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FALSE PEALS.

The number of false peals withdrawn during last year, revealed in the Analysis Committee's report, was rather alarming, although it was due largely to one composition, but it leads a correspondent to suggest measures for helping to ensure that in future there should be increased opportunities for examination of compositions. Such a proposal, if it proved practicable, would undoubtedly be a very desirable thing, although it would not necessarily mean that false peals would always come to light. Mere publication of figures does not ensure their checking by competent investigators, because, for one thing, it does not follow that the compositions, even if printed in association reports, as suggested, would come under the notice of those capable of putting them to the test. Then, too, there is a difficulty in insisting upon associations publishing the figures of new compositions which their members may see fit to ring. Some do not publish reports, others could not afford to print the figures. These objections, however, do not in any way lessen the desirability of exploring means of providing against repetition of some of the unfortunate happenings of the past.

The possibility of human error cannot in any event be entirely averted. Nearly every one of our greatest composers — men in whom the whole Exercise has the greatest confidence — have at some time or other fallen into a mistake, and it is quite possible that many peals by lesser lights have been rung, which, could the compositions be scrutinised, would turn out to be false. Even a double check is not always infallible. There is a very recent instance of a peal composed by an experienced ringer and examined before being rung by an expert composer of long experience, which proved eventually to be false. That unfortunate abbreviation of Robinson's peal of Treble Bob passed through the hands of many ringers and yet its falseness remained undiscovered for years. The figures of the Southwark record peal of Stedman Cinques had been printed ten years or more before its error was brought to light. Some of the false compositions which appeared in the earlier Central Council Collections were not discovered until long after their appearance — not because of any practical difficulty in ascertaining their falseness, but because no one had bothered to apply a check. Compulsory publication, therefore, while offering a better safeguard, will not entirely do away with the risks, and in any case will not prevent false peals being rung, because the figures would not appear until afterwards. On the other hand, it might encourage incompetent composers to put out figures, knowing that someone else may take on the onus of prov-

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ing them. It seems to us that if associations are to safeguard themselves from recording false peals they must take their own steps of requiring 'certified' figures; certified, that is, not only by the actual author, but also by some other qualified composer. But even this, as we have pointed out, might not prevent an occasional false peal creeping into records, although it would distinctly diminish the risk, and show that the association had taken all reasonable precautions. Eventually, perhaps, we shall have professional peal provers—as there are professional accountants—to undertake this kind of work.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	* HAROLD SMITH 7
ALFRED BUCKLEY 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
HOWARD HOWELL 3	† AUBREY M. PICKERING 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques and first peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LEBSON Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
* HAROLD R. HOFTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	SAMUEL BRAGG 8
* JOHN N. JUKES 4	RICEARD C. INGRAM 9
ERNST T. ALLAWAY 5	THOMAS H. REEVES ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

* First peal, at the first attempt. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival of this church.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	* HERBERT MARKWELL 8
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	FREDERICK WHITE 9
ALFRED W. DURHAM 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal with an 'inside' bell. Mr. F. White's 200th peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. RIDING 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	* JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
THOMAS J. LOCK 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first peal in the method on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ... Treble	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
*HAROLD SMITH ... 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	BERT HORTON ... 9
†GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 67 C.C.C.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3	ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all excepting ringers of 1, 3 and 9. First peal of Grandsire Caters on these bells, also the first on tower bells of the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. CROWE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 6
*KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
ERNEST WHITING ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

* First peal. G. Howlett's 100th peal for the association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. R. BIGGS ... Treble	†EDWARD TIMPSON ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	REGINALD BLABY ... 7
†MRS. R. BLABY ... 4	VICTOR EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
† First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss O. Biggs (daughter of F. G. Biggs) and Mr. R. Blaby, who were married at Hughenden on Easter Monday. A peal on that day unfortunately failed after nearly two hours' ringing. All are members of the local band.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*JACK MILLHOUSE ... 5
*MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*CLIFFORD VESSEY ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment for Mr. J. Millhouse.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS ... Treble	*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 5
FRED W. HILL ... 2	E. FRED GOBBY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	RALPH P. EDWARDS ... 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The conductor's 250th peal and 100th as conductor. The band sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. George Williams for their kindness and hospitality after the peal.

GREAT TAY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

HARRY THEREDOM ... Treble	THOMAS W. EVANS ... 5
HERBERT WEBB ... 2	GEORGE EVANS ... 6
VICTOR MORLEY ... 3	STANLEY PIPER ... 7
BERTIE WEBB ... 4	JOSIAH W. DYER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOSIAH W. DYER.

All are ringers of the local Sunday service company. First peal by the band and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	ARTHUR G. KING ... 7
STANLEY W. GALL ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by ringers of the 4th and 6th.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL JONES Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
*FRANK POSTONS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
*SERGEANT BARKER 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

No. 223 C.C.O.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT PERCY Treble	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS... .. 5
*RONALD RAYFIELD 2	*CHARLES SAVAGE 6
JACK FILSELL 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 7
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. N. Marcon, who was inducted to the living of Christ Church on the previous Thursday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*BERRY WAYMAN... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
JOHN E. HOBBS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT 4	WALTER NICHOLS... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the eleventh birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED KING Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	*WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 6
HAROLD ARGYLE 3	ERNEST STONE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	ARTHUR E. BEAMISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all except the conductor and the ringer of the 5th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	DEREK M. SHARP... .. 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT HELLIWELL Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER 5
HERBERT WALKER 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	HARRY BARNES 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	FRED NEWTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Kathleen Barnes, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, HANDBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	EDWARD T. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

The conductor's 100th peal, and also the 50th peal for his father, the ringer of the 2nd. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, this being his first peal in the method and first attempt.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIE GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR GILL 3	*DANIEL SMITH 7
TOM BROTHWELL 4	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Second and third ringers' 100th peal together. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to A. Gill.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church: N. Holland (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Rose 2, E. Cheadle (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. D. Steel (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, W. H. Bloor 5, E. Steele 6, O. H. Page 7, H. Carter (first quarter) 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (3) St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) College and Wavertree; (5) Double Bob; (6) Reverse Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*HAROLD MORWOOD Treble	†GEORGE DOBBS 4
†RONALD BOWNNESS 2	†MARTIN WALKER 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

There were 99 changes of method. * First peal. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.' † First peal in 11 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Bownness.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Double Oxford, London Bob, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC KEMP Treble	ARTHUR YOUNG 4
†MISS C. NEAL 2	JOHN R. YOUNG 5
MISS L. M. NEAL 3	JOHN R. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by J. R. KEMP.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the ringer of the 4th. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this tower, and the treble ringer is only 14 years of age.

