committee and the report was adopted.

In reply to an inquiry by Mr. F. W. Rogers, the president stated that the Chester Guild must withdraw the peal.

Mrs. Fletcher reported that since the publication of the report the record peal of Stedman Cinques had been proved false, and would, therefore, be deleted from the records.

Instruction to Committee.—It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover and carried, that it be an instruction to the Analysis Committee not to include in the statistical tables any peal which was contrary to the decisions of the Council, but to draw attention to it in their report for decision by the Council.

Election of Committee.—It was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer and carried, that the following be re-elected: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th was presented by the president, who also reported on the steps taken to obtain the reopening of the Chesterfield bells, the ringing of which had been banned by the architect.

The committee reported on the Davis silencers and recommended the use of such silencers as well worth a trial in those cases where the bells were a serious source of nuisance on practice nights. They did not take the place of properly blocking up the windows, where the windows should be blocked up to render the bells quieter at all times, but in cases where funds were not available for this, the silencers were very well worth trying. The committee thought it desirable, before purchasing a complete set, that trials should be made to find the most suitable thickness of leather and steel, as each tower required to be treated on its merits.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the president's motion.

Election of Committee.—It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried, that the following be re-elected: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. Alex. Young and Mr. J. Hunt, and, on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Canon G. C. Marshall, Mr. Lewis was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the committee's report, which reviewed the notice given to ringing during the year by the Press and others, together with a report on broadcasting published in 'The Ringing World,' June 19th, 1936.

After a lengthy discussion on broadcasting, it was agreed, on the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers, supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, that the committee should approach the B.B.C. and endeavor to obtain advance information of bell broadcasts for the next twelve months and try to influence the various local incumbents and local bands to give the best possible ringing.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Church Lawton, and members visited this delightful spot from Alsager, Acton, Crewe, Wistaston, Lawton, Kidsgrove, Norton, Northwich and the Potteries.

Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. George Biddulph.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. England), and the Vicar of Mon Cop (the Rev. W. McTear) preached a most eloquent sermon.

Tea was afterwards served in the Institute, kindly given by Mr. Hollinshead, of Lawton.

The Vicar, in a happy speech, welcomed the visitors most heartily to Church Lawton, and hoped they would arrange to come each year.

Ringing again took place after tea, and some good practice was put in, ranging from Grandire to Cambridge Surprise.

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Election of Committee.—On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, the following committee was re-elected: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker, and on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, the Rev. F. L. Edwards was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. H. Hollier presented the committee's report (published in 'The Ringing World' on June 26th, 1936), which was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman.

On the proposal of Mr. T. Groombridge, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, the committee was re-elected as follows: The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. H. Hollier, and on the motion of Mr. G. H. Cross, seconded by Mr. H. Barton, Mr. Hollier was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th was moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave and carried.

The following committee was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. Barton, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith, and on the motion of Mr. G. H. Cross, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, Mr. Goldsmith was appointed convener.

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to all members of committees for their work during the past three years.

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First rung on Feb. 6th, 1937, at Aldenham, Herts, by the Hertford County Association, conducted by the composer.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Monday, March 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: The Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 1, W. J. Key 2, W. J. Key 2, W. J. Andrews 3, H. J. Corry 4, H. J. Rowe 5, W. J. Baker 6. First in the method on the bells by a local band and for all except the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Moulton Radio handbell ringers have been requested to go 'on the air' again on Good Friday, 4 p.m. to 4.30, in connection with the Rev. Walter Pitchford's talk on church bell chime music. All are members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The ringers gave such satisfaction to the officials at Birmingham on New Year's Eve that they were urgently requested to come again. This time they are playing in conjunction with the B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra, the items being transmitted to all stations, and an Empire broadcast.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have received the contract for the restoration of the bells at Great Toller Church, Dorchester, Dorset. The work includes new frame and fittings and the addition of an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Isle of Wight, who (D.V.) celebrates his 94th birthday on Easter Day. This grand old veteran has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since 1886 (when the bells were installed in the tower), and he continues to ring regularly for divine services and seldom misses the weekly ringing practice on Tuesday evenings. He is the oldest ringing member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and is believed to be the oldest 'active' service ringer in the British Isles.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has been preferred to the living of Chearsley-cum-Nether Winchendon, near Thame, Oxon, and will be inducted about the end of April. At present he is filling a curacy at High Wycombe.

Everyone will wish success to the band of the Oxford Guild who on Monday will attempt to break the Major record by ringing a peal of 19,040 Double Norwich at Kingham, Oxfordshire, where the tenor is about 12 cwt.

The band comprises W. F. Judge (conductor), the Rev. C. E. Wigg, F. E. Taylor, P. E. May, H. Alexander, A. D. Barker, F. D. Boreham and R. A. Post. A start will be made at 8 a.m.

Attention is directed to the notice of the Ely Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday, with changed time of ringing at Eynesbury.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

FORTHCOMING DEDICATION.

The recast and augmented ring of 12 bells for Leicester Cathedral (St. Martin's) will be dedicated (on the floor of the church) on Saturday, April 10th, by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (the Rt. Rev. C. Bardsley, D.D.), with sermon by the Provost (the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt, M.A., F.R.Hist.S.). Admission to service by ticket only, owing to limited space available. Will subscribers to the Restoration Fund who wish to attend please apply to Mr. Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, at once, and any towers which have not sent in special appeal forms please do so at once, as Mr. Morris wishes to close this fund as soon as possible? St. Margaret's (12) will be available for visiting ringers from 6 to 7 p.m. on this date.

HIS 75th BIRTHDAY.

MR. F. E. DAWE CELEBRATES IN HIS NATIVE VILLAGE.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, a well-known College Youth, who has made one of his hobbies in life the ringing of peals at as many cathedrals as possible—there are now only two or three left at which he has not been successful—reached his 75th birthday on March 16th.

To celebrate the event, a peal, specially arranged for the occasion, was rung at West Meon, Hampshire, his birthplace. The large, picturesque thatched house, wherein he first saw the light, still stands in the middle of the street—always greatly admired by visitors to this delightful spot in the Meon Valley. The church bells nearby were ringing for service on the Sunday morning in 1862 when he was born. His eldest brother was one of the ringers, and three other brothers were sitting in the belfry as well.

The peal last week was Kent Treble Bob, Mr. Dawe conducting his own composition. After coming into rounds, the bells were 'fired' eight times.

The band and other friends were entertained to dinner at the Red Lion Hotel. When this was over Mr. E. A. Young (who always attends as an honoured guest) in a neat little speech affectionately expressed the congratulations and good wishes of the assembled company. This was acknowledged by Mr. Dawe, who, unfortunately, was suffering from a severe chill and had been in pain all through the peal. He endeavoured heartily to thank those present for coming so far to oblige him at much inconvenience to themselves on a day in mid-week, and particularly Mr. T. H. Taffender for undertaking the arrangements, there being many difficulties in the way of raising a band of the right quality.

Double-handed Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major on Mr. Young's handbells by the London contingent was greatly enjoyed by other visitors in various parts of the building.

It is interesting to recall that peals had been rung at West Meon previously for Mr. Dawe's 50th, 60th and 70th birthdays, but on this occasion, in consequence of the heavy downpour of rain, the usual photograph of the party had to be abandoned.

THE NEW PEAL AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

RING OF TWELVE DEDICATED.

Bishop and English People's Love of Bells.

Amid civic pomp and with inspiring religious ceremony the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral was dedicated and opened on Saturday. The Mayor and Corporation of the City attended the service in State, and the Lord Bishop, supported by the Dean and Chapter, the Honorary Canons and a large number of other clergy, performed the dedication. Many hundreds of ringers, Friends of the Cathedral and citizens of Winchester were present, and the impressive event will long leave pleasant memories with all who were privileged to share in it.



THE CENTRAL TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL.
The small windows under the Louvres light the Ringing Chamber.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

The great scheme for the recasting of the bells was carried out by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral and the liberality of the Emma Barron Bell Trust. At first it was intended only to rehang the old peal, but the larger scheme was eventually decided upon and it has been carried through to a highly successful conclusion. It was found possible to retain the old frame, part of it put in with eight bells cast in 1734 by Richard Phelps. The bells, however, have been increased in weight and the tenor now weighs 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. The present work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and they have given the Cathedral a truly magnificent peal, worthy of the grand old building which for so many centuries has been a great centre of religious life in this country.

KING CANUTE'S GIFT.

Winchester Cathedral had bells in Saxon times, and from some historical notes by Canon Goodman compiled in connection with the dedication, we find that King Canute is recorded in the 'Annals of Winchester,' under the year 1035, to have given two bells to the church.