WHITEBOURNE, Herefordshire.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Barks James' Arrangement. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALLEN MORGAN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, NEAR DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Berwyn, Waterford, Waltham Delight, Burslem Delight, Elston Delight, Clarence Delight and Nelson. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE LORD Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*JOSEPH W. COITON, Secretary Burton District Treble	
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON, Central Council Representative 2	
*ALFRED BALLARD, Chairman Hinckley District 3	
*WILLIAM A. WOOD, Secretary Hinckley District 4	
*FRANK R. MEASURES, Committee, Hinckley District 5	
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY, late Secretary Hinckley District Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Specially arranged as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly leaving the district.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL 2	HAROLD SMITH 5
*GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. G. Golder.

SALFORD, Lancashire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., seven extents with all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. BELL Treble	HERBERT A. MCKINNELL 4
FRANK REYNOLDS 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
†JOHN HASSELL 3	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Peter David Vincent.

NEWTON, Porthcawl.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*H. EDWARD CARPENTER ... Treble	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 4
*CHARLES M. DAVIES 2	ERNEST STITCH 5
†TREVOR M. RODERICK 3	*ALBERT E. BACON Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Repton, Derbyshire, and a birthday peal for Mrs. T. M. Roderick, a ringer at this tower.

TUNSTALL, Kent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN 4
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At 8, Queen Anne Terrace

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	B. P. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pem) 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand' and also in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, Kent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

In the Old Parish Room.

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
†DEREK M. SHARP 3-4	§EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Royal and of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First of Treble Ten 'in hand.' § First of Treble Bob 'in hand.' First peal of Granta Treble Ten by all and first 'in hand' for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 bells, rehung in new frame by Alfred Bowell, Ipswich, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday next, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. Tower open to visitors all the evening.

BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.—The ring of ten (tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. A broadcast of the bells will be given from 7.45 to 8 p.m. in the Midland Regional programme.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than May 4th, to C. Wallater, t, Marston Street, Willenhall.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Guildford of the peal of six (restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Everybody welcome! A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer.

KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—The rededication of the peal will take place on Friday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Very Rev. Provost Ham (Derby Cathedral). Ring of 8 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

DALWOOD, NEAR AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Saturday, May 8th, the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 3 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

NETHERSEALE, NEAR BURTON-ON-TRENT.—The ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be rededicated on Sunday, May 9th.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—The ring of eight (tenor 29 cwt.), retuned and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Northampton on Monday, May 10th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER

Mr. John Evans, a member of St. Iltyd's band, Bridgend, passed away on Friday, April 16th. He had been ill for a long time, but the end came rather suddenly. Owing, of course, to his illness he had not rung for some time.

A regular Sunday service ringer for over 30 years, he was not keen on peal ringing, but had, nevertheless, rung several peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He was only 51 years of age and leaves a widow in bereavement.

A quarter-peal was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following: V. Brown 1, W. H. Evans 2, E. T. Bailey 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, E. M. Smith 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Pitman 8. First quarter-peal for treble and tenor ringers.

FOR BEGINNERS.

OXFORD BOB MINOR.

Emphasis was given in the editorial article in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' to the fact that the peals analysis revealed that last year peals of Minor rung in one method only had increased by 25, although the total number of peals of Minor increased by only 31. We need not here go into the arguments which have often been put forward showing the advantages of practising a variety of methods, particularly on the lower numbers of bells, but we would like to point out to those who at present ring only Bob Minor that it is not at all difficult to get on to new methods, and that it makes ringing vastly more interesting.

For instance, there is the method Oxford Bob. Put simply, it is Bob Singles (the Plain Bob method on four bells), with the other two bells continuously dodging behind from the time the treble leaves the back, until it gets up there again, when the bells behind hunt straight down to lead and two others (who led in turn after the treble) hunt straight up and take their places.

Many ringers will probably be able to step straight into the belfry and ring the method with that explanation, but for the sake of others, let us go into it a little more in detail.

This is a table of rules by which you learn Bob Singles:—

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4th's, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4th's, and hunt down.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's and lead again.

In Oxford Bob you do exactly the same thing, except that there is sandwiched on each side of the 2nd's place the dodging in 5-6 referred to. This dodging is actually a three-pull dodge. That is to say, in whichever direction you are going, you have to step back three times. You cannot very well make a mistake in it, however, for the two bells dodge until the treble separates them.

Now let us amplify our Bob Singles' table and make it fit our Oxford Bob Minor.

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4th's, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 4-5, a three-pull dodge in 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's and lead again.

Pass treble in 5-6, lie a whole pull behind, a three-pull dodge in 6-5 down, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4th's, and hunt down.

Here are the figures of the first part of the course, showing the full dodging behind. Write out a complete course, draw a continuous line over one of the working bells and you have a diagram of the method. From it you can visualise the whole of the work.

123456
214365
241356
423165
432615
346251
364521
635412
653142
561324
516342
153624

156342
513624
531642
356124
365214
632541

The bobs are made exactly as in Plain Bob, but, just a word of warning, a bob 'Wrong' in Oxford comes at the third lead and not at the first lead as it does in Plain Bob. For a 720 you can call the 5th, Wrong, Right, Wrong, or the 5th, Right, Wrong, Right.

ANOTHER MONMOUTHSHIRE OCTAVE.

NEW TREBLES AT LLANFRECHFA.