Bells are mentioned on various occasions through the centuries. In 1248 'a vane fell from the tower of St. Swithun's at the time when the evening peal was ringing.' In 1334 Prior Alexander in London ordered the monks of St. Swithun's to assemble in church, ring the

bells and sing a Te Deum, praising God and their patron saints for the happy reconciliation of Bishop Adam, of Orlton, with King Edward III.

In the winter of 1630-31 a new frame for the bells was made, in view of the alterations in the tower carried out in 1634. Previously the tower had been an open lantern, now it was arched and the present ringing chamber constructed over the new ceiling.

Before the Restoration there were seven bells, but in 1734 the Dean and Chapter delivered 'all the Bell metal belonging to the said Cathedral Church' to Mr. Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, who undertook to make 'eight new musical Bells of the weight of Five Tunns or thereabouts, the Tone of the Tenor to be in D sol re agreeable to the tone of the Organ in Saint Michael's Cornhill in London.'

At various times between 1734 and 1936 all but two of Phelps' bells were recast, the tenor in 1891.

In 1892 two additional bells, increasing the number to ten, were given respectively by the city and the Diocesan Guild, and two others to complete the ring of twelve were given as a ringers' memorial of those comrades who fell in the Great War.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

Treble.—Gillett and Johnston Founders Croydon 1921. Sociis, qui morti se pro suis [dederunt] MCMXIV—VIII.

2nd.—Gillett and Johnston Founders Croydon 1921. Has ambo memor vocet gilda MCMXXI.

3rd.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Me cives Wintonenses vt laudes Domini celebrem Deo et Ecclesiae S Swithuni dederunt: A.D. 1892.

4th.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Ad te Domine levabo vocem meam me S Swithuno dedit pulsatorum in diocesi Winton gilda. A.D. 1892.

5th.—R. Wells : Aldbourne : fecit : 1772.

6th.—Theodore Ecclestone Esqr 1742 T.L.

7th.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Quinta Dei resonat quass quondam tertia laudes Conflata CCCCCXXXIV Fracta recoctaq : CCCCCIII.

8th.—James Wells Aldbourn Wilts fecit 1804.

9th.—R : Phelps Londini fecit 1734.

10th.—James Wells Aldbourn Wilts fecit 1814. The cost of refitting this peal of Bells in 1937 was partly defrayed by the Friends of Winchester Cathedral. E. G. Selwyn, Dean. W. Andrews, Captain of Ringers.

11th.—R : Phelps Londini fecit 1737. To the Glory of God this ring of twelve Bells was recast as the gift of The Barron Bell Trust, 1936. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

Tenor.—Mears and Stainbank Founders London 1891. Horas avolantes numero mortuos plango: vivos ad preces voco: Jam Georgi Sexti jubeor resonare Corouam; Regis et inscriptum nomen adornat opus. MCMXXXVII.

The tenor originally had the name of King Edward VIII. inscribed on it, but the words 'Edwardi Octavi' have been crossed out and the words 'Georgi Sexti' substituted.

On each of the bells it is recorded that it was 'Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1937.'

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The service in the Cathedral was a most impressive one, and the great nave was well filled with a congregation that began to assemble an hour before the ceremony. Ringers came from all parts of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and others were present from the neighbouring dioceses of Salisbury, Oxford and Guildford, and even farther away still. The ringers and their friends had reserved seats on one side of the aisle and the Friends of the Cathedral on the other. Shortly before 3.30 a civic procession entered the west door. Beadles, with their maces, preceded by a burly police officer, led members of the Corporation, wearing their robes, up the centre aisle, with the town clerk and the city macebearer, followed by the Mayor, bringing up the rear. At the same time the choir passed along the south aisle to meet a procession of invited representatives. Headed by the cross-bearer and the choir, this procession passed slowly up the Cathedral. It included the officers of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, the representatives of the bellfounders, the Friends of the Cathedral and the Managing Trustees of the Barron Bell Trust, the chairman of the Hampshire County Council and the clergy of the Rural Deanery, the Honorary Canons of the Cathedral and the Dean and Chapter.

The procession moved solemnly on its way to the strains of the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' At first its notes came from the choir at the west end, but soon it swelled in great volume to the high vaulted roof as the congregation joined in singing the words, so familiar at ringers' gatherings.