The dedication of the two new bells at Llanfrechfa, near Caerleon, Monmouthshire, took place during morning service on a recent Sunday.

The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Monmouth, who received the ropes from the donor and the churchwardens.

The new treble has been presented by Mr. C. Addams Williams and Mrs. Williams to commemorate the coming of age of their son, Hopton, and the new second bell by the churchpeople to commemorate the Coronation of H.M. King George VI.

Immediately following the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by six of the local ringers, with the assistance of Mr. Pratt of Newport, and the Diocesan Association hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, and again at the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GREAT WALTHAM'S GREAT EFFORT. BELL RESTORATION SCHEME PAID FOR.

The bells of SS. Mary and Lawrence, Great Waltham, near Chelmsford, after being overhauled and rehung in ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were rededicated on Tuesday, April 20th, by the Bishop of Barking.

The bells are now hung at a lower level in the tower, thus making them quieter in the vicinity of the church, and are rung from the floor of the tower instead of the former ringing chamber.

About 30 ringers, including the members of the local band, were present from various towers, including Great Baddow, Broomfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Harlow Common, Springfield and Little Waltham. Among them were the Master of the Essex Association (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips), the hon. gen. secretary of the association (Mr. L. J. Clark) and the hon. secretary of the South-Eastern Division.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Hark the bells with joyous sound,' the Bishop, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Burnett) proceeded to the tower, where Mr. W. E. Davis, the captain of the local ringers, handed the ropes to the churchwardens, who handed them on to the Bishop, requesting him to rededicate the bells.

After the rededication prayers the Bishop handed the ropes to the Vicar with the usual exhortation. The local captain received the ropes from the Vicar and the bells were rung in rounds by W. E. Davis (Great Waltham) 1, G. Green (Great Baddow) 2, L. Day (Great Waltham) 3, H. Edwards (Boreham) 4, H. Bradley (Broomfields) 5, J. Wood (Chelmsford) 6, B. Kemp (Springfield) 7, L. J. Clark (Chelmsford) 8.

In the course of his address the Bishop said he was authorised by the Vicar to say that the whole cost of rehanging (£550) had been met. This was a fine effort, as only recently the parish had raised £100 for installing electric light in the church.

At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by L. J. Clark, followed by touches in other methods, in which all the ringers took part, everyone expressing their appreciation at the way in which the restoration had been carried out and at having this delightful peal in ringing order once again.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled on Saturday, April 3rd: F. Wilding 1, N. Townsend 2, W. Taylor 3, R. Watts 4, A. North 5, F. Luffkin (conductor) 6, S. Baybutt 7, G. Bacon 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. J. Watts Ditchfield, who died March 30th. She was the wife of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Watts Ditchfield, first Bishop of Chelmsford, and mother of Mrs. Gowings, wife of the Vicar of Prittlewell.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th, when, in spite of bad weather, there was an attendance of over 40 ringers representing the following towers: Beverley Minster, Campsall, Headingley (St. Michael's), Far Headingley (St. Chad's), Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints), Selby Abbey, Sheffield Cathedral, Sherburn-in-Elmet, York Minster and the local company. Evensong was held in church, at which the Vicar of Goole (the Rev. L. L. Knightall, M.A.) and the three curates all took part. The Vicar accompanied the singing on the organ and also gave a most interesting address.

Tea was held in Hackforth's Cafe, 48 sitting down. At the business meeting, over which the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) presided, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Hawley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and J. Wilson, Beverley Minster.

An invitation from the Vicar of Kirk Ella for the June meeting to be held there was unanimously accepted.

Two nominations were received for the position of Ringing Master, Messrs. H. C. Walters and F. Terry, and Mr. Walters was re-elected for a period of three years.

Four nominations were received for three seats on the committee, Messrs. West, Pearson, Cook and Imeson; the three first named were elected. Mr. A. E. West was also elected to a seat on the General Committee for a period of three years.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service was proposed by Mr. A. H. Fox, seconded by Mr. J. H. Howell, supported by the president and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, in reply, extended a most hearty welcome to the association.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements made was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. A. Walker, mention being made of the good service to ringing for 30 years in Goole and for the Yorkshire Association by Mr. J. Drake and also of Mr. C. Hill's enthusiastic work in getting the Goole bells going again after a lapse of 18 months.—Messrs. Drake and Hill replied, and said they had high hopes of getting a good band of ringers together again in Goole now the bells were ringing once more.

Appreciation was expressed at the presence at the meeting of the president, treasurer and also the Southern District vice-president, together with Miss Bowling and Mr. Sherwood, of Headingley, Leeds.

Further ringing till 9 o'clock terminated a most enjoyable and happy meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Special ringing will take place at a great number of churches in London during Coronation week, and among the peals to be attempted will be one at St. Paul's Cathedral by the College Youths on Saturday, May 15th.

Attention is directed to the preliminary notice of the Tercentenary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The number of tickets is strictly limited and early application should be made.

The venue of the Middlesex Association (South and West District) meeting on May 8th has been changed. It was to have been held at Feltham, but it has been transferred to Stanwell, with Bedfont and Harmondsworth towers for afternoon and evening respectively. A special invitation is extended to hikers, cyclists and motorists.

Mr. Rupert Richardson wishes to thank the many friends who have sent letters of sympathy since his recent accident. He assures them he is improving rapidly and hopes to be at the end of a bell-rope again before many weeks are over. Owing to the injury being to his right hand he is unable to answer them individually, and his 'secretary' is working at full pressure to keep the business and household duties going. He also notes the remarks of a sympathiser with regard to 'the scarcity of water,' and will certainly follow the advice.

The bus strike in Kent interfered with peal arrangements at Tunstall on Saturday. A band met two short for a peal of Stedman Triples and had to be content with ringing a peal of Minor.

In the usual monthly service broadcast from Croydon Parish Church on Sunday morning at 9.25 on the National long-wave length, it is hoped to ring the twelve bells. This will be the first time the new twelve have been 'on the air.'

Last Saturday at Chester father and son rang a peal of Stedman Triples together. It was Mr. Thomas Butler's 50th peal and his son, Mr. T. R. Butler's, 100th peal. An interesting coincidence. Has it happened before?

The name of the ringer of the 5th in the peal at Campsall on April 13th was Harry C. Walters and not Walker as printed.

We regret that many reports are unavoidably held over.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to those wishing to take part in peal attempts during their stay at Canterbury to let me have their application, with full particulars, not later than May 5th?

The writer would also be grateful to receive offers of towers that can be put at the disposal of the visitors.

T. E. SONE.

Warrington Bungalow, Paddock Wood, Kent.

A WORCESTERSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

Upton-on-Severn bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday morning, April 25th. Besides the local band there were present ringers from Evesham and Worcester.

The Upton band, under their leader, Mr. C. Camm, have now a fine peal of bells both as regards tone and 'go.'

THE LATE MR. GEORGE A. CARD.

MANY PEALS RUNG FOR THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The funeral of Mr. George Card, hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who, as already briefly recorded, passed away on April 5th in Fulham Hospital, took place at St. Mary's, Speldhurst, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Thursday, April 8th. The Royal Cumberland Youths were represented by the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross), the treasurer (Mr. G. Steere), Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mr. W. J. Beer. After the interment, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled to a touch of Grandsire Triples by W. J. Beer 1, E. A. Turley 2, G. Fuggle 3, Mrs. G. H. Cross 4, G. H. Cross 5, G. W. Steere 6, J. Denton (conductor) 7, J. Meads 8.

The exact number of peals which Mr. Card rang is not known, as he kept no complete record, but the following are known to have been rung for the Cumberland Society between about 1890 and 1934: Stedman Cinques 28, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Triples 8, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 30, Bob Maximus 2, Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 13, Grandsire Cinques 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Double Norwich Major 8, New Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Cumberland Delight Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 13, London Surprise Major 21, Bristol Surprise Major 3, total 158.

Mr. Card also took part in 11,200 of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Speldhurst, in 1892, rung for the Kent County Association.

On Saturday, April 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. G. A. Card. It was intended to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, but owing to illness and business claims three of the band were unable to take part and Mrs. M. L. Cross kindly stood out. The ringers were T. Newman 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, E. J. Beer 3, W. J. Nudds 4, G. Radley 5, J. E. Bailey 6, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 7, T. Bevan 8.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

NEW VOLUME ON THEIR HISTORY.

Very appropriately, on the eve of the Coronation, there has been published a volume on the organs and bells of Westminster Abbey. The author is Canon Jocelyn Perkins, M.A., D.C.L., F.S.A., Sacrist of the Abbey, than whom, of course, there can be no greater authority on that venerable pile which enshrines so much of England's history. This book follows others dealing with the Abbey by the same author, 'Westminster Abbey, the Empire's Crown,' 'The Chapel of Henry VII. and its High Altar,' 'The Ornaments of Westminster Abbey,' etc., and is, naturally, of special interest to ringers.

Most ringers, we imagine, have hazily associated bells with Westminster Abbey down the ages, but few realise that for hundreds of years such bells as there were were housed in a detached campanile which stood, until less than two hundred years ago, on the site on the north side of the Abbey now occupied by the Middlesex County Hall.

This campanile, erected simultaneously with the thirteenth century choir, was of unusual proportions. It is said to have been no less than 75ft. square, but only to have reached a height of 60ft. The massive structure was crowned, according to the historian Stow, with a tall spire covered with lead.

It was not until the early forties of the eighteenth century that the present twin western towers of the Abbey were completed. In those days, of course, the Abbey had only six bells, but their history is extremely interesting to bell lovers, who will now be able, in Dr. Perkins' book, to read all their known story from the days in 1255, when, according to the patent roll, a grant was made by the King of one hundred shillings per annum to be paid every half-year to the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster 'who are appointed to ring the great bells,' and it was laid down that the Brethren were 'to enjoy all privileges and free customs they have enjoyed from the time of Edward the Confessor.'

Canon Perkins points out the high significance of these words. They indicate, he says, that the ringers of Westminster Abbey occupied at that time a position of real importance; that they formed to all intents and purposes a Royal Foundation.

The author traces the history of the bells through the centuries, gives a short chapter on ancient and modern ringing customs at the Abbey and another with the details of the reconstruction and enlargement of the peal to eight in 1919 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose foundry ancestor, Robert Mott, put a bell into the old campanile as far back as Queen Elizabeth's reign.

The whole story of the bells will prove a fascinating one for ringers. Equally interesting is the section relating to the organs of the Abbey. Dr. Perkins has traced their history back to 1304, and with a masterly hand presents the story of their vicissitudes from that distant date down to the coming of the new and magnificent instrument that is to be used for the approaching Coronation. He deals, too, with the many celebrated organists of the Abbey, among the great names being Orlando Gibbons and Henry Purcell.

The volume is splendidly illustrated and will appeal to all music lovers as well as ringers. It is published by Messrs. Novello and Co., Ltd., 160, Wardour Street, London, W.1.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION VISIT TO FEERING.

Despite unfavourable weather, 15 towers were represented by 38 ringers at a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. Ringers were present from Witham, Halstead, Earls Colne, Great Bardfield, Kelvedon, Springfield, Sible Hedingham, Greenstead Green, Feering, Bocking, Dunmow, Coggeshall, Boreham, Sudbury and Turvey (Beds).

Service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Howard Knight), and Mr. Fairbrass, of Kelvedon, was at the organ. The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Bell Inn, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed both Witham and Great Bardfield were proposed as the next place of meeting, and on a vote being taken the majority favoured Great Bardfield, and a meeting is being arranged for June 12th.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his inspiring address, to the organist for his services, and to the visitors.

In reply, the Vicar said he was sure that the meeting was a joy to the local ringers at Feering. He hoped that the visit would do some good and that the young men would take up the art of ringing which was so peculiar to England and helped to keep them fit. The Vicar also thanked the organist and said he was sorry that their old friend, Mr. W. Keeble, was absent through illness, but he would convey to him the best wishes of that meeting.