While the procession was slowly making its way, the Bishop, attended by his chaplain, passed almost unnoticed to his throne.

The Precentor offered the prescribed prayers, and the lesson from Isaiah LV. was read by the Mayor of Winchester. Then came the hymn, sung to a special setting, made up of three stanzas from well-known lines in Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' prefaced by an appropriate verse, specially written for the occasion and sung by the Lay Clerks only:—

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BISHOP AND BELLS.

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Ring forth, O bells, across the vale,
Ring forth the Gospel's glorious word,
Let good St. Swilhun's peal be heard,
Far through the land o'er hill and dale.

While this hymn was being sung the Bishop was escorted to a place in the choir underneath the central tower, accompanied by representatives of the donors, the Mayor of Winchester and other clergy.

The Dean having requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells, his lordship offered special prayers and then pronounced the dedication. A prayer invoking the blessing of God upon all those 'by whose labours and gifts this work has been done and these bells restored to Thy service,' concluded the ceremony, and as the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit the bells rang out from the tower overhead with the Cathedral ringers at the ropes. In the Cathedral it was difficult to hear them fully, but the booming notes of the larger bells came down with a satisfying effect to the eager listeners below.

ENGLISH PEOPLE FOND OF THEIR BELLS.

In his address the Bishop of Winchester said: After an interval of many months, the Cathedral bells have once again rung out. For centuries past the bells have been rung from this great Church of God, calling people to praise and thanksgiving and prayer, and in commemoration of great events which have taken place both in Church and State. As long ago as the year 1035 there is a record that two bells were given to this Cathedral by King Canute. Since then, at various times, the bells have been changed and new bells have been given. Continuously bells have been rung from the Cathedral, but of late years from various causes bellringing became difficult here. So it was decided that the whole peal should be recast and rebung, and through the liberality of the Friends of the Cathedral and the Emma Barron Trust, which has already done so much for the bells of this county, it was possible to do this. The bells were taken down, sent on their long journey, and now they have returned home and once again we have heard them sending forth their message to the people.

We English people are, indeed, fond of our bells. Throughout Christendom bells are a characteristic feature. There are countries in which bells are rarely, if ever, heard; there are lands in which the worshippers are summoned to their places of prayer either by the beating of a gong or by the call from the minaret. There are even lands in which until quite recently bells were heard; now they are silent. In Russia and in Turkey no longer are bells heard. They have been silenced by the enemies of Christianity. But in Christian lands, where worship is freely allowed, the bells ring forth their message to rich and poor.

PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THEIR BELLS.

It is true there are some who from time to time complain of the ringing of bells. The Bishop, I suppose, is the first to hear such complaints, but those who make those complaints are not speaking for the great mass of the people. The majority of the people of our country are proud of their bells.

As long as they are rung well, as long as they are well tuned; as long as they are not rung at all hours and at unreasonable times, the people are proud and thankful for their bells.

Certainly this is the case in our own county. In village after village there are to be heard good sets of bells well and faithfully rung. Parishioners take a real pride in their bells, and when sometimes bells have to be silenced for rebanging or recasting, I have heard parishioners say that during the time of silence it seemed as if their church was gone.

Our bells are associated in our minds with many recollections and many memories. I think the real reason why people are so fond of their bells and regard them as so characteristic of English life is that they have so many associations. There are, of course, the historical associations, and bells had at one time an active part in the social and political life of the community, whether that community was to be found in town or in country. There are many people, too, who have their own individual reaction and associations connected with bells. Bells not only recall places, but events in their lives; you look back to moments in the past which are evoked again by the sound of the bells.

But first and foremost our bells are associated with God. They speak to us of God and of the Unseen World. Even on the bells themselves there are inscriptions, as there are on these bells, speaking of the praise they offer to God. From the bells there goes up to Almighty God praise, thanksgiving, intercession and petition, and as the bells ring forth they give a call from God, to come together to worship God in His house.

BELLS AND THE RECALL TO RELIGION.

We hear to-day about the recall to religion, and one aspect of this recall should be a summons to those who have become careless about churchgoing, to return once again to join in the weekly corporate act of prayer. As you listen to the bells, calling you to come with your fellows and to worship God, calling you to come, with Christians all over the world, to join in praise of the Most High, that is one of the messages which they are seeking to give us all. They are calling also to the individual in his everyday life. The rush of life is so great that God is often forgotten in the clamour and noise around us. Amid the distractions of daily life the bells ring out with their

message to us, whether in the fields, or whether in places of business, in shops or in the streets, calling us for just a moment to think of God and his claims on our life.

When you hear these bells or the bells of your own parish church ringing out, sometimes on a weekday as well as on Sunday, if you are not able to respond by going to church, at any rate for a moment think of God; think of Eternity.

I think the bells, especially in these days, give us another message. Bells are often associated with peace; I suppose it is because so often they have been rung at the declaration of peace. The bells which have been ringing this afternoon are wrought of the metal which must have rung on various occasions in the past when peace at last has come to an anxious nation. Bells are associated with the call to peace. The world needs peace; but the world seems to be drifting towards war; statesmen and people seem almost powerless in the face of a doom that seems to be hanging over mankind. Man is failing; but where man fails God can succeed. The world is shuddering and shaking and trembling to-day because it has so largely forgotten God. Without God we cannot have permanent and righteous peace; with God in the hearts of individuals and ruling over the destinies of nations peace can come. So, sometimes, when the bells ring, offer up a prayer for peace; pray that the statesmen of the world may be guided so wisely that the peril of war will fade; pray that people of the world may be filled with the passion for peace—for righteousness and peace; pray that God may give us all that peace which He alone can give, the peace that passeth all understanding.

The service ended with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop. The collection was on behalf of Winchester Guild and the funds of the Friends of the Cathedral. As the congregation dispersed the Cathedral company rang the bells in a touch of Grandsire Cinques, which gave visitors the opportunity of wandering into the Cathedral Close and listening to the new peal. The only criticism which was offered was that the shuttering up of the belfry windows had been rather overdone, but we understand they remain as they were with the old peal. Certainly the residents round about the Cathedral will have no cause to complain of excessive noise. In the city streets the bells can hardly be heard. In the ringing room the bells are a little noisy, but that will be remedied when the 'trap' in the ceiling has been sealed down again.

Visiting ringers and their friends were entertained to tea in the City Hall, and in the evening when the bells were open for ringing scores of ringers flocked to the great ringing chamber—nearly 40ft square—and tried their hand at the bells. Many rang on twelve for the first time, and, as is often the case on such occasions, some of the ringing was indifferent. However, many courses and touches of Stedman Cinques and courses of Grandsire Cinques were brought round, and an excellent course of Double Norwich showed up the back eight to great advantage. Everyone was delighted with the bells, which are a well-balanced and really noble peal.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 6th, when members attended from Heathfield, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Battle, Hastings (All Saints'), Willingdon, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Mr. Piper and members of the local band. Mr. H. R. Butcher (Master of the association) was also present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. G. Handiside, who gave a very much appreciated address on 'Peace.'

The Master presided at the tea and business meeting which followed. He referred to the great loss both to the Eastern Division and the association of Mr. G. W. Stokes, who had passed away since the last meeting, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence for a few moments.

Mr. W. Booth was elected to the Committee of Advice in the place of Mr. G. W. Stokes, and the remaining officers were re-elected.

Three new members were elected, one from Christ Church and two from St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. G. Handiside for conducting the service, to Mr. A. Piper for defraying part cost of the tea, and to the lady helpers at the tea.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 12s.

Some of the members then returned to the tower, the remainder going on to St. Saviour's, where the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Maddock 1, James Robinson 2, John Robinson 3, T. Robinson 4, H. Ludkin (conductor) 5, J. W. Gardner 6, J. Dunbavin 7, W. Robinson 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 7.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.—On Sunday, March 7th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service and Confirmation by the Bishop of Grimsby, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Chambers 1, James Goddard 2, Harold Eastoe 3, Miss Alison Goddard 4, George Johnson 5, James Chapman 6, Joseph Atkinson 7, A. W. Hoodless 8. Longest length in the method by the 4th ringer and first attempt in any method by the ringer of the 6th.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO BE MADE TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley Parish Church on Saturday, March 6th. The weather was very wintry, but a large number of members attended. The bells were at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock until 4.30 p.m., when the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd (Vicar and Archdeacon of Dudley and president of the Guild). The lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. Waring (curate), and the address was given by the Rev. B. H. Green (Rural Dean of Dudley and Vicar of St. John's). A substantial tea, provided by funds collected by the hon. secretary from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, was served in the Parish Hall, the tables being presided over by Mesdames Tait, Barry, Clarke, J. Goodman, sen., and J. Goodman, jun.