Regret was also expressed at the absence of Mr. William Elliot, of Kelvedon, who had been indisposed for some time, and the secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was asked to send to him the best wishes of the members.

It was pleasing to see one or two youngsters amongst the company and they appeared to enjoy a few rounds.

Others took part in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One noticed with much interest the fact mentioned in the report of the Peals Analysis Committee that no less than 27 peals had been withdrawn during the year.

The question has often been asked by ringers—How many false compositions are rung? At present, I believe, there is nothing which requires the publication of the figures of any composition, and if the conductor and the peal secretary of the association claiming the peal are satisfied, the peal is accepted and published as true—and yet the figures of the peal may not have been proved except in the most cursory manner. Quite recently a peal was withdrawn, and the conductor honestly admitted in your paper that he had only given the matter the most superficial scan over. It would appear that, provided familiar part ends occur at the correct intervals, in many cases falseness elsewhere is not looked for.

A good example of accepted composition without even the most simple examination was furnished in your issue of March 19th, where the first quarter-peal, given in the beginners' corner, produces 246375 as the first part end, and the next lead is plain! The writer, who, of course, must be an expert or he would never have been asked to write these articles, evidently accepted the figures on the composer's reputation, and the part ends. Had he even thought for a moment he must have realised that rounds were not far away. I wonder how often the second quarter-peal has been rung as a true touch?

How often are peals accepted on reputation and not thoroughly proved?

It had been hoped to bring forward a resolution at this year's Central Council meeting to make it compulsory on all associations to publish their figures in their annual report, and to circulate that report, but, unfortunately, the conditions of Rule 10 were overlooked and this was not possible.

If, however, it is in order and any support is forthcoming, this may be moved when the report of the Peals Committee is being considered.

Another matter which might well be considered by the Council is the publication of a booklet on the proof of compositions.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

Cheltenham.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

GREATLY IMPROVED RINGING REPORTED.

The annual general meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th, about 40 members being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and the bells were kept going until 4 o'clock, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being rung.

The service was conducted by the Very Rev. K. C. H. Warner, D.S.O., Provost of the Cathedral.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. Pickett, the Master, in his report, said that the standard of ringing had greatly improved.

The secretary having tendered his resignation owing to pressure of business, Mr. Charles R. Raine, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, was unanimously elected to act as secretary and treasurer.

The Provost, who was in the chair, referred to the loss that the association had sustained through the recent death of Mr. A. E. Wrecks, of Paisley, and the death of Mr. Mann, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

After the meeting the bells were kept going till 7.30 p.m., when those who remained finished up with some handbell ringing.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.

'FATHER' OF THE DUDLEY PARISH CHURCH BAND.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Goodman, sen., of Dudley, Worcestershire, which took place at his residence on April 15th at the ripe age of 83 years. He leaves in bereavement a widow, three sons and four daughters, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Mr. Goodman commenced his ringing career about the year 1871 at Sedgley, Staffs, and after a few years he identified himself with St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, where for upwards of 50 years he had been a regular Sunday service ringer, and the band recognised him as the 'father' of the company because of his interest in beginners.

He rang his first peal in 1872 and had rung altogether 130 peals. He was one of the pioneers in the formation of the Dudley and District Guild in 1899, and remained a member until his death.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 21st, the first part of the service being held in Dudley Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd, Archdeacon and Vicar of Dudley, who is president of the Guild. The interment took place at St. John's Churchyard, Kates Hill, Dudley, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. B. H. Green, Vicar of St. John's and Rural Dean of Dudley.

The Dudley band and Dudley Guild were represented by their secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, and Mr. S. J. Hughes. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect: T. Whorton 1, J. Goodman (conductor) 2, Stanley Prestidge 3, Henry Goodman 4, Harry Goodman 5, Alfred Rowley 6, William Green 7, Harry Hubball 8, William Goodman 9, Samuel Webb 10. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 9th are deceased's sons, and of the 5th his grandson.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TO REVISE RULES.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CRIPPLEGATE.
Loyal Message to the King and Queen.

The prospect of a certain amount of reorganisation in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, whose affairs are now conducted by the district secretaries acting as joint secretaries, was foreshadowed at the annual meeting at Cripplegate, London, on Saturday week. The rules are to be revised, and it was indicated, in a speech by Mr. C. T. Coles, who was the recipient of a token of the members' appreciation of his long services, that this may be one of the points to be specially considered.

There was a large congregation in St. Giles' Church for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Turner). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the association), and the Vicar in his address said it was most appropriate, at that time, to take his text from I. St. Peter, chap. 2:17: 'Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King.' He was, he said, pleased to welcome the association that afternoon. The connection between the association and St. Giles' had become much closer during the last few years. There had been two peals rung by their members of which the church was very proud, the first, on Monday, May 6th, 1935, in honour of the Royal Jubilee, 5,025 Stedman Cinques, and the second, on June 1st last year, a peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques, appropriately rung on a great day in English history, the anniversary of Lord Howe's great victory in 1794.

There was one matter, said the Vicar, that he regretted, that the tower was not mentioned in the interesting list of towers in the association's report.

The Vicar went on to give some interesting historical details of the famous peal at Cripplegate, and of the occasions on which they were rung. He also quoted the inscriptions on some of the bells. One of these, closely connected with his text, led him to emphasise the connection between bells and our public and private life. Honour all men, love your own brotherhood, live in peace and good neighbourhood with all men. And again, fear God; be filled with the spirit of God's holy fear. 'This did not mean that they should be afraid of a just God, but that they should have a reverence for Him. And to honour the King was a most appropriate thing to do in this Coronation year.'

Members attended from all parts of the county and from adjacent counties to the number altogether of well over a hundred—one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association. Ringing commenced quite early at St. James', Clerkenwell, where the Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, was in charge. Several methods, including Surprise, were rung. At St. Giles', Cripplegate, Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, was in charge of the proceedings. Here Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Kent Maximus, with sundry 'touches of rounds,' were the order.