At the business meeting, the president occupied the chair, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. McD. Tait and W. E. Barry), the Rev. B. H. Green, the Rev. W. H. Waring, Messrs. Herbert Shepherd (hon. secretary) and John Goodman, jun. (hon. treasurer).

The Chairman heartily welcomed the Guild again to Dudley and said how pleased he was to meet them once more. The large attendance that afternoon showed their real interest in bellringing.—The hon. treasurer then presented the balance sheet, which compared very favourably with those of the last few years. The statement showed that for the year ended February 25th, including a balance from the previous year of £14 15s. 10d., there was a credit balance of £11 7s. 0d.—The Chairman congratulated the treasurer and members on the satisfactory financial position of the Guild.

The Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd was re-elected president, and, in thanking the members for the honour they had conferred on him, he said he would do all he could to further the interests of the Guild.

The vice-presidents were re-elected as follows: The Rev. E. L. Warren (Vicar of Netherton), the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Wednesbury), Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. J. McD. Tait, W. E. Barry, W. Shuttleworth, J. W. Nayler, C. E. Lloyd, A. E. Meredith, Arthur Spittle and A. Winbow.

Mr. Alfred Davies (Netherton) was unanimously elected as Ringing Master to succeed Mr. Clifford Skidmore, who wished to retire. Mr. Herbert Sheppard was again elected as hon. secretary, Mr. John Goodman as hon. treasurer, and Messrs. G. T. Guest and T. H. Justice as auditors. All were thanked for their services.

Several new members were elected, and it was left with the secretary to try and arrange the next meeting either at Enville or Cosley if possible. The annual peal was proposed to be attempted at Dudley, the Vicar readily giving his consent.

Mr. Tait and Mr. Barry spoke in terms of appreciation of the ringers' services at their several churches and especially at Dudley, and said they were glad to see the spirit of goodwill and brotherly feeling that existed among them.

Mr. John Goodman, jun., referred to the poor attendances at the quarterly meetings. He urged upon the members to see if they could not attend these meetings in little stronger force, as it was discouraging to those Vicars who gave permission to hold the meetings at their churches and to the local members who made the necessary arrangements to see such a small number present.

Mr. S. J. Hughes said that since he came into the room he had heard that that was the completion of 25 years' service to the Guild of Mr. H. Sheppard as hon. secretary. He thought that a slight recognition of Mr. Sheppard's valuable services should be shown to him, and he proposed that a presentation be made.

The proposal was received with approbation, and the President suggested that a small committee should be formed to carry it through. Messrs. John Goodman, jun., S. J. Hughes, C. Skidmore and J. H. Cox were elected to form the committee, and any ringing friends who would like to contribute to the presentation fund should remit their contributions to Mr. John Goodman, jun., 45, Holcroft Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton, Staffs, who will acknowledge all amounts received.

On the motion of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. Goodman, jun., the best thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar of Dudley, to the Rev. W. H. Waring, the Rev. B. H. Green and to the organist, and also special thanks to the donors to the tea fund, and to the ladies who presided at the tables and prepared and served the tea.—The Vicar replied to the vote and then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards several members again kept the church bells merrily going in various methods until nearly 9 o'clock, when another happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

FATHERS' AND SONS' LOCAL QUARTER-PEAL.

Three fathers and three sons took part on Sunday, March 14th, in the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. This was at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, and was rung by J. Williams 1, C. Pettit (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 2, A. W. Dobbins 3, L. Williams 4, J. Hanson (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 5, W. Dobbins 6, H. Dobbins (conductor, aged 18 years) 7, Reg. Dobbins 8.

CORONATION RINGING.**AN EXAMPLE FROM THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is not leaving the question of church bellringing on Coronation Day to chance. A questionnaire has been sent to all towers in the district by the hon. district secretary (Mr. G. Grover) inquiring as to their arrangements and whether they required assistance from the Guild to ensure that their bells should be rung.

A report on the questionnaire was presented by Mr. G. Grover at a meeting of the Guildford District at Chiddingfold on Saturday, when the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ernest Smith) presided. From the replies received it was elicited that in two towers—Bramley and Dunsfold—the ringers would be unable to ring. Bramley, in their reply, stated that they would have no objection to any band going to their tower and ringing what they liked, as all their ringers would be otherwise engaged. Dunsfold stated that they had not enough ringers, and if anybody liked to go there for a peal they would be welcome. There was also a conditional promise on behalf of Albury that visitors could attempt a peal by arrangement.

Among other towers the following is an extract of the replies: Chiddingfold propose to attempt a local peal; Cranleigh will be able to ring for the Coronation, but will not attempt a peal; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford, were making their own arrangements; Grayshott will ring for the Coronation, but they did not want any help; Haslemere proposed to attempt a peal; Pirbright and Warpleston were making arrangements for ringing, and if there was any peal ringing they would make their own arrangements; Pittingham would be able to ring, but they did not propose to attempt a peal; Shere proposed to attempt a peal; West Clandon will ring for the Coronation and will perhaps attempt a peal; Wonersh will ring for the Coronation and will attempt a local peal; Ewhurst were ringing on Coronation Day and during the year would attempt a peal; Shalford were ringing and probably a peal would be attempted.

Mr. Grover also stated that he understood that Ockham bells would be available on Coronation Day. Their captain, unfortunately, was in the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Mr. J. Bartlett said he would try and arrange for a party from Chiddingfold to ring at Dunsfold, and Mr. Leslie Hunter promised that he would see if Shalford could make arrangements for the ringing of Bramley bells.

A pertinent question was asked the chairman as to what constituted a Coronation peal. The chairman replied that he assumed that a peal rung during the week before the Coronation and the week after could be classified as a Coronation peal.

The election of Mr. John O. Weller as a compounding member previous to the ringing of a peal at Godalming was confirmed. Mr. W. E. Coe and Mr. B. F. Coe (Holy Trinity, Guildford) were elected Guild members.

The meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild, was highly successful, and was attended by over 40 ringers. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) conducted the Guild service and was thanked at the tea which followed at the Swan Hotel for placing the bells at the Guild's disposal and for his helpful address.

THE CORONATION YEAR 'PUSH.'**SUFFOLK GUILD TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT.**

At the meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th, consideration was given to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of the previous day, advocating support for the suggestion for a Coronation year 'push' to encourage an influx of new ringers. It was agreed that during this Coronation year a great effort should be made by all who are interested in bells to get every bell in the county put into good ringing order. Moreover, it was pointed out that as good ringing of bells would be wanted at the time of the Coronation, in every parish (and, therefore, places would not be able to help one another) attempts should be made at once to obtain new recruits for ringing everywhere; also that arrangements should be made without delay to teach such beginners.

Mr. H. G. Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected secretary to fill up the interval till the annual meeting, which is to be held at Sudbury on April 3rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL BRANCH AT WHITTLESEY.**

By the absence of Ely members the Central Branch meeting at Whittlesey might have been a dismal failure, but visitors from Peterborough and Ramsey made it more harmonious and successful. These very welcome visitors included Mr. Willis (Ramsey), Messrs. Goakes, Rose, Vaughan and Waldren (Peterborough). Ringing, which commenced about 3 p.m., reached a good standard, the methods rung including Superlative, Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Tea was partaken at Mr. C. Brittain's (an old Whittlesey ringer), a very nice hour being happily spent. Both peals of eight were tried, but St. Mary's were most in demand. These are a nice Taylor job. St. Andrew's is a lovely peal, but there is something not quite right about their 'go.' An overhand might do good. Although only a small number were present, a most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—There will be ringing for service on Easter Sunday at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), commencing at 10 a.m. All ringers welcome. The usual monthly practice at Shoreditch, which should take place on the 25th, has been cancelled as it falls in Holy Week.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