The business meeting followed tea at the Zita Cafe, and was presided over by the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (president), supported by the vice-presidents (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and G. W. Fletcher), the joint hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier), the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) and the district officers.

Before the business commenced the following loyal message of congratulation to their Majesties was passed by the members standing: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers offer their sincere congratulations to His Majesty King George the Sixth and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth upon His Majesty's accession to the Throne, and tender a dutiful expression of their loyalty to your Majesties, and they pray that your reign may be blessed by peace for your people and by happiness for your Majesties' own selves.'

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Coles said a letter had been sent to the Bishop of London with regard to keeping intact the peal of bells at All Hallows', Lombard Street, when the church was demolished, and a reply had been received from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners stating that the matter would receive attention in due course.

MEMBERSHIP LAPSES.

The annual report recalled the part which had been played by bells during last year on national occasions, and to the completion of the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye by the provision of two bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone.

Dealing with the membership of the association, the report stated that although three honorary and 80 ringing members were elected, the total at the end of the year showed only a slight increase, it now being 888. Eight members were lost by death and a very large number lapsed through removals, non-payment of subscriptions, etc.

'The lapses through avoidable causes,' said the report, 'is a matter for serious concern, and we do urge local secretaries, not only to see that subscriptions are promptly paid, but to keep the strength of their bands up to a number sufficient to man the bells regularly. Each band, besides being at full strength, should endeavour to teach at least one new ringer every year, and not wait for the time when recruits are so urgently needed that the bells cease, or almost cease, to be rung at all. The future of ringing generally, and of the association in particular, depends upon the efforts of local leaders. See to it now.'

Whilst regretting the losses mentioned above, the report said it was satisfactory to note that a new band had been formed at St.

Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and was making good progress under the tuition of the Ringing Master. At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, a fresh start had been made, and ringing was in progress, and some recruits who had been given elementary instruction were looking forward soon to start learning change ringing. Help would be appreciated at both these towers. It was hoped next year to record that the towers which had ceased to show any membership at all would once again have come into the fold.

The peal list showed an increase on last year, 55 having been rung. The increase, however, was almost entirely in handbell peals, and it was hoped that in this, the Coronation year, there would be a real revival in peal ringing. Of the 55 peals rung, 10 were on handbells, and the tower-bell peals were rung at 26 churches. The members taking part in the peals numbered 159, a few in excess of last year, and four members rang their first peals. There were 23 conductors, an increase of four. Some 85 members rang their first peals in something new, including several 'firsts' on handbells, five of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, two of Cambridge Royal, 21 of various Surprise Major methods, and seven of Stedman Caters.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts from members in the form of 60 per cent. of contributions from the districts of £22 17s. 6d., and excess of receipts over payments of £1 6s. 2d. The cash in hands of the treasurer is £24 18s. 9d.

Messrs. F. Conley (Chiswick) and W. G. Turner (Willesden) were elected members of the association.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who renominated his vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher (North and East District) and J. A. Trollope (South and West District); Master, Mr. A. W. Coles; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, A.S.A.A.

It was resolved that the peal books and volumes of 'Bell News' belonging to the association should remain at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Mr. Fletcher stated that a sub-committee had been formed to consider the revision of the association's rules, and hoped at the next annual meeting to be in a position to present a report on the rules. The sub-committee would like to have the opportunity of presenting the drafts to the annual district meetings in the first place, in order to save time at the annual general meeting, and they would also be glad if any members who had suggestions to make or criticisms to offer would send them to the sub-committee for early consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Mr. C. T. Coles reminded the members that this year the Ancient Society of College Youths would celebrate their tercentenary. The society was founded 300 years ago and had been in the forefront of ringing nearly all that time. Their records were of the highest class, and no member of the Ancient Society who had taken part in any of their performances had any reason to be ashamed of their achievements. The College Youths had always shown the way in which bells should be rung. He moved that the following resolution should be sent to the society: 'The members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, assembled in annual meeting, send to the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths sincere congratulations in this, the tercentenary year of that society. Further, they cordially wish success to the members of that society, and a continuance of the high standard of ringing for which they have, for so many years, been famous.'

Mr. Trollope, who seconded, pointed out that the College Youths stood for something more than merely a society. They, in their history, were an epitome of the whole history of the ringing Exercise. Not only the present members, but all ringers were more or less the heirs of that society, and they did well to recognise the great services that the society in the past had rendered to the continuity of the art and science of change ringing.

The motion was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Goodfellow, a resolution of condolence with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on the death of their hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card, was passed. Mr. Coles said that Mr. Card, who was 63 years of age, died on April 5th. He was at one time a member of the Edmonton band and of that association. Latterly he did a great work for the Cumberland Youths and was one of those foremost in the recent advance of the society in London ringing.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Hillingdon.

Mr. Coles urged the members to see that the bells in their own and neighbouring churches were rung for the Coronation. It might be difficult in London to ring all the bells, but those who were responsible for ringing would, he hoped, do their utmost to get the bells rung on that day. He directed attention to the point made in 'The Ringing World' that in places where bells are near houses they should avoid ringing during the time the Coronation service was being broadcast from the Abbey—especially in places where people were apt quickly to get exasperated by the ringing of bells.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Cripplegate and his assistant priest, to the curate in charge of St. James', Camberwell, and the Rev. A. Lombardini, St. Lawrence Jewry, to Mr. King, the vergier, and to the organist of St. Giles', and to the various tower-keepers and others.