LURGAN, IRELAND.—The ring of 8 (tenor 21 cwt.) rehung in new frame by Messrs. Gillatt & Johnston will be rededicated by the most Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D. (Primate of all Ireland) on Sunday, March 28th, at 11 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon (preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Maidstone), followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8) (after meeting), Mersham (8), Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Other towers: Eaton Socon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Eyresbury, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Huntingdon, All Saints', 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note change of time at Eyresbury; those bells are not available during afternoon as previously advertised. — Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 29th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m. —J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m., with address by the Dean. Towers open as follows: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6), 12 noon to 1 p.m., and again at 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's (10), 2.30 p.m.; Sandridge (6), 11.30 a.m. It is advisable for those wishing to ring at the six-bell towers to inform me, so that someone may be in attendance. Meat tea, 2s. per head, in the Abbey Institute immediately after service, followed by business meeting. Let your secretary know if you are coming to tea not later than Easter Eve.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Nottingham, Easter Monday, March 29th. Towers open: St. Mary's (10 a.m. to 3.50), St. Peter's (10 a.m. to 3.40) and St. Paul's, Daybrook (10 a.m. to 3.15) and after the general meeting. Committee meeting 3 p.m., St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C. Tea, in the Institute, immediately after service. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 29th. By kind permission of the incumbents, the ring of bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles', and All Saints', will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Christopher H. Flack, M.A., Rector of St. Augustine, Norwich. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m.; tickets, 2s. per head, followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treas.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff (in lieu of Cardiff owing to tower repairs) on Easter Monday, March 29th. Cathedral bells available in the afternoon. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Dean will preside.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30. St. Peter's (6) from noon. The tea and business meeting will be at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th and April 27th, St. Magnus' on April 1st, 15th, 29th. Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on Wednesday, March 31st, at 7.30 p.m. Come and help the newly-elected members of your association. — K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (8) open from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall at 1s. each to all who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks' Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by April 1st.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Street bells (8) available after tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston

Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, Marshall's Road, Raunds.

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BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Aston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Mr. W. Davies, 99, Rosary Road, Erdington, regarding tea not later than March 31st.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive

on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 30th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meale Brace, Shrewsbury.

LADIES GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch) AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Lincoln District).—A joint

meeting will be held at Dunholme, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 31st?—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT

ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Hall, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than March 31st? — Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-

CIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's on Friday, April 9th.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.

—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Southbroom bells available from 7 p.m. Friends from the Marlborough branch especially welcomed.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley

District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — The annual meeting will be

held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing all day at St. Gregory's (8 bells) and St. Peter's (8). 4.30, service at St. Gregory's, with sermon by Rev. Canon Round-Turner. 5, tea in the Parish Hall, 1s. each. 5.30, meeting follows. Names to H. G. Herbert (sec. pro tem.), 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The

quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Soham Toney on Saturday, April 3rd. Ashill bells will also be available.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-

CIATION.—The newly recast bells of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Tea will be at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens and those whose intention it is to attend should notify Mr. L. Venus, 93, Salisbury Terrace, Darlington, by Wednesday, March 31st.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guils-

borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne (5 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade

District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting

will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 3rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting will be held at Blyth (6) on Saturday, April 3rd, commencing at approximately 3 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise, but look up Double Oxford and York Surprise for practice. Please come and make this new venture a success, and send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.—E. Cooper and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The

next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

THORLEY, near Bishop's Stortford.—On Sunday,

April 4th, at 11 a.m., the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN

GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Blackmoor on Wednesday, April 7th, for practice. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale

Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lanes.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Southover, Lewes (10 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please inform the undersigned by Wednesday previous to meeting. It is hoped that the proposed form of association service will be tried at this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, April 6th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. All who intend to be present must send word not a day later than Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Maudesley, Ormskirk. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service

in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, April 8th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—Next meeting, Hathern, April 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me by April 8th. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil) on April 17th at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Method to be practiced: Double Bob Major. I expect all Northern District members to attend.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing at Cripplegate and other City churches. Particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd. Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beeslev Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each. — W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LONDON.—The London County Association will be pleased to welcome visitors to the City at St. Mary-le-Bow on Easter Sunday at 5.30 p.m.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

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At the business meeting, which followed tea in the new Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. P. B. Brass) presided. Apart from routine affairs, the chief concern was the selection of a gift for the late Vicar (Canon H. E. Hone) and Mrs. Hone, who are now at Godalming, Surrey. A choice of presents, brought by the president (Mr. C. D. Potter), was on view, and it was eventually unanimously decided to present Canon and Mrs. Hone with a set of solid silver hors d'œuvre dishes, to be suitably inscribed and forwarded to them.

Canon Hone was honorary president, and both he and Mrs. Hone had always been ready to further the objects of the society.

After the usual vote of thanks, further ringing continued until 9 p.m. Although the variety of methods was rather restricted, some good 'spade work' was put in which it is hoped some day will have good results.

Felkirk was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on April 10th.

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