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RESTORED PEAL AT WALGRAVE, NORTANTS.**BELLS RUNG FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1900.**

For the first time since they were rung to announce the relief of Mafeking in May, 1900, the bells of Walgrave Parish Church were heard on April 11th on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough of the restored peal. For nearly 40 years the bells, which were badly out of tune, have been 'tapped' only, as ringing was impossible owing to the unsafe condition of the carrying beams. The bells, a ring of five, with tenor of 13½ cwt., have been tuned and cleaned and now hang in a new metal frame, complete with modern fittings, the work having been carried out admirably by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Segger) conducted the dedication service, which was of a bright and simple character, and in the course of it a procession, formed at the altar and consisting of the churchwardens (Messrs. A. Yorke and W. A. Knight), the Rector, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough and the Rector of Isham (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, R.D.), proceeded to the bell chamber, where the ringers were waiting. After the dedicatory prayers five ringers, Messrs. T. Tebbutt, R. Jones, T. Law, G. Valentine and J. C. Deane, members of the Northampton branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles, announcing to the neighbourhood that the bells were again in use.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said that they were all rejoicing that the bells were no longer dumb, and that the restored peal was now able to fulfil its accustomed task. He had no doubt that all the people in Walgrave had taken a personal concern in the act of restoration, which was first promoted by the Rector about six years ago. They could always appeal for the tower or bells with certainty in any parish, because they were something in which everyone could take a pride. A church building made a special appeal to people, because it was associated with their home. If the church were pulled down and the bells were silent they would feel that something precious had been taken out of their lives.

The Bishop went on to refer to the art of change ringing as very beautiful, and said that its artistic value could not be denied. But the ringing of bells was first and foremost an act of worship, and so it should be regarded. Bellringers were churchworkers in the highest degree, and he wanted them to be recognised as on a level with all other churchworkers.

Other clergy present were the Rev. J. Hotine (Holcot), the Rev. J. M. Turner (Moulton) and the Rev. T. B. Clarke (Loddington). At the close of the service many members of the Diocesan Guild rang on the bells.

Following the service a tea for the ringers was held in the Church School, and the Bishop, the Rector and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were present.

Recently the Walgrave 'Parish Magazine' found its way to South Africa, and came into the hands of Mr. Nathan Kimbell, who left Walgrave for that country 52 years ago. He at once sent a substantial donation to the Rector and decided to return to his native village for the dedication service. A leaflet with 25 verses of poetry paying tribute to Walgrave bells was handed to each member of the congregation at the service, the poem being entitled 'Walgrave Bells—verses written in 1912 by N.P.K.' 'N.P.K.' proved to be Mr. Nathan Kimbell, who had the satisfaction of assisting in the day's rejoicings at his old 'home town' after an absence of over half a century.

As the bells have been only 'tapped' since 1900 to announce the services, none of the Walgrave ringers has ever pulled a rope. This means that a new hand will have to be trained. A start will be made with 13 men, and if possible 15, so that there will be three teams—the main team, a relief and a young one—each team having five members. Change ringing will be out of the question for some time, but the Rector hopes that the ringers will make good progress and introduce this as soon as possible.

On every hand gratification was expressed at the great improvement effected by the tuning of the bells, and the visiting ringers voiced their complete satisfaction with the 'go' of the peal, both of which facts reflect credit on the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

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The President also thanked the officers, who, he said, had the complete confidence of the members to conduct the affairs of the association. They should, he said, feel very proud, as a body of ringers, of the most honourable and important place which the bells would have on the occasion of the Coronation. There was nothing more peculiarly national than the ringing of the bells, and many of them would recall the great occasions on which bells had rung out for national events in the past. No other country in the world had such a wealth of bells or such opportunity of celebrating in the most dignified and beautiful way, and one established by such age-long tradition, great national occasions, and ringers felt the reflected honour at the part which fell to them in connection with the Coronation.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the president. After the meeting, the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, with the Master in charge, were available, and a large number of ringers took advantage of the opportunity of ringing on this fine peal, in most methods up to London Surprise. At Cripplegate Mr. E. C. S. Turner looked after the ringing, and more Cinques and Maximus, as well as rounds, were rung until 9 o'clock, when ended one of the most memorable meetings in the annals of the association.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SUGGESTED BELL RESTORATION FUND.**

Members of the Warwickshire Guild visited Rugby for the annual meeting on Saturday, April 17th, and one of the most important and interesting matters touched upon at the business meeting in the evening was the formation of a bell restoration fund. Mr. Ernest Stone, of Nuneaton, suggested that either a certain percentage of the Guild's income should be set aside annually for building up a bell restoration fund, or that a collection should be taken at each of their quarterly services for the purpose. In view of the large number of restorations which were now going on or being contemplated in Warwickshire, there was a real need for such a fund, and he moved that the question be considered by the committee at their next quarterly meeting.

Other members indicated their support, and Mr. Stone's suggestion was deferred for discussion at a future date.

Ringing during the afternoon took place on the two rings of bells at St. Andrew's Church. As a matter of interest attention was first given to the old ring of five early in the afternoon. The reason for this first choice by the dozen or so ringers who were then present was soon apparent when it was discovered that Mr. J. H. Shepherd was among the early birds and that it was a fresh tower for him. Shortened evensong was held in the church at 4.45 p.m., and was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby, who also gave the address.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Church House, and was presided over by the Rev. Wingfield Digby. He was supported by Mr. Joseph H. W. White, Ringing Master, and Mr. Malcolm C. C. Melville, general secretary. Among those present were Messrs. T. W. Chapman and James George (past Ringing Masters), F. W. Perrens, J. A. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. Argyle, the Rev. J. E. Wigram and ringers from the following towers: Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Erdington, Lillington, Arley, Monk's Kirby, Stoke, Bedworth, Leamington, Hastings and members of the local band. Welcome visitors included Messrs. E. Pearson, H. H. Alexander and W. Watson, of Banbury, and F. H. Dexter and R. F. Roe, of Leicester.

Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Coventry, the president of the Guild, and also from the Rev. and Mrs. Moyle, of Chilvers Coton, and Messrs. J. H. Beale, E. Adams and T. Male.

The annual report stated that the total resident membership stood at 137, an increase of seven over the previous year. Twenty-five new members had joined during the year. The peals showed an increase over last year, 16 peals having been rung, making the largest number since 1928. A balance in hand of £25 5s. 6d. was recorded in the financial statement.—Both reports were adopted.

The officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. E. S. Moreton as assistant hon. secretary. Mrs. A. Beamish, Mrs. L. J. Hinde and Mr. T. W. Chapman were also elected honorary members of the committee.

Among the 17 new ringing members to be elected were two only 11 years of age, namely, Frank Moreton and Frederick Stone, both of Chilvers Coton. The Rev. J. E. Wigram, the Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby and Mrs. D. H. Argyle were elected honorary members.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the Guild by Mr. C. H. Webb to the Archdeacon for the use of the bells and the Church House; to the Rev. Wingfield Digby for presiding at the meeting and taking the service; and also to Mr. E. W. Grocock for presiding at the organ.

Everyone was pleased to see Mr. James George present, and evidence of his recovery from his illness was apparent when he took part in several of the touches. Expressions of appreciation of the work Mr. George had done for ringers at Rugby were given by Mr. J. B. Fenton.

Further ringing took place on the two peals of bells after the meeting until a late hour. Altogether about 50 members and friends were present.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH DAVIES.**FORMER RINGER AT DERBY, LOUGHBOROUGH AND KIDDERMINSTER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Davies, of 13, Stourport Road, Kidderminster, who passed away at his home on April 8th last at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Davies, whose peals totalled 49 (four of which he had conducted), started his ringing career at Crewe and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples, on the tenor) on July 31st, 1894.

He had resided at Derby and Loughborough, and many of his peals, mostly Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung in these districts.

He went to reside at Kidderminster and joined the St. Mary's Church band in 1919. A safe ringer of standard methods, his enthusiasm enabled him to become quite proficient in Surprise methods and later he scored three peals of Cambridge and three of London Surprise Major.

Until two years ago, when he became no longer able to climb the steps, Mr. Davies was a regular Sunday service ringer.

The interment took place on April 12th at Coppenhall, near Crewe, where in his youth he was a chorister for many years. The bells of St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, were rung half-muffled in the evening.

The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his widow in her bereavement.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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THE TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,
Hon. Secretary.

18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report, to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Hawkhurst is just the place to visit in the spring; is picturesque; has fine peal of bells. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 1st. The Hastings and District Guild will associate itself with this meeting. 3 p.m., tower open; 4.30, service. Tea (free to practising members) to follow; also business meeting.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells available from 3 p.m. A small charge will be made for tea, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. After tea ringing will be continued at Emmanuel Church, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6-7), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Berwick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—May Day.—A meeting will be held at Graveley on May 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will get good opportunities. Names for tea to Canon Jebb, The Rectory, Graveley, Hitchin. — Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, at Rectory.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., in Parish Hall. Buses leave Hereford at 2, 3.30 and 5 p.m., returning at 8 and 8.17 p.m. Fare 1s. return. Bus leaves Ross at 4.45 p.m., returning at 7.10 and 9.30 p.m. Fare 1s. 4d. return.—L. H. Steckley, The Green, Fownhope.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, May 1st, at 3 p.m.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Conservative Club at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Business meeting after tea. Special method for practice: St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Trains, Metropolitan, Baker St. etc., to Pinner. Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow and 183 bus to Pinner.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Weston-on-the-Green bells also available. If requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Woughton-on-the-Green. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Short Notice. — A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8), a delightful peal, available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Old Grey Mare at 5 p.m. Good to get at—by Green Line and Aylesbury bus service, so come along. — W. Ayre, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham, Cambs., to-morrow (Saturday), May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good company is hoped for.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for May: Service ringing, May 2nd, St. Clement Danes', 10 a.m.; 23rd, Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices: 10th and 24th, St. Clement Danes', 7.30 p.m.; June 1st, St. Mary, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 6th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th; St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; St. Andrew's on the 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. C. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, by Tuesday, May 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. A. Bailey, Park View, Darton, by Thursday, May 6th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Towers available: Bedfont (6), 3.30 to 4.30; Stanwell (5), 4.45 to 5.30, 6.30 to 7, and Harmondsworth (6), 7.15 to 8.30. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn, Stanwell, at 5.30, 1s. each. Bus 116 leaves Hounslow Garage at 8 and 38 minutes past the hour for Bedfont and near Stanwell.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on May 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Eling and Fawley bells available. Names by May 6th, please. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (free). This meeting has been arranged to welcome the new Rector. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m. to those who notify me by Thursday, May 6th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec., 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before May 5th? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Please let me know by May 6th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at South Marston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch; Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Chicheley, May 8th, Saturday; 2.30 begin; 4 service; tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea should be sent to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Tuesday, May 4th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton, May 8th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea for all those who notify Miss M. Clayton, Lane End Cottage, Hoghton, near Preston, by Tuesday, May 4th.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Laver's Café at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should reach me by first post Tuesday, May 4th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A monthly meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. E. W. Bryan) is hoping to see a good number present and has kindly offered to give the tea.—M. Melville, Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Methods for practice: Oxford Plain Bob, Sandal T.B. Please send a card for tea to me before Wednesday, May 5th. — R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will take place at Tideswell, Saturday, May 8th. Will all members and friends expecting to be present please write me not later than Tuesday, May 4th, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at

King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed toward cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by May 3rd. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel 12.15. Dinner and meeting at Globe Hotel 1 p.m. Wolborough (8), St. Leonard's Tower (8), Highwick (8) and Kingsteignton (8) bells available. Visitors will be allotted a time for ringing if they give notice by May 10th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. 11.30 a.m. Service in the Cathedral, preacher Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; 12.15 p.m., approx., meetings in the Chapter House; 1.15 p.m., approx., lunch at The Golden Fleece (members 1s. 6d., non members 2s. 6d.). It is most important that those requiring lunch should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 13th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6).—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. — K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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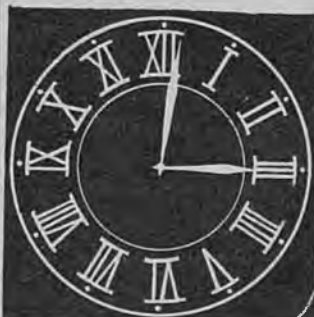
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